




# Audubon Park City Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BOZEMAN



Hello! It's hard to believe that the fall season is already approaching! Seems like this year has flown by. The first eight months have been exciting, and I have many people to thank for making it run smoothly, especially my family, City employees, Council, and Police Department.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Dogwood Festival was a well-attended event! We had a record number of sponsors in our newsletter and several residents volunteered to take shifts throughout the day. Special thanks to Tony Williams, Tori Shackleton, and Daniel Stephen for ensuring everyone had a lovely time in our neighborhood. I am hoping to continue that momentum for future events including the 53<sup>rd</sup> Dogwood Festival, so please consider joining the Parks and Recreation Board, as we do not currently have a functioning board to host any future community-wide events. These events depend on volunteers to coordinate and schedule, food, music, and entertainment. If you would like to have more festivals or even just participate in our local government, please reach out to me!

We are very excited to announce that our annual Cook Out with the Cops is back, with a twist! The Police Department is hosting the fine folks at the Burn Center at U of L Hospital for a combined Chili and Cornbread Cookoff! We are thankful to our sponsors and donors who have made this possible for our neighborhood. Consider entering your cornbread, a pot of chili, or coming up to City Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 5:30-7:30PM for a bite to eat and to say hello to our Police Department and the UL Hospital—Burn Center. It will be a great Fall function. (Flyer on the last page for more info.)

**Our City-Wide Yard Sale is September 30<sup>th</sup>. To participate in our yard sale, sign up**

online through our Facebook page, or email [mbozeman@audubonparkky.org](mailto:mbozeman@audubonparkky.org)



### Garbage Pickup!

Everyone's address is now in the Waste Management System. Residents can use the website to schedule bulk item pickups, or to sign up for service notifications. Links to both written instructions and short YouTube clips for each are below. You can reach out directly to WM regarding a missed pickup. If you are consistently having missed pickups, please email me with your name, address and which service was missing, so I can provide the information to Waste Management as soon as possible. [mbozeman@audubonparkky.org](mailto:mbozeman@audubonparkky.org)  
[Signing up for WM Notifications](#); written instructions [here](#)  
[Scheduling Bulk Item Pickup](#); written instructions [here](#)

## City Calendar

- September 27<sup>th</sup> — Cook out with the Cops with a Chili and Cornbread Cook Off
- September 30<sup>th</sup>—City Wide Yard Sale 8am-2pm
- October 18<sup>th</sup>—Garden Club Fall Dinner at Audubon Country Club
- October 21—Brightside Cleanup
- October 31—Halloween Neighborhood Trick or Treat
- December 8—Houses are lit with Holiday Cheer
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>**— City Hall Christmas and Holiday Celebration—**Farewell to Chief Teddy Laun**

With the uptick in crime in Louisville lately, please make sure to call dispatch (502.574.5471) if you see something out of the ordinary in our City. We have a wonderful police department who will arrive within minutes of receiving the call from dispatch. Help keep our children and residents safe!

See you around the City!



### FOREST BOARD NEWS

*Aaron Morris- Chairman*

While the kids are back in school and summer is winding down, your Forest Board has been busy planning for next year's tree planting! We've ordered sixty-five trees to be planted in Audubon Park including twenty new dogwoods, hornbeams, Kentucky yellowwoods, and tulip poplars! Now we need your help to find them good homes!

Remember, if you've taken down a tree in the right of way easement (typically but not always 15 feet from the street,) we need you to replace that tree within a year. We've arranged a partnership with the wonderful non-profit Trees Louisville that lets us get high quality trees for a very low price, and we're willing to help you replant.

For \$150 we'll provide the tree, and even plant it for you in the proper way, at the correct time of the year in consultation with you. You decide where you want it, and we'll take care of the rest! If you've seen the new trees planted this spring in the parks and along the streets, you know these are six foot plus sized healthy trees that will serve our community for decades. And if you've shopped at local nurseries, I think you'll agree this is a great price.

We've listened to residents' requests and have purposely selected trees that don't drop a mess in your yard, are fast growing and reliable. Look for us at upcoming community events to get more information about the trees we've ordered. We can talk about what kind of tree is right for your space and make a plan to get it in the ground.

Of course, if you already know you want a tree, feel free to drop me an email, call or text and I'll get you added to the 2024 Tree Planting List right away! If you want to talk about what trees might be best, feel free to reach out and we'll be in touch.

If you prefer to select your own tree and plant it on your own, that's perfectly fine too. We're still happy to provide any advice and support we can.

As always, if you have any tree-related questions or concerns feel free to email me at [aaronlane@gmail.com](mailto:aaronlane@gmail.com) or call or text at 502-641-7810. You can also leave a message with my dog Wallace who runs along the fence at the corner of Linnet and Cardinal. Fair warning though – he's terrible about delivering them.

### AUDUBON PARK POLICE

*Teddy Laun- Police Chief*



This year is flying by. The kids are back in school and before we know it, it will be time for our Cook Out with the Cops. Save the date:

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

(5:30PM-7:30PM). We hope to add some surprises and treats to the cookout this year and we hope everyone comes out to join us. Look for updated information on the Audubon Park Police Department Facebook page starting in early September.

In other APPD News, we have made it easier for people who have received parking citations in Audubon Park to pay those fines. If you have outstanding fines, you can use this link to pay online or go to our website and select online bill pay

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/AudubonPark/CitationPayment>

Letters regarding unpaid fines will be going out in the next week. If you receive one of these letters you will have some time to pay before fines increase. Vehicles that have been cited and the fines remain unpaid will be subject to tow after the notice is mailed out. You can avoid increased fines and a costly tow bill by using the link to pay your fines. If you need help locating your citation number, please, call me at (502)637-5066 ext 310.

I joined Audubon Park Police Department in January 2014 and have served as an Officer, a

Corporal, a Sergeant, an Assistant Chief and finally, as Chief. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and being a leader in your Police Department. I want you all to know that I truly feel that it has been a privilege to serve the cities of Audubon Park and Parkway Village. I hope that you have seen many positive changes in my time with you. I will be retiring for the final time in January of 2024 after thirty years of public service. My plan is to retire to a much slower paced life with horses and dogs and all sorts of critters. I really look forward to those super cold and snowy days that I can stay snuggled by a fire. In the coming months, I will still be here leading the department forward and I hope to get the chance to say some fond farewells to the friends I have made along the way. Until January, I will be seeing you all around the Park!



#### **AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

*Joanne Bader*

#### Fall Brightside Clean Up Scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Please consider volunteering for the upcoming Brightside cleanup, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023. As always, the focus of the event is to clean up the area on Preston Highway around Audubon Park's west entrance and the surrounding businesses. Volunteers will meet at the Preston entrance at 9 am where Garden Club member, Marie Eff, will have trash bags, garden tools and gloves available (but feel free to bring along a broom, rake or other cleaning tools of your own). It's a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and help with beautifying Audubon Park! Keep in mind that any student volunteers needing service hours are welcome to help... If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 635-7928.

#### The Audubon Park Garden Club Extends an Invitation to Join and to Attend Upcoming Programs

We would like to invite everyone to consider joining the Garden Club. Membership is no longer restricted to Audubon Park residents and in recent years, we have seen several non-residents join as well as several husband/wife couples. The annual cost of membership is \$35 per individual and \$65 per couple. If you are interested in joining, please contact Membership Chair Janet Shumate at 636-0111.

The Garden Club hosts educational programs and field trips monthly from September to June, with the exception of the month of January. Programs are open to all residents and their guests and are held at Audubon Park City Hall, 3340 Robin Road, beginning at 1 p.m. (unless otherwise noted). Following is a list of upcoming programs for the 2023-2024 program year:

Wednesday, September 13, 2023: "A Self-Guided Tour of Waterfront Botanical Garden" which is located at 1435 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206. Those wishing to attend can meet to carpool from the parking lot at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road, at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023: "Three Ohio River Stories: The Ohio Riverway, Payne Hollow on the Ohio, and Beargrass Creek" with guest speaker Dr. David Wicks, Board Vice Chairman of Ohio River Way. This program is the Garden Club's annual Fall Dinner which is held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road at 5:45 p.m. There is a charge for the dinner; more information and reservations can be made by contacting Marilyn Gauss at 314-7275.

Monday, November 13, 2023: "A Self-Guided Tour of Cave Hill Cemetery" which is located at 701 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204. Those wishing to attend can meet to carpool from the parking lot at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road at 12:30 p.m.

Monday, February 12, 2024: "Growing a Vegetable Garden" with guest speaker, Jennifer L. Palmer, Horticultural Agent with the Jefferson County Extension Office. This program also serves as the Garden Club's Winter Luncheon and is held at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane at 11:00 a.m. There is no charge for the luncheon but it would be appreciated if you would contact Marilyn Gauss at 502-314-7275 if you plan to attend.

Monday, March 11, 2024: "Raptor Rehab Rescues" with a guest speaker from Raptor Rehabilitation of Kentucky, Inc. This program will be held at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024: "Development of a Heritage Park" with guest speaker Susan Rademacher, Executive Director, Origin Park/River Heritage Conservancy. This program serves as the Garden Club's Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers; it will be held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road at 11:45 a.m. There is a fee for the luncheon and reservations are required. Please contact Marilyn Gauss at 314-7275 for more information or reservations.

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### Winter Clean Up Tips

Despite our recent balmy temperatures, fall and winter will be upon us before we realize it. Following are several tips to get your yard and garden ready for winter and to give you a head start for the spring:

Lawns should be raked and mowed ahead of winter. If leaves are left on grass, they can compact and provide a breeding ground for fungus or other leaf diseases (not to mention they look messy!)

Mulch around trees to within 3 -6 inches from the trunk (leaves can be helpful here) so that the mulching materials will help retain moisture and act as a thermal blanket. Likewise, mulching in flower beds helps allow bulbs and perennials to stay dormant if we get warmer temps in January or February.

Don't fertilize perennials and woody plants – that will just force growth and winter kill. If pruning is needed, wait till after the plants have become dormant.

If we lack rain or snow during late fall and early winter, try to keep newly planted trees or shrubs

well mulched and watered. This will help them thrive as they are most vulnerable in the early days following planting and the surrounding ground may wick water away from them.

Bring in houseplants before the average frost date. Detach hoses after late watering to prevent damage from freezing water which can destroy them.

For our bird friends, don't forget to watch out for them during the winter months when natural food sources are less prevalent. Birds need three things to survive: water, food, and shelter. Good sources of food during the winter include suet cakes which provide calories that convert to body heat. They are inexpensive to buy or can be easily made by melting lard in a large container and adding unsalted peanut butter, cornmeal, oatmeal, unsalted raw peanuts, raisins, dried fruit or black oil sunflower seeds. This can be a great kid activity by stuffing the mixture into pinecones and hanging from trees. If you buy pre-mixed seed, look for those high in black oil sunflower seeds and/or white proso millet. Striped sunflower seeds aren't good sources of carbohydrates to help birds make it through the cold winter. If possible, place feeders close (5-10 feet) from shrubs or trees in a south-facing area to provide shelter and protection from cold winds and predators. And don't forget to provide water for your feathered friends - keep ice broken in birdbaths or use a small heater to keep the water from freezing.

And please be considerate of the many plants and

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shrubs that decorate our yards and walkways and protect

them from your pets! Pet urine is high in nitrogen which can harm or kill ornamental plants; while one dog may not hurt a plant by urinating one-time, repeated volume by multiple pets or those who "mark" a plant can cumulatively cause a lot of damage and kill shrubs. So please be considerate of your pet's activities as you walk them through the fall and winter months!

### News You Can Use!

- Be a good neighbor and pick up after your pets!

- Building permits are issued through City Hall and the form can be downloaded from our website under "Building Permit."
- Permits are required for any work on city street easement trees including pruning or removal. Permits allow the city to confirm tree companies are insured.
- Otto Mock is the Audubon Park Code Enforcement Officer. If you have questions about tree pruning, building plans, or would like to make a complaint regarding a violation, please reach out to Otto. 502-554-6105 or [Audubonparkcodeofficer@gmail.com](mailto:Audubonparkcodeofficer@gmail.com)
- If you are going out of town, you can put your house on House Watch free of charge. Officers keep a close eye on your property and conduct area checks while you are away. Fill out the form on our website under "Forms/sign ups."



Kentucky's Constitution allows property owners who are 65 or older to receive the Homestead Exemption on their primary residence. The exemption amount is subtracted from your property's assessed value, reducing your property tax liability.

**ADVERTISE HERE**

reach out for more information  
[mbozeman@audubonparkky.org](mailto:mbozeman@audubonparkky.org)  
 502.637.5066 ext 301

- Trash can only be set out the day prior to pick up and must be removed from the street on the day of

garbage collection. Any mattresses or upholstered items set out for pickup must be wrapped in plastic.





## Light Up Audubon Park



Residents,  
 This year the City of Audubon Park would like to transform our city into a "Winter Wonderland".  
 Plan on kicking off the festivities at City Hall December 10, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 followed by a farewell to Chief Teddy Laun!

Please have your homes decorated by December 8th.

### SPONSORS AND COMMUNICATION

Please support our sponsors! They help us provide community events and newsletters at a minimal cost. We were able to find some more volunteers to pass out this edition of our newsletter. Thankful for those people who donate their time! We are still in need of more volunteers if you are interested in newsletter deliveries. Service hours are available for those in school. For current and up to date information, don't forget to sign up for our Reach anyone who would like a paper copy. It will be important that you sign up on our website to receive this communication.

We have two resident communications systems. **Audubon Park News** and **Reach Alert**. Visit our website and under the Forms/Sign Ups tab, click on the Notification button. Please register for both Audubon Park News and Reach Alert so we can communicate with you. Other ways to receive info from Audubon Park! Facebook Pages associated with the city:



- **Audubon Park City Hall**
- **Audubon Park Police Department**

Please visit our website, [www.audubonparkky.org](http://www.audubonparkky.org) for more information.

## Waste Management Garbage Collection Schedule

### All Services: trash, yard and recycling

<p>September 5: All services                  September 12: Trash &amp; yard waste                  September 19: All services                  September 26: Trash &amp; yard waste</p> <p>October 3: All services                  October 10: Trash &amp; yard waste                  October 17: All services                  October 24: Trash &amp; yard waste                  October 31: All services</p>	<p>November 7: Trash &amp; yard waste                  November 14: All services                  November 21: Trash &amp; yard waste                  November 28: All services</p> <p>December 5: Trash &amp; yard waste                  December 12: All services                  December 19: Trash &amp; yard waste                  December 27: All services</p>	<p>*We will be renegotiating our garbage contract next year, please email me or write a letter to your city council member if you feel strongly about anything, including back of the house pickup.</p>
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**THE AUDUBON PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
 UOFL HOSPITAL- BURN CENTER INVITE YOU TO A**



**Chili  
 &**



**Cornbread**

**COOK-OFF**

**Wednesday, September 27th**

**3340 Robin Road 5:30-7:30 PM  
 Louisville, KY 40213**

**UofL Hospital Burn Center  
 UL Health**

Don't want to compete? Come try some of the competitors chili and cornbread! Say hello to Audubon Park residents, UL Hospital Burn Center Staff and the Audubon Park Police Department.



**BRING THE HEAT!**  
 for questions please call  
 502.637.5066 ext 301



Special thanks to Frank's Meat and Produce who donated to our event!

