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MAYOR'S MUSINGS

Dorn Crawford

Greetings, everybody. Schools opening, pools closing, political chatter picking up, football filling the weekend airwaves – autumn must be coming. Hope we've all got the rakes ready!

A few topics we should catch up on before the leaves start to fall in bulk:

Capital projects. With the City's fiscal health recovered, some deferred maintenance and capital improvements are under way. Rotting window frames and their leaky single panes have been replaced in the most vulnerable areas of city Hall, and the rest budgeted. Failing furnace and A/C units in the police station upstairs have been replaced, and a more serious system overhaul for downstairs is being bid. Entrance columns have been professionally restored, and arrangements set for regular protective care; power supplies for lighting (electric, gas, or both) are under solicitation. Aged and unreliable service vehicles have been sold, and replaced where essential. The most urgent road repairs have been completed, and remaining needs charted for the coming year, as resources permit. Much work still remains, for sure, but progress is encouraging.

Non-capital projects. Less visible, but just as urgent for our health as a community, are the updating, revising and streamlining of the City's legal and administrative systems. Major efforts continue, at the frustratingly slow pace forced by the broad scope of these tasks. The City's code of ordinances is being updated to conform to the last 20 years of new state

law; restructured to make a coherent body out of the patchwork of provisions adopted over its lifetime; and simplified to minimize duplication, overlap, obscure text and obsolete provisions. Similar projects are chartered or under way targeting the City's employee handbook; Council orientation materials; staff procedure manuals; records management system; insurance policies; and tax assessment and collection system. Ongoing litigation is being rigorously defended, to minimize the City's exposure or vulnerability.

Election. You may have heard there's an election coming up! I hope it's just a general overall distaste for the workings of government at every level – but for whatever reason, our upcoming Council slate came up a couple of candidates short when the filing date passed last month. But continued progress in many of the above areas depends on a strong and cohesive Council: think of capital projects as a function of smart *budgeting*; and many non-capital projects as a function of smart *legislating*. These are the Council's core responsibilities, too important to neglect. Please see the separate article in this issue for how you can help.

Citizenship. The pitch-in form of government we enjoy goes beyond just seating the City Council. We have a small group of dedicated salaried employees, mostly part-time, with specialized training and/or experience. Otherwise, the City runs on the time, talent and energy its citizens devote, with only the satisfaction of helping good things happen as compensation. Roles run the whole gamut, from Mayor and Council; to individual officials like the

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Engineer, Building Director, and Archivist; to Boards for Ethics, Code Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, and the Forest; to *ad hoc* volunteer efforts over the whole range of public gardening and beautification, community cleanup, information mailing and delivery, event participation, activity support, and more. When you see an appeal for help, please pitch in where you can. That's what makes it all work!

Waste management. The new contract arrangements seem to be working fairly smoothly so far, though close monitoring continues. Most feedback heard to date has *not* been about having enough pickups, or enough capacity, or the bill; instead, it's about making sure all have the word about the current schedule, and are discouraged from putting clutter on the street too early, or leaving it too late. We're working on a routine of posting notices where problems appear, hoping to avoid formal enforcement of the various ordinances involved. But you can help! If you see a neighbor putting a can out on Friday, for example, you'll do them a big favor by letting them know the pickups are all on *Tuesdays* now. Let's aim to have everything on the curb no earlier than Monday evening, and pulled back no later than Tuesday evening.

Utility and service work. In this period of pleasant weather, there've been several utility projects going on, large and small, bringing opportunities to remind service providers of their obligation to keep residents informed, and to treat their property responsibly. The main oversight tool we have is the permitting process required for utility work in the City. You should always insist that anyone you didn't hire who wants to enter your property show a proper permit – or just call City Hall and ask if one's been issued. Our police are happy to assist you in resolving any situation that may result. This also helps with outreach, so all providers can be better informed of the reasonable protective and communications functions the City performs by law.

A quick word on the 'big buzz' projects involving fiber-optic cable for super-fast Internet access. With

some bumps in the road noted in previous 'musings,' AT&T has continued installing trunk lines along the main routes in the western part of the City, to Oriole Drive. They have not made any connections to individual residences from these lines, and have not disclosed, or perhaps even decided, when they plan to do so. While expected, no application has yet reached City Hall for extending the project into the rest of the City, east of Oriole.

The Google "uniform franchise agreement" for fiber-optic service, meanwhile, remains on hold at the Jefferson County League of Cities, apparently because only about three-quarters of the cities involved have completed the administrative procedures set out by the League to complete the agreement. An event forwarding the completed uniform agreements to the Google firm for adoption was recently postponed.

AT&T's suit challenging this spring's unexpected Metro ordinance allowing third parties to move existing equipment on utility poles to accommodate new lines remains pending, along with its uncertain effect on the project.

Activities. This spring and summer provided an outstanding combination of public and private fun in our public spaces, from an impromptu Easter egg hunt in Robin Park, to a first-grade class's school's-out picnic and squirt-gun fight in Wren, to an excellent Independence Day parade starting from Oriole, to a spectacular block party on Dove Road. Please see the reprise, and anticipation of this fall's *Auktoberfest*, in the Parks & Rec article in this issue. Just two things to keep in mind:

1. These are *your* spaces, so please use them, and your imagination, to have some fun – and let us know what we can do to help!
2. When City-wide events come up, we need *your* help to pull them off, so please pitch in where you can!

See you around the Park. Don't forget to wave!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Laura Jones

This summer has been a busy time in Audubon Park, with lots of fun activities! On Saturday July 2nd, kids with patriotically decorated bikes, wagons and strollers marched through the streets of Audubon Park for our annual Independence Day Parade. The Camp Taylor Fire Department led the parade, and the Male High School Drum Line provided a festive beat that could be heard throughout the City! Special thanks to Chief Sweeney for coordinating the Louisville Metro Police Department's participation, including the helicopter, Mounted Patrol, Canine Unit and Hummer.

We were graced with a beautiful evening for the 3rd annual Audubon Park Block Party on July 30th, when the early afternoon rain showers cleared just in time for the start of the event. Neighbors enjoyed music by the Moon Dogs and Bar B Que from Frank's Meats, while kids bounced on the always popular bouncies! Thanks to so many who make these fantastic events possible - the many volunteers including several new helpers who make everything run smoothly, our hosts on Dove Road, and especially the generous donors who make the neighborhood fun possible and the vision of our Parks and Recreation Board a reality!

Join us October 1st to celebrate fall at our 2nd annual *Auktoberfest* in Oriole Park, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Potluck Ramblers will provide the music for the evening, various children's activities will be available, multiple food trucks for your dining pleasure and craft beer and wine available for purchase! Remember to bring a lawn chair, but please no outside coolers or alcohol. To sign up to help with Auktoberfest, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLPLGLX>, or contact Laura Jones at 502-593-3584 or LauraAJones@hotmail.com.

CPR/AED & FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CLASS

Classes held every 3rd Sat at Audubon Country Club

Would you be willing to trade 4 to 6 hours of your time to save a life?

Audubon Country Club is hosting Audubon Park Police officers in the conduct of monthly training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and use of the automated external defibrillator (AED), as well as first aid certification courses. The class will be taught from 1 PM to 7PM for the full class, or 1PM to 5PM for the CPR/AED-only class.

We want to train people in the lifesaving skills of CPR/AED and first aid developed by the American Heart Association. You will be able to choose one or both classes. We have reduced the fee 10% for area residents. This fee covers the cost of manuals and equipment. Upon successful completion of the class, you will be certified to perform CPR and utilize an AED, and perform first aid – but more importantly, you will have the confidence to act.

The CPR class also includes use of the Naloxone nasal device. This drug has been used to counteract overdoses of opioids contained in heroin and various prescription medications.

The Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services (EMS) do a fantastic job – but they have to respond to the call for service, and most response times average 7 to 9 minutes. During cardiac arrest, brain death can occur in 6 minutes, with serious brain injury in as little as 2 minutes. CPR works and saves lives. Please don't put off today what could save someone tomorrow.

Course Registration, with 10% discount:

CPR/AED and First aid: \$67.00

CPR/AED only: \$40.50

First Aid only: \$30.00

Contact Officer Chris Heaps, 502-303-8408
(please call after noon, as I work night shift!)

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AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

Fall Brightside Cleanup on Saturday, October 22nd

Brightside's Community-Wide Fall Cleanup will be held Saturday, October 22nd, with volunteers needed to meet at the Preston entrance to Audubon Park around 9 am. T-shirts and garden gloves are provided for volunteers. Feel free to bring extra rakes, brooms, or other gardening tools to help in the project. Cathy Lally coordinates the event, and can be reached at 773-0780 for more information. Come out, bring a friend, and help enhance the natural beauty of Audubon Park by cleaning up along Preston Highway! This is also a great opportunity for teens to help out and get service hours too!

15th Annual Garden Tour – A Great Way to Enjoy the Gardens of Audubon Park

Over 75 people enjoyed visits to a wide variety of gardens found in Audubon Park on Saturday, June 25th. Due to several last-minute cancellations of prospective gardens, only 7 homes were available for tours this year, although participants were encouraged to also visit several of Audubon Park's small parks - and especially the city's three Monarch Butterfly Waystations in Curlew, Robin and Oriole parks. In addition, members of the Garden Club hosted a plant sale during the tour with cuttings from local gardens. Nancy Zinner, a club member and local painter, did paintings of several of the gardens on the tour.

The Garden Club would like to thank *Joe and Carolyn Dawson, Leah Netherland, Karen and Robert Gittli, Diane and Tom Osborne, Carol Schultz Comer, Darleen and Ernie Diemer and Barbara Grammenz* for their hospitality and hard work to showcase their gardens. Many of this year's tour gardens contained water features to provide additional interest.

Proceeds of the tour are used for Garden Club projects as well as funding for the Tree Restoration fund which promotes renewal of the tree canopy in Audubon Park. Nearly \$1,600 was raised at this annual event!

Upcoming Garden Club Programs

The Garden Club hosts a monthly program series from September to May. These monthly programs are open to all residents and their guests, and are held at Audubon Park City Hall, 3340 Robin Road, beginning at 1 pm (unless otherwise noted). Membership is no longer restricted to Audubon Park residents only... if you know of anyone interested in joining the Garden Club, please have them contact Membership Chair, Gene Stotz, at 634-4921 for more information. A full listing of Garden Club programs for the upcoming year can also be found on the City's Web site, www.audubonparkky.org, in the Garden Club heading under the Community tab.

Monday, September 12, 2016: "Hidden Treasures at Hidden Hill Nursery," with guest speaker Bob Hill, Owner of Hidden Hill Nursery in Utica, IN. There is a \$5 fee, and participants will carpool from City Hall at 1 pm.

Thursday, October 13, 2016: "Gardens of Hawaii," with guest speaker Anne Cartwright from Hostas of Kentuckiana. This meeting is the annual fall dinner, held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Rd. at 5:45 p.m. Reservations are required, and there is a fee for dinner. Contact Grace Worful at 375-9041 for reservations or additional information.

Monday, November 14, 2016: "My Favorite Christmas Decoration," a member show-and-tell program.

Monday, January 9, 2017 "Birds," with a guest speaker to be announced.

Monday, February 13, 2017 "Boxwoods," with guest speaker Jacquelyn McGrail, a Master Gardener, landscape design consultant, and past President of the Rambler Garden Club. This event, our potluck winter luncheon, is held at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane at 11 a.m. Guests are welcome.

Monday, March 13, 2017: "I Love Roses!" with guest speaker Janet Miller from the Louisville Rose Society.

Monday, April 10, 2017: "Shade Gardens," with guest speaker Jeff Wallitsch from Wallitsch Nursery and Garden Center.

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Tuesday, May 9, 2017: "Waterfront Botanical Gardens – An Update," with guest speakers Kasey Maier and Becca Barhost from Botanica. This meeting is the annual spring luncheon, held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Rd. 11:45 am. Reservations are required, and there is a fee for the luncheon. Contact Grace Worful at 375-9041 for reservations or additional information.

Community Thanks for Volunteers Maintaining Public Gardens

All residents owe a debt of gratitude to a small group of residents who have taken responsibility for cleaning and planting of the public flower beds located throughout the Park and in front of City Hall. Most are Garden Club and/or Forest Board members who have additional responsibilities within Audubon Park, but are willing to spend time producing the beautiful flower displays at the Preston entrance, Robin/Audubon Parkway intersection, the flagpole at Oriole, and the garden in Crossbill Park, as well as the Monarch Butterfly Waystation gardens. These same individuals, *Cathy Lally, Anne Bobigian, Leah Netherland, Mick and Rick Vissing, Nancy and Darrell Shelton, Marie Eff and Gene Stotz*, also clean out spent vegetation later in the year. Thank you for all of your hard work beautifying our city!

Community Christmas Celebration – Mark your Calendars for December 11th!

The annual Christmas Community Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 11th at City Hall between 6 – 8 pm. More information will be distributed to residents prior to the event, but the holiday celebrations may be larger this year than in previous years, since the City's Parks and Recreation Board is hoping to expand activities for all ages to get you into the holiday spirit!

Membership Information – Garden Club

President – Jane Jonczy, 239-4468

Membership – Gene Stotz, 634-4921

Treasurer – Janet Shumate, 636-0111

Secretary (Corresponding) – Nancy Zinner, 636-2150

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION, OR WHAT?

The election on November 8 will be an unusual one – not just for the reasons you may be thinking, but because there are only four regular candidates filed for our six-seat City Council. Names appearing on the ballot will be, in the order drawn: *Mike Gardner; Amanda Thompson; Darrell Shelton; and Brittney Gorter*. This leaves two more seats to fill by the other means provided by law – which are:

- *Write-in candidates* for election. Anyone declaring his/her availability as a write-in candidate by October 28 can be listed at the polling place for written entry on the ballot. Detailed procedures for posting lists and instructing voters are being worked out with the Election Center. Clearly this is the best route, since such candidates, while needing to be written in, would be subject to election by the whole electorate.
- *Council appointment*. If the new Council takes office in January with vacant seats remaining, they are called to meet and appoint one additional member; and then, if necessary, meet again (including the additional member) to appoint one more member, until all seats are filled. Awkward, but still representative, since vacant seats are filled by those already elected by the City's electorate.
- *State appointment*. If the Council doesn't fill its vacancies by the above process within 30 days, the Governor is to "promptly" appoint eligible persons to fill any remaining seats. Obviously the least desirable route, since this would take things out of the City electorate's hands almost entirely.

Please consider declaring a write-in candidacy if you're willing to serve, and help avoid the post-election alternatives above. City Hall will have the necessary forms and instructions, as set out by the County Clerk – or you can seek counsel directly from the Elections Office at 701 West Ormsby Avenue, Suite 301. It's time to step up - don't make me get my flying monkeys!

FOREST BOARD NEWS

Leah Netherland

The Forest Board provides several unique services for residents of Audubon Park. One of our tasks is to maintain and replenish the tree canopy. We are losing many of our original canopy trees due to age and disease. Our tree planting program can provide a canopy tree for your front yard at a cost of \$100.00, which is completely tax deductible. Trained Forest Board volunteers will plant the tree utilizing arborist standards. We will provide watering bags for the first year. We also monitor the growth for the first three years, and provide structural pruning. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Leah Netherland at 638-8919.

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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

In addition to community calendars, event notices, meeting schedules, and official information, the entire City Code of Ordinances is available on the Web site, AudubonParkKY.org, with provisions on parking, permit requirements, nuisance abatement, and all the rest. Please visit often!

- Speed limits and other traffic control measures are strictly enforced, for your safety and security. The City speed limit is 25 mph.
- There is no parking permitted on the street between 2 AM and 6 AM. There is also no parking permitted on the grass. Please inform visitors of this important information.
- Pets must be leashed or otherwise under their owner's positive control when outside. The return of spring birds is a special reminder to keep cats and others from straying. And when dog walking, *please pick up after them.*
- Building, tree, and property sale permits are issued through City Hall. If you have a project in mind, a tree you would like to trim or remove on the easement, or if you would like to have a yard sale, please call or come by City Hall for more information on obtaining a permit.
- Report any streetlights that are out of order or malfunctioning to City Hall, at 637-5066. This input will be relayed to LG&E for repairs.
- Please discourage children and others from climbing trees in the various City parks, out of concern for both safety and potential damage.
- Information regarding ash trees and the emerald ash borer is available at City Hall, and on the Tree Committee's Web site, TreeCommittee-APKY.org.
- Waste of all types – garbage, recycling and yard waste – is collected on Tuesdays (with occasional exceptions for holidays). Garbage is picked up from behind your house, while yard waste and recycling items are to be placed at the curb. Be sure to report any missed collection to City Hall.

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HELLO - WHO'S THERE?

Audubon Park continues to attract talented people, in both its resident volunteer officials and its employees. The bad news is, this creates turnover, as people of this caliber are actively sought in other challenging assignments. The good news is, we've been very fortunate in finding equally skilled and motivated replacements. Here are the latest you should meet:



Larry Singleton
Police Officer

Larry was born in Hazard, but moved to Bullitt County when he was starting school, and eventually graduated from North Bullitt High School.

After graduation, Larry went straight into the Army, where he completed basic training and paratrooper school, and then was

assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He spent the rest of his enlistment at Ft. Bragg.

In June of 1994 Larry was hired by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, where he was employed for four and a half years before hiring on at the Louisville Division of Police.

Larry was initially assigned to the 5th District, covering Old Louisville. After merger in 2003, he was transferred to the new 5th Division, where he remained until his retirement. Larry was known for being an excellent "Beat Cop" – he had a genuine "community oriented" sense of responsibility to his beat and its residents. Larry retired in May of 2015.

Larry went back to work for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office in August 2015, on late watch. He resigned in March of 2016 to fulfill a lifelong dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail. He hiked for 2 weeks and covered 124.4 miles of the trail itself, as well as the over 8 miles of approach trail located in Amicalola, Georgia.

Larry is married to Susan, and they have three children, Sarah, Ezra, and Savannah.

John Diebold
Police Officer

John grew up just on the outskirts of Audubon Park, across Poplar Level Rd. He graduated from DuPont Manual High School in 1982. After working several years in grocery and



retail sales, John was hired by the Louisville Division of Police in 1988.

He served as a patrol officer in the old city's 2nd District until 1995 when he transferred to the Traffic Unit. There he completed training in accident reconstruction at ECU, and was assigned to the Technical Accident Investigation (TAI) team. John was also a

member of the Dignitary Protection Team from 1995 to 2000, where he received two Meritorious Unit Citations.

John was promoted to sergeant in October of 2000, and transferred to the communication section supervising radio room personnel. John then transferred back to Traffic in August 2001 as the supervisor of the late-watch platoon, and also TAI Team 2.

With the merger of Louisville and Jefferson County governments, John was transferred back to the patrol divisions, and completed a 27-1/2 year career with LPD/LMPD in the 5th Division. John was awarded the Life Saving Award 2005, along with being named officer of the month in the 5th Division.

[Editor's note: As this issue went to press, word arrived that Officer Diebold had suffered a serious traffic accident (not at fault), and may be hospitalized for several weeks. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.]



Donnie Abell
Police Officer

Donnie is 44 years old, and was born and raised in Louisville. He graduated from Louisville Male High School, and attended the University of Louisville until joining the Louisville Police Department in 1992. He has been married to Bridget for 14 years and has a 13-year-old son,

Donnie III. Donnie retired from Louisville Metro Police Department, after serving for 24 years, on August 1. During this time he served as a Patrol Officer in the 7th Division and Baker District before merger; Alcohol Beverage Control Officer; Field Training Officer; and was in the School Resource Officer Unit. He received the Exceptional Merit Award in 2000, and the Distinguished Community Service Award in 2013.

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STEWARDSHIP

Be on the lookout for a signup sheet posted on the Web site, and floating around town in the days to come. The "Civic Stewardship Form" invites you to consider how you might pitch in on all the great work going on in the City. There's so much skill and energy on display in this community, there are no limits to what we can achieve in making this an even better place to live. We can get a head start at pooling these resources when they're most needed, if you're willing to 'pay it forward,' by signing up in one or more areas where you might be able to help. This isn't an obligation – just a roster, to check your availability when something comes up. Please let us know if we can contact you in one or more of the many areas of activity listed, by filling out a form and dropping it off at City Hall or the Web portal provided. Your help is needed – this is what makes the whole thing work!

Be Safe While Walking, Biking or Running

Please wear reflective clothing or other reflective gear – or, better still, carry powered lights – if you are out running, biking or walking in reduced light. It can be very difficult to see you if you are wearing dark clothing! Please take personal responsibility for this so accidents don't occur – you may be harder to see than you think!

COMMUNICATIONS

The City is committed to a maximum flow of information and civic dialogue, and has a variety of platforms for these purposes:

- This quarterly **newsletter** with updates, reports and discussions of City programs, events, services and facilities. The newsletter is published on the Web site, social media, and email subscriber list; every other issue is delivered to all residences.
- The **Web site**, *AudubonParkKY.org*, which is the City's open archive of municipal reference data – organizational, historical, fiscal, legal, and social. Links are also provided to the other media listed.

- **Social media** pages, used to make announcements, schedule activities and events, exchange ideas, and promote dialogue. Three Facebook pages are in use: *Audubon Park Residents*, the main civic page; *Friends of Audubon Park*, with smaller subscription but generally the same content; and *City of Audubon Park Police*, focusing on law enforcement and public safety. More recently, there's a separate medium called *NextDoor Audubon Park*, which has both internal posts for our own residents, and connections to nearby neighborhoods.
- An **email subscriber list** distributing the newsletter and notices of City activities and events. Please sign up on the Web site, under the Community/Resident Information tab, at "Audubon Park News."
- An urgent **notification system**, with email, text or voicemail options, for emergency and other alert messages. Please subscribe to this system, on the same page, at "ReachAlert." Metro has also recently launched an upgraded county-wide system called "LENSAlert," also available at the above link.
- The variety of regular public Council and board **meetings**, listed on the Web calendar.
- Or, just dropping by **City Hall**, for information or an informal chat.

Please take advantage of all these resources for civic awareness and engagement.

State law also requires ordinances and some other official notices to be published, either by newspaper, or first-class direct mail. With current newspaper circulation, and rates, mailings are a much better choice – so you may see things like this in your mailbox from time to time.

Beyond those mandates, we're on our own, and just want to find the channels that do the best (and cheapest!) job of getting the word out. What are your thoughts and ideas?