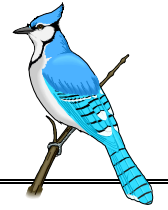


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MAYOR SCALISE'S MESSAGE

Portions of this Newsletter were originally published in the December issue that was uploaded to the website. Important information is being reprinted here for those who do not have access to the Internet or just didn't see it. We have traditionally printed four Newsletters per year. We are still producing that amount; however, we are just printing two for home delivery. All four will be uploaded to our website, and we will repeat important information in the printed versions.

Traditionally at this time of year, I remind everyone that property tax bills will be mailed soon. If you haven't received yours in a couple of weeks and it's not being requested by a financial institution for payment, please call City Hall to request a duplicate bill.

I'm sure everyone has seen the different utility companies working in Audubon Park. Miller Pipeline has been replacing gas lines for LG&E, and MSD has been relining sewers. MSD is going to remove the flagpole in the circle at Audubon Parkway and Oriole Drive in order to gain access to a manhole cover located under the flagpole's base. This is temporary, and the flagpole will be restored to its original location after the work is complete. MSD hasn't been able to inspect the sewer lines under Audubon Parkway at Oriole for many decades. They suspect they may have to do some work there; therefore, it may be a while before the restoration of the flagpole is complete. Again, this is a temporary situation only.

Lastly, a resident on Cardinal Drive across from the Audubon Country Club noticed two coyotes in his front yard late one night in February. If you have small pets that are going to be out at night, please be aware of this issue.

THE END OF AN ERA

Audubon Park's Police Chief, Col. Carl Reesor, announced that after 30 years of dedicated service (24 years as Chief) to the City of Audubon Park, he would be retiring on December 14, 2011. This was an end of an era for many in Audubon Park. Many of you have grown up knowing Col. Reesor as the Chief of the Audubon Police Department, and he has befriended many of the City's residents.

Col. Reesor upgraded the department from a three-man, part-time operation with a minimum of technology and equipment, to a fourteen Officer, full-time, full-service Police agency with state of the art technology. He oversaw many changes to better the City and to gain the respect of Police agencies across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In 2005, Audubon Police became one of only a handful of departments in Kentucky to be accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. This was a monumental task with a requirement of meeting over 100 professional standards as put forth by KACP. In 2010, Audubon Police received its second five-year accreditation from KACP by maintaining those professional standards.

During a recent ceremony honoring Col. Reesor for his many years of service, Louisville Metro Mayor Greg Fischer commented that he wished the

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Louisville Metro Police Department could operate in the same fashion as the Audubon Police Department. This was a great compliment to Chief Reesor's leadership and dedication to the City.

Although we greatly miss Col. Reesor's leadership and many years of knowledge, we wish him the best in his retirement.

NEW BEGINNINGS...

We welcome Jeffrey Cox as our new Police Chief. He became acting Chief on December 9th and, he was sworn in to the position of Chief of Police on December 11th. Mr. Cox's career in law enforcement started with his being a County Corrections Officer. In 1996, he became a Police Officer excelling through his years of service to become Chief of Police with the Brandenburg Police Department in early 2000. During this time, he became a Certified Police Officer, and he has been a Certified Firefighter with over 20 years of volunteer service. In 2003, he accepted a position with Audubon Park as a Patrol Officer and worked in the Criminal Investigations Unit. In 2004, he returned to the Brandenburg Police Department as Chief of Police. In 2011, he left Brandenburg to return to the Audubon Police Department as a Major where he was assigned as Operation's Commander. After accepting the position, he moved to the Louisville area. Mr. Cox said he loves the community and looks forward to serving the residents of Audubon Park, and he said he has already met several of the great people in the community and is hoping to meet many more. He can be contacted at City Hall or via email at chief@audubonparkky.org.

The Passing of Long-Time Resident Bill Rodman

We express our condolences and sympathies to the family of Bill Rodman. He was the City Engineer for many years, and he last served the City in 1994. He will be greatly missed.

Did You Know...

We have received a lot of positive feedback regarding the recently added "Did You Know" section in the Newsletter about the Police Department; therefore, we will continue to focus on specific issues and

concerns in upcoming Newsletters on other topics relating to City management and policies.

Neighborhood Soliciting and Permits

- **Religious groups** are allowed to come into Audubon Park to distribute information about their faiths under the 1st Amendment of the Constitution (which guarantees the right to free speech); HOWEVER, they are required to register with City Hall prior to coming into the City so that the Police and City Hall will be informed of their presence.
- No **businesses** are allowed to solicit within Audubon Park's boundaries – period. If you invite a business to come to your home that does not fall under the no-solicitation policy; however, flyers left on door knobs, in mailboxes, or roving salespeople are unlawful. **Please call City Hall if you notice these practices occurring and Police Officers will inform them of our Ordinances.** Businesses such as cable, pizza companies, or yard services, etc. trying to solicit are normally given a warning first and then they may receive a citation for violating City Ordinances for subsequent violations. They may also be fined up to \$1,000 or jailed for repeat violations.
- **Non-profit groups** such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other various charities are allowed to come into the neighborhood; but they are required to get a permit first (which is provided at no charge at City Hall) for activities such as Scouting for Food, charitable walk/runs, etc.
- **Yard Sales** held within Audubon Park require the homeowner to first get a permit from City Hall which can be obtained at no cost. Residents may only hold ONE yard sale per year, and the sale must be held in the rear of

the property. Only one sign announcing the event is allowed, and the copy of the permit must be attached to the sign. Signs should not be put on poles or trees (against both State and City law) and in doing so subjects the homeowner to the possibility of citation and fines. Signs cannot be placed on any easements either.

- Permits are required for ***auctions or estate sales*** within Audubon Park. The fee for this type of permit is \$100/day.
- ***Political, advertising, or business signs*** are discouraged with the exception of for sale or for rent signs which may be displayed on the resident's private yard (not the easement).

Other Miscellaneous City Information

- Did you know the Audubon Park Police provide **a free House/Business Watch** for all businesses and homeowners within our City boundaries during vacations, etc.? For businesses (including those located on Preston Highway from the railroad trestle to the entrance to North Audubon), they pay taxes and license fees to Audubon Park. For homeowners, this is a terrific service in providing extra security for your home and property when you are out-of-town.
- During a House/Business Watch, Police personnel will check doors and windows as well as the perimeter of the building at least once per shift.
- To set up a watch for your property, please call City Hall during regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.) at 637-5066 or call the Sheriff's dispatch

at 574-5471 after hours, weekends, holidays, etc. Dispatch will take the information and pass it along to the Audubon Park Police.

- **Parking tickets** are City of Audubon Park citations, and the fines associated with them go into the City's coffers.
- **Speeding tickets** (as well as other moving violations such as running a stop sign, a tail light out, etc.) are State citations and are handled by Jefferson County Court. All fines associated with moving violations are paid to the Commonwealth of Kentucky – not Audubon Park!
- Excerpts of the most common Ordinances for Audubon Park were bound and distributed to homeowners in 2009 (a small blue paperback book). If you did not receive a copy of the booklet (e.g. are new residents), additional copies are available at City Hall.

FOREST BOARD INFORMATION

The Garden Club has agreed to finance Spring pruning of trees that are too tall for Board members to reach in parks and along easements.

Members of the Forest Board will sponsor a monthly work day which will be the second Saturday of each month from 10 A.M. until Noon. Information for tasks can be accomplished and locations can be found at www.treecommittee-apky.org. The hope is

to include more Garden Club members and the neighborhood at large. Please keep in mind the Forest Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at City Hall at 7 P.M.

Also, Mayor Scalise would like to note that he has received concerns regarding vines climbing and overtaking residents' trees in the Park. Please keep an eye out and maintain any vines you may see climbing your trees. These vines can pose a serious threat to and problems for your trees.

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

An Audubon Park Christmas....A Community Celebration

This Winter, the Garden Club invited residents to find the holiday spirit at an Open House at City Hall on Sunday, December 11th; and, those who attended found a party atmosphere at City Hall. While still encouraging the residents of Audubon Park to light up and to decorate their homes and yards with seasonal decorations to highlight our historic community at Christmastime, the Garden Club changed the focus of their annual Christmas Celebration to one of fellowship and community spirit. The traditional house/door/nativity contest awards were replaced with door prizes to those residents who visited the Open House. To encourage fellowship among the City's residents, the Garden Club provided seasonal music and tastes of the holiday with hot cider, coffee, and cookies. The event was "standing room only"! Many door prizes were awarded throughout the event; and, the Garden Club extends its thanks to several local businesses such as Chili's, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Panera Bread, and Schulz Florist as well as to the many Garden Club members who graciously donated the prizes. The Garden Club

gives special thanks to Council Member Al Huber who attended and helped with the door prize drawings.

Audubon Park was beautiful during the holidays, and the Garden Club appreciates the community spirit that encourages the decorating of our many beautiful homes. Decorations (both elaborate and simple) make our Park a favorite destination during the holiday season for visitors from all throughout Louisville. The Christmas Community Celebration Committee would like to acknowledge the many "secret" lamppost decorators next year, and they request that you let them know who decorates your street via email to anitag222@me.com. Hope to see everyone come back out again next year!

41st Annual Festival of the Dogwood Scheduled for April 20-22

Change is in the air...the Festival of the Dogwood is changing its format this April. In past years, Friday evening marked the formal celebration of the Festival of the Dogwood with music, speeches, cookies, and the initial lighting of the trees in Henderson Park. This year, the focus of the Festival will move to Sunday, April 22nd, where a ceremony will be held in conjunction with the annual concert at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane, beginning at 3 P.M. This free concert, featuring the River Cities Concert Band, showcases patriotic, show tunes, and light classical music. The Mayor, City Council, and other dignitaries will be present and light refreshments will be served.

In conjunction with the Festival of the Dogwood, the Garden Club is sponsoring a celebration in honor of Arbor Day in Henderson Park on Saturday, April 21st. The family-friendly event, which will be held between 10 A.M. and Noon, will feature a community planting of Dogwood trees to spotlight the importance of Arbor Day. Shovels will be provided, and families and friends are invited to attend.

Because Audubon Park is synonymous with Spring and Dogwoods, the Garden Club is asking residents to continue to set floodlights in your yards to highlight trees, shrubs, flowers, or even your homes if nothing is in bloom! Make sure to light your trees from Thursday, April 19th, through Sunday, April 22nd;

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although, residents are encouraged to do so longer if the blooms are out! We hope everyone will be able to join us Sunday afternoon for the concert and refreshments, and please bring along family and friends to welcome the beauty of Spring and the Dogwoods...A flyer with more information will be distributed prior to the event.

Arts and Crafts Festival Results

Audubon Park's 40th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival enjoyed a largely wonderful Fall weekend with perfect weather on Saturday and dry, cool weather (after a very early shower that thankfully ended just prior to the start of the festivities) on Sunday. Although the total number of vendors was down slightly from previous years, there were many new, high-quality artists and craftsmen with a wide variety of wonderful items for sale. There was also lots of good music, food, and fellowship for all who attended. This year's profits were just over \$3,000 (which is primarily returned to the Audubon Park community through expenditures for park maintenance and fertilization and plantings in the community's garden spots).

The Garden Club thanks all of the residents of Audubon Park who helped volunteer or donated items to the Audubon Shop, Sweet Shop, or Food Booth (all necessary to make the Festival a success). Special thanks are extended to the Audubon Park Police and Maintenance staff for their hard work during the Festival along with Frank's Meats, Kroger, McDonald's, Wal-Mart, and Wendy's for their donations of food and soft drinks.

Upcoming Garden Club Programs

The Garden Club had a very successful September meeting where residents and other interested guests were invited to learn more about the Garden Club and Audubon Park's Forest Board. Since that meeting, the Club has welcomed five new members! We are always looking for more people who enjoy gardening and/or are interested in helping to maintain and beautify Audubon Park.... **Please keep in mind that membership is no longer restricted to only Audubon Park residents....If you know someone interested in joining the Garden Club, please have them contact Club**

President, Gene Stotz, at 634-4921 or Membership Chair, Marjorie Davis, at 636-2132. Monthly club programs are open to any residents and their guests; and unless otherwise noted, they are held at Audubon Park City Hall, 3340 Robin Road, with meetings beginning at 1 P.M. and followed by the featured program. Upcoming programs include:

Monday, March 12, 2012: "*Invasive Plants – Beware!*" - with guest speaker and Garden Club member Cheri Powell. This program will be held at the Louisville Nature Center, 3745 Illinois Avenue, across from the zoo. The program begins at 1 P.M.

Wednesday, April 11, 2012: "*Viewing of Derby Hats*" - This program will be conducted during the Spring luncheon and will be held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road, beginning at 11:45 A.M. There is a fee for the luncheon, and reservations are required. Please contact Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239 or Ann Dyer at 634-3058 for more information.

Monday, May 14, 2012: "*The Floral Clock and Rose Gardens*" - This program involves a trip to the State capital at Frankfort. There will be carpooling from City Hall at 10 A.M. with lunch following the tour of the gardens and clock.

Save the Date for the Annual Garden Tour: June 23rd

Audubon Park's annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Although no specific information was available as of print time regarding gardens to be featured on the Tour, tickets will be available for \$10 at City Hall the day of the event. Audubon Park is once again participating in the Passport Program which allows interested gardeners to purchase discounted tickets for a "package" of Garden Tours (including Audubon Park, Old Louisville, and Crescent Hill). For more information about the Passport Program or Audubon's Garden Tour specifically, please call Mary Miller at 635-7322 or Gene Stotz at 634-4921.

The Passing of an Audubon Park Legend: Ethelyn Maxwell

Audubon Park has lost another of its major supporters – Ethelyn Maxwell. Ethelyn, a resident of the City for nearly 60 years, was recognized and loved by all who had the good fortune to know her. Along with Sara Pope, she was a steward of the urban canopy in Audubon Park (fostering diversity in new tree plantings always with an eye to adding new textures and colors as well as introducing native tree and ornamental varieties that would thrive in our soil and expand the canopy). She was frequently seen hand-watering new trees and loved to share her knowledge of them. She was a fierce proponent of proper mulching (not volcano-style!)

In addition to her prodigious tree knowledge, Ethelyn was known for her love of birds. She believed in a holistic approach to gardening and bird stewardship (appropriate for those of us living in a bird sanctuary!). This incorporated specific trees and plantings in her gardens to provide food and shelter for the bird population. She was famous for her many feeders in her backyard (which didn't discriminate between birds and squirrels)... Much of her knowledge of birds, trees, and flowers was learned through reading beginning with her childhood in Virginia.

Ethelyn personified the Garden Club. Many current members often cited Ethelyn as a major reason they joined the Club. She was generous in sharing her knowledge, her plants, and was delighted in the success stories of those who transplanted her bounty. Her twinkle, ever-present smile, and southern grace and charm will be much missed; but, she has left her legacy throughout Audubon Park for generations to come.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- There is no parking permitted on the street or on parking pads between 2 A.M. and 6 A.M. There is also no parking permitted on the grass. Please inform guests to your home of this important information.
- Building, Tree, and Yard 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 just like to have a yard

sale, please call or come by City Hall for more information on obtaining a permit.

- Please report any street lights that are out or malfunctioning to City Hall at 637-5066. The information provided will then be forwarded on to LG&E for repair.
- **With regards to pets, please keep in mind that your neighbors do NOT want your pets wandering in their yard or on the roadway in front of their houses leaving unpleasant surprises or attacking the pets they may have. Please pick up after your pets and make sure they are under control at all times and are not running around loose. We have also received complaints at City Hall of barking dogs and of cats on the prowl. Please try to keep your pets from disturbing your neighbors or the bird population in the area.**
- In keeping with the beauty of the neighborhood, please try to avoid having yard signs placed on your property. Please keep in mind that if a yard sign is placed on the easement, it will be removed by the City.
- Please discourage children and others from climbing in trees in the various City parks due to safety issues and damage possibilities.
- In relation to garbage collection, the collection days in the City are Tuesdays and Fridays. The yard waste and recycling are on Tuesdays only and are to be placed at the curb. **Please keep in mind yard waste must be bundled and not to exceed 48 inches in length (logs will not be accepted). These requirements also remain the same when there is debris from storms, etc.; and the City does not have a drop site for storm debris.** Household garbage is collected at the rear of the house. Yard waste and recycling should **NOT** be placed at the street earlier than the evening before collection. We have had several complaints of residents leaving garbage containers out at the street. Please make sure containers are stored in their proper place near your home. If you have had problems with containers not being placed back where they came from, please contact Waste Management.

Please see the following holiday schedule:

For Memorial Day (May 28, 2012), all collections will be one day later for that week. For July 4th week, Friday pickup will be moved to Saturday.

If your garbage is missed, please contact Waste Management at 966-0117.