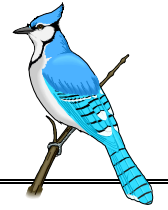


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MAYOR SCALISE'S MESSAGE

Council Candidate Information

National and State elections are just around the corner; and, not to be left out, Audubon Park will be holding an election for City Council members. There is a large slate this year of 12 candidates who are running for six Council seats. There will be a big turnover on the Council because four incumbents are not running for reelection. Therefore, in order for the citizens of Audubon Park to get to know their candidates (as a public service) we are presenting brief bios of each candidate. Additionally, former Mayor Steve Miller will host an "Open Forum" for all candidates at Audubon Traditional School on the night of Monday, October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. The Candidates' Night will be open to the public and each candidate for Audubon Park City Council will have a few minutes to speak along with a question and answer period later in the forum.

The candidates that submitted bios are presented below, and they are listed in the order in which they filed for election.

Name: Pete Becker
Spouse: Pat
Children: Two adult children, boy & girl
Address: 3105 Chickadee Rd
Years in AP: 30+ years
Employer: Retired, part-time Bumper to Bumper
Age: 68

Name: Frank Mosser
Spouse: Brenda Ann
Children: One adult son
Address: 3119 Meadowlark Ave
Years in AP: 23 yrs
Employer: Retired
Age: 62
Affiliations: St. Stephen Martyr

Name: James Palazzo
Spouse: Amanda
Children: Two children, boy & girl
Address: 3210 Thrush Rd
Years in AP: 30 yrs
Employer: Completing BSBA at UL

Name: Al Huber
Spouse: Janet
Children: Three adult children
Address: 1133 Cardinal Dr
Years in AP: 48 yrs
Employer: 50 yrs at Huber Carpet
Affiliations: 3 terms City Council
Numerous Civic organizations

Name: Nancy Lou Zinner
Spouse: Gil
Children: Five adult children
Address: 3315 Wren Rd
Years in AP: 46 yrs
Employer: Retired RN
Affiliations: Surgical Mercy Missions, Garden Club

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Name: Cary Campbell
Spouse: Lindsay
Children: One boy
Address: 1201 Valley Dr
Years in AP: 6 yrs
Employer: Atty with O’Koon
Hintermeister
Affiliations: Developed & owned local
business

Spouse: Anne
Children: Three adult daughters
Address: 1004 Audubon Pkwy
Years in AP: 23 yrs
Employer: Retired accountant
Affiliations: Two terms, Code
Enforcement Board

Name: Patrick G Kehoe, Jr.
(No response from Candidate)

Name: Mark Stevens
Spouse: Laura
Children: Adult son & daughter
Address: 1021 Oriole Ct
Years in AP: 17 yrs
Employer: Critter Control
Age: 50
Affiliations: City Council, Forest Board,
Code Enforcement Board

AUDUBON POLICE MEET AND GREET

Immediately following the Candidates’ Night on October 22nd, various members of the Command Staff and Police Officers from the Audubon Police will be available for you to get to know them better and to answer any questions you may have. Everyone is invited to attend and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Name: Joanne Bader
Spouse: Rob
Children: Adult son
Address: 1117 Cardinal Dr
Years in AP: 19 yrs
Age: 55
Affiliations: Garden Club, Forest Board,
St. Stephen Martyr

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Following his appearance at the last Council Meeting in updating everyone on the status of the Farmer’s Market for our area, Michael Gooden is asking for volunteers to assist him with further research regarding the project. If you are interested, please contact Mayor Scalise at City Hall.

Name: Matthew Smith
Spouse: Catherine
Children: Three children
Address: 1215 Cardinal Dr
Years in AP: 4 yrs
Employer: VP in insurance subrogation
Affiliations: Pres Eastern High Football
Boosters

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

10th Annual Garden Tour

The 10th Annual Audubon Park Garden Tour was held on Saturday, June 23rd, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on what was a hot and sunny day. Despite the high temperatures, many visitors came to view the six home gardens as well as the Pope Memorial Rain Garden in Curlew Park. Proceeds from the Garden Tour benefit the Tree Restoration Fund (which provides funding for tree maintenance and canopy replacement within Audubon Park).

Name: Vince Osbourn
Spouse: Michele
Children: Five children
Address: 3114 Chickadee Rd
Years in AP: 12 yrs
Employer: IT Program Mgr, Humana Inc
Affiliations: St. Stephen Martyr, German-
American Club

Name: Keith Braun

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The Garden Club would like to thank the following residents for allowing their gardens to be showcased on the Tour: Patsy and John Klausing, Janice and Charlie Wiseman, Heather and Stefan Rumancik, Leah Netherland, Cathy and Mike Lally, and Linda and Joe Bell. These individuals spent a great deal of time and effort to have their gardens in top shape, were gracious in sharing information about their plantings, and even shared some cuttings from their gardens in some instances. The Club would also like to thank the Audubon Park Police and the Public Works Department staff for their help with the Garden Tour.

Festival of the Dogwood

There are many opinions on whether global warming is real or not; however, this spring's early and HOT weather should certainly give tangible credence to the theory. It certainly wreaked havoc on the Festival of the Dogwood this past April. The Festival has been held for over 40 years and is scheduled for the third weekend in April (traditionally the week that best approximates when the Dogwoods are in full bloom). The Garden Club has previously sought advice from horticultural sources such as Yew Dell Gardens and the County Extension Office (associated with the University of Kentucky) to determine the optimal timeframe for the Festival. Both organizations confirmed the middle of April is typical for blooming in our region. Over the last 40 years, the Festival schedule has resulted in Dogwood blooms for the Festival nearly 90% of the time; but, this year was an aberration with summer-like heat beginning in February. This resulted in the Dogwoods and other flowering trees and plants (such as Azaleas) blooming a month ahead of schedule.

Questions were raised by several residents as to why the Festival wasn't rescheduled to showcase the earlier blooms this year. What residents may not realize is that planning for the Festival begins months in advance with contracting/scheduling (in November) of the band for the free Sunday concert, printing of flyers, etc. (at least 6 weeks in advance), and notice is also sent to the paper to alert the Louisville area about the Festival. We are fortunate in that Charlie White at the *Courier Journal* is a strong supporter of Audubon Park and its events, and he did write articles about the Dogwoods blooming early.

Many residents were wonderful in lighting up their Dogwoods or other blooming plants in March; and that is when the City received most of its visitors who, no doubt, saw Dogwoods blooming in other parts of Louisville and came to view the trees in Audubon Park. But this year, the Garden Club was unable to accommodate a change in schedule due to the unusual weather and its effects on our Dogwoods. If this earlier heat continues to trend over the next few years, the Dogwood Committee is open to consider changing the Festival's dates.

Due to declining attendance and the difficulty of booking high school bands, the Garden Club discontinued its Friday night Opening Ceremony; instead, local dignitaries and Club members used the free concert program on Sunday to conduct the annual commemoration of Arbor Day (which the City must mark to continue its designation as a Tree City USA site). The Garden Club would like to thank State Representative Jim Wayne, Mayor Mike Scalise and Councilman Al Huber for their participation in this celebration. Over 100 guests enjoyed fellowship, refreshments, and the music provided by the River Cities Concert Band at Audubon Baptist Church on Hess Lane. The Garden Club gratefully recognizes Dr. Dan Hatfield, pastor of Audubon Baptist Church, for allowing us to use his church for the concert. Thanks are also extended to City officials, staff, and Police for their assistance and cooperation as well as to Diane Osborne and the members of the Dogwood Festival Committee who put in many volunteer hours to make the Festival a reality.

New this year, members of the Forest Board hosted a community Dogwood Planting Ceremony on Saturday as part of the continuing restoration of Henderson Park (which has suffered major damage from recent storms). Hopefully next year, temperatures will return to normal ranges allowing the Festival to showcase the lovely Dogwoods and other flowering plants in Audubon Park in mid-April.

Changes to Community Flower Beds

You may have noticed some changes to the many community flower beds scattered throughout Audubon Park. The Garden Club has taken over responsibility for planting and maintenance of these

beds and is installing a variety of perennial and annual flowers to provide for more diversity in plantings and color. The Garden Club is providing the funding for the flowers. Special thanks are extended to several Garden Club members and residents including Betty Weise, Cathy and Mike Lally, Anne Bobigian, and Gene Stotz who helped prepare and/or plant the flower beds. These individuals have spent many hours working on this project, and we will all enjoy the final effort!

Upcoming Garden Club Programs

After its hiatus during the summer months, the Garden Club begins its program cycle again in September. 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 P.M. (unless otherwise noted). Upcoming programs include:

Thursday, October 11, 2012: "*Whitehall Gardens*" - with guest speaker, Michael Hayman, Landscape Director for Whitehall Gardens. This program is the annual fall dinner held at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road, at 5:45 P.M. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239 or Ann Dyer at 634-3058. Please note there is a fee for the dinner.

Monday, November 12, 2012: "*Getting Ready for Winter*" - with guest speaker Jacquelyn McGrail, a Master Gardener and Landscape Design Consultant.

Monday, January 7, 2013: "*Show and Tell: Favorite Garden Books and Experiences*" – a group discussion led by members of the Audubon Park Garden Club.

Monday, February 11, 2013: "*Birds and Gardens of Australia and New Zealand*" - with guest speakers Margaret Tanguay and Dr. Peter Tanguay. They are both Audubon Park residents, and Margaret is a Garden Club member. This program is held during the annual winter pot-luck luncheon to be held at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane, at 11 A.M. There is no charge to attend the luncheon, but reservations should be made by calling Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239 or Ann Dyer at 634-3058.

Monday, March 11, 2013: "*Kentucky Waterways Alliance*" - with guest speaker Judith Petersen, Executive Director of the Kentucky Waterways Alliance.

Please keep in mind that membership is no longer restricted to Audubon Park residents only. If you know of someone interested in joining the Garden Club who was unable to attend the September meeting, please have them contact Club President, Gene Stotz, at 634-4921 for more information.

Christmas Community Celebration – December 9th

Mark your calendars for Audubon Park's Annual Christmas Community Celebration which will be held on Sunday, December 9th, at City Hall. Last year's celebration was a huge success as wonderful holiday refreshments were served in a festive atmosphere allowing neighbors to meet and greet ringing in the holiday season. Although specifics of this year's celebration are not yet available, a flyer will be distributed in late November or early December with more information. The Garden Club is again encouraging all residents to decorate their homes with holiday decorations. We also hope that **all** streets will likewise decorate their lamp posts to usher in the holiday season in the Park.

Garden Tidbits:

- The Garden Club has decided **not** to hold its annual Arts and Crafts Festival this September for a variety of reasons.
- Although we have had "normal" rainfall to date, not all of it has fallen during the hot summer months; so, please make sure you water trees and plants appropriately. While many may not water their lawns to conserve water (most grasses go dormant until cooler weather or more rainfall returns), trees need to be watered; and, it is better to water deeply once a week than multiple light waterings to promote proper root growth. It is also better to water earlier in the day to prevent evaporation and to discourage

development of mold or mildew which can occur when plants are watered at night.

The Hydrangea

In past issues, we have highlighted local flowers and flowering plants that can be found in local gardens at specific times during the year. In this edition, we are focusing on the Hydrangea (a common garden plant that is typically found blooming during late spring until fall). The U.S. National Arboretum says there are 23 species of Hydrangea in the United States (though only 5 widely cultivated varieties). The most common variety, *Hydrangea macrophylla*, can be identified by several names such as the garden, bigleaf, French, or Florist Hydrangea and is hardy to Zone 6. Other cultivars are *Oakleaf* (which can be found at the park entrance on Preston Highway and is the only variety to develop significant red fall foliage); *Smooth* (found in the eastern half of the U.S. from Zones four - nine); *Panicle* (the most cold hardy); and *Climbing* which is a true clinging vine that can ultimately envelope the sides of buildings.

Hydrangeas can be found in a multitude of colors largely depending on the soil in which they are planted and/or variety of cultivar. Aluminum in the soil is necessary to produce the blue pigment (most garden soil has adequate amounts of this mineral). More acidic soils (pH 5.5 or lower) generally produce blue flowers while more neutral or alkaline soils (pH 7.0 or higher) generally produce pink flowers. Between pH 5.5 and 6.5, flowers can be purple or a mixture of pink and blue. To change the color of flowers on your bush, add lime to raise the pH or add aluminum sulfate or other acidic organic materials such as peat or pinebark to lower the pH.

Hydrangeas are best grown in moist, well-drained soil and benefit from shade if grown in the hotter growing regions. Panicle varieties tolerate sun the best; however, too much shade can negatively affect blooming as can improper pruning. The variety of Hydrangea dictates timing of pruning; the flower of bigleaf or oakleaf varieties should be pruned back shortly after flowering is complete. Other varieties may only bloom on previous year's growth; therefore, the best advice is to check with a local nursery based on your variety. Flowers can be cut and dried for

year-round beauty if you wait to cut blooms off after they are almost completely dried out on the plant. They will then need to be hung upside down to complete the drying process.

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. As always, please watch your speed and be on the lookout for walkers and joggers. Night and early morning joggers and walkers are encouraged to wear light or reflective clothing.
- 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 or if it is not a sale/rent sign, it will be removed by the City.
- Please do not park your vehicle alongside another vehicle on the roadway. In doing this, it makes it dangerous for others to try to get through.

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- Please discourage children and others from climbing in trees in the various City parks due to safety issues and damage possibilities.
 - Just as a reminder, request form applications and information regarding the Memorial Tree and Bench Programs are available at City Hall.
 - New residents are encouraged to visit City Hall to obtain a New Resident Guidebook.
 - Please keep in mind that information regarding Ash Trees and the Emerald Ash Borer are available at City Hall.
 - The Forest Board meets at City Hall the second Wednesday of each month at 7 P.M. Various work days in each of the parks takes place monthly. If you are interested in helping out, please attend one of the meetings to find out further information.
 - 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 Thanksgiving Day (November 22, 2012), Friday pickup will be moved to Saturday. For Christmas Day (December 25, 2012), all collections will be moved to one day later for that week.

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

Brightside Community-Wide Cleanup

Saturday, October 27, 2012

9:00 A.M. to Noon

**Preston Street from Audubon Park South to
? Coordinated by**

Audubon Park Garden Club

**Check-In Site: Audubon Parkway near
Preston**

Plastic bags and some gloves available

(You may want to bring a rake)

For more information call 634-4921