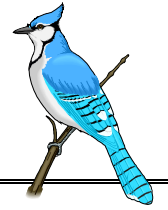


# The Official Newsletter of The City of Audubon Park



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## MAYOR SCALISE'S MESSAGE

Congratulations are in order for our newly elected City Council. New members on the Council are Nancy Zinner, Vince Osbourn, Cary Campbell, and Joanne Bader. Al Huber is returning along with a prior serving member, Mark Stevens, who had previously served on the Council in the past. All of their email addresses are located on the City's website.

One of the first official acts of the new Council was to approve the appointment of two members to the Code Enforcement Board. Mark Stevens had to leave the Board because of his election to the Council; and Pete Becker, who lives on Chickadee, has replaced him. Keith Braun was reappointed, and the Board continues to be chaired by former Mayor Steve Miller. Congratulations to them as well.

Last November's Election that brought us the new Council has some interesting statistics for Audubon Park. In the Presidential Election, 914 votes were cast in our precinct, H117. Of those votes, 397 or 43% were cast for Obama; and 517 or 57% were cast for Mitt Romney.

Also as has been mentioned before, our Police Chief, Jeff Cox, is soliciting email addresses for the Police Department's Audubon Park Bulletin. If you would like to be added to receive the AP Bulletin or to receive crime alerts, please forward your email address to [news@audubonparkky.org](mailto:news@audubonparkky.org).

Finally, those of you who might like to attend the 2013 Kentucky Tree Board Seminar hosted by the

Louisville Tree Advisory Commission on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at White Hall in Louisville, may register by calling Sarah Gracy, with the KY Division of Forestry, at 502-564-2860. The cost is \$15.

## AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

*Joanne Bader*

### Christmas Community Celebration

The Audubon Park Garden Club plans to build on the success of last year's Community Christmas Celebration by hosting another Open House this year at City Hall on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 P.M. Last year, the format was changed to highlight fellowship during the holiday season with more emphasis placed on the Open House festivities of hot cider, coffee, and holiday cookies while being surrounded by neighbors and friends. Many residents enjoyed the door prizes (many donated by local merchants and area businesses) offered during the Open House. As always, residents are encouraged to decorate and light up their homes as well as the street lamp posts. Audubon Park has traditionally been known throughout Louisville as a neighborhood that "gets in the holiday spirit", and we hope residents will continue that tradition to provide a visual treat to all who drive through to see our holiday decorations. Please come and join your friends and neighbors in kicking off the holiday season!

### Brightside Community Cleanup

About eight hardy souls turned out on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, to help in the annual Brightside Community Cleanup. The Garden Club helps in

*"Provided as a service to our neighbors"*

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spearheading this event taking focus in our area on Preston Highway. This year, the group concentrated on the area between Hart Avenue and Rosemary Drive (including the areas around the railroad trestles). Despite a damp and cool morning, the group was successful in removing eight or nine large garbage bags of trash from the area. The Garden Club would like to thank all who participated in this worthwhile event. Hopefully, we will have better weather next fall and will see even more people out there helping to improve the environment.

### **Dogwood Festival – Save the Date!**

Please mark your calendars for next year's Festival of the Dogwood which will be held during the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Many residents were disappointed with the outcome of last year's festival because of spring's unseasonably warm (even hot at times) weather causing the Dogwood blooms to burst out a month early. Due to many factors (including the need for advance scheduling of the group for the free band concert on Sunday), the event was not re-scheduled to accommodate the blooming of the trees. The Garden Club plans to maintain the same scheduling as they have in the past matching with peak blooming in most years historically; but, we will watch to see if global warming has begun to set new trends in blooming times. The Garden Club requests that in the event of a repeat of last year's weather, please set out your spotlights to highlight ***when the blooms are on the trees***. Many of the visitors who typically drive through the Park during the festival will show up anyway once they notice blooms on Dogwoods in their sections of town. More information will be disseminated to residents in the March Newsletter that is distributed to homes.

### **Upcoming Garden Club Programs**

Upcoming monthly meetings of the Garden Club are highlighted below. These 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).

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.

Monday, April 8, 2013: "*New Perennials*" - with guest speaker Peggy Thieneman, Owner of Thieneman's Herbs and Perennials.

Tuesday, May 14, 2013: "*Trees of Audubon Park*" – this is the Club's spring luncheon and will feature Club member Betty Weise. This event will be held at 11:45 A.M. at the Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin Road. There is a fee for the luncheon and reservations need to be made by calling Cheryl Westbay at 634-1239 or Ann Dyer at 634-3058.

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, please have them contact Club President, Gene Stotz, at 634-4921 for more information.

### **African Violets**

Surprisingly, African Violets are more often found in the U.S. than in their native Africa because many of their native tropical forests have been removed to accommodate agricultural needs. They have become a much beloved staple of indoor gardeners and are often found in kitchens or bathrooms (wherever humidity exists mimicking the tropical rainforest where they were initially found). First discovered in Tanzania in 1892 by Baron Walter von St. Paul-Illiare (after whom the plant's botanical name *Saintpaulia* is derived), the flower's seeds were introduced in Germany before making their way to England.

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There are approximately 6-20 species of the African Violet; and flowers can be found in a multitude of colors such as violet, purple, pale blue, near reds, whites, or bi-colors. Plants can have single or double blooms. Adequate light is critical for blooming. Strong, bright light is best; however, plants should not be placed in hot sun. In the winter months, supplemental lighting may be needed via artificial lighting or by moving the plant to a brighter location. Some have found constant blooming of the plants if they are placed under fluorescent lights. Proper care recommends room temperature watering when the soil is dry to the touch. Watering can be from the top or bottom of the plant or by using wick watering. African Violets tend to succeed best under moderate temperatures (60-80 degrees) and with moderate humidity. Peat based potting mixtures with at least 30-50% vermiculite or perlite is best for growing the Violets. African Violets can also be propagated by rooting a single leaf.

#### 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.
  - 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.
  - City Council Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at City Hall at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is encouraged and invited to attend.
  - 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.

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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 New Year's Day (January 1, 2013), all collections will be moved to one day later for that week.

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