



The Official Newsletter of The City of Audubon Park



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Scalise

Thoughts from the Mayor...

During this busy travel time of year, please keep in mind the City offers a "House Watch" service to residents to keep an eye on their property while they are out of town. You may be added to the list by calling City Hall (during normal business hours) or Dispatch (574-5471 when City Hall is closed) with your vacation information such as your dates, times, contacts, etc.

On another note, I would like to share the following information I received with you:

News from Arbor Day Foundation... Audubon Park Named Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation

Audubon Park, Ky has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

It is the fourth year Audubon Park has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Audubon Park has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Communities that receive Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet these four standards, they recognize that:

- Trees promote healthier communities. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife.
- Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings.
- Properly placed trees can increase property values, and buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.

"A community, its elected officials and its citizens that provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and they also provide environmental and economical benefits. Cities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest".

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

FROM THE FOREST BOARD

Leah Netherland

The Forest Board has FREE SHADE TREES available to a good home. You may choose between Red Oaks, Tulip Poplars, or Burr Oaks. Most of these trees were provided from funds through our Garden Club, and they are not limited to easement plantings. You may

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plant them anywhere in your yard. Please call Leah Netherland at 638-8919 for more information or for assistance in picking the perfect spot for your new tree.

AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Joanne Bader

8th Annual Garden Tour to be Held on June 20th

Audubon Park's 8th Annual Garden Tour will showcase local gardens on Saturday, June 20th, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. The cost is \$10 to view all of the gardens. This year's Tour will feature approximately 10 gardens, with the majority located along Audubon Parkway, which will make it a wonderful day to take a stroll! New this year will be local artist and resident, Nancy Zinner, who will be our "artist in residence" in one of the gardens. Please stop by to watch her paint in one of the beautiful settings! Tickets may be purchased the day of the event at City Hall, 3340 Robin Road; and light refreshments will be provided by the Garden Club to all who attend the Tour. As always, featured gardens will be marked by colorful flower-filled watering cans at the curb to guide you along the way. Again, the Garden Club is partnering with the Garden Passport Program, which sponsors tours in Crescent Hill (June 6th from 9 A.M.- 5 P.M., \$10) and Old Louisville (July 11-12th, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., \$15); and it offers a discounted admission price of \$27 to view all 3 gardens. These Passport tickets can be purchased at local area nurseries such as The Plant Kingdom, Economy Aquatic Garden on Preston, Wallitsch Nursery, and Bunton Seed Co.

We are hoping for a good turnout from Audubon Park residents to support their neighbors by visiting the gardens on tour. Bring your friends and relatives to see what's new in gardening or just to see what unique gardens are in our midst. Most of the gardens will have homeowners eager to share their knowledge and expertise (often sharing cuttings if asked). The Garden Club is looking for volunteers to help serve as "hosts" in the featured gardens (no gardening knowledge is needed - just a friendly face). If you would be willing to volunteer, please call Gene Stotz

at 634-4921. Cookies are also needed at City Hall to provide refreshments for our visitors.

Proceeds from the Tour, as they have since the inception of the Garden Tour in 2002, will be returned to the Audubon Park community. Since the Tours began, they have raised profits of over \$10,000. The Garden Club has used these profits to landscape Park entrances, plant easement trees, pay for tree removal, and other tree maintenance at the request of the City or Forest Board. It truly is a community service to enhance the beauty of Audubon Park; so, please come out to support the Garden Tour on June 20th!

Festival of the Dogwood

We had spectacular weather for the Festival of the Dogwood ceremony on Friday night, and the trees were truly lovely! Despite the windstorm in September and the ice storm in January, most of the Dogwoods in the Park were near full bloom making them beautiful to spotlight at night. The Garden Club would like to thank all the Park residents who put spotlights out to highlight their trees and other blooming flowers and shrubs (delighting the many visitors who drove or walked through the Park). The opening ceremony was well attended and included local government officials such as John Yarmuth, Jim Wayne, Jim King, and the Mayor and City Council. In addition to the refreshments provided by the Garden Club, residents and visitors were treated to wonderful music provided by the Atherton High School Jazz Band. Also, many enjoyed the annual concert at the Audubon Baptist Church on Sunday by the River Cities Concert Band, which played patriotic, light classical music and show tunes and was sponsored in part by the Kamer family.

The Garden Club would like to thank the City's Police Department and Public Works staff for their hard work in setting up for the Dogwood Festival (maintaining traffic control and grooming the parks to perfection). They always do a spectacular job every year! Kudos as well to the Dogwood Committee for another successful festival!

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Garden Club Celebrates its 80th Anniversary

In March, the Garden Club celebrated its 80th anniversary placing it among the oldest Garden Clubs in the state of Kentucky. Many thanks to all the members who have done so much over the years to beautify Audubon Park and do so much to enhance its parks and trees!

The Garden Club meetings are on hiatus for the summer until a new slate of programs begins in September; however, any new or current residents who would like to receive more information about joining the Garden Club should contact Mrs. Marjorie Davis at 636-2132 or Mrs. Betty Weise at 637-3032. Everyone is welcome! The Club recently installed new Officers (some returning) at its spring luncheon: Mrs. Betty Weise, Club President; Mrs. Mary Miller, Second Vice President; and Ms. Betsy Maxwell, Recording Secretary.

The Daylily

Continuing in our ongoing series of information on common flowers found in Audubon Park and the area, this time we are focusing on the Daylily (also known as *Hemerocallis Liliaceae*). The flower's botanical name derives from the Greek words for "day" (*hemer*) and "beauty" (*kallos*) and refers also to their short life because the blooms only last for a day. In her book "*1000 Flowers and How They Got Their Name*", Diana Wells noted that Daylilies were used as food and medicine in China and Japan (as well as Rome); and the flowers made their way to Europe by traders along the silk routes from China. Daylilies have long been a favorite garden plant here in North America, and there are hundreds of varieties available. Their use was so common that many Daylilies escaped gardens to grow along roadsides and are often thought of as a wild landscape flower as well as those found in more formal gardens; however, their easy care and beauty make the Daylily a garden staple worldwide!

Mark your Calendars for the Arts and Crafts Festival in September

The Garden Club's primary fundraiser, the annual Arts and Crafts Festival, is just around the corner. Please

mark your calendars to come enjoy the food, music, and many arts and crafts vendors during the third weekend of September (the 19th and 20th). This year, the Garden Club looks forward to returning to a larger number of vendors; and a park cleared of all the debris from Hurricane Ike! We lost many of our regular vendors due to schedule conflicts when the Festival had to be rescheduled due to the storm damage (many vendors have standing commitments like our Festival from year to year). This year, we hope it will be bigger and better!

Please think of donating any items you unearth during the summer to the "Audubon Shop". It is the Club's answer to a white elephant booth...So while cleaning out an attic, closet, basement, or garage, please save any useable items such as sporting equipment, bikes, toys, gardening tools or pots, household goods, books, toys, dishes, etc. Also, please consider saving plants or plant cuttings to share with others! All money from this booth is pure profit to the Garden Club and is used to "give back" to Audubon Park. If you have items to donate, please contact Leah Netherland at 638-8919.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- In relation to garbage collection, please keep in mind 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.** 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.

Please see the following holiday collection schedule:

For Independence Day (July 4, 2009), there will be no change in service. For Labor Day (September 7, 2009), all collections will be one day later than normal for the week.

If your garbage is missed, please contact Bernice with Waste Management at 962-5042.

**INFORMATION AND CONDENSED EXCERPTS
From
THE MOST COMMON ORDINANCES
Of
THE CITY OF AUDUBON PARK, KENTUCKY**

Traffic Code:

The speed of all vehicles shall not exceed 25 miles per hour.
Parking between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on streets is prohibited.
Parking on any front or side yard or easement is prohibited except on driveways.
Also parking is prohibited within 15 feet of a fire hydrant and within 30 feet of an intersection.
Parked vehicles must be headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement with all wheels of the vehicle on the paved portion of the roadway and within 6 inches of the edge of the road.
Parking with any of the wheels of the vehicle on the grass or unpaved surface of the roadway is prohibited.
Bicycles must yield the right-of-way on roadways.

Police: (Sheriff's Dispatch) 574-5471 (ask for Audubon Park Police to be dispatched).

Garbage Collection: Waste Management (Customer Service # 966-0117 or 962-5042)

Garbage collection is **Tuesday** and **Friday**.
Yard Waste and Recycling are collected on **Tuesday only**. They are to be placed at the curb.
Yard Waste must be bundled and not exceed 48 inches in length.
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Building and Housing Regulations – Permits:

No person shall erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, or move a building or make, install, alter, or repair improvements thereto within the City without first making application and obtaining a permit therefore from the City.
Applications and information for a building permit may be picked up from Audubon Park City Hall at 3340 Robin Road. There is a \$50.00 fee for building permits.

Garages are limited to one story in height and 1,200 square feet. Construction of concrete block garages is prohibited unless exterior of garage has a brick, stone, or compatible siding veneer applied over concrete block.

Limitation Upon Fences: A permit is required to erect a fence. No fee is charged. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect a fence on any lot within the City which is taller than forty-eight (48) inches.

A permit is required to install private above ground hot tubs, whirlpools, and spas and are limited to the water capacity of 400 gallons.

Trees: A permit is required to trim or remove a tree on the easement.

Yard Sale: A permit is required to have a Yard Sale (one per year limit).

City Council Meetings: Are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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The public is welcome to attend at any time. We ask that you call the City Clerk at 637-5066 one week prior to the regular meeting if you have any requests, suggestions, or complaints for inclusion on the Agenda.

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