Wilder Park Newsletter

NEWSLETTER OF THE WILDER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2011 March/April Edition

The Spring/Easter Issue

Dandelions, Tiger Lilies, & IPL Citations...Oh My!

The Spring Beautification meeting will be held at the Wilder Park Community Center at 120 W. Fairmont Ave. on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

James Mims, the Director of IPL, will be our guest. IPL cites properties for being out of code, but many people do not know what

the code is or where to find it. Mr. Mims will address these issues and he will explain how IPL sweeps work, and how you can avoid being fined.

We will also discuss neighborhood beautification tips and ideas. Make sure to bring your suggestions on keeping Wilder Park Beautiful! This meeting is also a plant and seed swap. Bring in your surplus and trade with someone else!



Easter Egg Hunt: April 23rd (12 PM Noon)

Location: Houston Quinn Park Time: 12 Noon Date: April 23rd With one minute to go, WPNA president, Gary Jany, will begin the countdown.

This year's prizes include an official autographed RICK PITINO UofL BASKETBALL!

Bring your baskets, and remember to bring your completed Kids Corners from 2011 for extra entries for the basketball!

This is also a good time to become a member of the WPNA.

This event is RAIN or SHINE!

Letter from the Editor (Letters from You)

Greetings Wilder Park!

Our letter this month comes from Sarah Wolff at the Olmstead Parks Conservancy. She has great ideas for how you can be an active part of Earth Day in Louisville.

Remember that we are seeking letters from YOU for 2011 issues. Contact information is listed below and guidelines can be found in the January/February issue.

Best Wishes for a Beautiful Spring,

Shelley Gibson

Looking for some Earth Day activities?

Starting Saturday April 16 in Cherokee Park, Olmsted Parks Conservancy is hosting the Annual Garlic Mustard Sweep. The Garlic Mustard plant may look harmless, but is an aggressive plant that prevents native species from growing. Bring your family and friends to help us rid Cherokee Park of this invasive plant; Garlic Mustard Sweep celebration to follow at Hogan's Fountain.

Also, all through the week groups

can volunteer with our Restoration Team in Cherokee or Iroquois Parks to help with invasive plant removal. Ending the week individuals and groups can volunteer on April 23 at Chickasaw Park.

Dress for the outdoors- long pants and tennis shoes recommended-with guidance, gloves, and refreshments provided.

For meeting locations and to register contact:

Sarah Wolff at 502-456-1623 or sarah.wolff@olmstedparks.org.

Letter from the President (Good Neighborhood)

Greetings Neighbors,

Have you ever been in a bad neighborhood? How did you know? A lot of trash laying around? Homes in disrepair? Tall grass, abandoned cars, generally sloven appearance? Have you ever had a piece of trash in your hand, and threw it down because, heck, there's already a lot of trash laying around? These are all signs of a bad neighborhood,

There are very simple things we can do to keep our neighborhood a "good" neighborhood. Pick up loose trash around your area regularly and secure your trash within your garbage can. If you repetitively have too much trash for your receptacle, look at how much of your trash items are recyclable. PLEASE don't leave your garbage cans and recyclers out; bring them back after collection dates (you could be cited). Keep your property maintained. If there is a property next to you that needs help, don't be shy (I had a house next to me vacant for a couple of years and I maintained it. Now I have great neighbors; the house had "curb appeal" and was sold). Report abandoned cars to 311; it may have been stolen and abandoned; the owners will be grateful! These aren't difficult things. A lot of little good gestures like this will keep this a GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD!

Sunday, May 22nd Saturday, June 4th Sunday, June 5th Saturday, June 25th Sunday, July 10th Saturday, July 30th

NEIGHBORHOOD

• Add New Life to Your Garden for FREE! Bring

surplus plants and seeds to

the Beautification Meeting

SCCA Dates! The Kentucky

Club of America will be run-

ning cars again in Papa John's

parking lot. As with last year,

races, The following dates are

Sunday, May 1st

the only dates SCCA will be

families with children older than 12 are invited to attend

chapter of the Sports Car

and swap out with your

neighbors.

running:

Contact Info: Julia Aebersold (812) 989-7261 & Adam Blake (502) 744-4121

www.kyscca.com

 Win an autographed Rick Pitino UofL Basketball!
See the Kids Corner for more information.

 Are you a fan of Wilder Park? Then go to: Facebook.com/WilderPark and show us how much you "Like" us!

• We are now on Twitter Follow us @WilderPark

Junk Set-Out Period: NOT NOW

The next pickup dates will not be announced by the Metro until some time in May. Please do not set out your junk until it is announced. You can check anytime via www.louisvilleky.org or by calling 311.

Remember: Setting out your junk early could mean citations and fines.

The Wilder Park Newsletter is edited by Shelley Gibson, Correspondence Secretary for the Wilder Park Neighborhood Association. Questions, comments, and/or suggestions may be sent to seeshelleyb@gmail.com, "WP Newsletter" in the subject line.

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RENT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

A 4 hour rental is only \$100 and only \$10 an hour after that!

A non refundable \$25 cash deposit toward your total is required to hold a reservation. All proceeds go into the upkeep of the center.

Are you in a non-profits or volunteer group? Ask us about free rentals!

Contact: George Parker at 366-5590 or e-mail: WilderPark@insightbb.com

ATTN: Kids Corner Kids

Hey Kids! If you're like me, you are already excited about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd. Here is your chance to get a leg up on the competition. Complete today's Kids Corner activity and have your mom or dad write your name on it. At the Easter Egg Hunt, you will have an opportunity to trade it in for an EXTRA ENTRY to win University of Louisville Basketball signed by Coach Rick Pitino! You must be present to win, so I hope to see you there! Good Luck!!!

And Remember...

The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease

911 for Emergencies

574-7111 for Non-Emergencies

574-LMPD to Report Criminal Activity anonymously

311 for Code Violations, Potholes, Abandoned Cars, etc.

574-1115 District 15 councilwoman Marianne Butler

574-1121 District 21 councilman Dan Johnson

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Health Notes: Keep Wilder Park Beautiful and Keep Yourself FIT

Do you need more reasons to keep your house and yard looking beautiful? In addition to being good for the neighborhood, your home value, sense of pride, and keeping up with the Jones's, a well kept yard can be a great way to burn calories.

Calories Burned Per Hour

Mowing: 408

Planting/Weeding: 306

Picking: 204 Tidying Yard: 204 **Building/Fixing a Fence: 408** Painting a Fence: 306

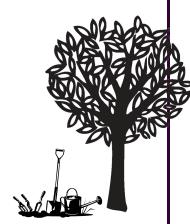
Painting a House: 340

Trimming Shrubs/Trees: 306

Once you are done with your own yard, do yourself a favor and ask a neighbor if you can help with theirs.

For more information on burning calories, check:

www.caloriecount.about.com



Can Facebook Make You A Target?: Crime Prevention Tips

There are far more tips keeping **Facebook** safe and the dangers of sharing too much personal information than these need-to-knows.

Please research social network safety further.

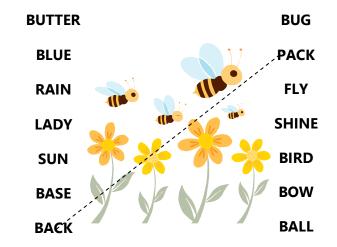
- 1. Set your profile settings to PRIVATE! This is the first step to preventing unwanted eyes from reading about your business.
- 2. NEVER post when you will be out of town. That girl you knew in high school, the one you haven't spoken to since but think it would be rude to not be friends, she might be casing your house for a break in. Don't make it easy on her. Save the vacation stories for after you get back home.
- 3. Don't add people you don't know.
- 4. Don't post too much

information (or any at all) about your children.

- 5. Do not post any tell-tell information about your friends. "I hope you are having fun on vacation." "When does your husband get back from boot camp?"
- 6. Be smart about games and apps. They are not free. The cost is your personal information.
- 7. "Checking In" somewhere on your phone or tablet is the same as alerting everyone on your list (and their friends too if you let them view your posts) that you are not home.

Kids Corner

Draw lines from one word to the other to make compound words. (Compound words are words that are made up of two or more smaller words.) Example: Back + Pack = Backpack!



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 - ✓ Flexible Deposit Products



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Annual: \$5 Family/Business \$10 Lifetime \$50

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E-mail (clearly):

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(or, just drop into the center's mailbox)