




# The City of Audubon Park Newsletter

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## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BOZEMAN



**Hello!** Hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. We are so thankful to everyone who participated in our decorating contest this year. The City transformed into a winter wonderland.

Over the past three years, we have consistently encouraged residents to sign up for **Reach Alert**, our primary communication tool (text, email or call) for community updates, safety and events. Recently, we hosted a residents-only pop-up event, *Block-tober-Fest*. While we were glad to see strong participation, we also heard from some residents who were disappointed they did not know about it. It's important to understand that events like these require significant planning, staffing, and funding. More attendees do not automatically mean more funding—capacity, budgets, and resources must be carefully managed to ensure events are safe and enjoyable. That's why some events are limited and shared through official channels only.

To make sure you don't miss out on future events and important updates, we strongly encourage all residents to sign up for **Reach Alert**. It's the best way to stay informed and connected with what's happening in our community.

### Here's a recap since our last newsletter:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili and Cornbread Cookoff with the Cops was a success! We were able to raise twice the amount of money we raised last year and all of the funds raised went to the UL Health Burn Center. The timing of this was critical considering the UPS plane crash that happened so close to our neighborhood. A

special thanks to Chief Murdoch who was one of the first first responders on site and helped set up a safe command center. I am proud of our City and how we work together.

### The 2025 Decorating Contest Results:

Nativity Scene: 1113 Cardinal Drive and 935 Audubon Parkway (we had several close ties)  
Inflatables: 930 Dove Lane & 1226 Valley Dr.  
Lights: 3314 Robin Rd & 3120 Widgeon  
Entry Way: 3334 Robin Rd. & 1214 Audubon PWKY (close ties in this category)  
Traditional Home: 3119 Oriole Drive & 935 Cardinal Drive

Santa was a hit this year! The Sleigh was impressive painted. Thank you to the Santa team: Blaire and Denise Killmeier, Pete Hall, Ed Seger, Jason Payne, Mrs. Jen Claus, Officer Passafiume, and Chief Murdoch who made this happen!

### Now, for the rest of the year!

The stage is underway and hopefully, by the time you get around to reading this newsletter, we will be finalizing the finishing touches. Many thanks to John Campbell, the very talented stone mason, and Pete Hall for managing this project. We are excited to continue hosting community-focused events that bring Audubon Park residents together. The Fairy Festival was a big success, and we look forward to hosting it again this fall for residents.

While we will continue our annual, widely advertised **Dogwood Festival**, our goal is not for Audubon Park to become a revolving-door city. Instead, our goal is to foster meaningful connections, fellowship, and events that primarily serve the people who call Audubon Park home.



One idea we're exploring is hosting **small spring and summer concerts with a few food trucks**—simple, family-friendly nights for neighbors to gather and connect.

To make this possible, **we need your help**. While planning is well underway, staffing and setup remain our biggest challenges. If you're able to volunteer, we would greatly appreciate it. If not, please consider donating so we can outsource support and make these events happen.

### SPOTLIGHT

**Nick Daffin**- Block-Tober-Fest initiative

**Marie Eff**—Winner of Fred Wiche Award



### Tis the Season to Be Thankful

*Councilmember Joe Brenner*

From previous writings, you all know that one of my favorite people is Bugs Bunny. He's so smart and practical. I always watch at least one cartoon daily, in order to soak in some of his wisdom. So, anyway, Bugs and I were discussing various and sordid topics applicable

to our fair city, Audubon Park. One of those items pertains to a recent decision made by our Mayor and Council to form a new financial entity for the city. Goes like this. From time to time, citizens of Audubon Park (AP) have offered financial resources to improve the city. For example, most of you all probably don't know that residents gave money to Captain Pete to improve the various parks we have with new swing sets and various other additions he has made. People liked what he did and were happy to donate money to him to continue his efforts. On another issue, we have had significant dollars raised to build the new stage that has been discussed previously in this publication. To those who donated, thank you. So, after seeing residents desire to improve AP, and following the example of other cities around Louisville, the Mayor has decided to form a new AP corporate entity, with the express purpose of accepting donations, gifts, bequests etc. (tax deductible). for the express purpose of improving our city assets. It will be a tax-exempt entity, with a separate governance structure, whose only purpose will be to take/accept donations for AP improvements and then decide how those funds may be used.

So, the idea here is to put this idea out there for your consideration. Many of us have lived in AP for years and years. We have enjoyed our time here and the style of living AP offers its residents. If you want to give something back, consider this one way to possibly do it. The funds will be used judiciously and will ultimately be for the betterment of all AP residents.

ON an unrelated issue, I have written in the past on our fiscal situation and how we have built the city budget to address such issues. To review, cities like AP are run on a fiscal year that covers from July 1 to June 30. So, we are now through 1/2 of our fiscal year and our budget. I am pleased to report after reviewing our December financial report, which is also our 6-month report for fiscal 2026, Your Mayor and Council have done a fine job managing the first half of the year budget. Through 12-31-

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2025, revenues for the city have exceeded expectations and expenses are well below budget, such that if we continue on this path (and there are no assurances we will or won't), the city could end the fiscal year with a surplus. If that happens, we would likely be able to add reserves to the road fund and continue to build that fund up for the day when we will have to address our roads again.

OK, I'm done. Bugs told me to shut up, so I will. The above is just some food for thought as you all sit in front of your fireplaces and wish for spring to arrive early. My very best regards to all of our residents of AP.  
Call me if you'd like to discuss (502-939-9000)

### **AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

#### **Upcoming Garden Club Programs for 2026**

We would like to invite everyone to consider joining the Garden Club. Membership is no longer restricted to Audubon Park residents and in recent years, we have seen several non-residents join as well as several husband/wife couples. The annual cost of membership is \$35 per individual and \$65 per couple. If you are interested in joining, please contact Membership Chair Janet Shumate at 636-0111.

**Monday, February 9:** "Bluebirds & their Survival" guest speaker Phil Tamplin. This program will be held in conjunction with the **Winter Potluck Luncheon** and will take place at **Audubon Baptist Church** at **11:00 a.m.** Visitors welcome.

**Monday, March 9:** Landscaping with Native Plants" with guest speaker Elizabeth Kuhn; 1:00 at City Hall

**Tuesday, April 7:** "Hummingbirds—The Crown Jewels of our Backyards". **Spring Luncheon** at Audubon Country Club at 11:45 am.

**Monday, May 11:** "Urban Agricultural Program Coordinator Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation" guest speaker Nico Phillips; 1:00 at City Hall.

**Monday, June 8:** "Garden Tour at the Home of Leah Netherland" 1141 Dove Road 1:00PM

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### **AUDUBON PARK POLICE**

*Mike Murdoch- Police Chief*

As always, the Audubon Park Police Department appreciates the strong sense of community that makes our city such a special place to live. With

changing seasons and our crazy Kentucky weather, we'd like to share a few helpful reminders to keep our streets safe and our neighborhood running smoothly. During snow or ice events, please try to avoid parking on city streets whenever possible. This enables Public Works crews to plow and salt more efficiently, thereby helping to keep roads safe for everyone, including emergency vehicles.

We also encourage residents to stay alert and look out for one another. If you see suspicious activity or need to report a crime, please contact Jefferson County Sheriff's dispatch at **502-574-5471**. Prompt reporting enables us to respond quickly and prevent small issues from escalating into larger ones. If you notice a streetlight that is out or damaged, please report it by calling City Hall or submitting a request online at <https://tinyurl.com/yheksmmx>. Well-lit streets play an important role in both safety and quality of life.

Finally, if you're planning to be out of town, don't forget about our **House Watch Program**. You can submit a request through our website by clicking **Forms** and selecting **House Watch Requests**. It's a simple way to help us keep an extra eye on your home while you're away.



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Thank you for your cooperation and continued support. We're proud to serve such a caring and engaged community.

### Join the Forest Board

This administration is dedicated to the ongoing support of continuing to build our tree canopy. City Forester, Ryan Lewis, believes we could plant **100 more trees** in the neighborhood. That number does not include any of the City's parks. Imagine the **impact** our city and planet would have if every resident, able, joined in by planting a tree in their own yard—we'd grow a thriving canopy for generations to come. Please help us spread the word and consider planting a tree or two in your yard!

### Save the Dates:

**April 18**—Brightside Cleanup

**April 24**— Dogwood Festival

### Mayor Bozeman's Pride of Place Pete Hall

The Henderson Park stage is now nearly 90% complete. Our goal is to have the stage and surrounding area fully restored by the beginning of April, with landscaping planted ahead of the Dogwood Festival.

Special thanks to Garden Club member Art Dietz, who facilitated the generous donation of large boulders from a local quarry. Tony Sermersheim and Stefan Rumancik will be transporting and placing the boulders as part of the landscaping efforts.

This permanent structure continues to be funded entirely through donations, and we ask for your help, no amount is too small. Every amount helps us reach our goal. **Funding currently stands at 50% of our goal.** Please consider donating via Venmo or writing check to City of Audubon Park. *Donations to the city are tax deductible under 26 USC 170(c).* For those who wish to have their donation recognized, we offer donation recognition levels. If you have already donated, please let me know how you would like your name to

appear on the plaque.

Donation recognition levels are as follows:

- **\$500–\$999:** Name included on the group dedication plaque (up to two words, e.g., "Smith Family")
- **\$1,000–\$4,999:** Full names listed on the group plaque (e.g., "John & Mary Smith")
- **\$5,000–\$11,999:** Individual plaque displayed near the stage, plus name inclusion on the main dedication plaque
- **\$12,000 and above:** Naming rights for the stage (e.g., "The John & Mary Smith Stage" or "The Smith Family Stage")

This is a meaningful way to honor your family's connection to Audubon Park. Please reach out for any questions. [Phall@audubonparkky.gov](mailto:Phall@audubonparkky.gov)

## Is your street light out?

We rely on residents to report the street lights that are not working properly or not working at all.



### News You Can Use

- Permits are required for any work on city street easement trees including pruning or removal. Tree companies must have insurance.
- If you have questions about building plans or would like to make a complaint regarding a violation, reach out to our code enforcement team: [codeenforcement@audubonparkky.gov](mailto:codeenforcement@audubonparkky.gov)
- Please consider wearing reflective clothing while out walking/running for safety.
- Mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic and scheduled to be picked up.
- Reach Alert sends you monthly trash and recycling schedules: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ct83y>