




# The City of Audubon Park Newsletter

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## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR BOZEMAN



**Hello!** It was a hot summer, and I am looking forward to the cooler weather this fall. With the change of seasons come some wonderful opportunities to connect as a community—from our upcoming Yard Sale to the Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off.

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

Otto Mock, our long-time City Code Enforcement officer has officially retired. We are so grateful to him for his years of service. Join us at the Chili and Cornbread Cook Off to say farewell to him as he starts a new chapter of his life!



Please help me welcome our newest Council Member—Nicholas Abel. Mr. Abel filled Olivia Powell's seat, as she moved out of Audubon Park. We're grateful for Olivia's service and look forward to Nicholas's contributions to City Council.

Two important ordinances were passed by this administration this summer. The first one focuses on the street and sidewalk cleanliness and safety. Please note that blowing vegetation or leaving grass clippings in the street can result

in a \$150 fine. The second ordinance concerned the use of golf carts in Audubon. Golf carts must be inspected by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and permitted by the City of Audubon Park in order to be driven on the city streets. Please make sure to follow both of these important laws. See the complete list of ordinances on the city webpage for further information.


The majority of our City taxes were collected at the end of August. We appreciate everyone's prompt payments that help us keep the city running smoothly.

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

Many of you attended the August council meeting where Pete Hall and Mitchell Kersting presented the plans for a stage upgrade in Henderson Park. The thought behind this stage started in early March and has continued to develop with the help of many creative and involved residents. The idea behind this stage would be to have community karaoke nights led by Alex Brey, Ronnie Miller, and Chad Gahm, story time and read a-louds for children and of course the Dogwood Festival. We are counting on kind residents to help fund this opportunity to bring the community together.

As always, we welcome discussion about our City and how it operates. Please reach out to your council members, come to a City Council Meeting, or schedule a meeting with me to contribute to the future of Audubon Park. Let's keep Audubon Park the safe beautiful place that it is!

### **Mark Your Calendars for Two Fall Favorites!**

 Annual City-Wide Yard Sale  
Clean out your closets and hunt for treasures at our City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, October

11, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It's the perfect chance to declutter, score great finds, and enjoy a day of neighborly fun. If you'd like to take part, register at <https://signup.com/go/MbZrttY> or give us a call!

👉 Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off with the Cops Back by popular demand—the Third Annual Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off with the Cops is happening on **Monday, October 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**. Hosted by the Audubon Park Police Department, this friendly competition is all about flavor and community.

Think your chili or cornbread recipe has what it takes? Enter for a shot at the Blue Ribbon! Not cooking this year? No problem—come taste the entries, enjoy chili provided by **Frank's Meat and Produce**, and vote for your favorites.

This event is a wonderful way to connect with neighbors, meet members of our Police Department, and show support for the **UL Hospital Burn Center**. A heartfelt thank you goes to our sponsors and donors who help make it all possible. Donations are welcome—all proceeds go to the UL Health Burn Center. Let us know you're coming by RSVP'ing <https://signup.com/go/fTptysm> or calling us and letting us know!

### Thank YOU!

- **Dennis Smith & Bob Krebs**- built the fairy roof
- **Jerome & Lisa Lynch**- use of their high lift machine for fairy roof placement.
- **Molly Clouse**- sponsor & creator of the Fairy Newsletter.
- **Susan & Greg Clare**- Sponsor
- **Dr. Barton Reutlinger**- Sponsor
- **Joe Walker**- Numerous park electrical repairs
- **Stefan Rumancik**- Sponsor
- **Aaron Miller**- Sponsor

### Budget is Not a 4 Letter Word

*Councilmember Joe Brenner*

So every year, as part of the responsibility of the Mayor and the Council, we are obliged to put together a budget for the city of Audubon Park. Nobody likes budget, right? But in order to conduct the annual affairs of the City, we must. Generally, the annual budget reflects the goals and direction of the City and outlines how it will spend its revenues. Based on how Mayor Bozeman and the Council think, and the general desires of the people who live in the City, our goals are as follows, in no particular order:

1. Keep the Park as pristine as we can so people can walk whenever they want, exercise their pets, ride their bikes and generally be comfortable being outside in the park.
2. Support our police department which we have chosen, to protect the City
3. Keep property values on an upward trend
4. Protect the tree canopy

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WITH THE COPS**  
UofL Hospital Burn Center  
UL Health

**\$5  
COMPETITION  
ENTRY FEE**

**October 27, 2025  
5:30-7:30 pm**  
Judging will start at 6:00 pm

Free event for Audubon Park residents and affiliates. Donations and proceeds go to the UL Health Burn Center. Enjoy chili and cornbread and sample contestant entries.

Meet neighbors, Audubon Park Police, first responders and UL Health Burn Center staff.

**Audubon Park City Hall  
3340 Robin Road  
Louisville, KY 40213**

Special thanks to our anonymous donor & Frank's Meat and Produce who donated to our event!

Questions? Please call 502.637.5066 ext 301

5. Keep our parks neat and orderly and add to them where can afford to do so (support Captain Pete in his efforts if you are of a mind to do so. He's a rare asset for the City)
6. Run our finances conservatively and hopefully build some reserves for future liabilities we know are coming, like the roads, storms damage etc.

Municipalities like Audubon Park, run their budgets from July 1 to June 30. We just ended our fiscal 2025 budget year, running from July 1, 2024, and ended on June 30, 2025. I am pleased to tell the reader that we finished the year generally in line with our expenses and actually recorded a small surplus for the year, which means that we spent a bit less than our projected expense budget. That allowed us to put \$50K in our segregated road fund, which now brings that reserve to \$250K. While the roads we have in the Park ( about 9 miles) are pretty good today, we know over time they will erode (winter does that) and eventually they will need to be paved, patched etc. The road fund should be added to each year for just such reason. Most of the reason that the Mayor and the Council asked for a small tax increase in the real estate taxes, was for just this reason. To insure that we have some funds at the end of the year to add to our reserve. While having \$250K seems like a lot, its really not. Paving roads is a VERY expensive undertaking and with oil prices rising, won't get any cheaper in the future.

Looking forward to fiscal 2026, the Mayor and Council have passed a balanced budget for this year. Our annual revenues for the City are slightly over \$1M and our projected budget expenses are about the same. If we manage the budget well, hopefully we can again come in with a small surplus and add some to our reserves. That is the goal. Things that could derails us center around Mother Nature, and storms that she brings us from time to time. Those can be expensive if we have major tree damage, excess flooding etc.

To conclude, as a resident of Audubon Park, I think its fair to say that Mayor Bozeman and the Council are firmly focused on the City goals as previously stated. It is our intention to keep on doing so with this 2026 budget. Next time you see the Mayor, give her a hug. She's a good one and dedicated to keeping Audubon Park a wonderful place to live and hang out.

May the Force be with You  
Joe Brenner (502-939-9000)



**Fairy Festival in Wren Park**  
Sunday, October 5 | 4:00–5:30 PM  
Join us for a magical Fairy Festival and Treasure Hunt in Wren Park! Enjoy games, face painting and plenty of fun for kids of all ages.  
✨ Wear your best costume  
✨ Meet Queen Tatianna, the striking Fairy Queen, who will take her place on a permanent balcony display after the festival.  
**Volunteers are needed**—call City Hall at 502-637-5066 if you'd like to help

**AUDUBON PARK GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

*Joanne Bader*

**Brightside Cleanup Scheduled for October 18th**

Brightside has scheduled its fall cleanup date for Saturday, October, 18th. Audubon Park has participated in this local event for over a decade, focusing its efforts on cleaning litter and weeds from the City's entrance and contiguous areas on Preston Highway under the guidance and leadership of the Audubon Park Garden Club. Marie Eff, a Garden Club member, will help oversee this event which starts at 9 am. She will provide trash bags, garden gloves and some gardening tools to help with the cleanup. Brightside t-shirts are even available to all volunteers!

Volunteers are needed – students needing service hours are welcome – and encouraged to also bring their own brooms, weeders,

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dustpans and rakes. The timing of the event is perfect as mid-October usually finds beautiful, cool fall weather. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Eff at 635-7928. Please plan to volunteer for an hour or two!

#### **Get a Head Start on Delicious Holiday Baking!**

The Audubon Park Garden Club is selling delicious giant-sized pecan halves this fall – and will be taking orders beginning on September 8th. These larger than usual pecan halves direct from Georgia are packaged in 1-pound bags and cost \$15/lb. Watch for more details on the Audubon Park Facebook page, city website or contact Club President Rose Cantrell at 640-5299 for more information. Order forms will also be available at City Hall on September 8th.

#### **Upcoming Garden Club Programs for 2025-2026**

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.

The Garden Club will begin its new year of programs starting in September, 2025. 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). Following are programs scheduled for the first half of the year.

**Monday, September 8, 2025:** “River to Faucet” with guest speaker, Barbara Crow, Community Relations Specialist with the Louisville Water Company.

**Thursday, October 16, 2025:** “Does Your Garden Club Need CPR” with guest speaker Elspeth Cobb, a Master Gardener and member of The Garden Club of Kentucky. This program is being held in conjunction with the Audubon Park Garden Club’s Fall Dinner at Audubon Country Club, 3265 Robin

Road. There is a charge for the dinner; for more information and reservations, please contact Anita Garrison at 939-6601 or Jan Huber at 851-9041.

**Monday, November 10, 2025:** “Christmas Decor” with guest speaker, Amy Streeter, Owner of Susan’s Florist.

**Monday, February 9, 2026:** “Bluebirds and their Survival” with guest speaker Phil Tamplin, a bluebird enthusiast and member of the Bluebird Society. This program will be held in conjunction with the Winter Potluck Luncheon and will take place at Audubon Baptist Church, 1046 Hess Lane at 11:00 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

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#### **AUDUBON PARK POLICE**

*Mike Murdoch- Police Chief*

As the cooler days of fall settle in, I hope this message finds you and your families well. Autumn in Audubon Park is always a special time, with the beauty of the season reminding us to slow down and enjoy our community.



I am excited for our **Annual Chili and Cornbread Cookoff** being held on **Monday, October 27, 2025, at City Hall**. This event is more than just good food—it’s an opportunity to connect with your neighbors, meet members of the **Audubon Park Police Department**, **firefighters**, and the dedicated staff from the **University of Louisville Burn Center**. We look forward to seeing you there

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and sharing a night of warmth, fellowship, and fun.

I am also proud to report some encouraging news: since last summer, our city has seen a **reduction in property crime**. This progress is a testament to the vigilance of our residents and the dedication of our officers. Thank you for continuing to be the “eyes and ears” of our community.

That said, safety remains a shared responsibility. Please remember to **report any suspicious activity** immediately by calling **dispatch at 502-574-5471**. Quick reporting helps us keep Audubon Park safe and ensures that small concerns don’t grow into bigger problems.

On behalf of the entire police department, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful to serve such a strong and caring community.

Stay safe, and enjoy the fall season!

### 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:

**September 9**—Golf Cart inspection at City Hall 5:30-7:00

**October 5**—Fairy Festival Henderson Park 4:00-5:30

**October 11**—City Wide Yard Sale. 8am-2:00pm

**October 27**—Chili and Cornbread Cook Off with the Cops and UL Burn Center 5:30-7:30

**October 31**—Halloween

**December 21**—Santa is coming to town! Mr. and Mrs. Clause are being pulled by the Audubon Park Police Department checking who’s been naughty and who’s been nice! Check our Facebook page “Audubon Park City Hall” for more information and timing.

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

Next year, our nation will mark a historic milestone—the Semiquincentennial, celebrating 250 years of American independence and the founding of our country.

In honor of this event, Mayor Madeline Bozeman has proposed a major upgrade to the stage in Wren Park. Resident and architect **Mitchell Kersting**, owner of Work Architecture + Design, has submitted a beautiful design using limestone and concrete blocks.

This project is already a true community effort. The **Audubon Woods Condominiums** have donated more than one thousand limestone blocks leftover from their building’s striking façade. Special thanks to resident **Jim Gardner** and Condo Board Member **Tom Duvall**, who worked with the association to secure this donation.

Equipment to transport and handle over 25 full pallets of stone will be provided at no cost by **Stefan Rumancik** of Designer Builders Inc. and **Tony Sermersheim** of Sermersheim Landscape Co.—both Audubon Park residents.

Per Mayor Bozeman, our city arborist, **Ryan Lewis**, will be actively involved throughout planning and construction, ensuring the project enhances Wren Park while protecting our tree canopy. Construction is expected to be completed by early spring, just in time for a grand debut during Dogwood Festival!

Of course, community support will play a vital role in making this project a reality. While the materials and equipment are generously donated, skilled stone setters must still be hired. Our fundraising goal is **\$40,000**, and we are confident the residents of Audubon Park will recognize the value of this project and help

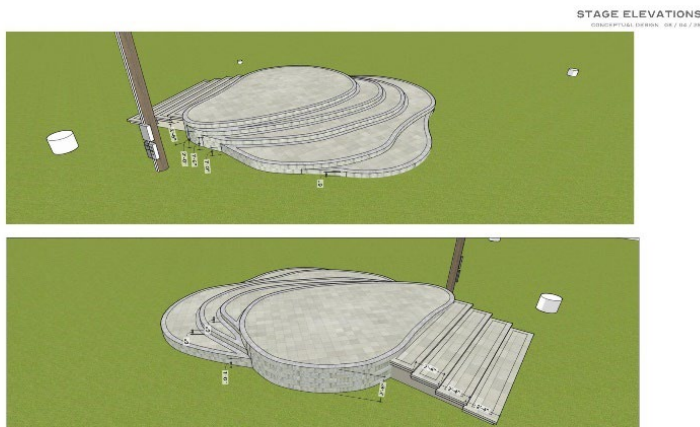
us reach it. If every household in Audubon Park contributes, we can reach that goal quickly. Please don't wait for "someone else" to give—this is our park, and this is our chance to make history together.



Donations of any size are welcome and can be made via Venmo or by check to the *City of Audubon Park* (memo: "Park Improvements").

For those who wish to leave a lasting legacy, opportunities are available: bronze plaques can honor individuals or families.

Finally, the design also incorporates several large granite or limestone boulders. If you have connections to a stone quarry—or know



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someone who does—please reach out. Donations or reduced pricing for these pieces would be greatly appreciated.

Together, we can create a lasting centerpiece for Wren Park that honors our history, enriches our community, and celebrates America's 250th birthday in style. My email is [phall@audubonparkky.gov](mailto:phall@audubonparkky.gov) please don't hesitate to reach out.

The **Gnome Tree in Crossbill Park** has been a hit! Next up—the **Fairy Tree in Wren Park**, with a **Fairy Festival** to celebrate!

### Mayor Bozeman Pride of Place Park Upgrades:

We've been busy in the parks:

- Filled large depressions from old tree stumps with donated fill dirt—from **Sermersheim Landscape Co.**
- Installed brick pads in front of park benches.
- The **Oriole Park swing set** was made possible by a donation from the **Audubon Park Garden Club.**

### 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)
- Street light outages can be reported through our website or <https://tinyurl.com/yheksmmx>
- Property owners 65+ get a Homestead Exemption on their primary residence. Contact the PVA for details.
- 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.
- Sign up for Reach Alert to get monthly trash and recycling schedules sent to you: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ct83y>

