

Woodlawn Park

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Welcome Colonel Grady Throneberry!



After a search of three months, I have chosen our Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer to be Colonel Grady Throneberry. Grady comes to us with over 30 years of policing experience. And I could not be any more pleased with him accepting this position. For over 16 years he established and built the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department and thus helped with the transition from Graymoor to the Lyndon Police Department. I have known about Grady for several years and once I heard the news that he had been relieved of his duties at Lyndon, I began to “dream” about whether or not he would consider our City of Woodlawn Park. After a few months of interviews with several candidates everything seem to be leaning towards Grady becoming our next Chief. Please help me welcome him to our city. His official first day will be on June 1, 2023. The Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer is a sworn police officer in the State of Kentucky. His job will be that of 160 hours per month in our city. His hours are staggered throughout any given month. His main role is that of enforcing our ordinances and his presence will create a safety element for Woodlawn Park as well. Our first responder to any emergencies is the 5th division with the Louisville Metro Police Department. Please call 911 with any emergencies. Welcome aboard Grady!

Residents are encouraged to attend Grady’s swearing in ceremony on Tuesday, May 30th, 5:30pm at city hall!

We are a Great city!

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What makes a city a great city? First and foremost, is you the residents. By far, the residents that live in our city are the best as they come! Residents go out of their way to bring in garbage cans for their needy neighbors, residents take pride in their properties by keeping them looking good, residents bake goods and give them to their neighbors for all kinds of reasons- welcoming new neighbors to the city, announcing a baby birth, celebrating some type of an event in their life! No doubt about it, Woodlawn Park is a great city because of YOU!



It’s a great city because of its history! Because of our racetrack that was here in the 1800’s, it’s great because of its location and proximity to stores, shops, restaurants and easy access to the expressway but far enough away. Our trees and park-like atmosphere makes us a great city. For everyone that’s involved with the block watch, those on the city council, the Clerk/Treasurer, the City Attorney, code enforcement– it’s a team effort to make this city a great city. You each have a part! Always remember that you have a part in making this a great city! No matter how small of a deed you might think it is- it’s helpful!

Even though the 1st quarter of my new Mayoral term has been busy, I’m excited about what the rest of the 3 and 1/2 years has in store as we will be building upon our strengths of our people and our historical past too!

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Mayor Brown

“Good Neighbor Awards”

NOMINATE

Has someone gone out of their way to help you or another neighbor that you know about? If so, we want to know who they are and what they have been doing. Please nominate someone for a “Good Neighbor Award” by emailing Ed Purcell at epurcell@woodlawnpark.com and the Mayor at mayor@woodlawnpark.com.

City Financial Revenue Needs Increasing

One of the very first items of business on my plate, other than conducting a search for a police chief and to bid out sanitation, was to figure out how Woodlawn Park could continue to offer all the fine services that we do! We have two main sources of revenue:

1) Property taxes— currently at \$.147

2) Insurance tax fees currently at 5% (*Please make sure that Woodlawn Park is listed on your insurance bill as the municipality (sometimes this might be incorrectly going to another city).*)

Even with these two sources, it would have been impossible to continue to offer our police services as well as sanitation, snow removal, grounds clean up, etc. with out a change. In addition to the fine services, I have also not forgotten about the remainder of the roads that will need to be resurfaced and paved in the years to come. That would be another \$300,000. You see, Woodlawn Park did not overspend, we just were not able to save much money over the past 15 years like we had done the previous years— but, we continued to offer fine services!

The American Rescue Plan Act (the federal government response to cities for Covid-19) has provided WP with \$226,000— most of it went to our roads, a police chief increase in salary last year and now this year a few smaller items like 2 new stop signs on Beechwood Road and some police expenses.

Moving forward, my plan is as follows:

* 2023-2024 fiscal year there will be NO tax property tax 15% discount. All taxes are due in September.

* 2024-2025 fiscal year— add 5% property tax discount back in and increase insurance fee tax to 7%. It is currently at 5%.

By making these two changes, WP can obtain \$22,000 additional revenue in 2023-2024, and \$30,000 in 2024-2025 and the following years the insurance tax will remain at 7%.

Questions, please contact Mayor Brown at city hall (502) 895-6620 or email at mayor@woodlawnpark.com.

Welcome Jennifer Osbourne!



Beginning July 1st Woodlawn Park will have a new Clerk/Treasurer. Her name is Jennifer Osbourne. Jennifer, and her family reside in Graymoor-Devondale and she comes to us with a great deal of experience in understanding local government especially. Jennifer was Ken Fleming’s assistant back in the early 2000’s when Ken represented our District 7 for Louisville Metro. Jennifer will assume responsibility as Clerk— being the record keeper and recording meeting minutes, maintaining city contact data and writing the newsletter are all within her role. She will also be treasurer mostly by name, however, she will have two tasks directly relating to finances. Each year she will be responsible for sending business & rental license fee invoices and collecting such. All other areas of finances will still be performed by Veene-man and Associates, our financial contractors. Please welcome Jennifer if you see her around. She will mostly be performing her duties from home; but you might occasionally catch her at city hall too!

Pat Merrick served our city well!

After 3 years of being City Clerk, Pat Merrick, notified Mayor Brown that its time for her to step down to spend more time with her family. Please join the Mayor in thanking Pat for all her handwork over these past three years. Just imagine taking minutes thought a Zoom call as she did on many occasions! GREAT WORK PAT!

Welcome New Residents !



New to Woodlawn Park? The Welcoming Committee would like to meet you! We hope you will enjoy being part of the beautiful, friendly City of Woodlawn Park neighborhood. If you have recently moved into the area, and have not been contacted by our Welcoming Committee, please contact Nancye Claypool at (502) 714-8559.

Make sure you visit the city web site for more information. If you are a resident and would like to volunteer to be part of the welcoming committee, contact Nancye. *If you have not received a welcome packet in the last few years, please email us at clerk@woodlawnpark.com so we can email you a pdf copy of the packet.* There is important information in the 16 page new resident packet.

City Contact Information

Mayor

Mike Brown 895-6620 mayor@woodlawnpark.com

City Council Members

Melinda Breslin 216-4679 mtownsendbreslin@woodlawnpark.com

Nancye Claypool 714-8559 nclaypool@woodlawnpark.com

George Langford 897-1915 glangford@woodlawnpark.com

Tom Nunn 551-5053 tnunn@woodlawnpark.com

Ed Purcell 523-2957 epurcell@woodlawnpark.com

Doug Watson 648-3848 dwatson@woodlawnpark.com

Police Chief 895-6620 police@woodlawnpark.com

Financial Contractor

Charlie Veeneman 244-5043

City Clerk

Pat Merrick 705-2264 clerk@woodlawnpark.com

City Council Meetings

Other Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911
LG&E	589-3500
Eco-Tech Sanitation	935-1130
Metro Louisville	574-5000
MSD Service Request	540-6000
District 7 Rep	
Paula McCraney	574-1107
Paula.mccraney@louisvilleky.gov	

City Council meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 PM at City Hall, 4327 Wingate Road

Residents are encouraged to attend, however, to speak, residents should only do so at the beginning of the meeting under the guests comments section of the agenda. Thank you!

Mayor & City Council Form of Government

Your city government is comprised of a mayor and six city council members. *Your mayor is elected every four years and your council is elected every two years.*

The mayor is the executive branch and the city council is the legislative branch of the government.

Here are the results from the November 2022 election:

Mayor– Mike Brown

Councilperson– Melinda Breslin (Grants, Fence & Shed permits)

Councilperson– Nancye Claypool (City Hall, Little Library, Welcome Committee)

Councilperson– George Langford (Lets Get Prepared)

Councilperson– Tom Nunn (Streets & Signs)

Councilperson– Ed Purcell (Community Events & Blockwatch)

Councilperson– Doug Watson (New Moves & Rentals)

Our objective and purpose is:

- To encourage all residents and businesses within the area to maintain and improve the condition and appearance of their property.
- To create and expand civic pride and foster a sense of community cooperation throughout the city.
- To improve the safety and well being of all persons within our city by providing education on crime prevention,

REMINDERS

* **Solicitation** in the city now includes a permit issued by the Mayor. Politicians, nonprofits, the government are exempt and businesses that have a current relationship with the resident already are exempt as well.

* **NO KNOCK list** sign ups are available. If you want to be placed on the No knock list, please contact the clerk at clerk@woodlawnpark.com to sign up or simply call the city hall at 895-6620. The No Knock List is the list we give to approved solicitors in the event we issue a permit; the solicitor still could not knock your door if you are on this list. Please contact our Police Chief any time someone knocks at your door without a permit that you feel did not seem legitimate.

* By far, most of our dog walkers do a very good job of picking up after our 4-legged friends, however, from time to time, there are one or two that might be forgetting to pick up after your friends. **Please always remember to take a waste bag with you** so that if your puppy should have to stop, you will be prepared to pick up after them.

* Additionally, **when walking your dog, please prevent them from entering the front yards** of the residents as best you can. Along the side or a few feet is more than acceptable, however, much more than that can be a nuisance to some home owners.



***** NEW– Visit www.woodlawnpark.com ALL our ordinances can now be accessed online!**

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Sanitation bid accepted for another 4 years!

SANITATION SERVICE bids were reviewed at the March city council meeting and Eco-Tech was chosen as our sanitation company for the next four years. Everything will remain the same as it is now.



Effective July 1, 2023, Ecotech Waste will continue serving as your trash, recycling, and yard waste needs. They are privately held and locally owned and have been in business for twenty-five years. They are fortunate to serve tens of thousands of residential customers throughout Kentuckiana. Every resident should have one 96 gallon trash container and one 64 gallon recycling container. If you require one additional container please contact customer service at 502-935-1130 to order.

Regular Garbage Pick-up: Every Monday

Yard Waste Pick up: Every Monday

Recycling Pick-up: Every other Monday (current schedule is May 22, June 5, June 19, July 3 and every other Monday thereafter)

Holidays: Ecotech observes New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas Day. All services will be collected one day late during a holiday week. for example, if the holiday is observed on Monday the collection is pushed back one day to Tuesday.

Trash: All trash should be placed in the Ecotech 96 gallon cart. It is highly recommended to bag all trash. If an overflow of trash is generated please bag trash and place next to your cart. The maximum weight limit is 50 lbs. The following items are not acceptable: Dirt, concrete, construction material, drywall, studs, fencing, landscape timbers, large doors, windows, sinks, cabinets, swing sets, exercise equipment, patio doors, gas cans/tanks, propane tanks, oxygen tanks, and tires. **NO FLUIDS OF ANY KIND ARE ACCEPTABLE** including paint thinners, pesticides, and oils. No Biomedical waste hazards including needles, and chemo products.

Bulky Junk Items: You are allowed one bulk item per week to be picked up. This includes items such as washers, couches, tables, chairs, and mattresses and box springs – which need to be completely wrapped in plastic prior to collection. Refrigerators and air conditioners must have the Freon removed by a certified technician and properly tagged prior to collection. Construction, demolition, and remodeling materials are not acceptable. Two annual "junk day" pick-ups will be held, one in May and a second in October. **Additionally, in other times of the year, you must telephone Ecotech customer service at 502-935-1130 to schedule a bulk pickup, preferably one week in advance.**

Yard Waste: All twigs, branches, and shrubs must be 6' in diameter or less in diameter and no more than 4' in length. All yard waste bundles, bags (**no plastic bags allowed**), and containers must weigh 50 lbs. or less. Unacceptable materials include loose dirt, sod, tree stumps, complete trees that are removed, fencing, landscape timbers, and decking.

Recycling: Current materials accepted include plastics #1 thru #7, milk jugs, aluminum cans, tin cans, unbroken clear and brown glass, paper & cardboard (anything that tears such as brochures, pamphlets, posters, newspapers, inserts, magazines, cereal boxes)

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Contact Ed Purcell for more information!

The route will be the same as past years, start at the corner of Beechwood & Kinloch with the participants traveling North East on Kinloch towards Westport Church of Christ, entering via the back gate and ending at WCC portico.

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4th of July Parade - all residents welcome to attend!
10:30am start time for the event on July 4th with treats, refreshments and socializing under the church portico immediately following the parade.

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