**Louisville Metro Council**

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**Bingham Park Improvements Coming!**

Metro Council passed a new budget on June 23, including funds for Bingham Park in District 9. The budget included $600,000 in public funds, to be matched with $600,000 from the Olmsted Parks Conservancy, to implement the Bingham Park Master Plan. It’s the next step in a plan underway for several years to substantially improve this gem of a park, located off Coral Avenue in Clifton and bordering Clifton Heights.

The Bingham Park Master Plan was done with input from neighbors and other stakeholders in a Master Planning process in 2020 and 2021. [Click here to view the executive summary of the Master Plan](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2022/07/executive_summary_2.15.2022.pdf), which provides an overview of the Master Planning process from 2020, and the recommendations put forth in the larger document. The full Master Plan is at the Bingham Park website under “Park Details” at [www.olmstedparks.org/our-parks/bingham-park/](http://www.olmstedparks.org/our-parks/bingham-park/).

As Olmsted Parks Conservancy raises the necessary funds to implement the recommendations, there will be a request for proposals for construction documents and for the construction itself. Once construction documents are drafted, Metro Parks will be able to apply for the necessary permits and review by the Clifton Architectural Review Committee. Construction is slated to begin in fall 2023.

The Conservancy is also sponsoring a “Summer Series” event in Bingham Park on Saturday, August 13 from 5:00 -8:00p.m. ([www.olmstedparks.org/events](http://www.olmstedparks.org/events)). Save the date for this FREE event featuring music, family games and kids' free play.  Community organizations will be on-site, as well as food and beverage vendors. Join your neighbors for some fun, music and great company, and learn more about the plans for this wonderful neighborhood park!

**Metro Parks Summer Camps**

**Louisville Parks and Recreation is now enrolling for summer camp Session 2, that runs July 18 – August 5 at various Community Centers around Louisville. Camps are for youth ages 6-12. Drop off is at 8 a.m. and pickup is at 6 p.m. Full weekly price is $60 and you can register online at** [BestParksEver.com](https://louisvilleky.gov/government/parks)**.** [Click here for the brochure and more information.](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2022/07/summer-camp-flyer.pdf)

**Solar Over Louisville – Deadline Extended**

Based on the enthusiastic interest in Solar Over Louisville, the enrollment deadline for the program has been extended to Sunday, August 14, 2022. The campaign will give households bulk-purchasing power to obtain discounted wholesale rates for solar installation.

For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.100percentlou.com/2040>. The next virtual enrollment workshop is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m., [click here to register in advance](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkdOGsqT4uG9FjktWuCLfuQ_Tqjk8g3sJ4).

**Growing Louisville’s Public Tree Canopy**

Sponsoring and then passing a public tree ordinance in 2016 and 2017 is one of the highlights of my terms in office. The ordinance is administered by a small team within Louisville Metro's Department of Parks and Recreation that is specifically dedicated to our city's public trees. The information below was recently published by [TreesLouisville](https://treeslouisville.org/), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and expanding Louisville’s urban forest.

Louisville Metro’s [Urban Forestry](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/Vx0jC5ywVYfqyJB5s4SjPL?domain=treeslouisville.us12.list-manage.com) division helps maintain our canopy by planting, watering and pruning trees in city parks and along parkways, removing dead or decaying trees in city parks and parkways, facilitating community planting projects, educating on best management practices, and enforcing ordinances that say what you can and cannot do with the trees adjacent to your property.

Louisville Metro Urban Forestry offers programs and information to help you achieve a healthy canopy in your neighborhood while also protecting our community trees to ensure a more livable city.

Click here to see the [2017 Metro Ordinance](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/louisvillemetro/latest/loukymetro/0-0-0-65763). Under it:

* **Tree maintenance is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.** This includes pruning, removals, stump grinding, replacement, and watering.
* **Property owners must have a permit** issued by Louisville Metro Urban Forestry to perform significant public right-of-way tree maintenance, including work on trees between the sidewalk and the street. All ROW tree removals require a permit and any tree removed must be replaced within the next planting season. Regardless of where the new tree is planted, the stump must be ground down 18" below grade within 3 months of the removal.

**Financial aid for tree maintenance and removals is available for low- and moderate-income homeowners who meet certain requirements.** To apply to the Louisville Metro Tree Assistance Fund, the applicant must:

* Be the legal property owner of the residence (non-business)
* Have no outstanding fines and liens on the property
* Have a tree maintenance permit issued by Urban Forestry for a public ROW tree.

The Office of Resilience and Community Services will process the financial portion of the application and inform Urban Forestry how much aid the applicant qualifies for. This is a sliding-scale program based on income. If you qualify for any level of assistance, Louisville Metro will facilitate the tree maintenance. To apply, request a tree inspection through Metro 311 and mention you would like to apply for the Tree Assistance Fund.

[**Neighborhood Tree Program**](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/e0MXC82zW4hnmGoDsKbpDr?domain=treeslouisville.us12.list-manage.com)
If you are a part of a neighborhood association or community network that is looking to plant more street trees, you may qualify for donated trees from Metro Urban Forestry. Trees must be planted by your group and adhere to [city standards](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/D4LOC9rAG4hoJ0GLT2V4PK?domain=treeslouisville.us12.list-manage.com). Please contact the Division of Community Forestry to get started. Email communityforestry@louisvilleky.gov.

**Pop-Up Drop-Off Event – July 16**

Pop-Up Drop-Offs are free recycling and large item disposal events for residents of Jefferson County. Through a partnership between the Department of Public Works, the Waste Management District, and Metro Council, these events are held monthly, March through November, at various locations.

The July event is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Shawnee Park, enter at Southwestern Parkway and River Park Drive.

Residents can have documents shredded, recycle electronics, tires, and scrap metal, dispose of prescription medication and bulky items, and compost yard debris. **Items must be separated into those various categories for easy off-loading at each area.** Limitations and guidelines are found at [Louisvilleky.gov/PopUps](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/mkX6C5ywVYfwmjLDIpT67V?domain=lnks.gd).

Future events will be announced and are posted on the [Recycle Coach app](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/__ViC68xGZuZ2OYBFVONn6?domain=lnks.gd) calendar.

You can also recycle up to three electronic devices, up to four tires, and dispose of up to three large household items **for free,** **year-round** at the [Waste Reduction Center](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/-bHnC73yY4Un5p1JCJBm-1?domain=lnks.gd) at 636 Meriwether Avenue.

Watch [this video](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/3SSJC9rAG4hry3EpSrTGE2?domain=lnks.gd) to learn more about the Pop-Up Drop-Off events!

**APRON’s A Taste of Independents – July 17**

**APRON Inc.** was created in 2011 to help provide financial relief to food and beverage industry workers in the Louisville area who find themselves in need during times of crisis. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, APRON Inc. has stepped up with a far greater volume of assistance to local workers than ever before.

The pandemic also hit “pause” on A Taste of Independents, one of [APRON’s](https://www.facebook.com/ApronIncLou/) most popular fundraising events. Happily, A Taste of Independents returns on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at The Olmsted (3701 Frankfort Avenue), featuring around 30 food and spirits tastings by local independent restaurants and bars.

A Taste of Independents is from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and tickets ($75 per person) [can be purchased here](https://aproninc.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/8910).

**Save the Date – Breslin Park Cleanup – July 23**

Please plan to join us on Saturday, July 23, in Breslin Park, located at the corner of Lexington Road and Payne Street. Volunteers will begin at 8:30 a.m. working in the wooded area around the perimeter of the park. This area has become a dumping ground and volunteers will work to remove the debris and clutter. We’ll also be sprucing up other areas of the park.

District 9 will provide bags, gloves and tools for the event. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (502) 574-1109 or email kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov.

**Save the Date – Buy Local Fair – July 30**The Louisville Independent Business Alliance (LIBA) is pleased to announce the return of the Annual Buy Local Fair on Saturday, July 30, from 12:00pm – 6:00pm at Louisville Water Tower Park, 3005 River Road.Presented by Louisville Water Company with support from Amish Hills Furniture, Louisville Metro Council and many sponsors,admission to the Buy Local Fair is free. Parking is $6 in advance or $8 at the gate, and bicycle parking is free. For more information, visit [keeplouisvilleweird.com/buylocalfair](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/IyoTCW6Kp4sl8lOPtx0jud?domain=keeplouisvilleweird.com).

Attendees will be able to visit more than 100 booths from local businesses, artists and craftspeople, community organizations and farmers, and enjoy food and beverage vendors, a cooking competition, a Kids Fun Zone, misting tent and music. Some new highlights this year will be Carmichael’s Bookstore unveiling their “book mobile” created from an old Frito Lay truck and live demonstrations from the Derby City Street Curling Club.

**UCHM School Supply Donations**

JCPS students return to the classroom in just over four weeks, on August 10. United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) is gathering monetary and backpack donations to support the families in our community so that everyone is ready for the upcoming school year. They are asking community members to sponsor a child/children with a $20 donation per child and a donation of a new backpack. All financial or backpack donations are appreciated. The Emergency Assistance Committee Members will purchase the needed school supplies based on donations received and distribute them to families.

To make a donation for the UCHM school supply drive, sponsors can visit UCHM’s website, or send checks to 150 South State Street, Louisville, KY 40206 with the memo line “school supplies”. Donate online at <https://www.uchmlouky.org/get-involved/give/>. Individuals can drop off backpack donations to 150 South State Street.

If you or anyone you know would like to sign up to receive school supplies, please contact Emily Purdy at epurdy@uchmlouky.org for information on how to apply.

**Ninth District Events!
Saturday, July 9:** Louisville Ballet presents Ballet Bound Audition Tour in partnership with Olmsted Parks. The Ballet Bound program provides young dancers the opportunity to study classical ballet - FREE of charge - in Louisville Ballet's downtown studios. This is an outdoor audition workshop to identify approximately 20 dancers for the 2022-2023 Ballet Bound Class. The auditions are open to all children ages 7-9. This audition location will be in Seneca Park from 10-11:30 a.m. Space is limited, [please register online here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ballet-bound-audition-workshop-seneca-park-registration-337382539257?aff=ebdsoporgprofile).

**Saturday, July 9:** Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue, will host a Saturday morning book discussion at 10:30 a.m. Please join in for a lively discussion of Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar. Copies of this book are available at the Crescent Hill Library circulation desk. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1793.

**Saturday, July 9:** Free movies in Brown Park, movies begin at sundown. Movies will also be shown on the second Saturday in September and October. Bring a blanket or chair, as all seating will be in the grass. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. July's movie is The Goonies. For more information, please visit [www.stmatthewschamber.com/movies-in-the-park/](http://www.stmatthewschamber.com/movies-in-the-park/).

**Tuesday, July 12:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host Microsoft Word I at 10:00 a.m. This class is an introduction to Microsoft Word, a program used to create documents such as papers, letters, reports, resumes, and more. Topics include how to get started, edit, format, and save your work. Call 574-1771 to register. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, July 12:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host Flying with the Army at Bowman Field at 2:00 p.m. Local historian Charles Arrington will discuss the history of military aviation at Bowman Field as it occurred from 1923-1989. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, July 12:** In-person neighborhood meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss UCHM's proposal for a conditional use permit to use a former boiler building at 1815 Arlington Avenue, as a "Community Service Facility" or food pantry for UCHM at 150 State Street. The case number is 22-CUPPA-0116 and the case manager is Zachary Schwager (Zachary.Schwager@louisvilleky.gov). You can also contact UCHM directly at (502) 587-6763 with any questions. [Click here to read the entire notification letter](https://district9news.files.wordpress.com/2022/06/22-cuppa-0116_neighborhoodmeetingletter.pdf).

**Tuesday, July 12:** Clifton Community Council Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Please contact Mike O'Leary if you would like to attend, michael.oleary@twc.com.

**Wednesday, July 13:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host Eco-Friendly Gardening at 6:00 p.m. The Louisville Master Gardeners will talk about climate-friendly ideas for growing sustainable and beautiful gardens. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Thursday, July 14:** Whitehall House and Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road, will host a live insect experience for kids, led by educators from Idlewild Butterfly Farm. Participants will get up close and personal with a variety of arthropods in this hands-on program. This program is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and will last one hour. The cost is $15 per student and is best suited for 3rd-5th graders. Children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. To register in advance, please visit <https://www.historicwhitehall.org/idlewild-workshop>.

**Thursday, July 14:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host an afternoon book discussion at 2:00 p.m. Join in for a discussion of A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Friday, July 15:** To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Kentucky Humanities, in partnership with the Kentucky Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet and the Louisville Free Public Library, will host Louisville’s own musical group Linkin’ Bridge in conversation with inspirational speaker and humanities scholar Aminata Cairo at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 301 York Street. The group will discuss storytelling through song and the lessons we learn from each other’s stories in a world that is often fraught with division. This after-hours event is free, but registration is required at [https://www.kyhumanities.org/about-us/50th-anniversary/anniversary-events](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/ZFv1CrkqBOfLm57Ef7nq50?domain=kyhumanities.org).

**Saturday, July 16:** Colleen Merrill's debut exhibition at Wheelhouse Art, 2650 Frankfort Avenue, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The artist will be giving a brief talk about her work at 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [http://wheelhouse.art](https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/mF3vCW6Kp4slrKJRtjXGcn?domain=nps.soundestlink.com).

**Tuesday, July 19:** St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Avenue, will host several events, which include: Friends of the Library meeting at 10 a.m., movie discussion group of the Royal Tenenbaums at 2 p.m., and a night owls book discussion of Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenridge at 6:30 p.m. Questions, please contact the branch at 574-1771.

**Tuesday, July 19:** Clifton Heights Community Council Quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Mellwood Arts Center, 1860 Mellwood Avenue.

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