

WEMBERLEY HILL GARDEN HOME NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! We wish a healthy and safe year for us all.

New Year's Resolutions

- 1) To reread our bylaws and master deed to refresh our minds with the rules we live by here in Wemberley Hill. If you do not have a copy of these documents, they are available on our website or in the clubhouse library.
- 2) To remind ourselves that we have an all-volunteer board that give freely of their time and effort to make this such a great place to live.

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GROUNDS / BUILDINGS

Our gutters have been cleaned of leaves by Aphix Lawncare. In addition, leaf removal has been made along with shrub trimming.

We started doing mortar repair work but our mason's brother has died along with sister in the month of December. Sometime in January the mason work will be renewed.

Prepare yourself for cold and freezing weather. Snow is sure to come in coming months and WHGH is ready. We suggest checking your windows and doors for cold air leaks. Also smoke alarm batteries should be changed.

Mark your calendars now...

Metro Louisville Police 8th division will be visiting Wemberley Hill Garden Homes Wednesday, February 9th at the clubhouse 6 pm for a meet and listen session. They will be our Metro Police who patrol our community. WHGH residents have been requesting they come talk with us. Reminder: WHGH is a Block Watch community. The date again is Wednesday, February 9th at 6 pm.

FROM OUR COUNCILMAN MARKUS WINKLER *Many residents have talked about the panhandlers at the corner of Freys Hill and Westport Rd. Here is what is being done.*

Panhandling is an issue that affects every part of Jefferson County. We see it downtown, we see it along the I-65 corridor, and we see it in District 17. I know it is frustrating for many of you, particularly when you see the same people day after day. From a governmental standpoint, it is a complicated issue to solve as panhandling has consistently been ruled a protected form of free speech. It is not something we can simply legislate out of existence. In addition, people involved in this activity truly need a warm meal, help finding work, or access to social services.

One way we can have an impact is through a program started earlier this year called "Another Way." Based on similar programs in Albuquerque, NM and Spokane, WA, Another Way involves a two-pronged approach. One component is meeting these folks where they are and attempting to connect them with the resources they need. Our primary partner, Goodwill, operates a van driven to places throughout Jefferson County where we know panhandlers operate. Goodwill offers them an opportunity to work doing litter abatement, setting up for events at the Kentucky Exposition Center, etc. In return, participants receive a meal, get paid for their work, and meet with Goodwill staff to discuss the types of assistance available to them.

The other component is an advertising campaign focused on redirecting donations from residents. Louisville is a city filled with compassionate people. It is not uncommon to see someone handing money out of their window to someone

in need. It is understandable, an admirable trait, and part of what makes Louisville such a special place. However, doing so helps ensure panhandlers return and could even be detrimental to the people involved. The idea is to launch a campaign asking people to give to the program rather than directly to individuals and to run the van frequently enough that people know there is a concerted effort to address this issue. This campaign isn't yet active because the program is still relatively new. We don't want to promise something until we are certain we can deliver.

We launched this as a pilot program in the spring, a summary of which can be found here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(govdelivery.com\)](#). The results were promising enough that the Metro Council funded an extension of the program in the budget we passed in June. To date, more than 110 people have been served through this program. Almost half have been connected to some sort of barrier removal resource and 10% have obtained employment. Still, we are currently doing this with only one van and with a limited scope. Our hope is this data would continue bearing these kinds of results so we can expand the program to run much more frequently and to many more sites.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENT

10639 Nancy Hahn - I am originally from Bardstown but have been in Louisville for over 30 years. I retired from Humana after working there for 28 years. My hobbies are scrapbooking, reading, and watching my four-month-old grandson.

MONTHLY COFFEE – January 15th, 10am at the Clubhouse

January hostesses: Kim Franczyk, Sheri Walton, Susan Marshall & Leslie Lee

Hostesses can provide a continental coffee or breakfast casseroles etc. – whatever you would like to provide. Set up instructions are posted on the front of refrigerator. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the Clubhouse for 2022.

After the coffee any new resident can stay to talk to our Welcoming Committee, Mary Boyce and Nancy Henderson regarding questions you may have about our community.

EXERCISE ROOM Thank you to all who are using the Exercise Room and following the cleaning guidelines. This is helping all of us to remain healthy.

BOOK CLUB Meeting in the Clubhouse every 4th Monday at 3pm. If you have a temperature or feel sick, please do not come. Masks are optional.

Our book this month is “Rebecca” by Daphne Du Maurier, A young bride arriving at Manderley, is drawn into the life of the first Mrs. De Winter, the beautiful Rebecca, dead, but not forgotten. The classic tale of romantic suspense .

Our books are from the Louisville Free Public Library and they have over 770 Book kits. We have a variety of reads for this coming year. If you like reading, our book club offers a diverse selection of books. Come and try us out this month to see if you would like to join us. Any questions call Carolyn Heymann.

VOLUNTEER: WHGH residents volunteer to take out the big outdoor trash can at the clubhouse that sits by the swimming pool fence to the curb on Monday's pickup day. This is a weekly task that needs to be done. Please consider helping out by signing up! The sign-up sheet for the year is in the clubhouse lobby on the table.

January Volunteer: Leon Duke

February Volunteer: Bert Haller

**Thanks to our many volunteers here at Wemberley Hill Garden Homes.
You make this a wonderful place to live!**