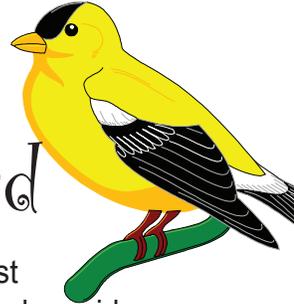


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How to Attract Birds to Your Yard

Providing food, nest boxes, nesting materials, water, and natural habitat can attract birds to our backyards, giving us much nicer views of them and, when done properly, making life easier for the birds. Attracting birds is also a great way to introduce young people to nature, and it's something the whole family can share.

An easy way to start out attracting birds is to put up a bird feeder. The seed that attracts the widest variety of birds, is sunflower. The worst choice is an inexpensive mixture, especially if it contains red

millet, oats, and other "fillers" that most birds in most areas spurn. Wasted seed provides a breeding ground for bacteria and mold that can harm birds, so put out what can be eaten in a day or two.

If you are trying to make your back yard more attractive to birds, just add water! Birds need a dependable supply of fresh, clean water for drinking and bathing and love dripping water. Many birds find the sight and sound of moving water irresistible. In fact, a birdbath in your yard may attract *cont. on back*

Did You Know!

• Councilman **Kevin Kramer** is scheduled to attend the FSNA general meeting on **July 21**. Bring your questions. We will be discussing speed humps among other things.

• **Waste Management** will continue discounted rates for sanitation services. **Trash \$12.17/month, recycling \$5.25/month, yard waste \$5.25/month**, and no fuel adjustments. These rates are good until July 2013. **The only requirement by Waste Management is that you are a paid member of our association.**

Make sure your dues are paid for 2011.

Call WM if you are not getting the discounted rate.

- To pay your **Four Season's**

Let's exceed last year's membership by 100 or more!

Neighborhood Association dues, mail \$35 to: Judy LeClaire, 3405 Rainview Circle, Louisville, 40220.

• The next **Brightside Community Cleanup** date is October 22. Mark your calendar. More information will be coming in future newsletters.

• **Police are pulling over speeders in Four Seasons**, and the fines are steep. Please respect our speed limit.

• A neighbor has reported a **rat problem** in his garage. To avoid this problem, keep dog food in a sealed container and pick up after your dog. Look for signs of rats under decks, wood piles, and piles of debris, etc.

• A neighbor spotted a mother duck with her ducklings crossing Summerfield. A precious sight. Another reason to **keep your speed limit to 25mph!**

Welcome! New Neighbors

Maria C. Terry, 3013 Petty Jay
Sandra L. Osbourne, 2701 Summerfield Drive
Erin & Mark Sullivan, 8005 Weather Court
Jeremy & Lauren Skarda, 8104 Amity Lane
Bonnie J. Owens, 8105 Cloudcroft Lane

Four Seasons Neighborhood Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 2011 • 7 - 8 p.m.

Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church • 3400 Summerfield Drive



cont. from front. birds that don't eat seeds and wouldn't otherwise come to your feeders.



Traditional concrete birdbaths make nice lawn ornaments, but they aren't the best type for birds—they're often too deep, glazed ones may be too slippery, and they're often hard to clean. Also, they may crack when the temperature drops below freezing. The best birdbaths mimic nature's birdbaths—puddles and shallow pools of water; they're shallow with a gentle slope so birds can wade into the water.

Place your birdbath in the shade, to keep the water cooler and fresher. Clean sand or gravel on the bottom will provide more secure footing. Arrange a few branches or stones in the water so birds can stand on them to drink without getting wet (this is particularly important during freezing weather).

The water should be no deeper than 1/2 to 1 inch at the edges, sloping to a maximum of 2 inches deep in the middle of the bath.

Watching the birds in your backyard can give you hours of enjoyment. You may notice the same ones coming back day after day for their dinner. And their singing is a welcoming sound on any summer day.

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FSNA 2011 • July 21
general meetings • September 15
 • November 17
 Make a note of the meetings for the rest of the year.
Become involved!!

GRILLED BLUE CHEESE BURGERS

- 1 pound ground beef (16-20%)
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup (about 2 ounces) crumbled blue cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 Tbsp water



1 Mix ground beef and all ingredients in a large bowl. Incorporate with your hands, but don't over-mix. Shape into patties, about 1/2 inch thick. Chill.
 2 Season patties with salt and pepper. Place patties on a clean, well-oiled grill grate. Grill the burgers for about 5 minutes per side. Do not press down on the burgers while cooking. Serve on hamburger buns with lettuce and mayonnaise. Makes 4 burgers.

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