



# WINDY HILLS NEWSLETTER



City of Windy Hills, Kentucky

Fall 2004



### BEST WISHES TO BETTY WALSH

The City Council is sorry to announce the resignation of former Mayor Betty Walsh and councilwoman effective September 13, 2004. During her 34 years of service as Mayor and over a year as councilwoman, the City has grown in population and attractiveness to the benefit of all residents. Space cannot accommodate all of Betty's good deeds; however, they are recognized not only within our City but to others. Our sincere appreciation for a job well done!! **THANK YOU!!!!**

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**WELCOME to JIM ISING** who has been appointed Councilman to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Betty's term.

### FISCAL 2004/2005 TAX BILLS & DISCOUNT

On or about October 1, 2004 you should have received your fiscal 2004/2005 property tax bill. You will receive a 30% discount if you pay before October 31, 2004. Be sure to check your bill for the gross amount and then the discounted amount which you should pay. If you have not received your tax bill by this time, please call Faye Ellerkamp at 895-4778.

If you have an escrow account with your mortgage that pays your taxes, remind the administrator to pay the bill in a timely manner to receive the discount.

Please mark your calendar accordingly.



### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Any homeowner who will become 65 years of age during the year may apply for the Homestead Exemption on his/her real estate tax. The exemption is for the first \$28,000 on your property assessment. The homeowner must reside in the home to receive this exemption. For further information, you should call the Property Valuation Administration (PVA office 574-6380).

### SIDEWALK UPDATE

The sidewalk has been laid from the shopping center to Calvin Presbyterian Church and the contractor is working on the east-west leg from Ambridge to the city limits. St. Matthews has completed the sidewalk on the two lots west of our City limits.

Creek stone headwalls have been installed at the ends of culvert pipes where specified as a part of the project. The sodding has been accomplished soon and we hope to have some additional landscaping work done to beautify the route.

Now that the sidewalks are going in, we hope that regardless of your original position that you will put aside your feelings and be respectful of all of our residents. Our desire is for Windy Hills to be a lovely City and a congenial place to live.

### INDIAN HILLS POLICE SERVICE

We have just completed a 3-months trial in which our police service was provided by the Indian Hills Police Department at a cost of \$2500 per month. It was excellent service at a very favorable price and the Indian Hills Police were very visible in our city. Their philosophy is high visibility results in crime prevention.

We'd love to continue this service but the cost would increase to \$17,500 per month or \$210,000 per year based on property tax valuations. We are using approximately \$140,000 of reserves in 2004/2005 to provide the 30% discount on your property tax bill. This means we would be burning reserves at the rate of \$350,000 per year if we maintained the 30% discount or \$210,000 if we eliminate the discount. We would spend our reserves down to a minimum level in a very short time.

To add the cost of the Indian Hills Police service to our regular budget would require a tax rate of \$0.25 per \$100 without any discount. Our tax rate is now \$0.17 per \$100 with a 30% discount for an effective rate of \$0.12 per \$100.

We do continue to talk to Indian Hills but, your City Council would need considerable support from residents to consider this level of tax increase. Please make your views known.



### CITY MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Windy Hills City Council are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station No. 1 located at 240 Sears Avenue.

Visitors are always welcome!!

### IN ADDITION TO CITY MEETINGS..

√ your City's website at:

[www.cityofwindyhill.com](http://www.cityofwindyhill.com)

City's e-mail address:

[info@cityofwindyhill.com](mailto:info@cityofwindyhill.com)



### WHOLESALE PRICE TREE OFFER

Many in our City lost trees in the recent storms and our landscape company, Exteriorscape, Inc., has made a proposal for replacements.

### EXTERIORSCAPE

"I would like to give you this list of large tree stock offered @ wholesale prices. They can either be picked up at the nursery & planted by homeowner or we can deliver & plant them. These trees are both shade & ornamental. They can also be picked out by homeowner by appointment only by calling me.

They range in size & price from:

-2 1/2" cal trunk to 4 1/2" cal trunk

-\$200 to \$300 ea + planting

-Labor rate will be 55% of tree cost

These discounts will only apply if 10 or more trees are sold. Types offered:

-Chinese Elms

-Crimson King Maples

-Red Maples (Autom)

-Cleveland land select Pears

-Centurion Crab Apples (upright growth habit)

-Locust

-Red Buds

-Bald Cypress

Thank You, Mark"

Please notify Faye Ellerkamp as soon as possible if you should like to consider this offer because we will need 10 or more trees to take advantage of this offer.

This is not for homes where the City had to take trees down for sidewalk construction and offered replacements as part of the project. You will be contacted individually, but if you see trees on this list you think you might like please contact Faye as well.

### INSURANCE PREMIUMS TAX

When paying your insurance premiums please mark on the check "Windy Hills Municipal Insurance Tax is included".

### IT'S THE LAW!!!

The City has an Ordinance banning overnight parking on City streets. The prohibited hours are 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.. We have received a number of complaints about autos parked overnight and even longer periods without being moved. If these violations continue, the police will be citing vehicles illegally parked. We regret having to use extreme measures but there is no reason for overnight parking on the street because all of our homes have driveways.



Please advise visiting relatives and friends that parking is **NOT PERMITTED** on the grass of any private property, on any sidewalk or traffic island, or upon the unpaved portion of any public right-of-way within the City.

### CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY

Since the sidewalk project has been discussed, there has been a persistent rumor that the sidewalk is being constructed so Calvin and/or others can develop the ballfield area into Section 8, subsidized housing. This rumor was started by someone who opposed the sidewalks and regardless of the denials by the Church it is still an issue with some residents.

The Church has **NO** plans to use the property for anything other than a ballfield/playground. The City has stated **IF** this property should become available, it would like first right of refusal on purchasing it. It would depend on the price of course, but the City should consider the purchase.

### TIME CHANGE

\*\*\* REMEMBER to turn back your clocks one (1) hour (fall backward) before you go to bed on Saturday, October 30, 2004. Daylight savings time ends October 31, 2004.



\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER to check your battery in your smoke detector when you change the time on your clocks.



**GARBAGE COLLECTION, YARD WASTE,  
AND  
RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS**



1. ALL garbage collections will be made on Tuesdays and Fridays with the following exceptions:

a. Waste Management observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

b. A collection will be made up (a) where an observed holiday is on a Monday, all collections will be made one (1) day later that entire week, and (b) where the holiday is to be observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, then those remaining collections will be made one (1) day later that week.

2. Three 30-gallon containers (or equivalent) is the limit (front and back).

3. Yard Waste will be picked up on every Monday, April 1 through November 30. Beginning December 1 through March 31 yard waste will ONLY be picked up on the SECOND Monday of those months. No Yard Waste collection at condominiums.



4. Yard Waste now includes nearly all materials suitable for composting, and includes grass, leaves, twigs, small limbs, plant residue, and the like. All limbs should be in bundles no more than 3 feet in length.

5. Yard Waste may not be commingled with garbage. If it is mixed, it will neither be picked up as yard waste or as garbage.

6. RECYCLING is now possible on a subscription basis from Waste Management. The cost to be billed directly to the homeowner.

7. Recyclable materials consist of newsprint, glass, aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, and plastic coded No. 1 and No. 2, and such other items generally considered as recyclable.

8. To contract for RECYCLING, call Waste Management Customer Service at 966-0117.

Garbage or yard waste cannot be placed at street prior to 7:00 p.m. on day prior to collection and all cans must be removed by 7:00 p.m. on collection day.

Normal Pick-up: Tuesday and Friday

Yard Waste Pick-up: Monday

Recycling: Call Customer Service 966-0117.

Missed pick-ups should be reported to:

Councilman Jim Ising 897-3689

City Clerk Faye Ellerkamp 895-4778

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**STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL**

As we're sure you realize our City suffered severe storm damage on Memorial Day weekend and again on the night of July 13, 2004. Streets were blocked by downed trees and electric, cable TV and phone services were disrupted.

In both cases, the City considered these emergencies and immediately had an arborist clearing blocked streets and chipping debris dragged to the curb. The cost for the first storm was approximately \$40,000 and the second storm \$50,000.00.

We were able to secure a qualified arborist very quickly. He devoted considerable time within our City. It took longer to clear all of the debris in both cases than we would have liked but we still got the job done in a timely manner. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

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**REMINDERS**



\*\*\* PLEASE keep your garage doors closed to avoid possible theft.

\*\*\* ABANDONED or inoperable cars, including cars without current licenses, may not be stored on residential property.

\*\*\* RUDY LANE has double yellow lines: this means NO PASSING!!! Speed limit on Rudy Lane is enforced at 35 mph.

\*\*\* REPORT unleashed dogs to the Metro Government Animal Shelter - use pictures as evidence.

\*\*\* REAL ESTATE SIGNS can be placed only on the property being sold. ALL SIGNS are prohibited on right-of-way areas.

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**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN!!**



**CITY OF WINDY HILLS**  
*City Officials, Council Members & Government Officials & Agencies*



**Mayor:**  
 Louis A. Phillips 899-9971

**City Council:**  
 Sally Doyle 897-2028  
 John Eckerle 895-3354  
 Jim Ising 897-3689  
 Mary Norris 895-5890  
 Mike Skelton 895-8386  
 Bill Thompson 895-5018

**City Clerk:**  
 Faye Ellerkamp 895-4778  
 City Fax 895-4757  
 Faye Ellerkamp (home) 895-4798

**City Attorney:**  
 Foster L. Haunz 583-2808  
 Fax 583-2029

**EMERGENCY - FIRE - POLICE - EMS 911**

Adam District Police 574-2111  
 St. Matthews Fire District (Business) 893-7825  
 District 7 Metro Councilman  
     Hon. Ken Fleming 574-1107  
 Small Cities Metro Liaison  
     Mr. Stan Curtis 228-6385  
 MetroCall 311 or 574-5000  
 Animal Control Protection 361-1318  
     Dog or Cat Complaints 363-6609  
 Recycling Center 896-1293  
 Health Department 574-6520  
 Jefferson County Clerk 574-5700  
 (All branches can be reached at above number)  
 MSD Customer Service 587-0603  
 Planning and Design Services 574-6230  
 St. Matthews/Eline Library 574-1771  
 LG&E Community Relations 627-3772

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