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From the Mayor's Desk...



Dear Neighbors,

It is almost fall in Windy Hills and I am sure that we are all looking forward to the cooler weather and beautiful, fall colors. It also means it is almost property tax time.

Your Council is pleased to again offer a 45% discount if paid by October 31, 2021. (Please see details in the tax article.) We are again mailing the property tax bills to **ALL** of our residents. If you have a mortgage, the company will pay the bill. You can always call your mortgage holder to verify that they have received a copy of your Windy Hills statement.

I am sure that many of you read the Courier-Journal article about the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Our city received the first check in August. We knew that we would be receiving the funds and created a tentative plan for allocating some of the funds. We do have plans to help some of the Covid affected retail businesses in the Brownsboro Shopping Center and address drainage/storm water issues in our city.

In August, I had the honor of representing Windy Hills at the 45th Governor's Local Issues Conference. I attended all of the sessions that dealt with the ARPA funds. At every session, we were encouraged to **not** immediately disburse the funds since final instructions for acceptable ARPA uses will be released in mid-October.

Additionally, there is a possibility that there will be more funds available in the infrastructure bill that recently passed the Senate. We will give updates at our monthly Council meetings. Remember our meetings are held at 7 PM at Sojourn Church on the second Monday of the month. You are encouraged to attend!

I hope you have a wonderful, safe fall!

Helen

Windy Hills Fall Festival Cancelled



Plans have been underway for some time for a wonderful reunion of friends and neighbors at a Fall Festival set for September 25th. The band, food, and fun activities were ready. Your Council has carefully weighed options to offer such an event safely during Covid. Unfortunately, Covid case numbers are rising, hospitals are filling up, and the Delta variants poses a greater threat to unvaccinated children and even some vaccinated adults. With that in mind and great regret in the interest of public safety, the Council voted to cancel the Fall Festival. When conditions improve, we eagerly look forward to more of the celebrations we cherish.

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FOOD TRUCK MONDAY

As a way of providing some community celebration, the City of Windy Hills is inviting food trucks once each month on Monday evenings. Sojourn Community Church is graciously allowing us to use their parking lot at 2501 Rudy Lane.

On **Monday, October 4th, Boss Hog's BBQ** will here from **5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**. Please socially distance as you purchase your meal. No on-site dining.

This concludes the city's Food Truck Mondays. We hope you have enjoyed these opportunities!

	
Pulled Pork / Pulled Chicken	\$14. lb.
Pulled Pork Sandwich	\$6
Pulled Chicken Sandwich	\$6
Rib Tip Order	\$8
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Slab of Ribs	\$25
3-Meat Sampler	\$23
Jumbo Dog	\$3
Chili Dog	\$4
Boss Hog Chili Dog	\$5
Hot Link	\$4
Nacho	\$5
Nacho Supreme	\$7
Boss Hog Nachos	\$10
Dinners	\$12
Sides	\$2
Chips	\$1
Soda / Water	\$3

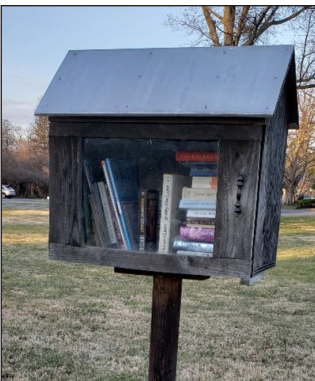
Little Libraries in Windy Hills

Looking for a beach read or a book for children? Many Windy Hills residents enjoy using the “Little Libraries” that are offered throughout the city. Each little library has been provided by a resident or church and books are donated and borrowed by residents. It is a wonderful way to share enjoyment of good fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books with others and find just what you need for relaxing time.

Thanks to those who have provided and maintain these little libraries!

If you are interested in adding one to your yard, see plans at <https://littlefreelibrary.org/build/>. Placement of these libraries must conform to area ordinances so must be on private residential property, off the Right-of-Way and at least 15-18’ from street edge.

Can you find all 4 of those pictured here?



Windy Hills Property Taxes - Everything You Probably Did NOT Want to Know!

Our City office receives many calls about the Windy Hills property tax. Hopefully, this article will answer many of your questions.

Jefferson County PVA determines your property value and submits that information to City officials in April.

The Windy Hills Mayor Helen Davis and Mayor ProTem Marianne Rademaker prepare a budget based on the assessed property values and the tax rate with any discounts. The budget and tax rate are submitted to the Council in May for first readings. At the June Council meeting, there is a second reading and final vote on the tax and budget ordinances.

The PVA prepares our property tax bills based on the Windy Hills tax ordinance. The PVA is required to list the mailing address based on the official information that you, the taxpayer, provided as of May of that calendar year. In August or September, the PVA sends us copies of the tax bills. The bills come in sheets of three, which our Clerk separates. One copy is mailed to each taxpayer, one to the mortgage company (if the property has a mortgage), and one copy has to be legally retained by the City.

The bills are mailed in **September**. The **45%** discounted rate is payable from **October 1 – 31, 2021**. **November 1 – December 31, 2021**, the full-face amount is due. **January 1 – March 1, 2022**, follow up letters will be sent. Effective **January 1, 2022**, a 10% penalty, 1.5% monthly interest, and \$23 clerical fee are added. If the full amount plus interest, fees, and penalty are not paid by **June 1, 2022**, tax liens are filed. If tax liens have to be filed, an additional \$150 lawyer fee is added and a \$46 lien release fee is required.

Typical questions

I forgot to mail my check before the October 31st deadline, may I still get the discount?

We are sorry but legally we cannot extend the deadline. We keep all of the envelopes from the residents' payments for one full year. The postal date is what we use to determine whether the taxpayer pays the discounted or full rate. As long as the postmark is **October 31, 2021 or EARLIER**, the discounted rate applies. Any postmark **November 1 – December 31, 2021**, pays the full-face value.

Could you send the tax bill to another address besides the PVA's official address?

Again, legally we cannot. Unfortunately, we have some residents who have difficulty keeping up with their bills and we have had family members request that we send the bills to them. We truly wish that we could, but we cannot. If you have a neighbor who is experiencing some issues, you might let the family know that we have mailed the bills so they can make sure the property tax is paid.

I misplaced my bill. What can I do?

Call the office 895-4778 or email: info@cityofwindyhill.com Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 2 PM. We can scan and email you a copy of your bill so you can still get the 45% discount. Remember October 29th is a Friday, so don't wait until the last minute to contact us.

May I pay by credit card?

No. We do not accept credit cards. You may be able to use bill pay through your bank to make sure that the City receives its payment by the deadline and save the postage.

Planting New Trees and Shrubs



When planting a new tree or shrub, make sure you allow enough room for the future growth of the plant. If you plant one too close to your house, it may eventually interfere with your roof or gutters. Don't plant any tree that grows

more than 20 feet under utility wires. There are many attractive trees that reach less than 20 feet at maturity. You can research using the internet to find examples.

Provide appropriate conditions for your woody plant. An American dogwood will perform much better if escapes the afternoon western exposure. Mulch the tree—but not more than 3 inches. The volcano effect mulch around the trunk of the tree will attract mice and insects.

Plant shade trees on the southeast side of your house to make it cooler. Plant evergreens on the northwest side to block winter winds.

Actual planting of the tree or shrub is not too difficult. Below are the steps:



1. Dig a hole 2-3 times bigger than the root ball but not so deep as to cover the tree flare.
2. Detangle roots and make sure they do not grow in a circular pattern to avoid future root bound, which will kill the plant. Place the tree in center of hole.
3. Add soil up to the tree flare and tamp down. Do not add any fertilizer.
4. Water with a strong blast to eliminate air pockets. Then water normally.
5. Add 2 inches of mulch but not within 2 inches of the tree trunk.
6. Should you stake the tree, remove the stake after a year so that the trunk can strengthen.
7. First week, gently water (let hose drip at tree site) daily.
8. Next two weeks, water every other day.
9. From then on make sure tree or shrub gets 1 inch of water weekly for 1-2 years.
10. Don't fertilize for at least one year. The plant needs to establish roots, not leaves. And don't panic if it loses leaves. This is normal from planting shock.

This would be an excellent time to take advantage of the Windy Hills tree program. Any resident of Windy Hills who wishes to enhance his or her property with a tree may apply for The **Windy Hills Tree Program** sponsored by our Tree Board to get a subsidy toward up to two trees. This is offered to encourage planting more canopy trees.

There are three nurseries involved: Otte's on Bardstown Road, The Plant Kingdom on Westport Road, and Wallitsch Garden Center on Hikes Lane. First you notify the sales clerk that you are a resident of Windy Hills. You will fill out a form indicating that you will care for the tree. You may pick out a tree (it must be at least 20 feet high at maturity), receive a 20% discount on the price of the tree, have the nursery plant it (to get a year's guarantee), pay for it, and send the paid invoice to the Windy Hills office. The city will reimburse you \$100 for each tree (limit two).

It is now time to prune trees and shrubs that bloomed before June. If you've allowed a shrub to get too large and unwieldy, use what Cindi Sullivan calls the "One-third method." Cut back one-third of the oldest stems of the shrub to the base of the plant to rejuvenate it. Repeat this for two more years. Once the plant is finally manageable, keep it pruned.

Windy Hills Tree Board News

The Tree Board had the Ambridge street trees pruned and mulched. Later this Fall, the trees that were removed because of decline, will be replaced. Due to Covid, the Board regretfully called off the Arbor Day that was going to be incorporated with the Fall Festival.

Westport Road Trees

The city is aware that the trees planted on Westport Road are in decline. The Mayor and Councilwoman Greer are meeting with LG&E to discuss replacing most of them with plants suitable for the environment. The new trees will not be planted until late Fall.

Feeding the Birds in Windy Hills

Windy Hills is home to many varieties of birds – songbirds, hummingbirds, hawks, and even the awkward Turkey Vulture.

Earlier in the summer The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife asked residents of parts of Kentucky to take down birdfeeders and birdbaths in order to stop the spread of a mysterious bird illness.

On August 19, 2021, they made this announcement:

Based on its assessment to date, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is rescinding its earlier recommendation for residents in six counties (Boone, Bullitt, Campbell, Jefferson, Kenton, and Madison) to stop feeding birds.

The department strongly encourages all residents with bird feeders and birdbaths to continue cleaning them on a regular basis and to be on the lookout for any signs of disease in visiting birds. Should signs of disease appear, the department recommends taking down and disinfecting the feeders and birdbaths at that location.

At this time, a definitive cause for this bird illness has yet to be identified.

So let's enjoy our birds and keep them healthy!





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City Council meetings are held the 2nd Monday of
each month, 7:00 pm at Sojourn Community Church,
2501 Rudy Lane. Observers are welcome at Council
Work Sessions at 10 A.M. at City Hall the Friday before
the regular meeting.

Other Important Contacts:

EMS.....911

Graymoor/Devondale Police327-2677

Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch574-5471

St. Matthews Fire District (Business)893-7825

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Paula McCraney574-1107

Metro Call.....574-5000

or.....311

Animal Control Protection361-1318

Dog or Cat Complaints363-6609

Health Department574-6520

Jefferson County Clerk574-5700

(All branches can be reached at above number)

LG&E589-1444

or text OUTAGE to 454358

MSD Customer Service587-0603


Planning and Design Services574-6230

Recycling Center896-1293

St. Matthews/Eline Library574-1771

Ecotech Waste Services502-935-1130

Politeness costs nothing and gains everything — Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

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ECOTECH Waste Pick-up Schedule

Monday – Weekly Yard Waste (through November)

December Yard Waste Pickup on 12/13 and 12/27

Tuesday – Recycling and Garbage Collection

Friday – Garbage Collection

2021 Holiday dates:

Thanksgiving - 11/25(Thursday) – Friday Trash will be on a one day delay
and will be picked up on Saturday 11/27.

Christmas Day - 12/25(Saturday) – Normal Pick up schedule. No change

New Year's Day - 1/1(Saturday) – Normal pick up schedule. No change

Please call **502.935.1130** to schedule a large item or report a problem.

Check www.ecotechky.com for holiday or weather emergency changes.