

Windy Hills

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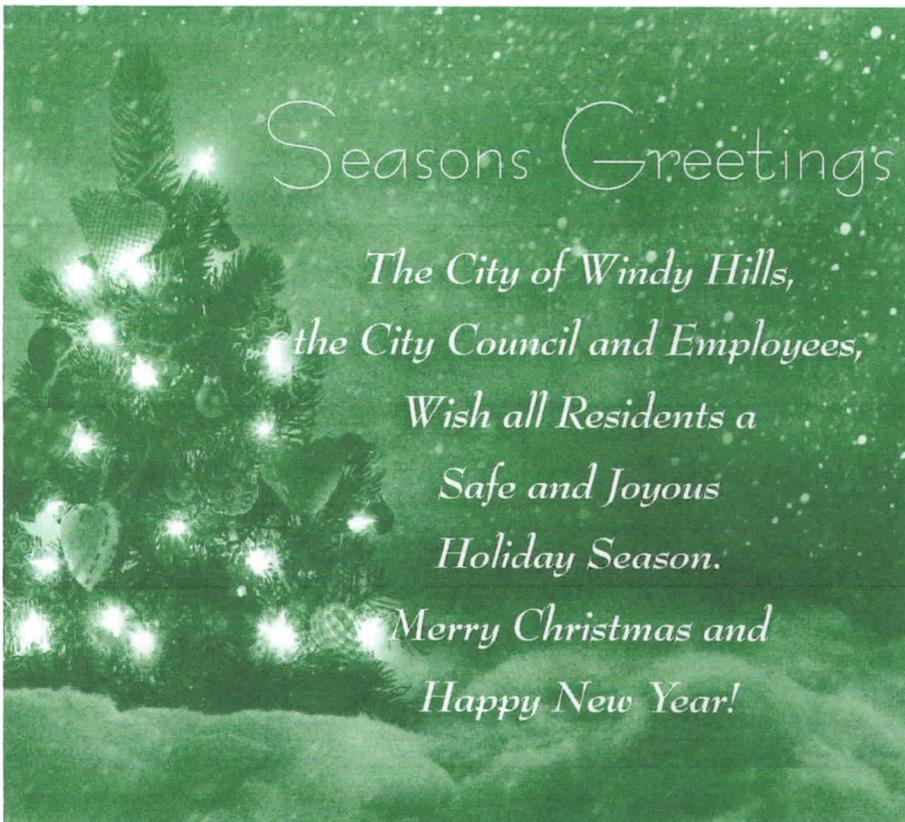
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Gateway Entrances

The gateway entrances designed by Mara Smith, are at last finished. The decorative bricks were made and shipped to Louisville. They were numbered in the order of their placement on the structure. Kris King, Mara Smith's assistant, spent several days in Louisville supervising the construction of the entrances. The work was completed by the River City Development Company. The lighting was delayed because of hurricane Sandy. Many LG&E workers went to the East Coast to help restore power. One of the main requests Windy Hills residents made was to have our own identity. The City has strived to do this with new street signs (Windy Hills: City of Historic Homes), brochures, car stickers with our logo, and finally our distinctive entrances at Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Road, Westport Road and Ambridge, and Westport Road and Foeburn Lane.



Workers at Foeburn entrance from left to right: Robert Owens, Kris King, Donnie Shaw, and Floyd Light



New Year's Day Walk

Set your clocks and get up New Year's Day and participate in the second New Year's Day walk. Meet up at Windy Hills Green at 10:00 A.M. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year and it won't be as cold. Dress warmly and walk swiftly.



Fall Operation Brightside Cleanup

On Saturday, October 27, a small group of dedicated residents braved the cold and damp to clean up the City of Windy Hills. Those involved were **Joyce Brown, Cheryl Cooper, Kate Greer, Jim Ising, Audrey and Greg Larkin, Mary Rita McDevitt, Mary Jo McDonald, Mayor Phillips, and Mike Skelton.** The next cleanup will be in the Spring.

community pride tradition shady lawns great neighbors

Glow On The Green

Over 300 people attended the first annual "Glow on the Green" on Sunday, November 25. This event celebrated the lighting of the huge Holiday Tree on Windy Hills Green.



Hot cider (provided by **Fresh Market**) and cookies (baked by **Nancy Tarrant's Cheddar Box** and **J. Harrod's Restaurant**, plus residents **Joyce Brown**, **Cheryl Cooper**, **Kate Greer**, **Mary Jo McDonald**, **Marianne Rademaker**, and **Suzanne Spencer**) were served.

Brownsboro

Hardware Store provided tables and fire pits for the occasion. **Party Mart** donated cups and napkins. **Calvin Presbyterian Church** sent musicians and a group to lead seasonal songs. St. Matthews firemen attended. Residents brought canned goods and non-perishable items for the St. Matthews Areas of Ministries to distribute to needy people in our area. The weather cooperated.

The City plans to hold this each year on the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day.



Garden Club News

- The Windy Hills Garden Club held its annual Holiday Pot Luck dinner on Monday, Nov. 19, at the Coach Gate Club House.
- The new president of the club is **Mary Rita McDevitt**, who was given the Yard of Approval award in September.
- The Windy Hills Garden Club recognizes the homeowners who have set an example of well cared for property in our neighborhood... The October Yard of Approval sign went up in **Mrs. Marie Heichelbach's** yard. She and her son keep her small yard trimmed and presentable to perfection at 1009 Clerkenwell Road. **Mary Leggett**, at 4722 Brownsboro Road, had the Yard of Approval sign for

November, and has recently added two new trees to their corner lot to compliment the many matures trees already in their yard.

- In December, notice the black and white stripped curtains on **Ellen** and **Brad Robison's** front porch. The ivy beds enhance their front yard plantings at 2506 Rudy Lane.



- Under the word "generous" in a thesaurus, you'll find the synonyms of giving, big-hearted, helpful, high-minded, honorable, noble, philanthropic. . . and a picture of **Steve Sauter**. A big thank you once again, and for the

third year in a row – to **Steve and LawncO** for planting the Windy Hills Garden Club's daffodils.

- The Garden Club is sponsoring a holiday decorating contest. There will be two categories: **Best Door** and **Best Overall Decorating**. Judging will take place December 20.

2013-2014 Council Elections

On November 6, the voters of Windy Hills reelected the existing Council Members. They are **Cheryl Cooper**, **Kate Kirwan Greer**, **Jim Ising**, **Marianne Rademaker**, **Mike Skelton** and **Suzanne Spencer**. **Mayor Lou Phillips** still has two more years of his term to serve.

The Eagle Has Landed

There is a new wood carving addition in the neighborhood. John Clark had a tree carver create an intricate eagle on his property on Old Stone Road. This increases our tree stump menagerie to three bears (two on Mike and Windy Skelton's property (Rudy Lane), Rudy the Bear on the Green, and the eagle.



Foeburn Lane Picnic

On Saturday, October 6, the residents in the Foeburn Lane neighborhood held their annual picnic. The event took place on Jonlyn Court. "Queen Bee" **Susan Langford** headed a committee consisting of **David Cureton**, **Mary Laura Greggs**, **Rick Jensen**, and **Vicki Stokes**. This tradition dates back to the 1960's when former Jefferson County School Board Superintendent organized it. It was held in June every year up until the late 1990's. Although it has recently had a few hiatus years, Susan revived it this year. A flyer went out showing the event in the early 1960's. Neighbors brought covered dishes (to serve 12) and a chair. Hot dogs, barbeque, water, and lemonade were provided. In addition to providing a venue for good fellowship, Susan collected e-mail addresses to give to the City of Windy Hills so that the residents could receive e-mail.



Foeburn Picnic organizers: Rick Jensen, Vicki Stokes, Susan Langford, Mary Laura Greggs, and David Cureton.

Out On A Limb By Kate Kirwan Greer

Recently when I was dealing with the leaves in my front yard, I was horrified to see that deer had made a meal of my purple leaf beech, Japanese maple, and Blackhaw viburnum. I had seen deer in my yard before but thought that they were just passing through. Needless to say, immediate research began as to how to discourage Bambi and friends.

First, I turned to my September *Kentucky Gardener* magazine for advice. Some suggestions included to use coyote or wolf urine. A more pleasant tip was to hang bars of soap (I hear Irish Spring and Dial are the best) in old hosiery from the branches 28-32" high. As this is not the most attractive method, the article went on to say that one could sprinkle granular detergent around the borders. The latter method must be repeated after a heavy rainfall. Other research suggested that you make your own deer preventive (8 oz. hot sauce to one gallon of water) that you spray directly on the plant every 2-3 weeks.

Garden stores also have chemicals that you can purchase and apply.

The Plant Kingdom arborist, **Andy Smart** suggests putting bamboo stakes around the area. (A friend told me that she strings fishing line from bamboo.) He also said that

he and his wife **Janine Wiche**, use old brush from pruning around plantings to discourage munching.

Deer dislike fuzzy, sticky, or rough textures. Nor do they like plants that send out an aroma. Some plants that *Kentucky Gardener* suggests as a "Frontline Defense" include Boxwoods, Budlea (Butterfly bush), Fragrant Sumac, Holly, Juniper, Lamb's Ear, Lilacs, Mahonias, Oaks, Ornamental Grasses, Rhododendron, Spice bush, Spruce, Sweet Gum, and Walnut trees. The only problem with the so-called "resistance plants" is that the deer may still chew on such a plant and spit it out. It's still damaged.

The "Second Line of Defense" plants include Blackeyed Susans, Chives, Chrysanthemums, Clematis, Coneflowers, fragrant herbs and plants, Iris, and Yucca. Another Plant Kingdom employee, **Martha Spurlock**, has a constant battle with her Prospect deer. She plants the deer resistant plants on the perimeter of her yard to protect the other plants located inside the barrier. *Kentucky Gardener* also suggests that you alter your strategies periodically as the deer may get "too comfortable."

And if all else fails, do what former Jefferson County Extension Agent, **Donna Michael** said, "Build a tall fence!"





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EMS **911**
Graymoor/Devondale Police **327-2677**
Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch **574-5471**
St. Matthews Fire District **893-7825**
(Business)

District 7 Metro Councilman,
Hon. Ken Fleming 574-1107
Small Cities Metro Liaison,
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Metro Call 574-5000
or 311
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 #)
MSD Customer Service 587-0603
Planning and Design Services 574-6230
St. Matthews/Eline Library 574-1771
LG&E 589-1444
(to report street light outages)

How to Help in Disasters

Notes from the Community Caring Team

When Hurricane Sandy hit the northeastern United States last fall, people across the country swung into action to collect clothing, canned goods, bottled water, and other relief supplies. While some of those donations were useful, many diverted valuable resources from the relief effort – and actually cost relief agencies money.

James McGowan, the associate director of partnerships for the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), told the Associated Press that unneeded supplies and eager but untrained volunteers often create a “second disaster after the disaster.” Specifically, he said, it can cost \$15 to \$25 to transport, and distribute a donated can of food!

Not surprisingly, a \$15 to \$25 donation to a relief agency would go a lot farther and would help meet real, not perceived needs. To learn more about how and where to donate, visit <http://www.nvoad.org/donate>. There, you’ll find detailed information on NVOAD’s member organizations, many of whom spend 100 percent of donations on relief efforts. (They raise money for salaries and overhead through separate campaigns.)

So what can you do with nonmonetary donations? Think local. St. Matthews Area Ministries (<http://www.stmam.com>) operates a food pantry for residents of the 40207 ZIP code, while Goodwill Industries of Kentucky (<http://www.goodwillky.org>) turns donations of clothing and household goods into job training for people with disabilities or other disadvantages.

A Quote To Remember

“I’d rather regret the things I have done than the things I haven’t.”

Lucille Ball