NEW WINDY HILLS WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT

Windy and foct vendors Ecotech

After carefully gathering input from Windy Hills residents through a survey and focus groups and inviting bids from vendors, the City Council has selected Ecotech Waste Logistics as our waste

services provider from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019. See their website at **www.ecotechky.com**

The council selected this company because their bid

provides the most comprehensive service to meet resident needs for the tax dollars expended.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- 1) Trash will be collected twice weekly.
- 2) Recycling will be collected once weekly.
- 3) Yard waste will be collected weekly during the months of March November and on alternate weeks in winter months.
- **4)** Large item or "junk pickup" is available upon request up to 3 times annually at no extra charge.
- 5) "Rear door" service is available for trash. Recycling will be picked up at the curb.
- **6)** Rolling recycling bins with attached covers will be provided.
- 7) Residents of the Coach Gate complexes can expect the above services that apply (at no charge) and adequate receptacles in multi-resident dwellings.

PICKUP SCHEDULE BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019

Yard waste - Mondays - **First pick up will be Monday, July 1, 2019** Trash - Tuesdays and Fridays

Recycling - Tuesdays

For holiday changes consult the company website.

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TAI-CHI ON THE GREEN



Tai-Chi participants with Afua on The Green

Join Tai-Chi Master Afua and your neighbors at 9:30 am each Saturday morning on The Windy Hills Green for this gentle exercise that promotes balance and overall health while reducing stress. The 1st class for each person is free and subsequent classes are \$4 each. If you have questions, contact Councilwoman Suzanne Spencer.

Thank you for bearing with us and participating as we gathered input and now as we make the transition. If you have questions or problems please e-mail or call the City Office at 502-895-4778 or contact Ecotech at 502.935.1130.

community pride tradition shady lawns great neighbors

ST. MATTHEWS ELINE LIBRARY RE-OPENS AFTER RENOVATION





Mayor Helen Davis, Council women Kate Greer and Marcia Myers attended the opening and enjoyed the new teen section.

On May 9, 2019, the City of St. Matthews re-opened a renovated and expanded St. Matthews Library at 3940 Grandview Ave. The now 19,000-square-foot facility houses more than 70,000 books and features a large meeting room with seating for 100, a small conference room, a space for teens, an outdoor children's area, and new technology—including self-checkout stations. A new entrance with glass façade fills the space with an abundance of natural light, and services are on one level for easy access for all members of the community.

This beautiful facility is the result of a partnership between the City of St. Matthews, Metro Louisville, and The Library Foundation.

The St. Matthews Branch is the most used branch in the Louisville Free Public Library system--more than the Main branch downtown or either of the two current regional branches. The ribbon was cut and people entered the building around 10:30 am on Thursday morning and Library Director Lee Burchfield reported that by 4:45 p.m. that evening, more than 2,000 items had been checked out.



Former Mayor Jim Ising enjoying retirement on "his" bench on Rudy Lane near the bridge



APRIL BRIGHTSIDE CLEANUP

Many thanks go to the small group of participants at the neighborhood cleanup. Mike Bush, Kate Greer, Jim Ising, Adam Vogelsang, Anne and Steve Teaford, and Travis and Virgie Willis were there to pick up garbage in Windy Hills. Hopefully there will be a better turnout in October

ARBOR DAY



After a rain delay, Arbor Day finally happened on Tuesday, April 16. Windy Hills Arborist, Caroline Westfall, talked to the crowd about the Urban Orchard. She explained everything they needed to know or places they could find additional information concerning the apple and teach trees that were raffled off by the Windy Hills Tree Board. The winners of the five trees were Kitty Boswell, Natalie Colvin, Chris Gregoire, Olive Hooker, and Dolores Rogers.





COMMUNITY PICNIC AND PARADE

Thursday, July 4, 2019 11:00 am – 1:30 pm Sojourn Community Church East 2501 Rudy Lane

Delicious food, music by the Moon Dogs Band, parade, prizes, fun for all ages!

All of this is provided by the city at no charge except your potluck contribution!

Plan now to bring your family and your favorite salad or side dish to serve 8-10 (no desserts or chips please).

11:00 am - Parade and Prize Registration -

11:15 am - National Anthem and Parade -

Children are encouraged to decorate their bicycles or wagons and come in costume.

11:45 am – Welcome by Mayor Helen Davis and awarding of prizes for children

12:00 noon −1:30 pm. - Enjoy a delicious lunch and time with your neighbors!

Buffet inside, put your chairs under the tent or on the lawn.

Haywood ice cream available

A fun assortment of children's activities on the lawn including rock gardens, art stations, games and more!

12:30 – Door prizes from neighborhood businesses

Bring – flags, lawn chairs or blankets, kids, bikes, wagons, and your potluck dish.

Please leave pets at home (except for service animals).

RSVP to Sandy Moore at City Hall (502.895.4778) or e-mail <u>info@cityofwindyhills.com</u> with your name and the number attending by <u>Friday</u>, <u>June 28TH</u>.

UPDATE ON ORDINANCES

Since January, several residents have contacted us concerning their neighbors' parking, overnight parking, barking dogs, the condition of their neighbors' property, etc. Although, we take every complaint seriously, the City of Windy Hills must follow the letter of the law and not have selective enforcement.

For example, in February, we began consistent enforcement of the **overnight parking ordinance** (which has been a Windy Hills ordinance since at least 1975). Several residents praised us for this action, but we have also received many complaints from residents or their guests who have been ticketed.

The Windy Hills City Council takes great pride in our City. We want to be responsive to our residents while also recognizing we have an obligation in upholding our community regulations and standards. At the suggestion of one of our residents, I will summarize some of the ordinances that have been recently passed to maintain our community standards.

In 2016, we passed a **rental registration ordinance**. The purpose of this ordinance is to set standards for the rental properties for the safety of the renters and Windy Hills residents. All landlords pay an annual \$150 fee to cover the cost of inspection and compliance with our ordinance. Owners whose property fails inspection are required to make necessary repairs before the property is passed. If owners fail to make the necessary corrections, we can enforce additional fines and penalties.

We have also passed a **POD and dumpster ordinance** because of some residents' concerns. This ordinance prevents a homeowner from continuously having a dumpster or POD on their property.

In 2018, we passed an ordinance that covers **driveway replacements** and requires an application that can be found on the Windy Hills website. Many residents are unaware that Metro and the City have ordinances that are specific to driveways: size, type, location, etc. Again, this ordinance was updated in response to residents' concerns and specific situations that the City had to address.

We recently passed a **vacant house ordinance** that will allow us to address some long-standing issues with some of our properties that are unoccupied. This ordinance gives the City the authority to address issues faster and alleviate the neighbors' concerns.

Finally, the City of Windy Hills has had a code enforcement official for many years. Our current **code enforcement official** has done a thorough, commendable job in responding to our residents' issues and concerns. Every month he prepares a thorough, detailed report for the Council.

We realize that our actions will not please everyone but your City officials, under the advisement of our City Attorney, strive to maintain the beauty and standards of our neighborhood. Our goal is to continue to make this one of the best small cities in the state of Kentucky.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are concerned about **package security**, Amazon packages can be sent to a locker and held for pickup at Whole Foods 4944 Shelbyville Road or at Stein Mart 5055 Shelbyville Road 40207. Amazon Lockers are secure, self-service kiosks that allow you to pick up your package at a time that is convenient for you.

Plastic bags and bubble wrap cannot go in our curbside recycling, but **NO NEED TO PUT IT IN THE LAND FILL!** Kroger offers **recycling receptacles for plastic bags** (grocery, bread, produce, dry cleaning) and bubble wrap.

There are several social media groups that offer timely information about our community.

On Facebook see **St. Matthews Matters news and events.** On Nextdoor there is a network called **Nextdoor Windy Hills.** These groups are not managed by the City of Windy Hills, but residents may find them helpful.

If you are bothered by door-to-door solicitation, the city cannot impose a "no solicitation" ordinance, but all solicitors must have a visible permit issued by Louisville Metro and you can post "no solicitation" sign on your property.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

City safety – It is spring, so runners, walkers, dogs, bikes, kids, and cars share our crosswalks in Windy Hills. Stop, look, and listen! Please be observant and careful. We would hate to lose you!

A GENTLE REMINDER -

This is the season for parties and visits from family and friends. Enjoy your guests, but please be respectful of your neighbors and observe parking ordinances. Overnight parking on the street will be ticketed!



TEEN HELPERS NEEDED



Windy Hills teens are needed to assist with the children's activities at the 4th of July Picnic. Volunteers can get community service hours credit for Beta Club, National Honor Society, etc. If you can help on July 4th, please e-mail: marcia.myers@cityofwindyhills.com

THE WINDY HILLS BREEZE

The first issue of our electronic newsletter, *The Windy Hills Breeze*, was sent on Thursday, April 25th to 744 e-mail addresses.

Don't miss out on news and helpful information from Windy Hills. If you did not get it, please send your e-mail address to Sandy Moore, our City Clerk, at info@cityofwindyhills.com or subscribe through the button on our website. www.cityofwindyhills.com

Our plan is to send out the print newsletter in March, June, September, and December and to send out the electronic edition in the months between, as news warrants.

KENTUCKY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBIT



The Kentucky Watercolor Society's summer exhibit "Sunny Side of Color" will run from July 5th through September 27th at their gallery located in the Brownsboro Center Arcade. A reception for the exhibit will be held at the gallery on

Saturday, July 13 from 1 pm - 3 pm. Anyone can enter this exhibit. Contact Tricia Tinsley at 412-1967 for entry details. The gallery is open Thursday and Friday from 11 am-4 pm and Saturday 11 am-3 pm. Sunglasses may be needed!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REVERSE MORTGAGES

You may have seen TV ads promoting reverse mortgages. The ad usually describes the benefits for seniors by giving them money against equity in their home. The official term for a reverse mortgage is a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage. Although they are insured by the Federal Government through Federal Housing Administration (FHA) lenders, there are some costs not mentioned in the commercials. There are numerous **up-front fees**, such as an appraisal of the property and a credit check. There are additional costs for the Closing (it is a loan), title search, property survey, insurance, inspection, recording fee, mortgage taxes, pest inspection, and flood certification. An **organization fee** goes to the lender for processing the loan. If the home value is \$125,000 or less, this fee is \$2,500. If the value is higher, the lender may charge up to 2% for the first \$200,000 and can go up to \$6,000. There will also be a charge for your FHA Mortgage Insurance. In addition, there will be service charges throughout the life of the loan because a participant will receive periodic statements. A participant must also keep paying the real estate taxes, his home insurance, and maintenance on the home. Failure to do these things could have the loan called. Reverse mortgage money may not be enough for the borrower if it won't cover these things.

Should the borrower die before the loan is repaid, the lender may sell the property to get what is owed and the heirs may not get the home. However, the homeowner may take out an extra life insurance policy so the bank will be the beneficiary to prevent this. Another possible problem could arise if the value of the home depreciates, and the heirs would receive nothing if the owner dies.

Another thing to consider is that a lump-sum payment will be considered as an asset that could make him ineligible for Medicaid. If receiving monthly payments, the borrower must spend the money that month to prevent it from being counted as taxable income or having an adverse effect on Social Security or Medicaid payments.

Some reverse mortgages may have clauses stating that the loan must be repaid if the last surviving borrower is permanently moved out of the home. Thus, if a person moves to a nursing home for more than 12 consecutive months, the home could be sold by the lender. This would be a problem if a relative was still living there. A person who takes out a reverse mortgage to meet medical issues could easily fall into this situation.

If lack of money is a problem, there are other options. A homeowner may sell the home to a child and pay rent from the sale, get a Home Equity Loan or a Line of Credit, refinance the home, or sell the home and purchase something affordable.

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CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 9 Series 2018/2019

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, ESTIMATING REVENUES AND OF CITY GOVERNMENT. WHEREAS, a Budget Proposal and Message have been prepared and delivered to the

City Council, and

modification, now therefore,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Section1. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 is hereby adopted as follows:

| RESOURCES AVAILABLE: Eund Belence Corrised faud | General Fund | Road Aid Fund |
|--|----------------------------|---------------|
| Fund balance Carried Iwd. Estimated Revenues: Net Property Taxes | 31,006,512 | 5231,819 |
| Muni. Ins. Prem. Tax Cable TV franchise (other) Rental Ordinance Registration fee Muni. Road Aid Fund | 240,000 17,000 8,250 | 44,000 |
| Interest Public Safety HB413 Green Fund Contribution | 12,000 4,600 100 | 4,390 |
| Other Total Estimated Revenues | 2,100 \$622,150 | \$48,390 |
| Transfer from surplus Total Estimated Revenues | | 13,360 |
| Total Resources Available for Appropriation APPROPRIATIONS: | \$1,628,662 | \$280,209 |
| General government | \$275.082 | |
| Public Safety Paving | 57,600 | \$45,750 |
| Sanitation Snow Removal Emergency Fund | 267,167 | 16,000 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$622,150 | \$61,750 |
| Excess of Resources over Appropriations Estimated Fund Balances at end of | \$1,006,512 | \$218,459 |
| Fiscal Year | \$1,006,512 | \$218,459 |

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication. First Reading held May 13, 2019.
Second Reading, Passed and approved June 10, 2019. Section 2.

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 8 Series 2018/2019

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 83, Series 1973, the City of Windy Hills elected to use the annual County assessment for properties situated in the City of Windy Hills, and WHEREAS, there has been deposited with the City Clerk a complete list of all taxable property located within the City as of January 1, 2019.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS:

The tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, is herby levied and fixed at the rate of \$0.170 per \$100.00 of property as assessed for taxation.

The City Clerk shall make out and mail tax bills, sequentially numbered, from the assessment rolls as certified on or before October 1, 2019. Section 2

Section 3 The payment of tax bills shall be made to the City Treasurer and shall be subject to the discounts and penalties listed below and the collection remedies provided by law.

- A discount of 40% shall be allowed on tax bills paid during October, 2019.
- The face amount of a tax bill shall be payable during November and December, 2019. B.
- of the tax due plus interest from the date due at 1-1/2% per month or part thereof, compounded monthly, or \$10.00 if the penalty and interest are less than this amount, plus On tax bills paid after December 31, 2019, there shall be added thereto a penalty of 10% lien filing and release fees.
- All delinquent tax collection expenses incurred by the city, including lien filing and release fees, and collection/attorney's fees of \$150, shall be deemed a penalty in addition to that specified in Subsection "c" above and shall be encompassed within the City's lien D.

Section 4 The proceeds of such taxes shall be used for the general operating expenses of the City, including the purchasing of City supplies, the erection of City signs, the general maintenance of public ways in the City, payment of bond premiums for City officials, sanitation, public safety and the payment of all the expenses incurred in the necessary and proper municipal functions as may be properly ordained or resolved by the City The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Section 5

First Reading held May 13, 2019; Second Reading, Passed and Approved, June 10, 2019.

CITY OF WINDY HILLS, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE 10, Series 2018/2019

VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FORM

This form shall be submitted, along with an annual fee of \$150.00 payable to the City of Windy Hills on or before January 1st. At 4350 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207. Fees are not refundable or pro-rated.

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Name of Owner, or Agent (such as a Creditor, Lien/Mortgage/Foreclosure Holder):

| Mailing Address City Contact Phone Number Agent/ Person responsible for Property Maintenance (if different from above) Contact Person Mailing Address City Contact Phone Number Email Address State City | Contact Person | | |
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| State Email Address ponsible for Property Maintenance (if different from above) State Email Address Zip | Mailing Address | | |
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| le for Property Maintenance (if different from above) State Email Address | Contact Phone Number | Email Address | |
| State Email Address | Agent/ Person responsible for Property N | faintenance (if different from ab | ove) |
| State Email Address | Contact Person | | |
| State Email Address | Mailing Address | | |
| | City | State | Zip |
| | Contact Phone Number | Email Address | |

Purpose: It is the intent of this ordinance to identify Vacant Properties within the City Of Windy Hills and to establish a registry of such properties as a means to protect the value of our neighborhoods and to minimize hazards to persons or other properties because of this vacancy.

unoccupied or inhabited for 12 consecutive months to be a vacant property. Periods of short- term occupancy of less than 12 months, temporary rentals or leases, do not qualify as occupancy. Residences listed for sale or under construction for a period of longer than 12 months are also Definition of Vacancy: Windy Hills considers any residential property that is continuously considered vacant.

reasonable person to believe the property is vacant, including admission by current owners, or agents, utilities, or the absence of interior furnishings. This also includes notifications by neighbors, delivery and/or such conditions as overgrown vegetation, accumulation of flyers, mail, trash, disconnected Evidence of Vacancy: A condition on its own or in combination with others that would lead a persons, governmental authorities, or local utilities.

notice, or failure to register a new property meeting vacant property guidelines, will be subject to a fine after 12 continuous months of vacancy. Upon notice, the City shall prepare, maintain, and periodically of \$500.00. If such fine is issued and not paid within 10 business days a lien will be filed against the remain vacant, with the submission of a current registration form and payment of the current annual property meeting the above definition of vacancy must be registered upon notice, or within 30 days update a registry of vacant properties. Such properties shall be registered annually, as long as they fee. Failure to pay the current annual property fee for each property within 10 days of the date of Registration: Property owners of vacant property are required to register their properties. Any

Maintenance: For as long as the property continues to be vacant responsible parties must:

- Keep property free of garbage, litter, junk, debris, discarded building materials or personal items, including unregistered, unlicensed vehicles, campers, boats, or other non-licensed recreational vehicles, construction or building equipment.
- Property shall be free of weeds, dead vegetation and trees. Trimming and mowing grass and bushes is required as seasonally needed. Grass may not be higher than 7". Bushes shall not interfere with proper operation of gutters, downspouts or utility services. Gutters shall be maintained securely attached and free of debris and growth. Fences shall be properly maintained.
- Other than those that are fixed, windows and doors shall be able to be opened and may not be boarded up. Screens must be properly attached and free of holes or tears that would hinder Windows, doors, skylights, screens, shutters and other decorative features shall be kept in sound condition, free of rot, broken glass, and other deterioration which hinders operation.
- Roofs and Chimneys shall be maintained structurally safe, and in good repair, free of leaking.
- Secured property, outbuildings, and garages from intrusion by unauthorized persons, animals or vermin is required. Swimming pools must be properly covered and fenced.
 - violation of any Windy Hills, Metro Louisville Property Maintenance, Land Development, or Building Codes, or any State Regulation. Such maintenance shall apply to the interior and Maintenance and repairs must be performed as needed, to insure vacant property is not in exterior of the property if such condition becomes apparent and represents a hazard to the property or to the neighborhood.

is considered valid. Inspections will be conducted annually. All owners and agents agree to allow the Inspections: Inspections of the exterior of the vacant property must be performed before registration City Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the exterior of the property. Inspections will be performed with prior notice to the owner or agent. Violations found during the inspection will be given 10 business days from written notice to abate such violations.

register a new property after 12 consecutive months of vacancy will be subject to a \$500.00 fine. Any owner/agent who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and shall Enforcement: Failure to annually register a vacant property upon written notice, or to voluntarily be punishable by a fine of up to \$250.00.

\$250.00. Any owner or agent who has received notice of violation of the provisions herein, and who collection by the payment thereof and suit of law in the court of competent jurisdiction in Jefferson has failed to abate the violation may be charged with the violation, the total of which is subject to Each day of violation constitutes a separate violation of this chapter punishable by a fine of up to County, Kentucky. All balances due are subject to lien filings to secure same in said county

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

First Reading held May 13, 2019; Second Reading, Passed and Approved, June 10, 2019



| City Officials and Important Links |
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| Mayor: |
| Helen Davis |
| PHONE(502) 893-8238 |
| EMAILhelen.davis@cityofwindyhills.com |
| City Council: Bruce Blue (Public Works) |
| PHONE(502) 593-4738 |
| EMAILbruce.blue@cityofwindyhills.com Kate Greer (W.H. Green/City Maintenance/ |
| Newsletter co-chair/Tree Board Liaison) |
| PHONE(502) 893-2059 |
| EMAILkate.greer@cityofwindyhills.com Marcia Myers (Newsletter co-chair/Fourth of July parade/picnic) |
| PHONE(502) 417-1687 |
| EMAILmarcia.myers@cityofwindyhills.com |
| Marianne Rademaker (Finance/Mayor Pro tem) |
| PHONE |
| EMAIL marianne.rademaker@cityofwindyhills.com |
| Suzanne Spencer (Community Caring/Health- |
| Fitness, Welcome to Windy Hills) |
| PHONE(502) 721-8740 |
| EMAIL suzanne.spencer@cityofwindyhills.com |
| Laura Trachtenberg (Community Standards |
| Chair/Ordinances |
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| EMAILlaura.trachtenberg@cityofwindyhills.com |
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| CITY FAX(502) 895-4757 |
| CITY EMAILinfo@cityofwindyhills.com |
| CITY WEBSITEwww.cityofwindyhills.com |
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| Public Works/ Code Enforcement: Steve Teaford(502) 895-4778 |
| EMAILsteve.teaford@cityofwindyhills.com |
| City Attorney: James Hodge(502) 895-4778 |
| City Council meetings are held the 2nd Mon- |
| day of each month, 7:00 pm at Sojourn Com- |
| munity 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 |
| Graymoor/Devondale Police327-2677 |
| Graymoor/ Devondale Ponce 327-2677 |

Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch 574-5471 St. Matthews Fire District.....893-7825

Paula McCraney574-1107 Metro Call......574-5000

Animal Control Protection361-1318 Health Department 574-6520 Jefferson County Clerk...... 574-5700 (All branches can be reached at above number) LG&E589-1444

MSD Customer Service587-0603 Planning and Design Services 574-6230 Recycling Center......896-1293 St. Matthews/Eline Library574-1771 Ecotech Waste Services 502-935-1130

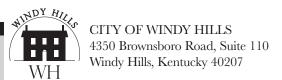
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(Business)

District 7 Metro Councilwoman,

or text OUTAGE to 454358

Give this account # <u>169216991</u>



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TREE GIVEAWAY

To restore the tree canopy, lessen the Metro heat island and keep us cooler, the Windy Hills Tree Board intends to give 15 canopy trees away to the first 15 residents who apply. The tree will be chosen from an approved list and planted for the residents in the late Fall. Please contact Tree Board Chairwoman Cheri Silvey-Slusher at 502-895-2476.



"A dream doesn't become reality through magic: it takes sweat, determination and hard work."—Colin Powell