From the Mayor's Desk...

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since the City Council members and I took the oath of office. I want to thank our Council Members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the City. We continue to be blessed in, that through careful financial management, we have increased City Services while keeping our tax rate low.

Windy Hills is able to provide many amenities that other municipalities cannot provide. This is due to the stewardship of our current and previous councils.

New residents often come into City Hall and ask, "what do I get for my tax dollars?". My answer: "twice a week back door garbage pick-up, weekly recycling, yard waste pick-up, community events such as the July 4th celebration, a tree program, a beautiful and tranquil Green, a children's playground that is located on Sojourn Church property, Graymoor-Devondale Police, snow removal, road repaving, and the Windy Hills Loop (our sidewalk system)." We often forget that repaving and beautification are costly tangibles. We hope you view this list and think "Our tax dollars working for us."

Some 2019 highlights include: a new sanitation contract that includes weekly recycling that was requested by our residents; a balanced fiscal budget ending the year with a surplus; a tree giveaway sponsored by the Tree Board; our close

coordination with our Police helps us maintain a low crime rate; monthly newsletters help strengthen communication; and Windy Hills family friendly sponsored events including the Glow on the Green. This is not an all inclusive highlight list because there is so much more to our beautiful Windy Hills

If you missed the Glow on the Green, you missed a fun event! We want to thank Jim Lehr, from Brownsboro Hardware, for providing the table and fire pit, our Metro Councilwoman, Paula McCraney, for sponsoring the accordion player, Mike O'Bryan, and our Windy Hills "angel choir" composed of our littlest residents who led us in Holiday songs. Their enthusiasm and excitement was infectious. If your child was part of the group, we extend a BIG Windy Hills "Thank you!!!!!!".

During this Holiday season, we, your elected officials, want to thank our residents for your interest and commitment to keeping Windy Hills the best, small city in Jefferson County. Your enthusiasm and support for your City makes our jobs much easier!

On behalf of your elected officials, we hope you have a blessed and safe Holiday Season filled with joy and love! See you in 2020!

Helen

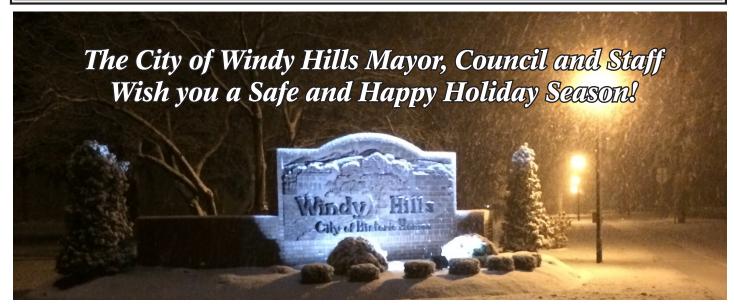
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Glow on The Green

After reinstallation of many squirrel-destroyed lights on the tree (see picture) and being forced to reschedule Glow on the Green because of the Thanksgiving weekend monsoon-type rains, the event was held on Wednesday, December 3. The Green was dry, the cider was hot, the music was great, the crowd was merry, and the tree was beautiful. Thanks to the accordion player, Mike O'Brian for providing the music, Brownsboro Hardware for the table and fire pits, and Buddy Mattingly for the firewood. Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative in 2020.





Photos by Adam Vogelsang













Photos by Marcia Myers



Unwanted Solicitation

Unwanted solicitation can become intrusive and, in some cases, even abusive. A solicitor may lawfully be on your property until he/she is told to leave and does not. A solicitor must have a soliciting permit issued by Metro.

The homeowner should say politely, "I am not interested and I must ask you to leave." Failure to leave then becomes a form of criminal trespass. The police recommend not getting into a conversation with the person(s), ask the person(s) to leave, not letting them into your home, and calling the police who will check them out.

We hope this helps in stopping unwanted solicitation.

Electronic Communications from Windy Hills

The City of Windy Hills offers 3 types of communications to reach residents with time-sensitive information:

Reach Alert – contact by text, phone, or e-mail as your choose **City E-mails** – reminders about waste services, lost and found pets, city events, etc.

The Windy Hills Breeze – a monthly newsletter

To sign up for city e-mails and The Windy Hills Breeze, call the office at 502.895.4778 or go cityofwindyhills.com and click the green "subscribe" button.

To sign up for Reach Alert - Call 1-877-307-9313 or go to www.reachalert.com.

WASTE SERVICES REMINDERS

Cut this out as your reminder.



WINDY HILLS WASTE SERVICES DATES

Monday - Yard Waste on alternate weeks December through February

Yard Waste will be picked up ONLY on -

12/2. 12/16, 12/30,

1/13, 1/27, 2/10, and 2/24

Weekly Yard Waste Resumes on Monday, March 2, 2020

Christmas Tree Pickup Mondays January 6th and 13th

Tuesday - Recycling and Garbage

Friday - Garbage

Consult https://www.ecotechky.com/ for holiday schedule changes!

City of Windy Hills Christmas Decorations

Thanks to the Windy Hills Elves - Staci Ferris, Kim Robarts and Ro Van Vooren for bow tying, magnolia leaf gilding and greenery fluffing. Their cheerful labors have helped make our holiday season merry at each light pole and signature entrance. Thanks also to Judy Witte for her generous contribution of beautiful Magnolia leaves.

Holiday Overnight Parking

Recognizing that residents may have overnight guests during the holidays, the City will suspend enforcement of the overnight parking prohibition from Friday, December 20th – through Friday, January 10th. Please respect your neighbors as you enjoy your celebrations.

Winter Gardening

Many Windy Hills residents have taken advantage of the Windy Hills tree-planting offer. It's not too late to use it. The City has an agreement with the Plant Kingdom, Otte's, and Wallitsch Nursery. When you inform the business that you are a Windy Hills resident, you will receive a 20% discount on the price of the tree. They must plant the tree. You pay for it and submit the bill to our office. You will receive a \$100 rebate. If the ground isn't frozen, trees can still be planted. If you have questions, contact Kate Greer (893-2059) or kate.greer@cityofwindyhills.com. And speaking of these trees, they need one inch of water each week.

A good solution for all the leaves in your yard is to mulch them and put them in your flower beds, around trees and roses. They can also be composed. All are excellent ways to improve your soil.

This is a great time to trim your evergreens. Not only will you get the chore done, the greenery can be used in holiday wreaths and decorations. Should you need to prune deciduous trees and shrubs, wait until late January or February. Do not, however, prune maples in the winter. Wait until June so that they won't bleed their sap. This also includes Japanese maples.



From the Caring Community Team: Preventing Falls

As cold weather arrives, we hope you all, especially you seniors, will take precautions to prevent falls. Here are some tips and an exciting offer to help.

Keep moving! We can't stress enough the importance of staying in shape. **Fitness and balance are keys to preventing falls**. If you don't already belong to **an exercise program**, consider joining one. Consult your doctor about what is right for you. Your Medicare supplement may pay for you to attend.

Walk, set a goal and count your steps. (Brigham and Women's Hospital recommends a minimum of 4,400 steps a day) Tai Chi, Yoga, or Otago Exercise Program for strength and balance

SAFETY CHECK LIST:

For everyone and especially for seniors:

- Keep traction cleats and small amount of non-chemical Ice-Melt handy.
- Be sure home lighting is adequate
- Complete your **EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM** for first responders.

In the event of an emergency at your address, the first responders will have information about who lives there, including pets, any medical info you wish them to have, and whom to contact.

The form goes directly to Chief Grady Thronebury of Graymoor-Devondale Police department, who registers it with his secure files. If you need the form, or your circumstances have changed since you filled one out, please call, or email: Suzanne Spencer (502)821-8740; suzannespencer@cityofwindyhills.com or info@cityofwindyhills.com or <a href="ma

- Get vision and hearing checked. You will need to see any uneven surface, and be cognizant of your environment
- Review medications with your doctor or pharmacist. Side effects such as sleepiness, dizziness or blurry vision may increase chances of falling.
- Get rid of or tack down throw rugs
- Consider setting up a "buddy-system" particularly if you live alone. Set a time with a friend or relative when you will call or text one another a simple message each day-- perhaps as simple as a friendly imoji

Enter to win an Apple Watch to help you stay fit and prevent falls!

SENIORS - WIN AN APPLE WATCH!

The #5 Apple Watch is new to the marketplace and has improved and added features for your greater safeguarding. Your iPhone will store whatever medical records you wish to register, **detect a fall**, should you experience one, call first responders, allow access to your records if you are incapacitated, and function as an iPhone if yours is out of reach. (**Must be paired with an Apple iPhone to perform all functions.**) All that, plus the sleek appearance of a European fashion accessory on your wrist.



RULES:

- You must be 55 years old or older.
- You must register by email at <u>applewatch.drawing@cityofwindyhills.com</u>, by calling 502.895.4362, or by submitting the entry form below.

Deadline to enter is 12 noon, January 13, 2020.

- You must be a tax paying resident of Windy Hills, with picture I.D.
- You may not transfer or exchange at Best Buy for cash, but you may exchange the color of the band, if watch is returned in its original packaging.
- One entry per senior resident.

Windy Hills is honored by this gift from **St. Matthew's Best Buy**, 5085 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Kv. 40207

We are especially grateful to Mr. Dan Schusterman of Windy Hills and his son, Richard, Apple Executive, Austin, Texas who paved the way for this generous prize.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY, REGISTER TODAY

The winner will be drawn at the Windy Hills January Council Meeting. It isn't necessary to attend to win, but we encourage all who register to join us at **Sojourn Church, 7:00 P.M. January 13, 2020.**



Apple Watch Giveaway Entry Form

Name				
Email Address				
Telephone .				
Are you 55 years or older? yes*no (*eligibility requirement)				
One entry p	er senior resident.			
Submit to:	iit to: City of Windy Hills, Summit Executive Suites, Suite 110, 4350 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, KY. 40207.			
Must be received by noon, Monday, January 13, 2020.				



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PO BOX 2294-5
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Windy Hills, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Windy Hills' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and pages 24 through 25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 17, 2019, on our consideration of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Becktler, Parker a Watts

Bechtler, Parker & Watts Louisville, Kentucky September 17, 2019

CITY OF WINDY HILLS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2019

	ry Government mental Activities
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Receivables	\$ 352,476 962,603 91,774
Capital Assets Nondepreciable assets - Land Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,406,853 400,000 141,195 1,948,048
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Payroll taxes withheld TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 21,417 3,817 25,234
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for road maintenance Unrestricted	\$ 541,195 215,116 1,166,503
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 1,922,814

CITY OF WINDY HILLS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES Property taxes, net Municipal insurance premium tax Public Safety HB 413 Franchise tax - Cable TV Interest income Rental registration fees Penalty and interest Green Fund contributions Other	\$ 321,713 230,000 4,600 17,000 1,000 7,500 500 250 400	\$ 321,713 230,000 4,600 17,000 1,000 7,500 500 250 400	\$ 327,496 259,894 4,444 18,126 14,751 8,325 1,589 0 3,245	\$ 5,783 29,894 (156) 1,126 13,751 825 1,089 (250) 2,845
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 582,963	\$ 582,963	\$ 637,870	\$ 54,907
EXPENDITURES				
General government Public safety Streets and public works Samitation Tree board City beautification/improvements Green maintenance Emergency fund	\$ 172,241 55,200 40,000 246,612 9,000 49,910 10,000 0	\$ 172,241 55,200 40,000 246,612 9,000 49,910 10,000 0	\$ 167,318 55,154 51,239 238,039 2,515 43,460 11,928 0	\$ 4,923 46 (11,239) 8,573 6,485 6,450 (1,928) 0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 582,963	\$ 582,963	\$ 569,653	\$ 13,310
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,217	\$ 68,217

CITY OF WINDY HILLS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - ROAD FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Kentucky municipal aid Interest income	\$ 40,000 112	\$ 40,000 112	\$ 48,743 1,382	\$ 8,743 1,270
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 40,112	\$ 40,112	\$ 50,125	\$ 10,013
EXPENDITURES				
General government	0	0	0	0
Snow removal	15.000	15.000	0	15.000
Streets and public works	48,000	48,000	66,828	(18,828)
Emergency fund	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 63,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 66,828	\$ (3,828)
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	\$ (22,888)	\$ (22,888)	\$ (16,703)	\$ 6,185



CITY OF WINDY HILLS 2020 CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Dear Residents:

In our continuing efforts to keep our city compliant, and to be fair and consistent to all, please review the following items which will help us accomplish that goal in the upcoming year.

PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES/BOATS/TRAILERS AND OTHER OCCASIONAL USE VEHICLES

- Overnight parking is not permitted on any city street or cul-de-sac between the hours of 2:00 AM and 5:00 AM.
- No motor vehicle (every day or occasional use) may be parked on any unpaved area.
- Trailers, Boats, Campers and other Occasional use vehicles may not be stored in driveways or yards, where they extend beyond the front line of the home.
- Illegal Parking- Abandoned, inoperable, or unlicensed vehicles are not allowed in the City, unless stored in a garage.
- Parking in the wrong direction on city streets is not permitted at any time.
- No more than 4 cars, including occasional use vehicles, may be permanently parked in the open at any city residence (less than 20,000 square feet lot). Exceptions can be made for temporary or holiday situations.

SIGNS

- Realtor signs are only allowed in the yard of the home for sale and must be placed behind the right of way. (Generally, 15-18 feet back from the street curb, or behind sidewalks, where applicable) *Directional (pointer) signs to the property are not allowed on any street, island, entrance, or right of way, at any time.* Our city does have City Approved signs for this purpose. All signs must be removed the day of closing. Please advise your Realtor.
- Commercial advertising signs are not allowed in the city, unless work is actively in progress at the property. When allowed, they may not be placed, on any Right of Way, or before work begins and <u>must be removed the day the work is complete</u>.
- Personal Event Signs (Yard Sales. Auctions, Estate Sales) are allowed on a limited basis. They may not be placed more than 24 hours before your event begins and must be removed <u>immediately</u> after the event conclusion. They may not be placed at city signature entrances, or on any city right of way. (At least 15-18' from the street)
- Personal "Children at Play" signs do not conform to the "Manual of Approved Traffic Control Signage" used in Kentucky. They are not permitted on City Entrances, Islands, or Right of Ways (including your yard). Rights of Ways extend 30 feet from the center line of the street (generally 15-18 feet from the curb, or behind sidewalks where applicable).
- <u>Personal signs, including lost pet notices and yard sales may not be affixed to any city street signs, light posts, benches, or waste containers at any time. They will be removed immediately. Reach Alert is recommended for lost pets.</u>

GARBAGE/ TRASH PICK UP

- Garbage, Yard Waste, or throw away Household Items may not be placed on the street prior to Noon the day before the assigned date for disposal.
- Cans and containers must be removed from the street before 7:00 pm the date of collection.
- Tree/ bush trimmings and yard waste not in containers, must be bundled in lengths not exceeding 4 feet. Plastic Bags are no longer usable. Lawn Waste placed on traps will no longer be picked up.
- Items too heavy or cans filled beyond capacity of the contractor to lift, will not be taken. Please be mindful of unusually heavy items, which may require special pick up arrangements. Please call 502-935-1130 if you have questionable items or amounts, or would like to arrange a special pick up for house or garage clean outs. (These items may require an extra charge)

BUILDING/ REMODEL/ HOME MAINTAINENCE/DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT

- Windy Hills complies with Metro Louisville Building Code Permit requirements. If you are doing construction <u>on your own</u>, or by contractor, if a permit is required please be sure to obtain one, before work begins. Permits must be placed in plain sight on the property while construction is in progress for inspection. (Questions call Metro Government/ Construction Review 502-574-3321)
- Dumpsters/ Dumpster Bags/ Storage Pods should be placed to the rear of the property where possible, and should not be placed on any city Street or Right of Way. They may not be on site for longer than 30 days, without special approval of Windy Hills Code Enforcement.
- Unused building materials/ building waste/ throw away appliances should be stored in the rear of the property and must be removed promptly when construction is complete.
- Grass may not be allowed to grow higher than 7 inches.
- For the beauty of our city and your neighbors, we ask that you be mindful to timely, proper maintenance of bushes, shrubs, and trees on your property.
- Windy Hills requires a <u>Right of Way Encroachment Application</u>, when replacing or resurfacing existing drives, including expansion of existing drives, or installation of new drives, where such work crosses a City Controlled Right of Way. Applications are available from City Hall or are also available on our Web Site. <u>Applications must be submitted before work is performed. Failure to do so could result in a fine</u>. Questions may be directed to Code Enforcement. (Driveway resealing to existing drives is exempt from the application process).
- Parking Pads of either solid or semi porous surfaces, or any other permanent structure (excluding certain mailboxes), are not allowed on a Windy Hills Right of Way. (Parking Pads, in existence prior to 9-11-2017 are grandfathered however, they may not be increased in size.)

RENTAL/ VACANT PROPERTY ORDINANCES

• Homes in Windy Hills which are rented, (either on a long term, or short term of less than 30 days) and those properties which are vacant for period of 12 consecutive months (including those For Sale and under construction) must be registered with the City. Existing rental/vacant homes must be registered by January 15th, 2020. New, previously unregistered rental/vacant homes must be registered within 30 days of first rental, or when vacancy continues for longer than 12 months. Contact City Hall or Code Enforcement for appropriate forms and fees. Registration forms are also available on our web site.

Thank you for your attention and understanding of these important matters. Windy Hills City Council.





City Officials and Important Links

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City Council:
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Marcia Myers (Newsletter co-chair/Fourth of July
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Marianne Rademaker (Finance/Mayor Pro tem)
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Suzanne Spencer (Community Caring/Health-
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Laura Trachtenberg (Community Standards
Chair/Ordinances
PHONE
City Clerk:
Sandy Moore (502) 895-4778 GITY FAX(502) 895-4757
CITY FAX(302) 893-4737 CITY EMAILinfo@cityofwindyhills.com
CITY WEBSITEwww.cityofwindyhills.com
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.
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Other Important Contacts
EMS911
Graymoor/Devondale Police327-2677
Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch 574-5471
St. Matthews Fire District893-7825
(Business)
District 7 Metro Councilwoman,
Paula McCraney
Metro Call574-5000
or311
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Animal Control Protection361-1318

 Dog or Cat Complaints
 363-6609

 Health Department
 574-6520

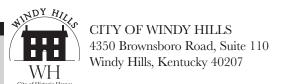
 Jefferson County Clerk
 574-5700

 (All branches can be reached at above number)
 LG&E

 LG&E
 589-1444

or text OUTAGE to 454358

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



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"Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about the difference you make in people's lives."

Michelle Obama