



March 2020

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### From the Mayor's Desk...

It is finally spring in Windy Hills and that means it is budget planning time. Some residents have asked, "What is the budget process?" As your elected officials, we are tasked with taking your needs and wants from the micro to the macro level. Every economics book explains micro and macroeconomics by using the analogy that microeconomics is symbolized by the "trees" and macro the "forest". That is literally the case in Windy Hills since we are a Tree City USA. We must figure out how to pay for our beloved trees while having sufficient funds for "big ticket" items like our Green (our forest) roads, police, sanitation, etc.

The budget procedure is a three-month process that culminates with the June budget and tax ordinance votes. It begins with your Council members reviewing the 2019-20 expenses for their areas. Marianne Rademaker, your Mayor Pro Tem, and I will then review all the 2019-20 numbers looking for any variances, "crunch" projected revenue figures, and present the preliminary budget to the council and residents at the May council meeting. Our goal is to balance our individual and community needs while maintaining a close, supportive environment which will make us all proud to say that we live in Windy Hills.

Please enjoy the beauty of spring in Windy Hills; walk the loop, relax on a bench in our beautiful Green, come to our Arbor Day celebration, and just enjoy the beauty of our City. Have a Great Spring,

Helen M. Davis, Mayor

### Brightside Cleanup

Come join your neighbors on **Saturday, April 11th from 9 am – 11 am** to clean up Windy Hills. Meet in the parking lot near Stockyards Bank (across from The Windy Hills Green) at 9:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided!

Brightside Louisville has been in existence since 1986 and participation in the cleanup has been a long tradition in Windy Hills. "Brightside is dedicated to uniting people in clean and green activities that beautify and foster pride in our community through volunteerism, planting, sustainability, and education."

Gloves, trash bags, and a limited quantity of tee shirts are provided. Just bring yourself. If you have questions, contact Windy Hills Brightside Coordinator Jim Ising at 502.897.3689.



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### Please Let Us Know - Potholes and More

The Council is preparing its 2020-2021 Budget now. If you see potholes, crumbling pavement, or other public works issues around Windy Hills, please contact Councilman Bruce Blue so that these items can be considered as projects for the upcoming fiscal year. Call Bruce at 502.593.4738 or e-mail him at [bruce.blue@cityofwindyhills.com](mailto:bruce.blue@cityofwindyhills.com)



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## Arbor Day Celebration April 19th

The annual Windy Hills Arbor Day Celebration will be held on The Green on Sunday, April 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. This event is sponsored by The Windy Hills Tree Board, chaired by Cheri Silvey-Slusher. The theme this year is “Caring for Trees.” Windy Hills Arborist Caroline Westfall will demonstrate all kinds of things to benefit trees. There will be a raffle for 5 water bags and two soaker hoses. Coloring books and crayons will be available for children. Light refreshments will be served.

Should the event have to be rescheduled due to the weather, notices will be sent out through Reach Alert.



Tree Board chair Cheri Silvey-Slusher, Mayor Helen Davis, former Mayor Jim Ising, Scott Breland, Erin Morris celebrate Tree City USA designation.

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### Free Trees!

Saturday, March 21st 9:00 - 11:00 am - The Waterfront Botanical Garden is hosting the City of Louisville's Division of Community Forestry in their spring tree giveaway for Jefferson County (KY) residents. Awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, choose from an array of Kentucky-native trees species (except the Ginkgo, which is non-native). Proof of county residency required (driver's license or utility bill) and the trees must be planted in Jefferson County, KY.

These free trees (1- to 3-gallon size) cannot be planted in the right-of-way, parks, or in a container. Residents are limited to up to five (5) trees, with no more than three (3) of them being Type C class trees.

This event is held rain or shine at the overflow (gravel) parking lot at Waterfront Botanical Gardens. No pets allowed on property.

For more information or questions, contact the Division of Community Forestry at (502) 574-3927 or at [CommunityForestry@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:CommunityForestry@louisvilleky.gov).

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### Consider Council Service

Do you love our city of Windy Hills? Have ideas about our community life and services? The Council elections will be held November 3, 2020, with the new council taking office January 1, 2021.

Council members serve a two-year term. Council members are required to attend monthly caucus and council meetings, chair a city-wide committee, respond to residents' concerns and complaints, attend city events, and other meetings as needed.

June 2, 2020 is the deadline to file for nonpartisan city offices without primary elections. See information at <http://elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org/>

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### Keeping in Touch

#### Are You Getting The Windy Hills Breeze?

All residents of Windy Hills receive our quarterly print newsletter mailed to homes. Some residents receive The Windy Hills Breeze e-mail newsletter with up-to-date news and information. If you are missing out, go to [cityofwindyhills.com](http://cityofwindyhills.com) and click on the green button “Subscribe to Windy Hills Breeze”. To read past issues, find the links at <https://cityofwindyhills.com/government/newsletters/>

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### Mark Your Calendars for Windy Hills Events

Windy Hills Events draw neighbors together for sociability, learning, celebration, health, and worthy projects. We hope to see you at our events this year!

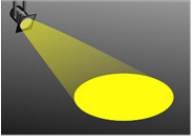
**April 11th – Brightside Spring Cleanup** 9:00 am – 11:00 am (meet near Stockyards Bank)

**April 19th– Arbor Day Celebration** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm on The Green

**July 4th – Windy Hills Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic** Sojourn Church 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

**October 4th- Ice Cream Social and Meet the Council Candidates** – on The Green

**Tuesday, December 1st-6:00 – 7:30 pm** Glow on The Green



## Ordinance Spotlight

**Overnight Parking– Overnight parking is prohibited in Windy Hills. Violators will be fined.**

### Rental Ordinance:

The City has an ordinance that all rental units must be registered. This Ordinance applies to any residential dwelling, including those units in a condominium located in the City that is, at any time, rented or leased. Annual registration will be required for each rental unit. All property owners in the City of Windy Hills must annually register their properties prior to January 1 each year. The owner will pay a \$150 annual registration fee to the City of Windy Hills. Owners of more than one rental unit must register each unit separately and pay an additional \$75 per rental unit. The full ordinance can be found on our website: [Cityofwindyhills.com](http://Cityofwindyhills.com)

### Vacant Property Ordinance:

According to Ordinance 10 concerning vacant property, "Windy Hills considers any residential property that is continuously unoccupied or inhabited for 12 consecutive months to be a vacant property." Vacant property must be registered with the city. Please see <https://cityofwindyhills.com/government/windy-hills-vacant-property-ordinance-and-form/> for more information and the registration form.

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## What NOT to Put in Your Recycling Bin

**After checking with our re-cycler, we offer this guidance.**

**Please do not put these in recycling bin:**

Pet food bags  
Gum and candy wrappers  
Keurig coffee pods  
Deodorant containers  
Plastic coated coffee cups  
Wine corks (many liquor stores will take them)  
Plastic flowerpots (take them to Lowes and/or Home Depot)  
Small bottle caps (leave them on the original container or save them in a recyclable plastic container with a lid to dispose when full)  
Styrofoam (Instead take to Foam Fabrications at 950 Progress Blvd., New Albany, IN 812-948-1696)  
Flexible packaging (eg. Amazon)  
Plastic bags or clear, clean plastic wrapping (Take to Krogers or Target instead.)  
Take popcorn packaging to FedEx or UPS.



### These items are OK:

Shredded paper **can** be recycled **if gathered in a bag** so as not to be lost in processing.  
Plastic cutlery and straws **are recyclable**.



## The Benefits of Attracting Bees to Your Yard

Stories about bees are constantly in the news. Their numbers are in decline for several reasons--increased use of pesticides, the presence of an Asian mite carrying a virus that attacks the bees, and floods washing away hives. In a bad winter, a bee colony may lose 15-20% of its bees. Bees are vital to our food supply and they are under serious threat. We can all help!



Plant more flowers to encourage them to your yard. Not only will you have flowers to admire, the presence of bees will help your vegetable gardens be more productive. If you must spray, do it late in the day. Provide a mason beehive. Mason bees don't sting.

Good plants to attract bees include lilacs, rhododendrons, penstemon, lavender, sage, verbenas, mint, cosmos, oregano, black-eyed Susans, coneflowers, squash, tomatoes, mint and daisies. Bees can see blue. Some good blue plants include salvia, bluebeard caryopteris, blue globe thistle, and bachelor's buttons.

Consider planting clover. It is less likely to be destroyed by dogs. Put a small rock or stone in your bird bath. Bees get thirsty. Honeybees don't want to sting you. They die when they do.

Encouraging bees does not mean that you must be kind to yellow jackets! They frequently live in the ground and are quite aggressive. The best time to kill them is at dusk when they are in their hive.

Learn more about bees and how to support them at <https://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/>





## City Officials and Important Links

### Mayor:

**Helen Davis**

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### City Council:

**Bruce Blue** (*Public Works*)

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**Kate Greer** (*W.H. Green/City Maintenance/  
Newsletter co-chair/Tree Board Liaison*)

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**Marcia Myers** (*Newsletter co-chair/Fourth of July  
parade/picnic*)

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**Marianne Rademaker** (*Finance/Mayor Pro tem*)

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**Suzanne Spencer** (*Community Caring/Health-  
Fitness, Welcome to Windy Hills*)

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**Laura Trachtenberg** (*Community Standards  
Chair/Ordinances*)

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### City Clerk:

**Sandy Moore**..... (502) 895-4778

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CITY WEBSITE..... www.cityofwindyhills.com

### Public Works/ Code Enforcement:

**Steve Teaford**..... (502) 895-4778

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### City Attorney:

**James Hodge**..... (502) 895-4778

**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 Police..... 327-2677

Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch ..... 574-5471

St. Matthews Fire District..... 893-7825

(Business)

District 7 Metro Councilwoman,

Paula McCraney ..... 574-1107

Metro Call..... 574-5000

or ..... 311

Animal Control Protection ..... 361-1318

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 ..... 589-1444

or text OUTAGE to 454358

MSD Customer Service ..... 587-0603

Planning and Design Services ..... 574-6230

Recycling Center..... 896-1293

St. Matthews/Eline Library ..... 574-1771

Ecotech Waste Services..... 502-935-1130



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## ECOTECH WASTE SCHEDULE FOR WINDY HILLS 2020

**Normal Schedule - Monday Yard Waste, Tuesday Trash & Recycling, Friday Trash Week of May 25th - Monday Holiday - Pickups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday instead**

**Week of July 4th - Normal Schedule**

**Week of September 7th - Monday Holiday - Pickups on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday instead**

**Week of Nov 23rd Thanksgiving - Monday and Tuesday normal. Trash picked up on Saturday instead.**

**Dec. - Feb. - Yard Waste will be picked up every other Monday - December 14th and 28th.**

**Week of Dec. 21st - Monday and Tuesday normal. Trash picked up on Saturday the 26th instead.**

**Week of Dec 28th - Monday and Tuesday normal. Trash picked up on Saturday Jan. 2nd instead.**

If you have questions or problems call 502.935.1130 or go to the Ecotech website at <https://ecotechky.com/>

### Reach Alert

In this time of national emergency and other times when the Windy Hills office is closed, there may be cancellations or other important information for residents. Please sign up for Reach Alert so that we can contact you with urgent messages. To register, call 1-877-307-9313 or online at [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com). It is free to Windy Hills residents.