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From the Mayor's Desk...

Dear Neighbors,

I know many of us look forward to autumn with the cooler air and beautiful colors but this fall will look a lot different in our City. It will still be a wonderful time of year but we will need to continue our social distancing. It's a **GREAT** time to enjoy our lovely Green while following the state guidelines. Please mask up and keep 6 feet apart.

Many of you have been following the LG&E tree and vegetation removal progress within our city. Although we hate to lose our magnificent trees, the company is working with the City and the homeowners to minimize the impact. The LG&E arborist is working with Councilwomen Greer and the homeowners to identify appropriate replacements for the trees that have been removed. In fact, several of the trees that were cut down were diseased and "failing" and would have had to eventually be removed at the homeowners' expense. Said homeowners were either compensated for the trees or offered suitable replacements. Additionally, LG&E has graciously offered to plant small trees on the state right-of-way on the north side of Westport Road between Ambridge and Foeburn. We are working with the highway department and LG&E to come up with an appropriate plan.

It is also tax season in Windy Hills. When you receive your tax statement, you will notice that we are offering a **45% discount** if you pay by **October 31, 2020**. Just remember that if the taxes are not paid by the deadline, you will have to pay the full tax rate. I am **VERY** proud that we have been able to hold the expense line on our City budget while maintaining our revenues and sustaining a high level of services.

Stay Safe and have a Happy Fall!

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Windy Hills Officials (Left to right) - Kate Greer, Marcia Myers Bruce Blue, Mayor Helen Davis, Code Enforcement Steve Teaford, Suzanne Spencer, Laura Trachtenberg

City Accomplishments 2019-2020

- Improved waste services, including weekly recycling.
- Strengthened financial management, increased City reserves.
- Provided citywide events for young and old.
- Clarified community standards for property upkeep.
- Repaired, repaved city roads as needed.
- Provided police protection for the city.
- Maintained the Windy Hills Green, city entrances, etc. to enhance the city.
- Offered Tai Chi classes and other wellness initiatives.
- Welcomed new neighbors, cared for seniors, and celebrated graduates.
- Provided holiday decorations throughout the city.
- Provided new trees, maintenance for existing trees, and tree education for residents.
- Maintained monthly communication with residents through print and digital newsletters, alerts, and e-mail.
- Hired new City Clerk, Lisa Kraft, who has been an asset to the office with her knowledge of the PVA and Metro offices and officials.

community pride tradition shady lawns great neighbors

Introducing the Candidates for Windy Hills City Council

In this unusual year of 2020, all of the candidates for City Council are incumbents. Because of this, the candidates will present themselves here rather than stuffing mailboxes, peppering the neighborhood with signs, and knocking on your door. All of your city officials are available if you have questions or concerns. Contact information is on the back of this newsletter and on the city website at [https://cityofwindyhill.com/under the "Government" tab](https://cityofwindyhill.com/under the 'Government' tab).

Bruce Blue

Council Service: January 2019 – present

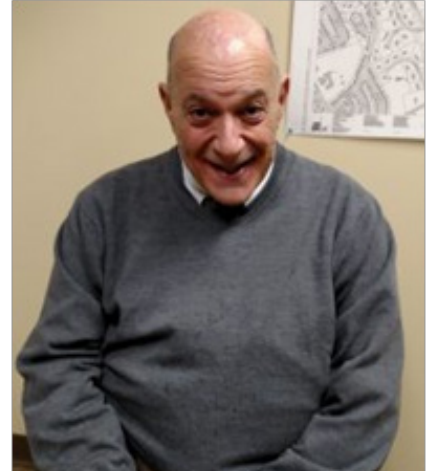
Leadership:

New contract for Recycling, Garbage, and Yard Debris. We kept "back door" trash pick-up, and added weekly recycling.

Public Works - roads, sidewalks, drainage, signage, etc. Repaving as needed, assessing problem areas and future needs.

Coordination with Metro Louisville as needed on areas of overlap.

I hope to be reelected this November and improve on the roads and drainage issues. I have truly enjoyed serving Windy Hills.



Kate Kirwan Greer

Council Service: July 2008 – present

Experience and Skills – horticulture, communication, event planning

Leadership: Citywide Beautification

Community Events

Co-editor of newsletter

Council liaison with Tree Board

It has been an honor to serve on the Council. The active involvement with the community has led to meeting new friends. I respectfully ask for your vote to continue in this capacity.



Marcia Clark Myers

Council Service: January 2019 – present

Experience, Skills: organizational management, communications, involving volunteers

Leadership:

Recycling advocate

Managed waste services survey and focus groups

Coordinated July 4th, 2019 event

Initiated The Windy Hills Breeze digital newsletter

Co-editor monthly newsletter

Graduate Recognition

My Hope for the Future in Windy Hills –

Involvement of more volunteers and variety of perspectives

More activities for children and families



Marianne Rademaker

Council Service: 2007 - present

Leadership:

Financial Management, serves, as needed, as Mayor Pro Tem

I have lived in Windy Hills for nineteen years and love the city. Having served on the city council for fourteen years, I am proud of all that has been accomplished during that time. I strongly believe in citizen involvement in government. I am financially conservative and committed to keeping taxes low. Prior to retirement I was a high school math teacher and served on the boards of directors of KEA and JCTA for many years.



Suzanne Turner Spencer

Council Service 2009 - present

Widow of the late I.G. Spencer

1 daughter, 3 stepchildren, and 6 grandchildren

Experience – model, interior designer, business owner, fiber artist

Extensive Service on community boards including Speed Museum and the Louisville Orchestra

Leadership:

Community Caring Committee

Windy Hills Green Memorials

Apple Watch Giveaway

New Resident welcome



Laura Trachtenberg

Council Service: January 2019- present

Research Coordinator at U of L

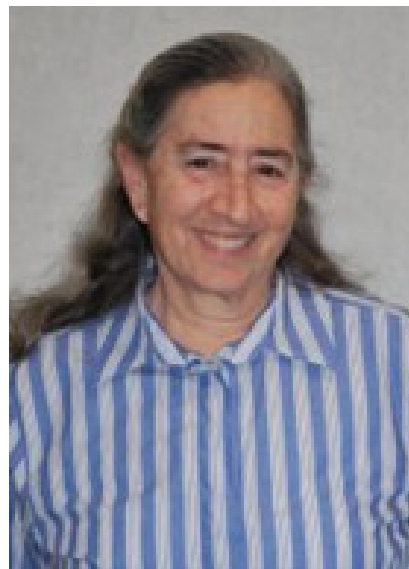
Leadership:

Community Standards Committee

Finalized the City standards for Rentals and Vacant property

4th of July Picnic committee

I hope to continue to work to be of service to the City.



Reminders

There are three ways for Kentucky voters to cast their ballot for this November's election:

- 1) In-person before Election Day, Oct. 13th - Nov. 2nd.
- 2) In-person on Election Day November 3, 2020.
- 3) By absentee ballot (return by mail or ballot dropbox).

Registration deadline is October 5th at 4:00 pm.



Deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 9th 11:59 pm EST.

For more information, to register, request your ballot, or find where to vote in person see govoteky.com



It's that time.

Taxes, Taxes!

This year tax bills were sent for all properties, including those for whom taxes are paid from escrow with the mortgage company. If this applies to you, the tax bill is for your information and records.

Stay Connected!

All residents of Windy Hills receive our quarterly print newsletter mailed to homes.

Are You Getting The Windy Hills Breeze?



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 and click on the green button "Subscribe to Windy Hills Breeze". Past issues can also be found on the city website.

Reach Alert

Urgent messages are sent out by the City or the Graymoor-Devondale Police through Reach Alert. To register, call 1-877-307-9313 or online at www.reachalert.com. It is free to Windy Hills residents.



Resurfacing Driveways:

What Is Required Before Work is Performed

The City would like to remind our residents about the **Application for Encroachment for Driveways**. When you are resurfacing (resealing excluded) your drive, even if you are not expanding the existing driveway, a permit **IS** required **BEFORE** work begins. **The purpose of this ordinance is to make sure that all driveways entering Windy Hills streets conform to Metro Louisville Codes, as to maximum dimensions allowed.**

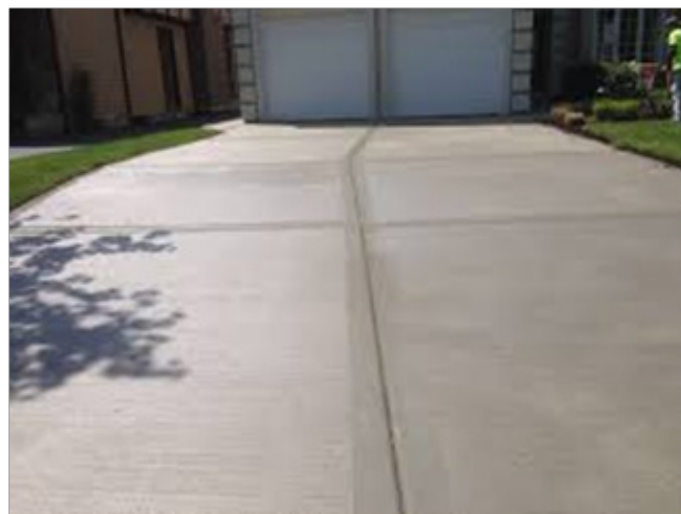
Where the existing drive is being expanded, a simple drawing is required in addition to the permit, to show dimensions of the addition. In either case, once the permit is received, the existing drive will be inspected promptly, to ensure the drive measurements meet guidelines. We will not delay your drive install if the permit is received within a reasonable time before the work is performed. **It is not the City's desire to invoke a penalty on any resident but when work is done without a permit, residents risk fines or substantial expense to correct driveways that are out of compliance.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Find the Application and other information **on the city website under "Code Enforcement" tab.**

Special note: **If your drive enters Rudy or Hubbards Lane, contact Metro Louisville, Transportation Dept. for their Encroachment Permit.**

If your drive enters Brownsboro Road, please contact the Kentucky Department of Transportation.<https://transportation.ky.gov>

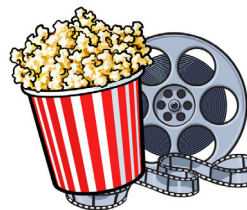


Ideas to Keep Kids Busy During the Pandemic

With public schools teaching virtually and parents trying to work either inside or out of the home, times are difficult and stressful for parents. Experts agree it is important for everyone to have a routine. Scheduled bedtimes and wakeup times should be enforced on weekdays. When dealing with schoolwork, the routine should be consistent. Short breaks should be encouraged in between subjects. Lunch should be at a certain time. The children could possibly help make the lunch. A recess should be after lunch before learning reconvenes.

Are you Zoomed out? Need some new activities for kids? Here are some to try.

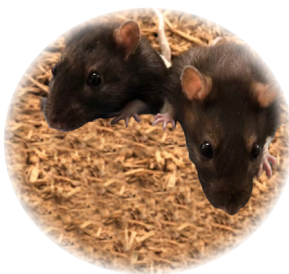
1. A walk. Children could count the number of houses, trees, etc. on their block. They could count the number of steps they take from point A to point B. Older children could map something in Windy Hills, such as their yard or The Windy Hills Green.
2. Go geocaching – fun for the whole family! See <https://www.geocaching.com>
3. Collect items of nature (pinecones, acorns, rocks, twigs, etc.) Children could create animals with pipe cleaners, construction paper, google eyes, yarn, and paint.
4. Make a dish or a fairy garden.
5. Make a necklace or bracelet out of pasta, beads, and paper beads.
6. Set up a bird feeder. The child can keep count of the different kinds of birds that visit it.
7. Study the weather. Make a chart of daily temperature (high and low) and precipitation. Make or purchase a labeled rain gauge and place it in an unprotected area. Get a weather thermometer. Blow bubbles outside to see which the wind moves. These activities could encourage children to explore climate and weather in more detail.
8. Place 10 objects on a tray. Have the child study them, cover with a dish towel, and remove one of the items. See if he/she knows which it was and continue until all items are gone.
9. Treasure hunt inside or outside, leaving clues.
10. Scavenger hunt using the letters of the alphabet.
11. Make a fort either out of big cardboard boxes (the adult can cut out windows and doors) or out of blankets and sheets. Let the child take a nap or eat lunch in it.
12. Movie night with popcorn.
13. Plan and cook a meal together. Discuss where the ingredients first originated (other than the grocery store) and how they were transported. What type of workers helped produce the product? This could be researched and located on a map. This project promotes geography and economics.
14. Play charades.
15. Go for a family hike in one of our many Louisville area parks. Everyone needs a break and fresh air.
16. Learn a new language together.
17. Take a virtual tour to a national park, aquarium, museum, art gallery, city, etc. Have the child write a report about it.
18. Have the child write a song, poem, or rap about an event in history or a current event.
19. Play games like *Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego*. It is even fun for adults.
20. If the adult is having trouble helping with homework, besides the resources offered by your school and JCPS, there are places on the internet with help. Two especially valuable are *22 Remote Learning Tips for Parents Helping at Home* and *Remote Learning Resources to Support Parents and Students*.



Fall Gardening Tasks



- Reseed lawn and water daily until the grass grows.
- Fertilize lawn twice (October and late November or early December).
- After checking for pests, bring in houseplants once evening temperatures are consistently below 55 degrees.
- Pull up remnants of vegetable gardens and put debris in compost pile (unless suffering from wilt) or put out for yard waste collection.
- Divide perennials. Offer extras to neighbors.
- Wait until Spring to cut back perennial foliage. Butterflies may have laid eggs in it.
- Plant trees, perennials, and pansies. (pansies winter over for spring bloom)
- Make sure that perennials and trees have ample water.
- Chop leaves to use as mulch or to add to your compost.
- Cut grass shorter in November.
- Plant bulbs.
- Clean tools, sharpen spades, etc.
- Don't over-mulch around trees. 23" of mulch is ample. Avoid the volcano effect as it harbors mice and insects.
- An inexpensive way to mulch is to chop your leaves and place them in beds. It will amend the soil.
- Put a barrier round young trees to protect them from deer since it is rutting season. Tree guards are available for purchase. Where? You can also place bamboo stakes around tree and add fishing line.



Invasive Plants

We have all been horrified by the massive loss of trees on the West Coast since trees lessen the impact of climate change, help reduce pollution, and provide habitat for wildlife. Unfortunately, LG & E has had to remove some trees and vegetation in Windy Hills because of the federal power grid regulations (please refer to the Windy Hills website if you want more information). The company is working with homeowners and paying for replacement trees that are appropriate and meet Federal guidelines.

Regardless for the reason for planting replacement/new trees and shrubs, residents should avoid exotic, invasive plants. An "Exotic" plant or animal is one that is brought here from its place of origin. All exotics are not invasive. But the ones that are deemed invasive have no predators (disease, insects, birds) that keep them in check. They are so prolific that they may be the first to move in where there has been a fire or other disaster. Two perfect examples of exotics are Bush Honeysuckle, which is all over Windy Hills, and Kudzu which has finally reached Jefferson County. The former is spread by birds that eat the red berries and then eliminate them elsewhere. The only way to get rid of them is to cut them down and spray them with a strong herbicide immediately. The latter grows a foot a day.

Here is a list of a few that should NEVER be considered:

Tree of Heaven, Mimosa, Amur Maple, Norway Maple, Autumn Olive, European Privet, White Mulberry, Amur Corktree, Common Buckthorn, Black Locust, Siberian Elm, Butterfly Bush, Burning Bush, Rose of Sharon, Bush Honeysuckle, Japanese Honeysuckle.

If you are planning to cut down trees or had trees that had to be removed by LG & E and you are limited to the size of replacements, **here are some good native substitutes:**

Redbud, Highbush Blueberry, Buttonbush, Winterberry, Spicebush, Scarlet Honeysuckle, Red or Yellow Osier Dogwood, and many Viburnum cultivars.

Ice Cream Social



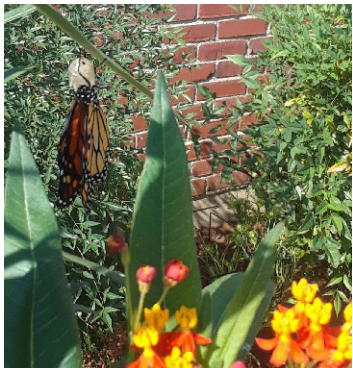
Sadly, we are not able to hold our usual Ice Cream Social this year.

We look forward to some really wonderful gatherings in 2021. In the meantime, wave as you walk. Smile across the Green. Check on your neighbors. We will get through this!



Metro Council members Paula McCraney and Scott Reed are asking for residents to help clean up and weed the area between Rudy Lane and Highway 22. There will also be volunteers from surrounding cities. **The date is Sunday, October 4. The time is 3:00 P.M.** Gloves, tools, hand sanitizer, and masks will be provided. Please meet in the Panera parking lot. Your help is appreciated!

Butterflies in Windy Hills



Photos by Jean Wade

The Windy Hills Playground

“When can we play?” Children and parents want to know. Because of the possibility of Covid transmission, health guidance is that playgrounds remain closed for the time being. The City of Windy Hills is closely monitoring that guidance and will work with Sojourn Church to reopen the playground when it is deemed safe to do so. For more information about parks during Covid, see Covid guidance in the parks section of Louisville.gov.



A Windy Hills Resident near the playground



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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 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

Clip and Keep 

ECOTECH WASTE SCHEDULE FOR WINDY HILLS 2020

Normal Schedule - Monday Yard Waste, Tuesday Trash & Recycling, Friday Trash

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/>

***“Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today.
It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”***

— Charles Schulz, Illustrator