



Windy Hills

January 2021

A City of Historic Homes

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From the Mayor's Desk...

What a difference a year makes!!!! This time last year, I was encouraging you to look forward to spring and the annual season of renewal. Everything changed dramatically when the pandemic hit our country. We have all spent a year negotiating unfamiliar territory: emergency orders, ZOOM meetings, "virtual" school, and the list goes on and on. We extend our sympathy to the residents who have experienced the painful effects from Covid, including job loss, business/financial difficulties, continuing health issues, and loss of loved ones to the virus.

We are optimistic that life will eventually change for the better in 2021. We look forward to our beloved City events and in-person meetings including school, work, and Council. We know that we are all eagerly anticipating visits with neighbors, friends, and loved ones where we are no longer wearing masks and worrying about keeping our "distance". While we are waiting for that return to "normalcy", please remember to wear your mask, follow the CDC guidelines, and get your shot when it becomes available.

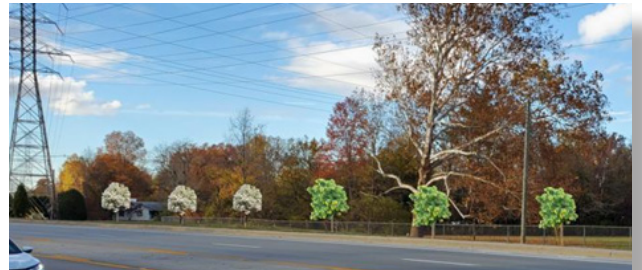
Even in the midst of the pandemic, we have had some "good news". The auditors completed the 2019-20 fiscal year audit. The City Council adopted the audit at the January 25, 2021 meeting and an abbreviated copy is included in this newsletter. I am happy to report that we again completed the year with a surplus while maintaining a high level of City Services.

Congratulations to our Council Members who were all reelected to additional two-year terms! They were sworn into office at a December 27th special Council meeting. Again, Congratulations!!!!

Finally, in the Fall newsletter, I reported on our collaboration with LG&E on the tree and vegetation removal program. I know we were all dismayed when we found out that they would have to remove the trees and vegetation under the transmission lines. I want to thank LG&E for working with us to mitigate the impact on the City and our homeowners. I am pleased to announce that they have planted 36 new trees and 27 evergreen shrubs on the Westport Road right-of-way between Ambridge and Foeburn. They also power washed or replaced fencing along this area. Although it will take several years for the trees to reach maturity, we believe the Westport corridor will greatly enhance the beauty of Windy Hills.

Stay Safe!

Helen



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... by appointment

Following the Governor's Guidelines,
the City Office is open by appointment.

Office hours are

Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 2 PM.

Please call 895-4778 to make an appointment.

Council Meetings

Your Windy Hills City Council meets twice monthly - on a Friday for planning and on the following Monday for action. Because of Covid-19, meetings are being held via Zoom. Residents are always welcome. **Check the City Calendar under the “For Residents” tab for information about upcoming meetings. Call Lisa Kraft at the office (502.895.4778) to get sign-in information for virtual meetings.**

A Certified Arborist Can Help Prevent Serious Property Damage

The following was written by Tony Nold, owner of the Plant Kingdom, and Robert Rollins, former owner of Greenhaven Tree Service, in the Spring of 2008. It was written after the straight wind storms in September, followed by a serious ice storm that damaged numerous Windy Hills trees and homes. This is a reprint.

The recent severe storms racing through Louisville and surrounding areas were devastating to neighborhood businesses and homeowners. The storms proved once again the importance of having **a certified arborist** examine the health and structural soundness of our larger canopy trees.

Although it is true that even healthy trees are prone to severe storm damage, many of the destroyed trees had potential or relatively evident problems that could have been detected using preventative measures (such as selective pruning, cabling, or, in extreme circumstances, removal). These landscape giants, coexisting with us city dwellers, require assistance that doesn't necessarily exist in a purely natural situation. Remember the old adage, “If a tree falls in the woods and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?” The trees that fell on our homes and businesses certainly made a ruckus.

Before storms hit, consider having a certified arborist inspect your trees and do preventative care indicated. While many companies offer tree services, be sure to ask for “certified arborist” credentials before you engage someone. If you would like recommendations of local professionals, contact Windy Hills Tree Board liaison Councilwoman Kate Greer at 502.893.2059.





Windy Hills – St. Xavier Food Drive a Big Success!

On Saturday, December 19th students from St. Xavier High School “Tigers Care” collected food from Windy Hills to feed needy Louisvillians through Dare to Care Food Bank. Because of the pandemic and resulting economic crisis, food needs have significantly increased. Windy Hills residents responded in a big way!

**3,590 lbs. of food was donated in
Windy Hills WOW!**

Since May 2020, Tigers Care Food Drives total is 19,648 pounds of food!!

**Thank you
Windy Hills and
St. X volunteers!**

Thanks to the Community Caring Committee – Joyce Brown, Robin Goodin, Mary Jo MacDonald, Emily Pruett, Jody Smiley, and Councilwoman Suzanne Spencer.



Please Be Safe on Our Streets!

During the pandemic, more and more of us are keeping healthy in mind and body by getting outside and enjoying walking and bicycle riding throughout the City. It is wonderful to see neighbors and their dogs out and about.



Please be safe as you walk and ride! **We don't want to lose you!** Thanks to all who socially distance but walking in the street on main thoroughfares is dangerous. Move aside into a driveway and let oncoming neighbors pass rather than risk it. Please walk **facing traffic** and please be alert to cars – coming behind you or pulling out from side streets. Texting while walking can be disastrous! Bike riders – please ride in the street if you are able. Give pedestrians right-of-way on sidewalks.





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November 23, 2020
Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners City of Windy Hills
Jefferson County, Kentucky

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Windy Hills for the year ended June 30, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, Government Auditing Standards), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated August 17, 2020. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City of Windy Hills are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the City of Windy Hills during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 23, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City of Windy Hills' financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City of Windy Hills' auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedules, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council and management of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Bechtler, Parker & Watts



CITY OF WINDY HILLS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Property taxes, net	\$ 326,495	\$ 326,495	\$ 334,497	\$ 8,002
Municipal insurance premium tax	240,000	240,000	262,189	22,189
Public Safety HB 413	4,600	4,600	5,160	560
Franchise tax - Cable TV	17,000	17,000	18,288	1,288
Interest income	12,000	12,000	19,708	7,708
Rental registration fees	8,250	8,250	8,025	(225)
Penalty and interest	0	0	2,558	2,558
Green Fund contributions	100	100	509	409
Other	2,100	2,100	3,941	1,841
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TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 610,545</u>	<u>\$ 610,545</u>	<u>\$ 654,875</u>	<u>\$ 44,330</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government	\$ 275,082	\$ 275,082	\$ 192,382	\$ 82,700
Public safety	57,600	57,600	57,360	240
Streets and public works	0	0	31,536	(31,536)
Sanitation	267,167	267,167	253,967	13,200
Emergency fund	22,301	22,301	0	22,301
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 622,150</u>	<u>\$ 622,150</u>	<u>\$ 535,245</u>	<u>\$ 86,905</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (11,6051</u>	<u>\$ (11,6052</u>	<u>\$ 119,630</u>	<u>\$ 131,235</u>

CITY OF WINDY HILLS
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Kentucky municipal aid	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 47,474	\$ 3,474
Interest income	4,390	4,390	3,260	(1,130)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 48,390</u>	<u>\$ 48,390</u>	<u>\$ 50,734</u>	<u>\$ 2,344</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government	0	0	0	0
Snow removal	16,000	16,000	10,000	6,000
Streets and public works	45,750	45,750	40,594	5,156
Emergency fund	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 61,750</u>	<u>\$ 61,750</u>	<u>\$ 50,594</u>	<u>\$ 11,156</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
(UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (13,360}</u>	<u>\$ {13,360}</u>	<u>\$ 140</u>	<u>\$ 13,500</u>

CITY OF WINDY HILLS 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 (everyday 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 work is actively in progress they may not be placed on any Right of Way or before work begins and must be removed the day the work is complete.

- 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 immediately 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).
- Personal signs, including lost pet notices and yard sales may not be affixed to any city street signs, light benches, or waste containers at any time. They will be removed immediately. Reach Alert is recommended for lost pets.



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 day 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 tarps 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 pickup 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 MAINTENANCE/DRIVEWAY REPLACEMENT

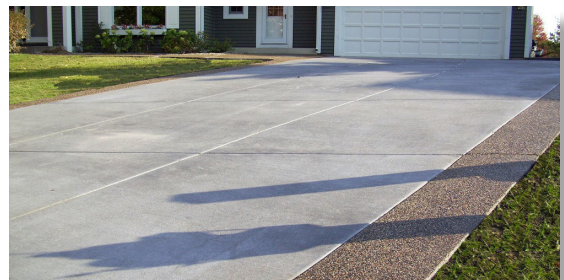
- Windy Hills complies with Metro Louisville Building Code Permit requirements. If you are doing construction on your own or by contractor, please be sure to obtain a permit before work begins if a permit is required. Permits must be placed in plain sight on the property while construction is in progress or 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 Cod 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 Right of Way Encroachment Application 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. Applications must be submitted before work is performed. Failure to do so could result in a fine. Questions maybe 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 or under construction) must be registered with the City. Existing rental/ vacant homes must be registered by January 15th each year. 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 under the Code Enforcement tab.

Thank you for your attention and understanding of these important matters. If you have questions about any of these items, please contact Code Enforcement at steve.teaford@cityofwindyhill.com

Windy Hills City Council.





City Officials and Important Links

Mayor:

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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:

Lisa Kraft..... (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 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

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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Common sense is not so common. - Voltaire

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ECOTECH Waste Pick-Up January - June 2021 Schedule

Monday - Yard Waste Jan. 11th and 25th, Feb. 8th and 22nd.

March 1st - Weekly Yard Waste resumes!

Tuesday - Recycling and Garbage Collection

Friday - Garbage Collection

Please call **502.935.1130** to schedule a large item or report a problem.

Check www.ecotechky.com for holiday changes.

Ecotech observes New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Pickup is adjusted 1 day late when necessary due to the holiday.