



June 2021

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



Dear Neighbors,

Last year at this time I wrote in the newsletter "What a difference 3 months can make in our lives!" I am happy that this year the difference is positive. I am so EXCITED that our City, State, and Country seem to be returning to Pre-pandemic living. It is wonderful to see us all out and about mostly "maskless" because we have received our shots. If you haven't received your Covid shot(s), I strongly urge you to do so we can continue to gather, celebrate, and enjoy each other's company.

On Monday, June 14, 2021, we had our first "in-person" meeting since June 2020. I want to thank all of our residents who attended. We truly appreciate our residents' interest and engagement in Windy Hills' activities and I encourage you to attend our meetings. We meet at 7 PM on the second Monday of the month at Sojourn Church. During these meetings, the council members and I give monthly updates plus our residents have two opportunities to address comments and concerns to the Council. Mark your calendars and join us at future meetings.

Finally, I was pleased to announce at the June meeting that we are again offering residents a **45% property tax discount** if paid on or before October 31, 2021.

During May and June, I responded to numerous property tax inquiries for real estate and refinancing closings. I was asked multiple times to verify the **45%** discount. One person said "Wow, I wish I lived in your city. No one offers that kind of discount!" Again, we are only able to offer a **45%** discount because our team works hard to make your tax dollars go that extra mile. Our goal is to be good stewards of your money!

Thank you all for your support and help. We are honored to be your elected officials!

Helen

### Monday Food Trucks



As a way of providing some summer celebration, the City of Windy Hills is inviting food trucks once each month on Monday evenings. Sojourn Community Church is graciously allowing us to use their parking lot at 2501 Rudy Lane.

**Monday, July 5th 5:00 - 7:00 pm** Alchemy Food Truck with Venezuelan and Latin fusion delights. See <https://alchemyloouisville.com/alchemyfoodtruck>

**Monday August 2nd 5:00 - 7:00 pm** Bamba Eggroll with Filipino food <https://www.bambaeggrolls.com/>

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## Windy Hills Fall Festival September 25th

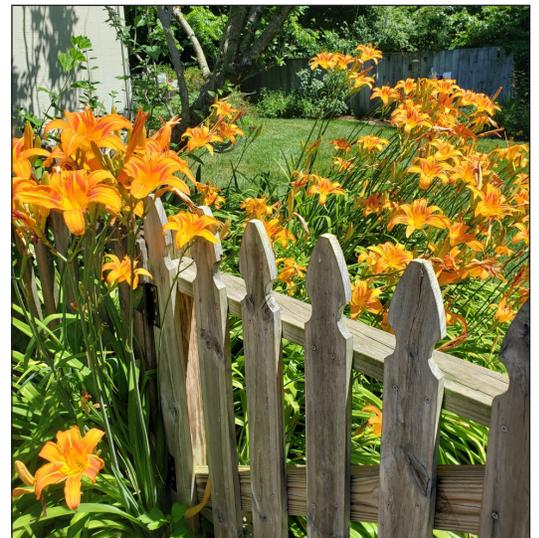


In light of Covid concerns especially for families with unvaccinated children, our annual Windy Hills celebration (usually on the 4th of July) has been delayed to Saturday, September 25th. It will be held on the grounds of Sojourn Community Church at 2501 Rudy Lane. The Moon Dogs band has agreed to provide music for the festival, a fabulous meal is planned, and Haywood Dairy will be there as usual with their delicious ice cream. The Windy Hills Tree Board will have some activities and safe fun for all ages will be offered. Stay tuned for more information as plans develop. Put it on your calendar and plan to come!

### Windy Hills Signs of Summer

Have you been spending more time in your garden during the pandemic? If you have put in all the hard work to make your garden a special place for you and your family, how about showing off some of your labors in a Windy Hills Signs of Summer Photo Collection for the next newsletter! Extra time in the garden has helped many of us get through the lockdown and adjust to the new world we find ourselves in. Across Windy Hills both experienced and novice gardeners have been planting, weeding, and just getting their hands dirty, and have a much-deserved sense of achievement. Our fair city has so many beautiful gardens from those months spent on tending and giving loving care to our outdoor spaces. We are inviting you to show off your work and share your digital photographs for inclusion in the next newsletter as a celebration issue for the "Windy Hills Signs of Summer".

Email your digital photos to: [newsletter@cityofwindyhills.com](mailto:newsletter@cityofwindyhills.com)



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## City of Windy Hills Budget Information Statement

As your Mayor, I am tasked with preparing and presenting the City of Windy Hills budget. Your Mayor Pro Tem, Marianne Rademaker, and I have been working on this budget since February. Our mission has been to meet the needs of our residents in preparing our budget and ensuring state financial/ budget compliance. You will be happy to know that we are in **FULL** compliance. We had our first reading at the May Council meeting. Unfortunately the meeting was virtual so we did not have much resident participation. I am glad that we were able to have an "in-person" meeting in June so we could discuss it fully with our residents.

At the June Council Meeting, we had a second reading and formally acted on the budget. The adopted and published 2021-22 budget immediately follows this statement.

Items of note for the budget: I am pleased to announce that the tax rate will again be **.17 per \$100** with a **45%** discount if paid by October 31, 2021. This has been the second year that we have been able to offer a **45%** discount. We have been very diligent on holding the line on our costs and we will continue this practice in the next fiscal year. Our conservative practices, have again resulted in a balanced budget.

Based on the PVA assessment updates for 2021-22, we are forecasting a 4% increase in the property tax revenue which is within the amount allowed by law. We are projecting the other revenue to be flat.

One of the biggest variables is the municipal insurance premium tax. We again tried to be conservative in the projection because the amount collected can vary widely due to purchases of large life insurance policies and the taxes collected on said policies.

On the expenditure side, we did not increase the budget for General government expenses. The cost of our public safety provided by the Graymoor-Devondale Police will remain the same.

On the Road Aid Fund portion of the budget, we are projecting revenue to be flat due to interest rates and state funding. We did increase the budget for 2021-22 road fund expenditures based on the Engineer's report. We may not spend all the budgeted money but we want to ensure that we have sufficient funds budgeted because of some deferred maintenance on curbs, etc.

I also want to assure you that our City has and continues to conform to the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirements. If you have questions about the budget, please contact me at City Hall.

Helen M Davis

Mayor

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 1 Series 2020/2021

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM  
TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

**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, 2021.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS:**

Section 1 The tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, is hereby levied and fixed at the rate of \$0.170 per \$100.00 of property as assessed for taxation.

Section 2 The City Clerk shall make out and mail tax bills, sequentially numbered, from the assessment rolls as certified on or before October 1, 2021

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. A discount of 45% shall be allowed on tax bills paid during October, 2021.
- B. The face amount of a tax bill shall be payable during November and December, 2021.
- C. On tax bills paid after December 31, 2021, there shall be added thereto a penalty of 10% 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 lien filing and release fees.
- D. 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.

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 Council.

Section 5 The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

First Reading held May 10, 2021; Second Reading, Passed and Approved, June 14, 2021

*Helen M Davis*

Helen M. Davis, Mayor

Attest:  
*Lisa Kraft*  
Lisa Kraft, City Clerk

**CITY OF WINDY HILLS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2 Series 2020/2021**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022, ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, a Budget Proposal and Message have been prepared and delivered to the City Council, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modification, now therefore.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS**

Section 1. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 is hereby adopted as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Aid Fund</u>
<b>RESOURCES AVAILABLE:</b>		
Fund Balance Carried fwd.	\$1,286,133	\$215,256
Estimated Revenues:		
Net Property Taxes	346,065	
Penalties/Interest – Property Tax	2,000	
Cable TV franchise (other)	18,000	
Rental/Vacant House Ordinance		
Registration fee	8,250	
Muni. Road Aid Fund		48,000
Interest	4,000	1,000
Public Safety HB413	5,100	
Green Fund Contribution	100	
Municipal Insurance Tax	240,000	
Other	<u>1,850</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$607,365	<u>\$49,000</u>
Transfer from surplus		\$58,500
Total Estimated Revenues		<u>\$107,500</u>
Total Resources Available for		
Appropriation	<u>\$1,893,498</u>	<u>\$264,256</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS:</b>		
General government	\$281,420	
Public Safety	60,000	
Paving		\$87,500
Sanitation	254,727	
Snow Removal		20,000
Emergency Fund	11,218	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$607,365</u>	<u>\$107,500</u>
Excess of Resources over		
Appropriations	<u>\$1,286,133</u>	<u>\$156,756</u>
Estimated Fund Balances at end of		
Fiscal Year	<u>\$1,286,133</u>	<u>\$156,756</u>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.  
 First Reading held May 10, 2021.  
 Second Reading, Passed and approved June 14, 2021.

*Helen M. Davis*  
 Helen M. Davis, Mayor

Attest:  
*Lisa Kraft*  
 Lisa Kraft, City Clerk



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## City Drainage

Recently the City contracted with Milestone Design Group to do a roadway evaluation of Windy Hills to assist the Council in future planning. In sharing their report engineer Mark Madison explained that the city has a mixed roadside drainage system. “A portion of the City’s roadways have curb and gutter drainage systems, while other portions of the City are without curbs and have roadside drainage systems. The term ‘roadside drainage’ system refers to storm water draining away from the center of the roadway pavement toward the pavement edge and then into a roadside ditch or swale running more or less parallel to the roadway pavement.” These ditches are located within the public right of way and are key to effective drainage. Any attempt to fill them in creates problems for downstream neighbors and for our roadways and is illegal.

Be a good neighbor by keeping drains and swales clear. Make sure your gutter downspouts turn toward the front or back of your property and not toward your neighbor’s basement.

### **NANDINA BERRIES HAZARDOUS TO BIRDS**

Nandina (Heavenly Bamboo) is a favorite shrub found in residential yards, parks, office parking lots, and in Windy Hills’ street entrances. People love Nandina—especially in winter—because of the red berries and dark foliage. Some bird enthusiasts plant it as a source of food in winter. Actually the plant is harmful to birds, especially Cedar Waxwings, Dozens of these birds were found dead in Thomas County, Georgia. The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine found the culprit of their demise to be Nandina berries.

The berries contain a small amount of cyanide. The birds died from hemorrhaging in lungs, hearts, abdomens and other organs. If a bird ate only one or two of these berries, it would not kill them. Most bird species are not dying from them. Cedar Waxwings, however, travel in flocks and aren’t as particular about their berry choices. When they see a source of food, they attack the plant like a piranha and strip it bare in minutes. I have seen them do this to my Cranberrybush Viburnums.

Nandina has been classified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a noxious, invasive, nonnative weed. It spreads very easily by the berries, and ironically, by birds such as Robins, who only eat one and dispose of the seed. And yet, Nandinas are still being marketed by nurseries and commercial landscapers. There are cultivars without berries, but people want the berries. A much better shrub to plant is a native deciduous Winterberry Holly (*Ilex verticillate*). The berries are beautiful in winter and birds love them. You do need one male nearby.

Source: The Garden Club of Kentucky Bulltin, June, 2021

If you don’t want to dig up your Nandinas, at least cut off the berries before birds eat them. And don’t bring them into your house if you have curious cats. They will make them sick.



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## Maxine Smith 100th Birthday by Buddy Mattingly

Ruth Maxine Smith will be 100 years old on June 20, 2021.

She is one of the few remaining original residents of Windy Hills and a friend and contemporary of former officials Faye Eller camp and Betty Walsh.

She has told me parts of her story several times over the past 30 years I have known her. Forgive me if I get some details wrong.

Maxine enlisted in the Army Nursing Corps early in World War II and was trained at Fort Knox. She was a member of the first nursing group deployed from Fort Knox to the war in Europe.

She was sent to England and from there became part of the invasion of Italy. While on the way to the deployment, the British troop transport ship she was traveling on was attacked and sunk by the Axis forces. Maxine volunteered to help the lone available British sailor to evacuate the nurses from the ship before it sank. One nurse was so traumatized by the attack she became hysterical and stopped the evacuation and had to be subdued.

Once on shore the battle was fierce. The nurses and doctors had been trained to put their steel battle helmets under the operating tables, while surgery was being performed, for sanitary reasons.

Without even a helmet for protection, they once kept operating when the roof of the tent was blown away during an air raid.

Maxine served with the mobile hospital unit until the end of the war. Her unit received a medal for their courageous service. They were credited with saving 50,000 Allied soldiers.

She later married a doctor, who had also been a soldier in the war, and raised a family here in Windy Hills Kentucky.

### Animal Control Contact

If you have a problem with domestic or wild animals, to make a service request of Louisville Animal Control, call 473-PETS. If you do not reach a dispatcher, please leave a message. The more accurate the information provided the better we can serve you and address the situation. First, state your complaint and give a description of the involved animal. Next, provide the exact address you are calling about, and then your name, address and contact information. You can also contact Hannah E. Forner with Animal Control. Her email address is [Hannah.forner@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Hannah.forner@louisvilleky.gov).



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City Website.....www.cityofwindyhills.com

#### Public Works/ Code Enforcement:

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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 (*Business*) .....893-7825

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

*If plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters — 204 if you're in Japan. — Claire Cook*

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### ECOTECH Waste Pick-up Schedule

**Monday** – Weekly Yard Waste (through November)

**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](http://www.ecotechky.com) for holiday or weather emergency changes.

Ecotech observes New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Pick-up is adjusted 1 day late when necessary due to the holiday.