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From the Mayor's Desk...



Dear Neighbors,

We are finally having our first in-person city-wide summer event since the start of the pandemic. I know we are all looking forward to our annual Independence Day celebration which will be held Saturday, July 2. I want to thank Marcia Myers and her team for spearheading this event. Look for the details in this newsletter.

Exciting news! Like the Queen, Windy Hills is celebrating our **Platinum Jubilee** in 2022. Windy Hills was incorporated as a city on September 5, 1952, and we are planning a City-wide celebration in September. We hope that many of our former residents will come back and celebrate with us! We will provide more information when we are closer to the event.

We are coming to the end of another fiscal year and we expect to end the 2021-2022 year with a surplus. We are pleased to announce that residents will receive a **45% property tax discount** if paid on or before October 31, 2022. We are only able to offer a **45% discount** because our team works hard to make your tax dollars go that extra mile. We strive to be good stewards of your money! Please refer to the budget statement, budget ordinance, and ad valorem tax ordinance (posted in this newsletter) for more information.

We hope to see you at our Independence Day Celebration!!!! Thank you all for your support and help. We are honored to be your elected officials!

Helen

Arbor Day Event

Because Windy Hills is collaborating with Metro in cleaning up the creek on Hubbard's Lane near the Recycling Center, the City is celebrating Arbor Day at the Recycling Center. This is the first time we have held an Arbor Day celebration since 2019 because of Covid. The event will be held on Monday, June 20, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Windy Hills Arborist Caroline Westfall will present information about invasive plants and improving the site and water conditions. There will be "goody bags" for children 10 and under and free ice cream from Haywood Dairy. There will be two raffles: one for an hour consultation to a Windy Hills resident's yard from our City Arborist and another for a tree to be planted in a resident's yard in late autumn. There is plenty of room to park at the Center and it will be sprayed for mosquitoes.



Upcoming City Council Meetings

Friday, July 8th 10:00 am "Caucus" work session at City Hall and by Zoom

Monday July 11th 7:00 pm at Sojourn Church

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community pride tradition shady lawns great neighbors

Food Trucks!!!

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

Tuesday, July 5th 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Longshot Lobsta

Back by popular demand! Enjoy a taste of the sea!

Monday, August 1st 5:00 – 7:00 Made in Brazil

Come and enjoy some Brazilian specialties.



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| Lobsta Rolls | |
| Traditional Lobste Roll (sals) | \$10.00 |
| Tossed with Mayonnaise, Celery and Special Seasoning | |
| Main Lobste Roll (sals) | \$10.00 |
| Tossed with Greek Yogurt, Celery and Special Seasoning | |
| Connecticut Lobste Roll (sals) | \$10.00 |
| Tossed with Special Sauce | |
| Lobsta Soups | |
| Lobste Bisque (8 oz) | \$ 4.00 |
| Tossed with a Warm Cheddar Bay Biscuit | |
| New England Clam Chowder (8 oz) | \$ 4.00 |
| Tossed with a Warm Cheddar Bay Biscuit | |
| Lobsta Pick Two | |
| Lobste Roll & Lobste Bisque (8 oz) | \$12.00 |
| Tossed with a Warm Cheddar Bay Biscuit | |
| Lobste Roll & New England Clam Chowder (8 oz) | \$12.00 |
| Tossed with a Warm Cheddar Bay Biscuit | |
| Sides & Drinks | |
| Warm Cheddar Bay Biscuits | \$1.00 |
| Soda | \$2.00 |
| Bottled Water | \$1.50 |

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| BRAZILIAN CHEESEBURGER The ultimate cheeseburger, seasoned beef, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, with a homemade dressing... \$8.00 | |
| PORK SANDWICH Seasoned pork tenderloin with homemade sauce, lettuce, tomato, onion, with a homemade dressing... \$8.00 | |
| CLASSIC SALAD Dressings with lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, with a homemade dressing... \$5.00 | |
| TROPICAL SALAD Dressings with lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, with a homemade dressing... \$6.00 | |
| PASTEL CHICKEN, KIBBI & CHICKEN, GROUND BEEF OR CHICKEN... \$3.00 | |
| CHICKEN COXINHIA Chicken breast, lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, with a homemade dressing... \$1.00 | |
| FELICIDADE Shrimp, lettuce, tomato, onion, cucumber, with a homemade dressing... \$12.00 | |
| BRIGADEIRO Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate... \$2.00 | |
| FRIES Fries... \$1.50 | |
| WATER OR SODA SODA, SODA, SODA, SODA, SODA, SODA... \$1.50 | |
| GUARANA Guarana... \$2.00 | |

MADE IN BRAZIL
A FOOD TRUCK

Governor Signs Bill in Windy Hills

On Wednesday, June 1st, Governor Andy Beshear visited Windy Hills to sign the “Porch Pirate Bill” sponsored by State Senator David Yates. Standing behind a Weber grill near the Brownsboro Hardware Post Office, Governor Beshear signed the bill which aims to reduce package theft by making it a felony. He spoke with staff and others gathered and said, “This was my hardware store for ten years,” thanking employees for their “service and heart.” He praised store owners past and present - Jim Lehrer and Doug Carroll for their leadership in efforts to assist tornado victims and honor veterans. Doug Carroll was made a “Kentucky Colonel”.



Calvin Presbyterian Church Closure

After 65 years of service to the community, Calvin Presbyterian Church concluded its corporate ministry and closed on June 12, 2022. While the worshipping community will disperse to other congregations, some of its mission programs will continue: The Calvin Academy of Music will become the core offering for a new Academy for the Fine Arts at Broadway Baptist Church. The Sensory Mitt ministry, which creates tactile mitts for people with dementia, will relocate to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Middletown.

Calvin Church is grateful for the decades of kind support from the Windy Hills City Council and our many neighbors! We are privileged to have served and shared in the life of this community. God bless you all!

WINDY HILLS COMMUNITY PICNIC AND PARADE

**Saturday, July 2, 2022
11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Sojourn Community Church East
2501 Rudy Lane**

Delicious food, music by the Moon Dogs Band, parade, prizes, fun for all ages!

All of this is provided by the city at no charge except your potluck contribution!

Plan now to bring your family and your favorite salad (vegetable or fruit), baked beans, or macaroni and cheese to serve 8-10 (no desserts or chips please). Hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers with all the fixings, water, and lemonade will be provided. Reserve your meal now! (See RSVP info below.)

11:00 am - Parade and Prize Registration –

11:15 am – National Anthem and Parade –

- Children are encouraged to decorate their bicycles or wagons and come in costume.
- Prizes will be awarded in 3 categories – “preschool and families”, “age 4-7”, and “8 and older”.

11:45 am – Welcome by Mayor Helen Davis and awarding of prizes for children

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm. - Enjoy a delicious lunch and time with your neighbors!

- Buffet inside, all eating will be outside. Put your chairs or blankets on the lawn and enjoy the music by The Moon Dogs and prize giveaways while you eat.
- Haywood ice cream available!
- A fun assortment of children’s activities will be offered on the lawn.

12:30 – Door prizes from neighborhood businesses

- What to Bring – flags, lawn chairs or blankets, sunscreen, kids, bikes, wagons, and your potluck dish.
- Please leave pets at home (except for service animals).

RSVP to City Clerk Christine Haner by e-mail info@cityofwindyhills.com with your name, contact information, and the number attending by Monday June 27th.

City of Windy Hills 2022-23 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. Our mission has been to meet the needs of our residents in preparing our budget and ensuring state financial/budget compliance.

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, 2022. This has been the third 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 2022-23, 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 increased because Graymoor-Devondale raised its monthly rate by 9%.

One of the areas that we have struggled with is the sanitation costs. Due to rising fuel and payroll costs, we have had to make the difficult choice of reducing our twice weekly garbage pick-up to once a week. We will keep the back-door pick-up. If Ecotech's costs stabilize by October, I am requesting a reduction in our contract.

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 2022-23 road fund expenditures based on an increase in snow removal. We may not spend all the budgeted money, but we want to ensure that we have sufficient funds budgeted.

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 1 Series 2021/2022

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM
TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

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, 2022.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS:

Section 1 The tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, 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, 2022.

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, 2022.
- B. The face amount of a tax bill shall be payable during November and December, 2022.
- C. On tax bills paid after December 31, 2022, 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 9, 2022; Second Reading, Passed and Approved, June 13, 2022

Helen M Davis

Helen M. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

Christine Haner

Christine Haner, City Clerk

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2 Series 2021/2022

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023, 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 is hereby adopted as follows:

| | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>ARPA Fund</u> | <u>Road Aid Fund</u> |
|---|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| RESOURCES AVAILABLE: | | | |
| Fund Balance Carried fwd. | \$1,286,133 | \$235,183 | \$331,727 |
| Estimated Revenues: | | | |
| Net Property Taxes | 349,033 | | |
| 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 | 2,000 | | 1,000 |
| Public Safety HB413 | 5,100 | | |
| Citations/Fines | 850 | | |
| Municipal Insurance Tax | 240,000 | | |
| Other | 1,000 | | |
| Final ARPA payment | | <u>256,993</u> | |
| Total Estimated Revenues | \$626,233 | \$492,176 | \$49,000 |
| Total Resources Available for Appropriation | <u>\$1,912,366</u> | | <u>\$380,727</u> |
| Transfer from surplus | | | -\$73,500 |
| APPROPRIATIONS: | | | |
| General government | \$320,507 | | |
| Public Safety | 65,424 | | |
| Paving | | | \$87,500 |
| Sanitation | 221,131 | | |
| Snow Removal | | | 35,000 |
| Emergency Fund | 19,171 | | |
| ARPA disbursements | | \$492,176 | |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | <u>\$626,233</u> | <u>\$492,176</u> | <u>\$122,500</u> |
| Excess of Resources over Appropriations | <u>\$1,286,133</u> | \$0 | <u>\$258,227</u> |
| Estimated Fund Balances at end of Fiscal Year | <u>\$1,286,133</u> | \$0 | <u>\$258,227</u> |

Section 2.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

First Reading held May 09, 2022.

Second Reading, Passed and approved June 13, 2022.

Helen M Davis
Helen M. Davis, Mayor

Attest:
Christine Haner
Christine Haner, City Clerk

Walkway on the Green



Plans are under way to improve the walkway on The Windy Hills Green. The Highway Department intends to take a small part of The Green along Brownsboro Road and Rudy Lane to add an additional lane to these roads. We have had to wait for their final plans, which include replacing the sidewalk, taking down trees etc. We will probably have to adjust the location of the walking path slightly. After quite a bit of research, we are planning to install a smooth rubberized surface (using recycled materials) that is both environmentally friendly and easy on the joints of walkers. We are able to use part of our American Rescue Plan funds to finance this project. A small parking lot off Rudy Lane is also being planned, which will make the use of the Green a little easier.

Enhancing Electric Service in Windy Hills

LG&E crews and contract partners will be working in Windy Hills in the coming weeks to enhance service reliability for customers in the area who've experienced service interruptions over the last several months following severe storms this spring.

Crews will install additional equipment and wildlife protection, replace equipment and power lines, and perform maintenance work to clear away tree limbs and vegetation along the power lines.



LG&E understands how frustrating disruptions can be for customers, and we've been inspecting every aspect of our equipment and performing a holistic analysis to pinpoint the root cause of these recent interruptions. We appreciate customers' patience while we're working in the area.

Trees and vegetation growing too close to power lines is the leading cause of power outages, and investigations found this was also the leading cause for the recent interruptions in Windy Hills. Typically, about 80% are temporary in nature caused when something — like a tree limb — comes in contact with the power line before falling away.

As part of the upcoming enhancements, LG&E will install upgraded protective technology and new equipment to further segment the power lines. This upgraded protective technology will attempt to first clear the temporary issues to prevent a longer power outage when possible.

Ongoing system investments and enhancements, including tree trimming and vegetation management, have made measurable improvements in service reliability – reducing outage duration and frequency by more than 40% since 2011, excluding major events.

Visit lge-ku.com/trees to learn more about the process and methods used to maintain service reliability and keep power lines clear of tree limbs and vegetation.

Jamie Archer, PE

Director | Electric Distribution Operations | LG&E and KU Energy LLC



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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.

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Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch574-5471

St. Matthews Fire District (Business)893-7825

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Paula McCraney574-1107

Metro Call.....574-5000

or.....311

Animal Control Protection361-1318

Dog or Cat Complaints363-6609

Health Department574-6520

Jefferson County Clerk574-5700

(All branches can be reached at above number)

LG&E589-1444

or text OUTAGE to 454358

MSD Customer Service587-0603


Planning and Design Services574-6230

Recycling Center896-1293

St. Matthews/Eline Library574-1771

Ecotech Waste Services502-935-1130

*“To see what is right and not to do it is want
of courage” — Confucius*

Clip and Keep 

ECOTECH Waste Pick-up Change Starting July 1, 2022

Due to rising costs, Ecotech will modify waste services on the following
schedule beginning July 1, 2022:

Monday- Yard Waste

Tuesday – Recycling and Trash Pick-up

Friday – No pick-up



Trash pick-up includes back-door pick-up option and waste filling up to
three 30-gallon cans. The price savings achieved by consolidating trash
pick-up on 1 day each week will save fuel and allow the city to stay within
the current budget, while continuing to provide residents with each of the
waste services currently offered.