



Windy Hills

70th Anniversary Edition

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Dear Neighbors,

On September 3, 2022, Windy Hills achieved a milestone -**70 YEARS** as an incorporated city.

This momentous occasion was

acknowledged with three proclamations: one from Mayor Greg Fischer; the second from Senator Karen Berg and the Kentucky Senate; and the third from Councilwoman Paula McCraney and the Metro Council. We want to thank them for honoring our City on this significant occasion.

We celebrated our Platinum Birthday with a party on the Green. There are **many** people who helped with our celebration, and I thank them. A special thanks to Councilwomen Greer and Trachtenberg who spearheaded our event, Metro Councilwoman McCraney, and our residents and former Windy Hills officials who attended!

Whether you are a new resident or a "life-long" resident of our wonderful City, I know we are all looking forward to our next 70 years. Our City is a unique, beautiful jewel that is steeped in history but adapting and growing for the future. In this issue of our newsletter, Councilwoman Myers has created a fun, informative, pictorial history of Windy Hills that shows some of the changes over the last 70 years.

Enjoy this special issue and have a great fall!

Mayor Helen M. Davis



Rescheduled Arbor Day Celebration

Because of the extremely hot weather in June when Arbor Day was planned, it was postponed. The new date is **Sunday, October 9, from 3:00-4:30 pm**. It will be held at the Recycling Center at 595 N. Hubbards' Lane. This site was chosen because Metro Councilwoman Paula McCraney has secured the money to rejuvenate the area—including the creek. Unsuitable vegetation will be removed and replaced by eco-friendly plants. Personnel from the Metro Works department who will be involved and a water expert will be available for short presentations and to answer questions. This will be an educational event. Our Windy Hills Arborist, Caroline Westfall, will also attend along with Councilwoman McCraney. There will be refreshments, activities for children, and "goodie bags" for children 10 and under. There will also be a raffle for one free tree to be planted in the winner's yard.

2022 Road Paving Soon!

Roads scheduled to be repaved this year are:

Victoria Way
Kitty Hawk Way
Brookview Road
Kinglan Road
Copperfield Road

3-way stop signs will added on Indian Ridge Road at Kitty Hawk Way. We expect the starting date within the next month.

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2021 Audit Report

The City of Windy Hills ended fiscal year 2021 with a **\$56,503 surplus**. The City was “audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States...” The auditors found no deficiencies. **The full 2021 Audit is available on the City’s webpage (see cityofwindyhills.com)** since the full document is 26 pages in length.

Windy Hills By The Numbers

1. The average residential property in Windy Hills (according to the PVA) is valued at \$339,351.
2. The average residential Windy Hills property tax **(before 45% discount) is \$576.90.**
3. With the **45% discount**, the average residential Windy Hills property tax is **\$317.29.**
4. The average residential Metro Louisville property tax is **\$4,038.29.**
5. The average Windy Hills household income (according to the 2020 Federal census) is **\$103,920.**
6. Based on the average income, Windy Hills residents would pay **\$5,196** in Kentucky income tax.
7. Your Windy Hills property taxes provide you with yard waste service, recycling, garbage pick-up, snow removal, street repaving, street lights, and neighborhood events like “Light Up Windy Hills”, 4th of July Celebration, etc.

American Rescue Plan Funds Report

At its October 11, 2021 meeting, the Windy Hills City Council approved the following statement about its intention for the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funding.

The City of Windy Hills intends to use its American Rescue Plan: Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for investments in 1. stormwater projects which will have a positive water quality benefit and/or water conservation and efficiency; 2. Public parks, plazas, and other outdoor recreation improvements which are tools to healthier living especially for seniors and children; and 3. assistance, in the form of grants, to small businesses and non-profits to mitigate the financial hardship from the public health emergency.

Following that intent, the Council has considered proposals from Windy Hills businesses and non-profits serving residents. It has also developed plans to utilize the major portion of the ARPA funds for city-wide impact projects such as installing a permeable surface on The Green walking path.

A small committee of three Council members, led by Councilwoman Marianne Rademaker, was appointed to review proposals and make recommendations to the Council.

Following the Council-approved criteria, the committee will consider proposals that have citywide impact or small projects submitted by neighborhood groups. Photo by Bryan Carter shows the mini-park created at Old Farm and Greenbriar by neighbors after several years of planning. ARPA funds were granted to help with the bench.



UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Stay in the Know!

There is a lot going on in Windy Hills and nearby – events, proposed zoning changes, and construction. The City tries to keep residents informed through our website and newsletters. Frequent e-mail communications are sent. If you are not getting The Windy Hills Breeze or other e-mails from the City of Windy Hills (newsletter@cityofwindyhills.com), **please send your e-mail address to our City Clerk at info@cityofwindyhills.com as soon as possible, so we can reach you with timely information.**

Rezoning and Construction Updates

Proposal to rezone 4301 Westport Road for a self-storage unit – Next public hearing scheduled for October 6th (during the day downtown). Resident effort underway to move the meeting to evening in a venue nearby.

Proposal for a new condominium complex at 4490 and 4492 Brownsboro Road continues through the approval process.

Proposal for a new apartment complex at 4101 Westport Road and Ridgeway Ave is moving through the re-zoning process “waiting for revisions” to the plan before being scheduled for a meeting with Land Development and Transportation.

Construction on the new VA Hospital – “Blasting is ongoing and is expected to occur between 2-2:30 p.m. daily, weather permitting, and continue potentially through mid-September.”

Signs! Signs!

Please feel free to express your views during this election season.

Remember that signs must not be placed on the right-of-way or on public spaces.

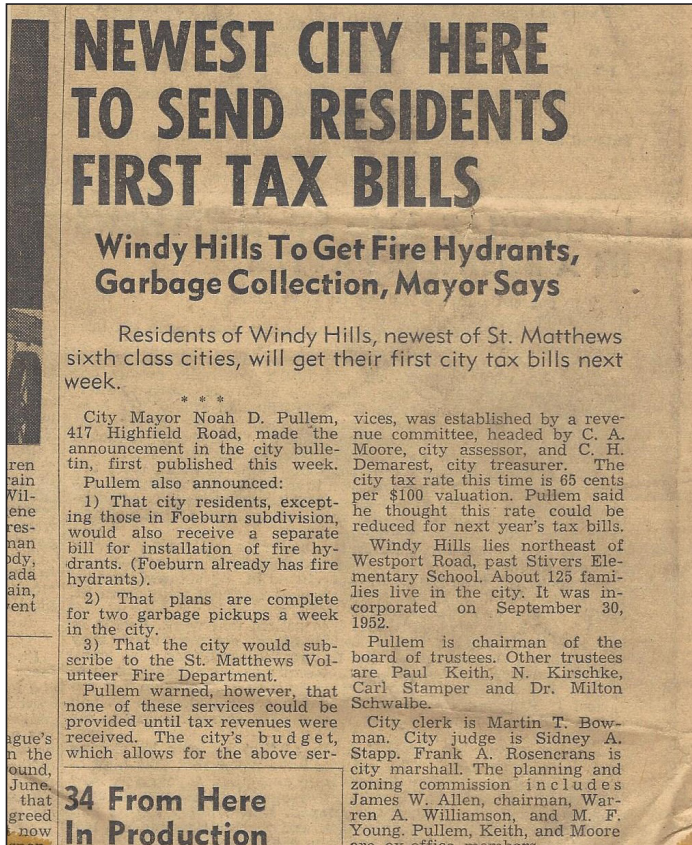
Please remove your signs within a few days after the election.

Down Memory Lane

Ralph Williams and his bride of one year moved to Windy Hills in 1965. He recalls cattle roaming the land behind his home on Indian Ridge, lots of GE families, gas lights at the entrances, and septic tanks. As a member of City Council later, Mr. Williams was instrumental in the process of moving the city to sewers (1990-92). When asked “What has kept you here?” he quickly responded, “longtime good neighbors, our beautiful backyard, easy access to everything in Louisville, and the neighborhood mix of mature residents and young families.”



Windy Hills Through the Years



First Tax Bills 1953



1955 Calvin Church Planted



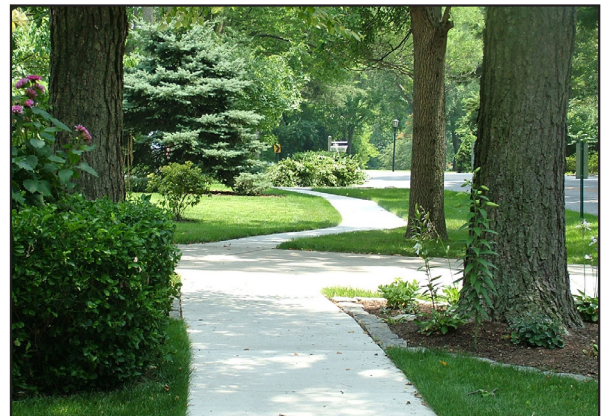
1978 City Officials



1976 Coach Gate Under Construction



2000 Rudy the Bear is B



2004-2005 Sidewalks!



2005-2013 The Windy Hills Green



Playground Installed 2008

Eliza Herr Rudy 2008



Tree Board Hosts Arbor Day 2013

4th of July 2019

Introducing the Candidates

There are six Windy Hills City Council positions. To-date there is no candidate for Mayor. The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate for office is October 28th. Contact the Jefferson County Clerk's Office for more information.

Bruce Blue

- Married, 3 Children, 5 grandchildren
- Founded Freedom Metals Inc. in 1983 and operated until retirement in 2021.
- Board Member and on Finance Committee of Simmons College of Kentucky
- Executive Committee, Board Member, Audit Committee Chair, and National , Convention Chair of The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
- Board Member Solid Waste Committee of Jefferson and serve on its Advisory Committee

I would like to continue on the Council to complete several projects. One is fixing the sidewalks which I hope to be done in one year, and improving the "Snow and Ice Removal" for the City.

Also, I want residents of Windy Hills to become more involved in what you want for the City and express your concerns. WE WORK FOR YOU!

Helen Davis

Education - MBA – University of Kentucky BSBA – UNC– Chapel Hill, NC

Windy Hills Mayor 2019 – present

- Drafted the 2016 – present budgets
- Increased the property tax discount from 40 – 45%
- Filed all the required forms for the City to receive ARPA funds saving the City \$7,000+

City Council Member 2014 - 2018

- Finance and Ordinances Chair
- Drafted the Rental Ordinance

JCTCS College 1976 – 2021 Professor of Business/Economics

US Global Leadership Coalition Kentucky Advisory Committee 2019 – present

- Global Statesman Award 2021 - 2022

Board of Directors

- Associate of the Louisville Orchestra 2018 – present, Executive Board 2020 - present
- Fillies, Inc. 1995 – present, Executive Board 1999 – 2002, 2004 – 2006, 2010 – 2012, President Treasurer
- Kentucky Derby Festival 2000 - 2002, 2011 – 2015 Pegasus Parade Chair 2013 – 2015
- Kentuckiana Stroke Association 2000 – present, Volunteer of the Year 2020

Platform: Fiscal Responsibility/balancing citizens' concerns within legal obligations.

Kate Kirwan Greer

Education: AB-UK, Masters-Spaulding, Rank 1-UL

Retired DuPont Manual Social Studies teacher/Department Chair,
Coordinator Geography Institutes at UL and Western, Kentucky Geography Bee
Coordinator, National Geographic teachers' consultant.

Atherton and Manual Hall of Fame inductee, Excel and Ashland Teaching Awards

Master Gardener

Current Windy Hills Councilwoman responsibilities: Tree Board liaison, City Landscape Maintenance, Newsletter assistant

Platform: Affordable services with fiscal responsibility, balance citizens' concerns with legal limits, increase tree canopy, environmental responsibility



Marianne Rademaker

Council Service: 2007 - present

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

I have lived in Windy Hills for twenty-one years and love the city. Having served many 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 Kentucky Education Association and Jefferson County Teachers Association for many years.

Suzanne Spencer

Windy Hills Councilwoman since 2009, widowed with 1 daughter, 3 stepchildren, 6 grandchildren

Education - Art Institute Chicago and University of Chicago

2008 to present—fiber artist, community volunteer

1988-2009—SMS Interiors, owner

1967-2009- Interior designer for Hubbuch, Design Studio, Phoenix Interiors, Porter Paint

1979 to present--Community wide committees, campaigns, projects

Recent Windy Hills Council work - Health and Fitness Programs, Welcome to Windy Hills, Windy Hills Memorials

Steve Teaford

As a 30 plus year resident of Windy Hills, I have recently retired as the city Code Enforcement Officer after 8 years of service. I am proud to have been a part of many positive changes that have taken place during that time to maintain property values and the quality of life in our City. I run for Council to bring some newer, fresh ideas and to be sure that recently acquired federal funds are spent for the most benefit of all citizens, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Background. Married (Ann) 3 children/ 3 grandchildren/ Graduate of Spalding University

Active at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, and social ministries of Sister Visitor Food Pantry and St Vincent De Paul, Open Hand Kitchen.

Julie Theiler

It's been a delight to live in Windy Hills for the past six years since marrying my husband, Chuck Theiler, a long-term resident of this community. Our passions include camping in our travel trailer and spending time with our children and grandchildren.

I've had opportunities to serve and lead others throughout my professional career. These roles include working as a Flight Attendant with United Airlines, an Analyst with Humana, and sales roles in the food and beverage industry in Louisville. Giving back to my community has also been a priority for me. I have worked closely with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for over 20 years through fundraising, coaching, and event coordination. Nothing would bring me greater joy than to use the skills and experiences I've had over my career to serve the city of Windy Hills as a member of the City Council.

Laura Trachtenberg

I have been a council member for two terms. I helped with the July 4th picnic and led the bicycle parade. Over the past two years, I have been responsible for the new Food Truck opportunities in Windy Hills. I also helped organize the Windy Hills 70th Anniversary celebration.

I have worked with the council in writing new ordinances, including revision of the rental ordinance, for it to closely match that of Metro Louisville.



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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 Police327-2677
Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch574-5471
St. Matthews Fire District (*Business*)893-7825
District 7 Metro Councilwoman,
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

Coming Up!!

Monday, October 3rd 5:00 – 7:00 pm - Last Food Truck of the
Season – Made in Brazil

Friday, October 7th 10:00 am “Caucus” City Council work session at
City Hall and by Zoom (contact City Clerk at info@cityofwindyhills.
com for access.)

Sunday, October 9th 3:00 – 4:30 pm Arbor Day Celebration at the
Recycling Center

Monday October 10th 7:00 pm City Council at Sojourn Church

Clip and Keep

ECOTECH Waste Pick-up Schedule

Monday- Yard Waste (through November, then alternate weeks
until March)

Tuesday – Recycling and Garbage Collection

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

Check www.ecotechky.com for holiday or weather-related changes.