

Good neighbors make for good neighbors. And so it goes, from house to house to house. Until, eventually, you have a city of good neighbors. President Harry Truman once said, "All will concede that in order to have good neighbors, we must also be good neighbors." But what is

a good neighbor? The Washington Post ran an article in 2018 that listed ways to build and maintain positive, long-lasting relationships with your neighbors and thus build a great neighborhood. Here they are briefly:

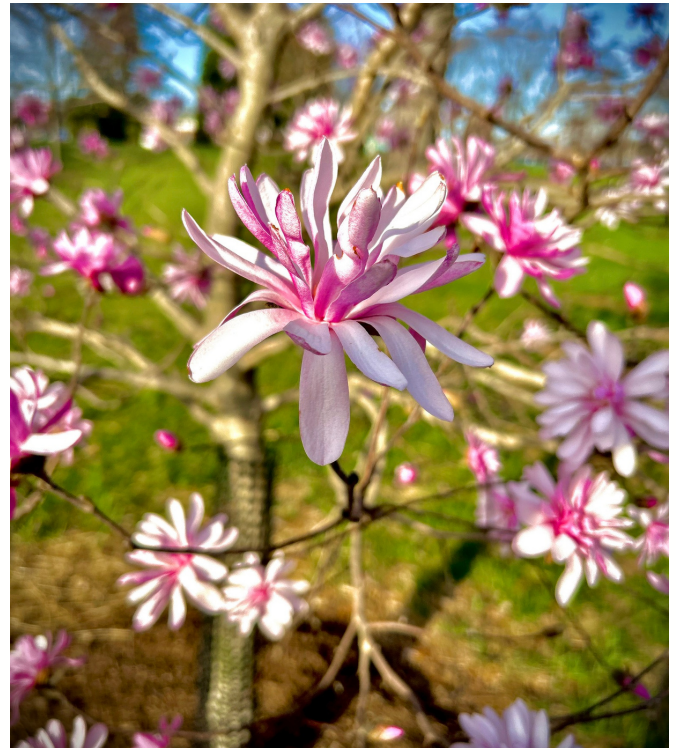
1. Share important information - One of the best ways to welcome new neighbors is by providing them with a "need-to-know" checklist. If you know a great housekeeper, handyman, dry cleaner, dog walker, or lawn-mowing service, give your new neighbor a sheet with their contact information. Councilwoman Spencer reports that we had seven new neighbors in February. Let's make them feel welcome.
2. Keep up your curb appeal - Just one ugly home in a community can reduce property values for the entire neighborhood. Don't be known as "that ugly house." Mow the grass, clean up the brush piles, clear dead branches from trees, repair broken windows and sashes, etc. You never know when the next home buyer will be cruising our neighborhood.
3. Be a responsible pet owner - I have been impressed that we do a great job of this in Windy

Hills and I thank all the residents who clean up after their dogs on their neighborhood walks. I would ask that you go one step further and not deposit your dog's poop bag into someone else's trash can. I know it is tempting on Monday and Tuesday to drop the bag into the nearest Rumpke receptacle, but some residents store their bins in their garage and will have to endure the smell and flies for the next week.

4. Participate in a service or community project – We have plenty of opportunities to get involved in Windy Hills: Councilwoman Spencer has an upcoming guided walk in Cave Hill Cemetery; Shakespeare on the Green will occur on April 21st; there will be Brightside Cleanup opportunity later this spring; and of course, the Windy Hills 4th of July picnic is an annual favorite.
5. Invite your neighbors over – The longer days and warmer weather create excellent opportunities for block parties or backyard cookouts.
6. Don't be the town gossip – Know the difference between sharing information that is helpful to your neighbor and information that spreads hurtful, harmful, negative rumors.
7. Be a respectful neighbor – Last summer, one of my neighbors called me out for playing bone-jarring bass music in my backyard. She was right to do so; I was inconsiderate and thanked her for bringing it to my attention. Another thing to always consider is street parking. Do not park on streets in ways that block your neighbor's driveway or mailbox or in ways that would

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Meet Your Neighbors

Mandy Hoge, Christopher Smith and Maisie

Mandy Hoge and her partner, Christopher Smith, have lived in Windy Hills for nearly 18 years. They moved from the Highlands near Bowman Field. One reason for their move was that Mandy's mother, Judy Hoge, lives across the street from them, where she has been for over 30 years.

Mandy and Christopher have a 15-year-old daughter, Maisie, who loves competitive swimming and diving. The family has three dogs named Sissy, Squirrel, and Marvin. Additionally, they raise chickens!

All three work for the Hoge family business, Suntime Pools West. The family built a pool in their own backyard a few years ago and loves to hang out and entertain around it when they're not working or cheering on Maisie from the pool deck. "We try to keep it open year-round (we have a heater) and have even been swimming on Christmas and New

Year's Eve!" said Mandy. Christopher added, "We love living in Windy Hills! Our neighbors are so friendly, and it is convenient to get almost anywhere around town with the expressway nearby. We love that we can walk up to dinner at Noosh Nosh or Shady Lane or even walk to Fresh Market for groceries."



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obstruct emergency vehicles or sanitation trucks servicing other houses on your street.

8. Abide by community rules – I often feel that Windy Hills has more rules than “Carters got pills!” They can all be found via a link on our website. The City Attorney, the Code Enforcement Officer, and I will be reviewing them with the intent to update, modernize, and simplify them. Until then, I draw your attention to some that likely will not change: The speed limit on all Windy Hills streets, except Rudy Lane, is 25 mph; There is a No Parking Ordinance on Windy Hills streets between the hours of 2 am and 5 am. We all know it would be a tragedy if one of our kids or pets were injured by a speeding car or our car was stolen or vandalized in the middle of the night.

9. Handle conflict judiciously -No matter how friendly you are, you may have disagreements with neighbors. Handling these conflicts with tact is crucial. Your first attempt to resolve the issue is to discuss the problem with the person directly - face-to-face — not over text message or email, where messages can get misconstrued. That’s what good neighbors do. And good neighbors are willing to listen.

As always, thank you for allowing me to be your mayor. It is a joy for me because you all are such good neighbors.

John L. Roberts, MD
Mayor, Windy Hills

Windy Walkers

Join the Windy Walkers on Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 pm for a stroll through Louisville's only arboretum at Cave Hill Cemetery. See Redbuds, Dogwood, and early Magnolias awake from their winter slumber.

Founded in 1848 as a rural, garden-style cemetery, Cave Hill was designed to follow the natural contours of the land on what was then the outskirts of Louisville. The landscape has been a continual source of beauty and inspiration to many in our community. The vitality of the arboretum, accented by memorials to over 138,000 individuals, provides an aesthetic balance of nature and art that provides an overwhelming sense of calmness and is often a welcome distraction from life.



Please register with Suzanne Spencer by Wednesday, April 3, at suzanne.spencer@cityofwindyhills.com or text/call 502.821.8740. The group will meet at the Grinstead Drive entrance of Cave Hill Cemetery, 2395 Cave Hill Road.

Prepare! Don't let Tornadoes Take You by Surprise

Just about the only predictable pattern concerning spring weather in Kentucky is, well—that it's unpredictable. Sunshine, snow, sleet, rain, tornados, hail... you never know what you're going to get. One thing that never fails is that our state is hit by some variation of severe spring weather.



Have a plan: If disaster strikes, will your family be on the same page? The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends planning how you will connect to one another in the event of an emergency. Make sure everyone knows at least two ways to escape from each room in the house, and designate multiple meeting places. If you have pets, be sure to remember them in the process.

Nowadays, most people have important numbers pre-programmed into their cell phones. It's imperative that all family members know emergency contact numbers by heart in case they need to use a landline or borrow someone else's phone. Make sure to also post numbers for the fire department, police station, and hospital in a visible spot in the home.

Stock up: An emergency kit is a great thing to have on hand in case you need to quickly vacate your home due to a severe weather emergency (like flooding). The CDC recommends stashing a flashlight, a battery-operated radio for listening to weather reports (plus some extra batteries), and a first-aid kit. You'll also need a three-day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food, personal hygiene items, extra clothes, and blankets or sleeping bags.

Organize and protect important documents and belongings: If you have enough warning of an impending storm, move and store important documents (like insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, etc.) to an off-site location. If it isn't possible to move these items, store them in waterproof, sealable bags on a high shelf. Don't forget important keepsakes, like photos!

Create a home inventory: Should damage occur, an accurate, up-to-date inventory of your possessions will greatly simplify the process of filing an insurance claim.

Buy or rent a backup generator: If it's possible to get your hands on a backup portable generator, do so! Severe storms have the potential to knock out power to your home for hours, days, or even weeks. The use of a generator can power important electrical equipment, such as portable heating units, fans, computers, water pumps, freezers, refrigerators, and lighting.



Include Pets in Your Plan

- Develop a buddy system. Plan with neighbors, friends, or relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you cannot.
- Have copies of your pet's vaccination record.
- Create an Emergency Kit for your pet with food, water, an extra collar/leash, and a picture of your pet in case you become separated.

Join us on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 pm for a presentation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" performed by Kentucky Shakespeare.

This is a free, family-friendly event for our community and does not require reservations or tickets. The play is 90 minutes long without an intermission. Seating is first-come, first-served. Please bring your own chairs, blankets, or other sittables that are most comfortable for you.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Councilwoman Paula McCraney, District 7, who is sponsoring this event.

We hope to see you there!



Pursuant to KRS 61.823, the City of Windy Hills July Caucus and Council meetings on July 5 and July 8, respectively, have been rescheduled due to the Independence Day Holiday and other calendar constraints.

The rescheduled Caucus meeting will be held on Friday, July 12, and a special Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, at the same time and location as usual.



Stay informed by registering for the free Windy Hills Reach Alert messaging. It only takes one minute to register, and messages are dispatched as needed.

To register, call Reach Alert at 877.307.9313

City Council Meeting Schedule

City Council meetings are held monthly at 7:00 pm. at Sojourn Church East, 2501 Rudy Lane.

These meetings are open to the public.

Any interested person is invited to attend.

April 8, 2024

May 13, 2024

June 10, 2024

July 15, 2024

August 12, 2024

September 9, 2024

October 14, 2024

November 11, 2024

December 9, 2024

January 13, 2025

February 10, 2025

March 10, 2025

Observers are also welcome at Council Work Sessions the Friday before the City Council meeting, 10:00 am at City Hall.

Save The Date

March 20 (7:00 pm) - Tree Board Meeting
April 21 (2:00 pm) - Shakespeare in The Park
April 22 (4:00 pm) - Voter Registration Deadline
May 21 - 2024 Primary Election
June 4 (4:00 pm) - Filing deadline for 2024 Candidates
July 4 - 20th Annual Windy Hills 4th of July Parade and Picnic



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Have issues with high grass, illegal parking, street repairs, or other code enforcement concerns in the community? Call 311



Kelly Egan

Kudos to Kelly Egan for making our neighborhood a little safer and more walkable for anyone with visual impairment.

Kelly is a Windy Hills resident and a Jefferson County Public School teacher who works with children who have visual impairments.

Kelly has a young adult student who may soon be working nearby. The busy intersection at Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Road was difficult for this student to navigate. Kelly worked with the Louisville Metro Government to advocate for adaptations to that intersection. The city has now installed a talking crossing signal that benefits any visually impaired pedestrian wishing to cross Brownsboro Road.

Thank you, Kelly, for helping make Windy Hills a safer community!

The City of Windy Hills Facebook Page

The city recently launched an official City of Windy Hills Facebook page. The intent of this site is to post notices, upcoming events, and essential news. It is also YOUR page to get to know others in our community. This site provides an opportunity for support, sharing, and helpful information for our residents. Only residents of the city can be members.



To join The City of Windy Hills Facebook page, search for us on Facebook or scan this QR code.



Springtime mulching has two benefits: it unifies and enhances the appearance of your landscape beds and benefits your plants and trees. Mulch captures water, retains moisture around plant roots, suppresses weeds, and prevents string trimmers from damaging trees' bark. As mulch breaks down, it improves the soil with nutrients and organic compounds.

Many types of mulch are available, such as those in bags, by the scoop, or brought in by your landscaper. It's important to choose the right mulch for your needs carefully. Avoid using freshly ground wood chips from a tree removal company, as wood chips need at least one season to break down and become well-composted. Pine straw and Pine Fines are good options as well. For descriptions of various types of mulch and their properties, scan the QR code below to read Paul Cappiello's article in the Courier-Journal (Sunday, March 10, 2024)

When mulching by hand, apply two inches of new and existing mulch around your plants and shrubs. Pat it down so it stays in place. When mulching around trees, spread the mulch out to be no more than two inches, covering the ground and away from the tree's trunk. The trunk needs to breathe, and insects and rodents may live in the mulch and feed on the tree's bark.

Happy mulching from your friends and neighbors on the Windy Hills Tree Board!



If you have questions about mulch or anything tree-related, feel free to contact the Tree Board at treeboard@cityofwindyhill.com

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