



*The Breeze
of
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Hills*

From The Desk of the Mayor

Are you keenly interested in assuring that Windy Hills is the best place to live, enjoy life, and raise kids? Do you have a vision of what Windy Hills could become and the passion to make it happen? If yes, this may be the year to get involved in our city's government. This is an election year, and the six City Council seats will be on the ballot. If you want to be mayor – well, you will just have to wait until 2026. You are stuck with me for another two years. But if you think you might be interested in becoming the mayor in the future, I encourage you to experience being a member of the City Council first!

Later in this issue, there is a step-by-step guide on how to become a candidate and a link to the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Voter Information Portal. If you have questions or want to explore the opportunity before committing to the application process, I am happy to share my thoughts and extensive (one-year) experience with you. Just call the City Office (502.895.4778) or email me (mayor@cityofwindyhills.com), and we can arrange a time to talk.

Also, as your mayor, I am pleased to make this proclamation: Spring Shall Come! The days are getting longer, and the temperatures are getting warmer on average. I ask you to dream of the future and plan for a vegetable garden this summer, even if it's just a few pots on the back porch. Now is the time to

There are many health benefits associated with working with seeds and soil. Physically, it gets you up and moving, improving your cardiovascular health. Psychologically, there is the reward of creating something and watching it grow. Gardening strengthens the community, promoting conversations with your kids, grandkids, and neighbors. When your garden starts to produce, there is the nutritional benefit of fresh fruits, herbs, and vegetables. Finally, there is the pleasure of finding ways to foil the efforts of deer, rabbits, squirrels, possums, and raccoons, who also see the nutritional value of your hard work.

As I have mentioned before, Blue Zone are communities around the world where people commonly live longer and healthier lives. In every community identified as a Blue Zone, citizens are engaged in gardening. Let's become a Blue Zone.

As always, thank you for allowing me to be your mayor.

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Meet Your Neighbors Derek and Kaitlyn Kirk



Derek and Kaitlyn, along with their three-year-old daughter, Violet, moved from Lexington to Louisville in July 2022 to be closer to their family. Kaitlyn is a Motion Designer, which is a type of Animator, while Derek works as a 3D Instructor teaching 3D modeling, lighting, animation, and other related skills.

In their free time, the family enjoys exploring Louisville by going for walks and spending quality time together at home with Violet. They particularly love the neighborhood feel of Windy Hills, which is close to everything they need.

Kaitlyn and Derek are excited to welcome another girl to their family in April. They also share their home with a Corgi named Lava!

20th Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic Preview



Please mark your calendars for the 20th Annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic in Windy Hills on July 4th. We are anticipating this to be our biggest and best event yet.

After last year's picnic, we asked for your feedback, and we took your comments into consideration. This year, we'll be serving delicious Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken from City Barbeque. Additionally, there will be an Inflatable [Obstacle Course](#) provided by AstroJump, and [Farmer Steve](#) will bring his adorable baby animals for a petting zoo!

We will still have your favorites: the children's parade, music by [The Moon Dogs](#), and free ice cream from [Haywood's Dairy](#)!

We hope to see you there!

Don't Top That Tree



Windy Hills Ordinance 95.04 makes it unlawful to top any street tree unless it is severely storm-damaged or deemed necessary by a utility company.

Topping is defined as cutting back limbs to stubs larger than 3 inches in diameter within the tree's crown, causing the removal of the normal canopy and disfigurement of the tree. Topping makes the tree weaker as its ability to produce food through photosynthesis diminishes, resulting in fewer leaves. This makes the tree more vulnerable to insects and disease. The tree will also become unsightly as it sends out new branches below the cut to make up for its lost canopy, commonly known as "witch brooms."

In addition, these new branches are usually weaker and could fall in a high wind, posing a potential danger to people or property and leading to a possible lawsuit. Well-maintained trees increase property value, and an unappealing tree can decrease it.

Please consider attending the next meeting at The Coach Gate Party Room, 5800 Coach Gate Wynde, on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. If the door is locked, please call 201.819.9176.

If you have questions or comments for the board, please the Tree Board at treeboard@cityofwindyhills.com.

2024 Primary Election



The 2024 Primary Election is May 21, 2024. The deadline to register to vote in the 2024 Primary Election is April 22, 2024, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time.

If you are interested in running for a council position in Windy Hills, the filing deadline is Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

For more information, visit the [Voter Information Portal](#).

Becoming a Candidate



Want To Run For Office?

If you are interested in being a Councilperson, here is a step-by-step approach based on my learned experience:

1. Clear this with your spouse or significant other!
2. Clear this with your spouse or significant other, AGAIN!
3. Keep in mind elections in Windy Hills are non-partisan. You should think of yourself as a citizen of Windy Hills rather than identifying yourself as a member

4. Councilpersons must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the city for not less than one year prior to his or her election, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout the term of office. To hold the office, if elected, you must not have been involved in a duel. Really, it says this in the Oath of Office! Councilpersons serve two-year terms; there are no term limits.

5. To access the necessary forms, you can visit this website: [Becoming a Candidate](#).

6. Candidates must complete the proper paperwork to have their names printed on the ballot. The deadline for filing this paperwork with the Jefferson County Clerk is 4 pm on June 4th. There is an application fee of \$50. If you miss this deadline, you still have the option to register as a write-in candidate. The last day to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is Friday, October 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. My advice is to file by June 4th.

7. Create a campaign budget. Ensure donations and expenditures of your campaign are reported periodically to the State. Typical expenses may include campaign yard signs, campaign flyers, meet-and-greet, social events, and other related costs.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our process in Windy Hills. I would be happy to help.

~ Mayor Roberts

Shakespeare In The Park



The multiple park tour returns this spring, 2024, with A Midsummer Night's Dream!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this free event!

For more information on what is happening in District 7, connect with Councilwoman McCraney on Facebook and Twitter @PaulaMcCraneyD7 or visit her page at LouisvilleKy.gov to sign up for her weekly newsletter.

Louisville Organization Spreads Kindness



Founded in 2012 by a fifth grader, [Random Acts of Kindness Louisville \(RAK\)](https://www.raklouisville.com) encourages people to practice random acts of kindness and extraordinary acts of service for the community.

Food insecurity is a key focus for the group. They set up community food pantries throughout the city for people to take what they need or leave what they can. Pantries are located at:

- Minor's Lane Elementary Outdoor Pantry
- Newburg Boys and Girls Club Outdoor Pantry
- Blue Lick Elementary

[Get involved](#) by participating in the food pantry program or one of their other efforts to serve the city.

~ *Rebecca Hastings*, [The 100 Companies](#)

Overnight Parking Ordinance



We have noticed an increase in citations for overnight parking violations.

If you are expecting out-of-town guests, babysitters, or any other overnight visitors, kindly remind them about the [Parking Ordinance](#) to avoid any potential citations.

As a proactive measure, you may inform City Hall in advance if your driveway is being sealed or if any contracted work temporarily prevents you from parking in your driveway. This will help avoid the inconvenience of being ticketed.

Pothole Patrol



Windy Hills has received calls and messages about potholes on various roads throughout our city. Potholes become more common during the winter months as a result of cold weather and salt. Help us to keep the roads safe by reporting potholes when you see them. Here is how to do it!

Roads within Windy Hills

Report potholes to the city in one of the following ways:

1. Email Don Ryan, Code Enforcement Officer, at don.ryan@cityofwindyhills.com
2. Call City Hall at 502.895.4778
3. Call 311 or 574-5000 to report potholes or any other issues.

Highways & Interstates

To report a pothole on an interstate in Jefferson County, [visit the KYTC website](#). Go to the "Contact Us" dropdown menu and select "Report a Hazard."

Outstanding Property Taxes



For Property Tax Year 2023, there are seven delinquent bills. Liens will be filed if payment is not received by March 31, 2024.

For all years combined, the City Hall records show 24 unpaid bills from nine homeowners.

Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember

- March 8 (10:00 am) - Windy Hills City Council Caucus
- March 11 (7:00 pm) - Windy Hills City Council Meeting
- March 20 (7:00 pm) - Tree Board Meeting
- April 5 (10:00 am) - Windy Hills City Council Caucus
- April 8 (7:00 pm) - Windy Hills City Council Meeting
- April 21 (2:00 pm) - Shakespeare in The Park
- April 22 (4:00 pm) - Voter Registration Deadline
- May 10 (10:00 am) - Windy Hills City Council Caucus
- May 13 (7:00 pm) - Windy Hills City Council Meeting
- May 21 - 2024 Primary Election
- June 4 (4:00 pm) - Filing deadline for 2024 Candidates
- June 7 (10:00 am) - Windy Hills City Council Caucus
- June 10 (7:00 pm) - Windy Hills City Council Meeting
- July 4 - 20th Annual Windy Hills 4th of July Parade and Picnic

Quick Links

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- [City of Windy Hills](#)
- [City Arborist - Caroline Westfall](#)

- [Louisville Metro Service Request](#)
- [Logic](#)
- [Reach Alert](#)
- [Rumpke](#)
- [Rumpke Battery RecyclingRumpke Recycling](#)
- [St. Matthews Fire District](#)
- [Tree Board Email](#)
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