

June 2025

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I want to thank all the residents who attended the City Council meeting on June 9th. Your participation in these meetings is vital to ensuring transparency and confidence in the democratic process. I would also like to thank Councilwoman Davis for serving as mayor pro tempore while I attended the American Medical Association's Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates in Chicago.

During the City Council meeting, two essential ordinances were passed. The first allows the city to collect taxes and offer a 50% early payment discount to residents who pay their 2025 property taxes on or before October 31, 2025. Mark your calendars now so that you do not miss this

opportunity. The second ordinance established the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on July 1st. Copies of the two Budget Ordinances are included in this newsletter.

People have told me that there have been postings on Nextdoor and Facebook about issues in our city. If you notice something in our city that needs attention, please contact the city office by phone or email. These social media platforms are great ways to build community spirit. Always remember that what you say and how you say it on Facebook reflects on our city. We all want to send the message that Windy Hills is a great place to live. If you encounter a problem that requires attention, please contact us, and we will be happy to assist you.

Lyndon police have stepped up their patrols and are issuing citations for overnight street parking. Indian Hills has experienced an increase in break-ins and car thefts. We don't want to see this happening in Windy Hills. Be vigilant. Don't leave valuables in your car. If you know of any streetlights that are out, please let us know.

The presence of the speed feedback signs on Ambridge and Indian Ridge has slowed the traffic on these streets. The question remains: has the impact been enough to allay the concerns of the residents who live along these corridors? Or, do we need to explore other measures, such as speed humps? If you have an opinion, please share your thoughts with us by sending an email to mayor@cityofwindyhills.com or attending a City Council meeting.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to be your mayor, and I hope to see you at the 4th of July celebration and parade!

John L. Roberts, MD Mayor, Windy Hills

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Meet Your Neighbors

The Jackson Family

The Jackson family has called Windy Hills home since June 2013, and they couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Originally from Frankfort, KY, they spent several years in the Highlands before making the move, just in time to welcome their first baby. Drawn by the promise of more space, a backyard, and a close-knit community, Windy Hills was the perfect place to put down roots.

You might know Kristin, who works as a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Parks & Weisberg, where she enjoys helping clients solve their "real estate puzzles." Kristin's husband of 20 years, Lance, and their two children— Finnley (12), who attends Barret Traditional Middle School, and Monty (10), a student at Greathouse Shryock Traditional School—love making the most of family time. Whether they're hanging out in the backyard, swimming in the pool, watching their basset hound Huckleberry "bake" in the sun, or traveling to the lake or beach, they cherish time together.



The Jacksons, in particular, appreciate Windy Hills for its convenient location, mature trees, and welcoming neighbors. They enjoy walking the Loop and value the ease of walking to their polling place at Christ Church, where they're proud to teach their kids the importance of civic engagement. Kristin says she's excited about the local events Windy Hills offers and hopes to see many familiar faces around town and along the Loop. Be sure to say hello when you see the Jacksons out and about—they're exactly the kind of neighbors who make Windy Hills feel like home.



21st Annual FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC

Friday, July 4 10:30 am – 1:30 pm Sojourn Church East 2501 Rudy Lane

Celebrate Independence Day at The City of Windy Hills Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Join us at Sojourn East from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This family-friendly event features delicious food, live music, Farmer Steve's petting zoo, an inflatable obstacle course, and more!

Bring a shareable side item that serves 8-10. No desserts, please. Free Haywood's Ice Cream will be served. City Barbeque will provide pulled pork and chicken at no charge.

We still need several volunteers to make this event a success. Please scan the QR code below, call, text, or email Julie Theiler at 502.836.1722 or julie.theiler@cityofwindyhills.com

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets and leave pets at home.

10:30-11:00 am Check-In & Registration for Parade 11:00 am National Anthem and Parade 11:45 - 1:30 Lunch 12:00 - Welcome by Mayor John Roberts Door Prize Drawing Music by The Moon Dogs Free Ice Cream from Haywood's Dairy!



ORDINANCE NO. 5 Series 2024-2025

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 5 Series 2024/2025

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

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, 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS:

Section 1 The tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, 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, 2025.

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 50% shall be allowed on tax bills paid during October 2025.
- B. The face amount of a tax bill shall be payable during November and December 2025.
- C. On tax bills paid after December 31, 2025, 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, 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 - May 12, 2025. Second Reading - June 9, 2025 Passed and approved - June 9, 2025



John Roberts, Mayor

Christine Haner, Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. #6 Series 2024-2025

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted as follows:

| | General Fund | | ARPA | | Road Aid Fund | |
|--|--------------|-----------|------|---|---------------|---------|
| RESOURCES AVAILABLE | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance Carried Forward | \$ | 1,119,264 | \$ | - | \$ | 66,000 |
| ESTIMATED REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Net Property Taxes | \$ | 405,093 | | | | |
| Penalties/Interest - Prop Tax | \$ | 500 | | | | |
| Cable TV Fanchise | \$ | 18,000 | | | | |
| Rental/Vacant House Fees | \$ | 8,000 | | | | |
| Muni Road Aid Fund | \$ | - | | | \$ | 36,000 |
| Interest on Investments | \$ | 50,000 | | | \$ | 100 |
| Public Safety HB413 | \$ | 5,000 | | | | |
| Muni Insurance Tax | \$ | 330,000 | | | | |
| Other Income | \$ | 1,000 | | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$ | 817,593 | \$ | - | \$ | 36,100 |
| TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS | \$ | 333,157 | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION | \$ | 1,150,750 | \$ | - | \$ | 102,100 |
| APPROPRIATIONS: | | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ | 349,750 | | | | |
| Public Safety | \$ | 78,000 | | | | |
| Roads | \$ | 258,000 | | | \$ | 50,000 |
| Sanitation | \$ | 345,000 | | | | |
| Snow Removal | \$ | 80,000 | | | | |
| ARPA Disbursements | \$ | - | \$ | - | | |
| Emergency Fund | \$ | 40,000 | | | | |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$ | 1,150,750 | \$ | - | \$ | 50,000 |
| EXCESS OF RESOURCES OVER APPROPRIATIONS | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 52,100 |
| END OF YEAR BALANCE (EST) | \$ | 786,107 | \$ | - | \$ | 52,100 |

Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication

First Reading: May 12, 2025 Second Reading: June 9, 2025 Passed and Approved: June 9, 2025



This And That

Sojourn East Parking Lot Temporarily Closed

Sojourn East Church's parking lot will be closed to all vehicle and foot traffic from Wednesday, July 9, through Saturday, July 12, 2025, weather permitting.

During this time, contractors will repair cracks and apply a fresh asphalt seal coat. Once sealed, the surface will be re-striped. To ensure proper drying and curing of both the sealant and paint, no access to the lot will be allowed until the work is complete.

The church playground will remain open, but access will be limited to foot traffic across the south lawn from either Ambridge Drive or Rudy Lane. Sojourn East Church extends its thanks to the residents of Windy Hills for their patience and cooperation during this improvement project.

Big Changes Are Underway in Windy Hills and Louisville

If you've been out and about lately, you've likely noticed the increased construction activity in Windy Hills and the surrounding areas of Louisville. From road resurfacing and water company upgrades to new building construction and infrastructure improvements, a lot is happening—all aimed at enhancing safety, accessibility, and the overall quality of life for our residents.

To help you stay informed, we've included QR codes in this newsletter for three major projects currently underway. Each code links to a webpage with details, updates, and estimated timelines. These pages are updated regularly, allowing you to track progress, receive alerts, and know what to expect.



Louisville Water Residual Line Project



VA HospitalConstructionUpdates



Department of Highways District 5

Parking Reminders for a Peaceful Neighborhood



To help keep Windy Hills streets safe and attractive, please keep the following parking guidelines in mind:

- No overnight street parking is allowed between 2:00 AM and 5:00 AM on any city street or cul-de-sac.
- All vehicles—including boats, campers, and trailers—must be parked on paved areas only. Parking on grass or unpaved surfaces is not allowed.
- Trailers, boats, and other occasional-use vehicles may not be stored in driveways or yards if they extend past the front of your home.
- Abandoned, inoperable, or unlicensed vehicles must be kept inside a garage—they cannot be left outside.
- Do not park facing the wrong direction on city streets at any time.
- For lots under 20,000 square feet, no more than four vehicles may be permanently parked in the open.
- Short-term exceptions can be made for holidays or guests.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Windy Hills looking beautiful and running smoothly!



Tree Alert: Scale Insects on Chinese Elms

Our Windy Hills arborist, Caroline Westfall, has recently discovered a scale infestation affecting several Chinese Elms on the Green. If you're not familiar with these trees, Chinese Elms—also known as Lace Bark Elms—are the ones with distinctive mottled bark and small, delicate leaves. They are a beautiful and common feature throughout our city.

Scale may be an insect, but it doesn't look like your typical garden pest. Instead of crawling or flying, scale appears as small, shell-like bumps, often found on the underside of leaves or along the branches and twigs. These insects feed by sucking the sap from the tree, which can lead to yellowing leaves, distorted growth, and if left untreated, a serious decline in the tree's health.

While treating scale on houseplants or small shrubs can be fairly straightforward, it's a much bigger challenge when it comes to mature trees. If you notice similar signs on trees in your own yard—particularly Chinese Elms—it's best to consult a certified arborist for proper diagnosis and treatment.

Keeping our trees healthy is vital to preserving the beauty and canopy of Windy Hills. Thank you for staying informed and doing your part!





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.

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| August 11, 2025 |] |
| September 8, 2025 |] |
| October 13, 2025 | 1 |
| November 10, 2025 |] |
| December 8, 2025 | J |
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January 12 , 2026 February 9, 2026 March 9, 2026 April 13, 2026 May 11, 2026 June 8, 2026

Observers are also welcome at Council Work Sessions, which are held at 10:00 a.m. on the Friday before the City Council meeting at City Hall.



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.

If you come across a deceased animal that needs to be removed, contact Metro 311.



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Police Department (non-emergency) 502.425.5862

Louisville Gas & Electric 502.589.1444

Louisville Water Company 502.583.6610

Recycling Drop-Off (Hubbards Lane) 502.574.5810

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