



Windy Hills

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Strategic Planning Update

By Councilman Jim Ising

Progress continues to be made on the implementation of projects identified during our Strategic Planning process that began in 2008. Many projects are complete, but some were long term in nature. The status of work in progress projects is:

- **Additional sidewalks**—the final phase of constructing sidewalks around the entire City will be completed when the Hubbards Lane sidewalk is finished. A “Walk the Loop” celebration is planned and will be communicated to all.
- **Windy Hills Green**—the Council voted to purchase the property and maintain it with its current improvements for a couple of years. We have, however, contracted with a landscape architect for possible future alternatives.
- **Entrances, identity and image**—the City is evaluating designs for signage at the major entrances to our City. In anticipation for construction of a signature entrance at Rudy and Brownsboro Road, existing guy wires will be moved to provide improved visibility and safety.
- **Branding**—our “Historic Homes” theme has been used consistently to take advantage of a truly unique feature of our City.
- **City Events**—the City successfully held its seventh 4th of July Celebration with many residents participating. Councilwoman Kate Greer again provided the leadership for this fun filled event, with the help from committee members Joyce Bridge, Amy Carter, Martha Davis, Sandy Moore, Leigh and Mark Ray, Jim Van Nort and Councilpersons Rademaker and Ising, plus many more volunteers. A fun event was enjoyed by all. An ice cream social is planned for Sunday, September 25, at Calvin Presbyterian. Mark your calendar.

The Strategic Planning process has been very successful in establishing goals, priorities and guidance on strategic issues facing our City. Your City Officials appreciate the input from our citizens, as we are dedicated to making Windy Hills a city of which you can be proud.

City Tax Bills

Windy Hills’ real estate tax bills for 2011 will be mailed around October 1, 2011. If you do not receive your bill or a letter from the City stating your bill has been requested by and sent to your mortgage company, you should call the City office (895-4778) to get a duplicate bill in order to take advantage of the discount. This is especially important when homeowners acquire or refinance their property during the calendar year, meaning the bill could go to the wrong person/address.

Property Tax Information

We receive numerous requests from residents to change an address, add a name or delete a name from the tax records. We can change this information for our records, but all tax records come from the Property Valuation Administration (PVA). Once a year we update our records to match the PVA records. Therefore, if you have any address changes, such as you are renting out your Windy Hills property and not residing here, or if you need to change, add or delete a name on your tax records, please call the PVA office. Their phone number is 574-6380.



Meet Your Council Members



Jim Ising

Jim, who lives on Kingslook Court, has been a member of the Council since 2004. He has lived in Windy Hills for 38 years. He retired from Commonwealth Ins. as VP Marketing Services after 26 years of service. Jim and his wife Julie have been married for forty years, and

have two adult children and four grandchildren that Jim adores. Jim's major accomplishments for the City are: He led efforts for the Rudy Lane sidewalk, plus began the 4th of July Celebrations, Welcome To Windy Hills, Good Neighbor Award, and Strategic Planning process.



Marianne Rademaker

Marianne is a ten year resident of Windy Hills and is currently serving her third term on the City Council. She is a retired high school teacher, who keeps busy doing many things she did not have time for while working. She sings in her

church choir and with a women's group that performs in nursing homes. She likes to knit, read and do puzzles. She is also the current president of the Windy Hills Garden Club. Her favorite vacation is to sit on the beach somewhere or to travel to Germany. She is married to Charlie Rademaker, has two sons and six grandchildren. She is the liaison with the Greymoor-Devondale Police department and also serves on the picnic committee.

Windy Hills Ice Cream Social

Once again, the City is having its Fall Ice Cream Social. The Heywood Dairy wagon will be at Calvin Presbyterian Church from 2:00-4:00, Sunday, September 25. Bring a chair, socialize with your neighbors and dig into the delicious ice cream. This year there will not be a shredding truck. The City decided to provide this service every other year.

For those of you who do not know it, **Charlie Heywood** lives in Windy Hills.



Out On A Limb *By Kate Kirwan Greer*

On one of Cindy Sullivan's Saturday call-in shows, she reported that many evergreen trees are dying. Their demise is not caused by disease. It is because of drought – not this year's but a combination of the drought last summer with the one this summer.

People are sometimes surprised when a tree just suddenly dies.

Trees are like people – they don't like stress. Too

much stress (i.e. drought, ice storms, high temperatures and wind) will lead to decline. Our trees have had to contend with all of the above.

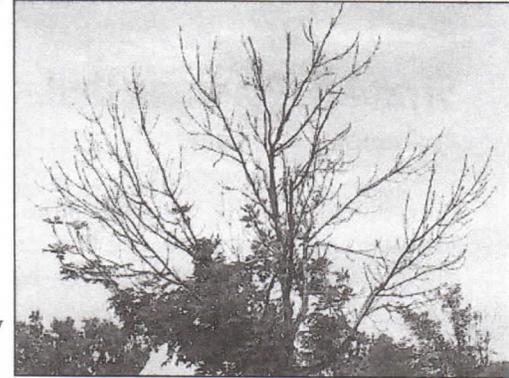
I spent a great deal of money on my lawn last year – with a total kill, new hoses, timers, and water. It looked beautiful. I am not watering my grass this year – I'm concentrating on my trees. They are a much more important investment in the value of your property.

Chances are, if we ever do get rain, the grass will revive. If the trees are not watered, they may not. A tree in stress is much more susceptible to insects and disease.

A tree that is less than three years old must have at least one inch of water (rain) weekly. Two inches would probably be better. Please take the time to do this. Place a hose in a small trickle on top of the mulch and leave it there for about an hour. And don't forget older trees. They are feeling the stress also. With our horrible summer, they could stand a good soaking occasionally.

The City has a sizeable investment in the trees planted on Ambridge. Those homeowners who had them planted in their yard agreed to water them, The Plant Kingdom will not replace them if they are not watered.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WATER THEM!



Garden Club News

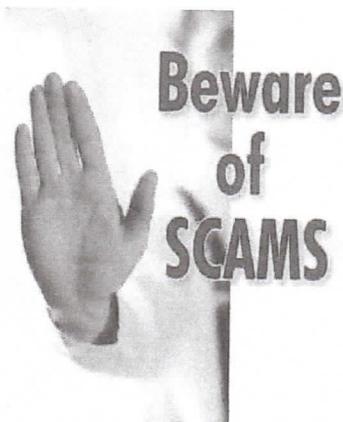
The Club raised over \$1,000 at the Plant Sale this year. The money is being used to purchase 800 additional Tenby daffodils to be planted throughout the City. **Steve Sauter**, the owner of Lawnco, has graciously offered to plant these bulbs at his company's expense.



The Club awarded the August Yard Of Approval to **Richard and Sharon Blayney**, who live at 513 Brookview Road. The Blayney's have been long-time residents of the City of Windy Hills. What a surprise – this hidden treasury with a lovely setting of well-maintained landscaping and white annual accents. The back yard is a feast for the eyes in a park-like setting, accentuated with the most unique display of bonsai trees and a lush planting of multiple species. Richard is very active in the Greater Louisville Bonsai Society.

The September Yard Of Approval goes to **Amy and Bryon Carter** of 4425 Greenbriar Road. The Carter's lovely home and well maintained landscaping could easily grace the cover of Southern Living. Each detail in the landscaping completes the home and reflects the homeowner's attention and pride in their home. It is a must see, and the WHGC wishes to applaud their hard work.

Fraudulent Business Schemes



We have become aware of two attempted scams within our City. Residents have been asked to withdraw large sums of cash and forward it to entities, usually off-shore. One story line is this is to pay the taxes on a large sum of money that will be forwarded to you once the tax is paid.

Skepticism on your part about the offer may involve coercion and/or threats to push you to withdraw the money and forward it.

If you receive one of these offers please discuss it with your banker or the police before forwarding any cash to anyone.

Windy Hills Resident Walks "Loop" 50+ Times

At the July Windy Hills Council meeting, **Tony Disser** was presented a special "Walk the Loop" shirt. Tony has walked the 3.5 Loop over 50 times, mostly with his dog Ellie Mae. The special shirt to commemorate this accomplishment included "50 Times" in red letters. Tony lives on Rudy Lane. This is the greatest number of Loops recorded since the beginning of our program approximately a year ago. We'd like to award more of these.



Hubbards Lane Sidewalk Progress Report



There is a problem with the last section being built for Metro. The culvert required for the creek near Coach Gate Wynde, over which the sidewalk will be built, has to be cast. The estimated completion date is now mid-to-late October.

Upon completion the City and Metro are planning a ribbon cutting and grand opening of the 3.5 mile loop around our City. Metro is completing the last section on Hubbards Lane between Hill Top Road and Coach Gate Wynde. For your reference, Windy Hills built the first section on Rudy Lane; St. Mathews connected its Rudy Lane sidewalk to it; and then both Cities built sections on Hubbards Lane between Rudy Lane and Hilltop Road, leaving the section between Hilltop Road and Coach Gate Wynde which should be completed soon.

Seventh Annual Fourth Of July Picnic

In spite of intermittent showers, the Fourth of July picnic and parade were a great success. The picnic was held inside of Calvin's air conditioned gymnasium but the parade, children's games, and bike rodeo were held outside.

Leigh and Mark Ray, members of the bicycle group, led the parade along with the Krebs antique fire-engine and Chief Thronberry of the Greymore-Devondale Police Department. Prizes were given out to 12 children.

Jim Van Nort was in charge of the parade as well as the children's games. These games included various relays, a tug of war, and a balloon toss.

Inside the gym were a fish-pond, a face-painting table, and a moon-bounce for the children, and the Moon Dogs band played for everyone. **Bryan Carter**, a Windy Hills resident, is a member of the band.

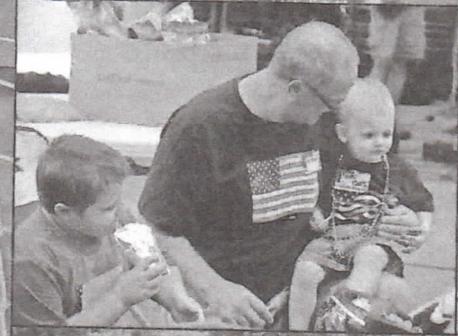
The food included hamburgers and hot dogs and soft drinks provided by Mike's Best, ice cream from Heywood Dairy, and delicious pot luck from the residents.

Following lunch, Leigh and Mark Ray held a Bicycle Rodeo in the back parking lot. It promoted bike safety tips. There was a helmet check, a table to make sure the bike was safe, an obstacle course, a coasting competition, and hitting the target contest. The event was to encourage bicycle safety awareness.

Adults were eligible for the door prizes donated by local merchants and Windy Hills residents.

The following were donators to these prizes: Amazing Green Planet, Bloom'n Deals, Joyce Bridge, Brownsboro Barber Shop, Brownsboro Hardware & Paint, City of Windy Hills, Fresh Market, Gasthaus, Les Filles Boutique, Mike Best's Meat Market, Party Mart, Patina Interiors, Plant Kingdom, Rosie's Consignment Boutique, Sam Meyers Cleaners, Shady Lane Café, Audrey Schultz Soft Sculpture Horses, and Stock Yards Bank and Trust.





Council Approves New Garbage Contract

The Council renewed its contract with Waste Management at the June meeting. The city will continue to have two trash collections a week and one yard waste collection. The schedule for trash pick-up is on Tuesday and Friday, unless there is a holiday on any day other than the weekend. For example, if there is a holiday on Monday, then the trash will not be picked up until Wednesday and Saturday. Yard waste is collected on Mondays and must be taken to the curb. Should you have more than three cans of trash, you must take them to the curb. If you have any unusual trash, such as a chair or appliance, contact Waste Management and warn them. Should Waste Management miss picking up your trash, if you contact them early in the day at 966-0117, a truck will return to pick it up.



Severe Storm

On Saturday, August 13, 2011, a severe storm passed quickly through Louisville felling a large tree which blocked Brookview Rd. close to Rudy Lane. The neighbors assembled with chainsaws and rakes and were able to open one lane. On Monday, Kentucky Tree opened both lanes and by Tuesday afternoon



the trees and debris were removed. Our sincere thanks go to all who worked as a team to open the road.

Ombudsman *By Cheryl Cooper*

I was appointed Ombudsman by Mayor Phillips at the beginning of this year, and even though I'm not a man, I can't be called Ombudswoman. What a strange name. Where did it come from, and what does it mean? Om-buds-man is from Swedish, a Germanic language in the same family as English, and man in Swedish corresponds to our word 'man.'

The Swedish legislature first created the position of ombuds-person in the early 1800's. The literal translation of 'ombudsperson' is "an investigator of citizen complaints." In modern times the ombuds-person addresses concerns that citizens or groups have about organizations and/or bureaucracies. The goal of the ombudsperson is to assist the communication between the public and the government (City of Windy Hills) and help create solutions to problems that arise between the two parties. As your ombudsperson, I would be more than happy to help you in any way I can. You're welcome to call me - 897-1152, or e-mail me at supercooperserv@bellsouth.net.



Good Neighbor Awards



At the August Council meeting, Mayor Phillips awarded the honors to **Terry Edington**, in recognition of his good deeds he does for his neighbors on Ambridge and Eastgate Court; and **Leigh and Mark Ray**, in recognition of their volunteering and planning the Fourth of July Bike Riders' Parade and Bike Rodeo.



Terry Edington and Lou Phillips (above) and Leigh Ray with Lou Phillips (right).



Windy Hills Team For Community Caring

Congratulations! You, your family, your neighbors and everyone who resides in Windy Hills are members of our team – The Windy Hills Community Caring Team! Whether we're working on keeping our yards and common areas nice or calling on a neighbor who might need assistance, we all are part of a caring community! After all, we are all in this together. Let us hear from you (Call City Hall) with ideas on how we can make our Windy Hills community even better. We, as leaders in this effort, will help you bring your ideas to life. Together as a team, we can realize our vision of a welcoming, caring, great place to live and work!

Where Are Your House Numbers....

- 1 On the house, on the mailbox at the street, or painted on your curb? A Louisville Metro ordinance mandates 5-inch BLACK numbers at your front entrance or on your mailbox or mailbox post. If they are on your house, please insure the numbers are visible from the street.
- 2 First responders may not see numbers painted on the curb if there is leaf or snow buildup. (Courtesy of the Windy Hills Team for Community Caring.)
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Cooking At Doll's Market



On June 28, about 20 Windy Hills residents and friends took part in a cooking demonstration at Doll's Market. Chef Andy prepared some healthy dishes and gave out generous samples. He prepared a lemonade with watermelon, ratatouille, watermelon salad, quinoa tabbouleh, and curried, creamed corn, sea scallops. The nutritionist from Milestone was on hand and distributed the "My Plate Survival Guide," the new guideline for healthy eating. This was part of the Windy Hills Health and Fitness initiative. Since the event, Doll's has closed its doors for good. The grocery will be missed.

Guy-Wires Along Rudy Lane At Brownsboro Road

Possibly you've noticed the guy-wires on the Windy Hills "Green" supporting a utility pole at the intersection of Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Road. They detract from the appearance of the Green and they would interfere with the installation of a planned signature entrance at the location. Accordingly we have contracted with LG&E for the installation of an "H" Beam set back from the corner which will provide the necessary support for the utility pole. Three trees were removed in preparation for this work and the installation should be complete in the near future.

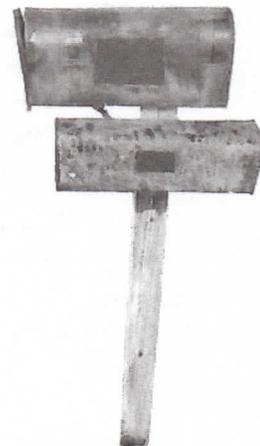
Local Resident Designs License Plate

Jeanne Oliver, a local resident and graphic designer with FMI Printing, was honored with the privilege of designing the Alzheimer's Awareness license plate for the state of Kentucky. The official plate will have a beautiful light purple background and a Forget-Me-Not flower. If you would like one for your car, visit the Alzheimer's Association website at www.alz.org/kyin for details and to download an application. Jeanne's company is the publisher of the Windy Hills Newsletter and they also designed and printed the Windy Hills Historic Homes brochure and the car stickers.



Paper & Mailboxes At The Curb

If you have a paper and mailbox at the curb, have you looked at them lately? Do they reflect positively or negatively on the appearance of your property and your streetscape? Are they still used for their intended purposes or just a relic of the past? These can be so easily overlooked that we thought this reminder might prompt you to look at yours and refresh, repair, or remove it, whatever is appropriate.





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(Newsletter & Social Events)
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(Budget and Finance)
- Marianne Rademaker 896-1957
(Police Protection)
- Mike Skelton 895-6000
(W.H. Green/City Beautification)
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City Council meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane

Emergency – Fire – Police

- EMS **911**
- Graymoor/Devondale Police 327-COPS
- St. Matthews Fire District 893-7825
(Business)
- District 7 Metro Councilman, ...
Hon. Ken Fleming 574-1107
- Small Cities Metro Liaison,
Tommy Clark 574-6822
- Metro Call 574-5000
or 311
- Animal Control Protection 361-1318
Dog or Cat Complaints 363-6609
- Recycling Center 896-1293
- Health Department 574-6520
- Jefferson County Clerk 574-5700
(All branches can be reached at above #)
- MSD Customer Service 587-0603
- Planning and Design Services 574-6230
- St. Matthews/Eline Library 574-1771
- LG&E 589-1444
(to report street light outages)

B I T S & P I E C E S

Maintenance of Rights-Of-Way

All properties in Windy Hills have rights-of-way which are strips of land over or under which utilities are built. Corner lots will have rights-of-way on two sides of the property. These strips belong to the homeowners whose responsibility it is to maintain them. This is just a reminder that the grass should be mowed to the edge of the street or road. We appreciate your cooperation.

Overnight Parking On Street

The City has an ordinance that there is no parking on the streets between 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Should you have out-of-town company or if you are having your driveway paved, let the office and the Greymoore-Devondale Police know ahead of time to avoid a ticket.



A Quote To Remember

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.”

~ Mother Teresa