

## Follow-Up On The Green

By Lou Phillips

Our thanks to those of you who submitted comments on the Green Park Design, the cost estimate, and the additional information that was provided in our summer 2012 Newsletter. You should know also that the Council has no plans at this time to take any action on the future use of the Green except for the signature entrance at Rudy Lane and Brownsboro Road.

We do want you to know we received a total of 47 responses some of which were for developing the park as presented in the summer newsletter, other were to keep it as is, another group suggests retaining space along Brownsboro Rd. and Rudy Lane for landscaping and selling 2 - 3 residential lots, while others suggested design changes in the plan that was presented if it should be developed as a Park. The responses were small in number when you consider we have 1,200 homes in our City, and they didn't provide any clear direction for future use. The responses were divided very similarly to the divisions on the City Council.

As we said in our Summer Newsletter we learned in an earlier survey the residents do not want tax dollars spent for a major development on the Green, and the Council does not believe our remaining reserves should be used for this purpose. We have spent a large amount building the sidewalks, buying the Green property, and for the three signature entrances which will be constructed later this year.

Some on the Council believe \$500,000 - \$600,000 can be raised privately to fund the development. This would be a major undertaking and to do it properly it may be necessary to establish a foundation and employ the services of a fund raising consultant. At this point the Council as a body is not interested in this option.

Another suggested funding option is promoting tax-deductible gifts for trees on the Green and other areas of the City. We are considering this option and exploring the legal ramifications of such a program. Planting trees on the Green without the site preparation and stabilization identified in the Environs plan could be problematic and this one aspect of the project is estimated at over \$63,000. In my view very little should be done on the Green prior to the site preparation and stabilization and the City is not prepared to make this investment.

Another factor regarding gifts is the conditions that may be attached which could complicate the administration of the program.

At this time our focus is on the installation of the Signature Entrances.

## Windy Hills Ice Cream Social/ Shredding Party

Mark your calendars. Sunday, October 14 is the date for the City Ice Cream Social. In addition to the delicious ice cream from Haywood Dairy, there will be a shredding truck present to take care of any papers you need shredded. Since this is an election year for the City Council, you will be able to meet the candidates running for office in the November election. The event will be held at Calvin Presbyterian from 2:00-4:00 P.M.



(See "Recycling For Causes" on back page.)



## Walk The Loop

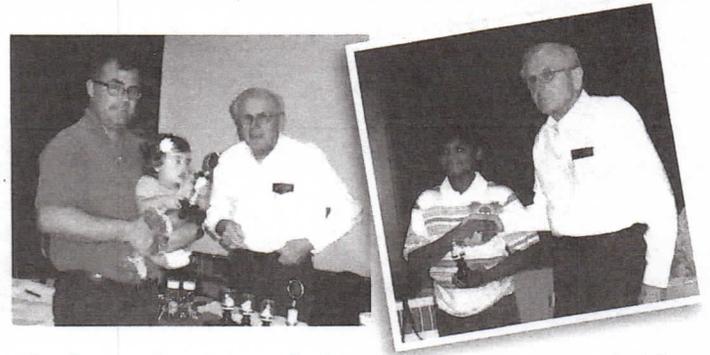
Think about Walking the Loop before coming to the Ice Cream Social on

October 14. What better way to get ready for all the ice cream than by walking the 3 1/2 mile loop. Park at Calvin, walk the loop, and return for the ice cream.

We believe there have been many residents who have walked "The Loop" but have not claimed their shirts. We will have shirts at the Ice Cream Social, so if you walk the loop that day or you have previously walked it, even if not in one stretch, pick-up your shirt and wear it proudly.

If you can't attend the Ice Cream Social and you've walked "The Loop" you may pick-up your shirt at the Summit Office Building, 4350 Brownsboro Rd., Suite 110. Call to be sure someone is in the office... 895-4778. You don't want to be "left out of the loop." Hope to see you there!

## Badminton With The Bear



The first Badminton with the Bear tournament was held on Saturday, July 28, up on Windy Hills Green.

The event was part of the City of Windy Hills Health and Fitness Initiative. The Adult Doubles winners were **Lucas Tuggle** and **John Bowling**. **Worden Barr** and **Aaron Barr** won the Junior Doubles. The Junior Singles Champion was Valtheesh Jaganattan. Consideration is being given to hold this event next year.

## Have You Looked At Your Gutters Lately?

If you have concrete gutters in the front or on the side of your property, have you looked at them lately? Are the joints between the sections full of coarse grass making the gutter unsightly? A string trimmer will cut it down or an herbicide will kill it. What we'd really like to suggest to improve the appearance of our City is to remove this growth when it starts so it doesn't form the clumps you see in the accompanying photograph.



Let's all work together to make Windy Hills an even more beautiful and desirable place to live.

## 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 there, 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.



## Are You Prepared?

*Notes from the Community Caring Team*

The Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared," is good advice for the rest of us as well. As we have seen in recent years, ice storms, tornadoes, and even the stray hurricane can hit our area with little notice.

Are you prepared for the next disaster? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends every household have a disaster kit on hand that includes enough food, water, and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. Among those other supplies: a weather radio, a flashlight with spare batteries, prescriptions, spending money, and perhaps a car charger for your cell phone and other electronic devices.

You can find a good supply list for a disaster kit at <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>. Virtually everything on the list can be bought locally. The trick is to assemble the kit before you need it!

## City Tax Bills

Windy Hills real estate tax bills for 2012 will be mailed around October 1, 2012. If you do not receive your bill and you have an escrow account with your mortgage lender your bill will have been sent to the mortgage company. In case you have any questions you should call the City Office (895-4778) to determine your status. 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.

**Neighborhood Block Watch packets with all of the information needed to organize your neighborhood, are available at City Hall.**

## Prevention Of Vehicle Break-Ins

We have again had a rash of vehicle break-ins in the City which indicates residents should take precautions. When your vehicle is parked outside or in an unlocked garage, it should be locked. If your vehicle is not parked in a locked garage, don't leave anything of value where it can be seen and the best is to not leave anything of value in the vehicle at all. In most modern vehicles if a burglar gets inside the passenger compartment, the trunk can be opened with a button or a lever so it may not be secure. If you don't have a garage, a motion sensor light on or near your driveway may be a deterrent.



Be alert to strange vehicles or people in the area when you are coming or going and if you see something suspicious don't hesitate to call the Graymoor/Devondale Police at 327-2677. Ask that the call be reported to the Graymoor/Devondale Police. If it's an emergency, dial 911.

## Community Wide Clean-Up October 27



In conjunction with Brightside, Windy Hills plans to join in for our semi-annual major thoroughfares cleanup on Saturday, October 27.

All citizens are invited to participate. As usual, volunteers should plan to meet at the Brownsboro Shopping Center parking lot at 9:00 A.M. Participants will be provided with coffee and donuts, large trash bags, gloves and a T-shirt. If interested, call City Hall so that we know how many supplies to have on hand.

## City Council Candidates

### John H. Clark IV

- Family resident of Windy Hills since 1950
- Owns with wife, Gretchen, an historic house in Windy Hills
- Owner: Midland Communications Packaging, Inc. for 27 years
- Founder: Old Stone Press, book publishing
- Community involvement: Kentucky School of Art at Spalding University; LVAA; Center for Nonprofit Excellence; Rotary Club; Bourbon Baroque; Jefferson-town Chamber of Commerce
- Is a good listener and problem solver

### Cheryl Tucker Cooper

- 14-year resident of City of Windy Hills
- Windy Hills council member; Ombudsman
- Former City Clerk/Treasurer, Windy Hills
- Former Board Member/Secretary, Coach Gate Condos
- Founded/organized the Windy Hills Garden Club; currently serving as President
- Retired from Louisville Metro government
- Is interested in maintaining the unique characteristics of our small city

### Kent Dayton

- 6 year resident of Windy Hills
- Married with 2 grown children
- Retired Firefighter
- Worked for Windy Hills as Handyman and have been installing the Christmas decorations for several years
- Served on merger panel for Jefferson County Emergency Services

**Platform:** *Interested in making our City safe and beautiful for our residents and visitors.*

### Kate Kirwan Greer

- Retired Manual High School teacher
- Ashland and Excel Teaching Awards
- Kentucky Geography Bee coordinator
- Master Gardener
- President Rambler Garden Club
- Windy Hills: 11 year resident
- Windy Hills Councilwoman since 2008
- Community Events/Newsletter chairperson; Independence Day Picnic chairperson; Windy Hills Garden Club; Operation Brightside cleanups; WHHAG

**Platform:** *Preserve and expand the Windy Hills tree canopy; promote more community involvement; fiscal responsibility.*

### E. James Ising

- Councilman since '04
- Accomplishments: Led Rudy Lane sidewalk effort; Strategic Planning Process; Branding initiative; July 4th Celebration; Good Neighbor Award; Welcome to Windy Hills
- 39 year resident
- Retired VP Commonwealth Insurance
- Associations: Bronze & Silver Awards, Ky. League of Cities, Spirit of Louisville Award, Advisory Council School of Business WKU, past President of Prevent Blindness and CLICO Retirees
- Graduate: WKU

### Marianne Rademaker

- Currently serving on the council
- Have lived in Windy Hills for eleven years
- Strongly believe in citizen involvement in government
- Financially conservative and committed to keeping taxes low.
- Retired high school math teacher
- Served on the boards of directors of KEA and JCTA for many years

### Mike Skelton

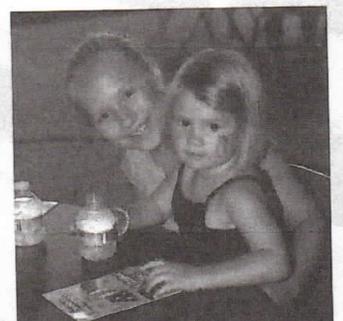
- Age 68
- Native Louisvillian and has lived in Windy Hills off and on for over 39 years
- Waggner H.S.; Yale University; University of Louisville School of Law
- Real Estate Broker since 1967
- Married to Wendy Parkhurst, professional artist
- 3 grandchildren
- Over 8 years as a Windy Hills Council member

### Suzanne Spencer

- Resident of Windy Hills since 1999
- Education — Art Institute, Chicago
- Profession — Interior Designer, Fiber Artist
- Married to I.G. Spencer, Attorney
- Four grown children—five grandchildren
- Windy Hills: Windsong Neighborhood Association; Windy Hills Garden Club; City Council Member - 4 years
- Civic Activities: Farmington Historic Home; ICI; Questers; Speed Art Museum

# Eighth Annual Independence

The latest Fourth of July picnic/parade was a huge success. The parade was led by motorcycle escorts, two antique fire trucks, and an antique tractor. **Leigh and Mark Ray** orchestrated parade safety on their bicycles. A new children's activity was added – Mr. Bubble. It was so popular that we have already contracted with him to return next year. Because of the extreme heat, the food was served in Calvin's gymnasium. **The Moon Dogs** entertained us with their music. The crowd was enormous. There were many more people than those who had registered. Door prizes were donated by **Brownsboro Hardware, the Plant Kingdom, Joyce Bridge, Party Mart, Shady Lane Café, Fresh Market, Stock Yards Bank,** and a tree donated by the City of Windy Hills. The Fourth of July committee consisted of **Joyce Bridge, Carolyn Bruce, Martha Davis, Kate Greer, Jim Ising, Sandy Moore, Leigh and Mark Ray.** In addition to the pictures included in this newsletter (taken by **Ed Bridge**), you can check out more on the City of Windy Hills web site.



# Day Picnic/Parade

## Strategic Planning Successes

By Councilman Jim Ising

As you recall the City began a Strategic Planning process a few years ago. Many ideas and suggestions from town hall meetings and the homeowner questionnaire have been implemented with excellent results.

### A few of the major successes have been:

- Additional Sidewalks – added to the completed Rudy Lane sidewalk which now makes a “loop” around the entire City, “Walk The Loop” shirt promotion and benches placed along the sidewalks;

- Windy Hills Green – an eyesore was eliminated after the City purchased the property which has brought many compliments since we are providing year round maintenance, and extras like the carved bear, lit Holiday Tree, etc. (see Mayor’s article);

- Branding – a high priority noted by residents was to promote and raise the visibility of our City. Our “Historic Homes” theme has been used to produce a logo, brochure, vehicle stickers, banners along Brownsboro Road, updated City stationery and soon to be installed unique signage at the major entrances to the City;

- Trees – plantings have been made along Ambridge Drive, a major City thoroughfare, plus efforts are being made to become a designated “Tree City USA” (see related article) and a \$100 incentive is available to encourage homeowners to plant trees;

- Additional Activities and Events – have been planned as requested. New events such as the Ice Cream Social and Shredding Party, Health and Fitness initiatives and the Community Caring programs have been added to our annual 4th of July Celebration;

- Safety – to supplement protection of the police services from METRO, the City has contracted with Graymoor-Devondale to provide additional police services, such as speed control, house checks when people are out of town, enforcing parking regulations, etc.

Your City Officials appreciate your input in establishing the Strategic Planning process that has identified, preserved and built on the positive qualities of Windy Hills while acknowledging and dealing with issues for improvement.

We continue to seek your ideas and suggestions.



## Remembering Faye...

By Councilwoman Kate Greer



Windy Hills lost a long time resident last month when **Faye Ellerkamp** passed away. Faye was City Clerk/Treasurer for 25 years. In fact, the Windy Hills City Hall was located at her

Merrifield home for years. When you went to Faye's house, you saw her Christmas tree, which remained up all year on her front porch. When I moved to Windy Hills, my realtor advised me to call Faye if I had any questions about Windy Hills. I did this on numerous occasions. Once, when I visited her with a problem, she gave me an air plane sized bottle of Woodford Reserve to ease my worries.

When Faye retired as City Clerk, she was elected to the City Council. I remember she always brought bags of candy to the Council meetings to share with everyone in the room. And if there was any left over, she gave it to our waiter or waitress when we went out to dinner after the meeting.

Besides her involvement with Windy Hills, Faye was Secretary of the Jefferson County League of Cities and a member of the St. Matthews Fire Department Board of Trustees. Whenever Faye and I went to the League of Cities meeting, she was soon surrounded by most of the men in the meeting. It was then that I discovered that Faye could be a flirt.

Faye spent her last years at Belmont Village and Oaklawn, but her heart remained at Windy Hills. Her graciousness and generosity will long be remembered by Windy Hills citizens. And if you 'Walk the Loop', have a seat on the bench that was dedicated to her along the sidewalk near Calvin Presbyterian.

## Local Young Man Is Mourned

Neighbors of **Helen** and **Tom Davis** grieve with them in the death of their 28 year old son, **William**.

William, a graduate of Ballard High School in 2002, and Miami University of Ohio, was visiting his parents after returning from his Air Force station in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He grew up on Wicklow. Our thoughts are with his family and close friends in this tragedy.

## Windy Hills Begins Process To Attain "Tree City USA" Designation

The newspapers have run countless stories about the loss of the Metro area "Tree Canopy" this year. With the droughts, ice storms, wind storms, a lot of trees are gone. This has been evident here in the City of Windy Hills. Think back to the trucks removing downed trees in the May and July storms of 2004, the September 2008 wind storm, and the 2009 ice storm. And then there is the "pruning" done by LG&E. Another cause of our dwindling tree canopy is the fact that many of our trees are old and have not received proper care. The Metro area is reportedly warming up faster than many other cities. The city's heat island index increase is almost twice as high as Phoenix and over three times higher than Las Vegas. Louisville's tree canopy is about 30% for the Metro area, including Southern Indiana. The problem is so severe that Mayor Fischer has created a Tree Commission to address the situation.

Because of these issues, a committee, headed by Allan Atherton, was formed to seek remedies to our tree loss. This committee consisted of Council members **Cheryl Cooper**, **Kate Greer**, and **Jim Ising**. **Joyce Brown** and **Martha Davis** also served on the committee. The group investigated the possibility of seeking Tree City USA designation. This award is given by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters.

There are numerous reasons that would benefit Windy Hills to obtain "Tree City USA" status:

- encourages better care of community trees.
- touches the lives of our residents who benefit daily from cleaner air, shadier streets and the aesthetic beauty that trees provide.
- can contribute to a community's pride.
- serves as a blueprint for planting and maintaining a community's trees.
- brings benefits such as allocations of grant money to further the tree cause.
- helps provide a means to reach large numbers of people with education about tree care.
- furthers the City's image that the environment is important to the residents.



To qualify as a "Tree City USA" community, the city must meet four standards:

- Create a Tree Board.
- Establish Tree Ordinance(s).
- Establish a forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita to be designated in the City budget.
- An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

Certification as a Tree City may be made by the State Forester based on a calendar year of satisfactory performance, after which the award is issued. The bottom line is that we need to do something about the loss of our canopy. Eight years ago, Rudy Lane resembled a country road, full of shade trees. Through the efforts of a Tree Board and education provided to our residents, trees may flourish once more in Windy Hills.

## Foster Haunz, City Attorney, Retires After Forty-Four Years Of Distinguished Service

After his appointment on July 1, 1968 Foster was involved with all of the City's business over the years. Some of his assignments were writing the Ordinances and filing the documents for twelve annexations which created our current City boundaries.



He helped the City successfully oppose the construction of 447 apartments at Brownsboro Rd. and Rudy Ln. as well as the 20 condos at the corner of Brownsboro Rd. and Rudy Lane. This work was certainly legally challenging and successfully undertaken.

He guided the City through the installation of sanitary sewers and the sidewalks of Rudy Lane, Brownsboro Rd., and Hubbards lane.

This brief description of Foster's work on behalf of the City does not do justice to his legal accomplishments and the expertise he demonstrated.

To show our appreciation we have honored Foster with an iron bench and appropriate plaque on Brownsboro Rd. in front of the LG&E property adjacent to Coach Gate.

Foster, thank you for your service and best wishes for the future.

## Windy Hills Garden Club News

The following community neighbors were award the honoree Yard Approval of the Month for July, August and September.

**Kent and Terry Dayton** of 704 Antrim Road has a neatly trimmed front yard, the side entrance to the back yard with the architectural features that takes you into a very inviting backyard with a pool. The amazing backyard element is the wonderful outdoor living room area with a fireplace.

**Chip and Kelly Norman** of 6604 Tottenham Rd has a well kept yard and reflects Chips pride and joy. The landscaping contains several featured areas with a mixture of plantings and trees.

**Mary Rita and Terry DeWitt** of 4305 Windward Place show the pride and hard work with a variety of planting, trees and blooming flowers all during the summer days. The landscaping has some fun artful features and more surprises in the backyard as well.

If you are interested in gardening and would like to socialize with your neighbors, we would love for you to join us at our next Windy Hills Garden Club meeting. We meet on the third Monday of each month (except December) at the Coach Gate Clubhouse, 111 Wellington Place, 7:00 P.M. We host an annual pot luck dinner in November and enjoy monthly programs or garden tours. For more information, please contact Cheryl Cooper 897-1152 or [cheryltcooper@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltcooper@gmail.com).



*Windy Hills Garden Club*

## Out On A Limb By Kate Kirwan Greer

Because of this summer's drought, many of our City trees are suffering. If your trees have not been adequately watered, they may not survive. Their demise will not always show up the first year. It may occur up to two or three years down the road -- especially if the trees are very young. Proper watering is the most important homeowner task to ensure survival of a newly planted tree. Some of the symptoms of trees in stress include leaves turning brown early in the season, early fall color, and leaf drop. Sometimes the decline shows up first at the top of the tree as it is the furthest from the tree roots.

The following are tips from the Metro Arborist Mark White on proper watering techniques"

– Trees under two years old need to be watered once every seven days during dry periods.



(Don't worry about winter watering.)

– Allow 1-1.5 gallons of water per inch of tree diameter.  
– When using a hose, run the water at a trickle for 20-30 minutes to achieve the above rate.

– Don't overwater as you can damage the roots.

– Infrequent but deep watering encourages a deeper root system as water penetrates deeper

Another benefit to trees is correct mulching. Mulch adds nutrients and organic matter to the soil as it decomposes. The depth of the mulch should be about 3" and form a "bowl." (Do not create a volcano effect where the mulch rides up the trunk of the tree). The bowl encourages water to drain toward the tree. Not only does mulching conserve water, it helps prevent weeds and damage from lawn mowers and weed eaters.



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### City Officials & Council Members

#### Mayor:

Louis A. Phillips ..... 899-9971  
Cell ..... 468-4629

#### City Council:

Cheryl Cooper ..... 897-1152  
(Ombudsman)  
Kate Greer ..... 893-2059  
(Newsletter & Social Events)  
Jim Ising ..... 897-3689  
(Budget and Finance)  
Marianne Rademaker ..... 896-1957  
(Police Protection)  
Mike Skelton ..... 895-6000  
(W.H. Green/City Beautification)  
Suzanne Spencer ..... 721-8740  
(Health & Fitness)

#### City Clerk:

Sandy Moore ..... 895-4778  
City Fax ..... 895-4757

#### Public Works/ Code Enforcement:

Bob Rosenbaum ..... 423-0416

#### City Attorney:

Foster L. Haunz ..... 583-2808  
Fax ..... 583-2029

City Email: [info@cityofwindyhills.com](mailto:info@cityofwindyhills.com)

City Website: [www.cityofwindyhills.com](http://www.cityofwindyhills.com)

**City Council meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane.**

#### Emergency – Fire – Police

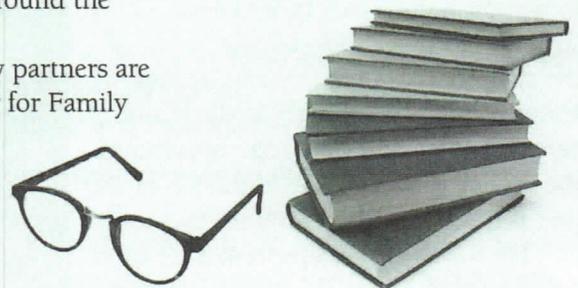
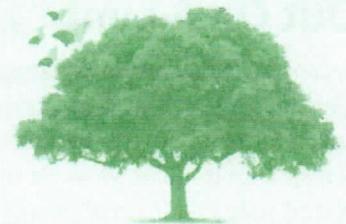
EMS ..... 911  
Graymoor/Devondale Police ..... 327-2677  
Thru Sheriff Dept. Dispatch ... 574-5471  
St. Matthews Fire District ..... 893-7825  
(Business)  
District 7 Metro Councilman,  
Hon. Ken Fleming ..... 574-1107  
Small Cities Metro Liaison,  
Tommy Clark ..... 574-6822  
Metro Call ..... 574-5000  
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)

### Recycling For Causes

The City will be taking donations for used books and outdated eyeglasses at the Ice Cream Social. The books will be sent (at no cost to the City) to Better World Books. The group's mission is to "harness the power of capitalism to bring literacy and opportunity to people around the world." The group collects unwanted books to help fund literacy initiatives locally, nationally and around the world.

The primary literacy partners are Books for Africa, Center for Family Literacy and Invisible Children. Donated eyeglasses will be taken to the local Lions Club.

**BetterWorldBooks**  
[WWW.BETTERWORLD.COM](http://WWW.BETTERWORLD.COM)



### A Quote To Remember

"Forty is the old age of youth; Fifty is the youth of old age."  
Victor Hugo