

Windy Hills

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Strategic Planning Progress

By: **Councilman Jim Ising**

This is to update you on the work of a number of outstanding projects from our Shared Vision of the Future strategic planning and implementation process:

Windy Hills Green – Thanks to the efforts of **Councilman Mike Skelton**, the City lit up a large evergreen tree for the holidays. The City received many compliments from both residents as well as those outside the City. This is another example of positive recognition and identity for our great City.

The Rudy Lane “family” sign along Rudy Lane, has been framed and reinstalled as well as utility wires moved in preparation for the installation of our signature entrance.

Sidewalks – The Loop” has been completed with sidewalks installed on Hubbards Lane, and already walkers are utilizing the new sidewalk. A “Walk the Loop” celebration is being planned for late spring.

Signature entrances, identity and branding – Rated #2 in priority from suggestions from our residents, unique signage will be installed at the City entrances at Brownsboro/Rudy, Westport/Ambridge and Westport/Foeburn when the weather warms so that construction can begin.

Trees – Thanks to the efforts of **Councilwomen Kate Greer** and **Cheryl Cooper**, a preliminary committee has been established to promote and protect one of our community’s most valuable assets – trees. You will be hearing more about this exciting effort in the near future.

Brightside Annual Neighborhood Cleanup



As part of Mayor Fischer’s Volunteer Week, the annual Brightside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 14. Now that the sidewalk has been completed on Hubbards Lane and Westport Road, we have a larger area to

clean. If you are willing to help, meet at the shopping center at 9:00 A.M. Tee-shirts and gloves, as well as doughnuts and coffee, will be provided. The more people who help, the faster the job will be completed.

Walk The Loop Update

Our loop is now completed--approximately 3 ½ miles around. To encourage Windy Hills citizens to get out and walk the loop, the co-owners of Footworks, **Mary Stivers** and **Janice Crenshaw**, have graciously agreed to partner with our City by offering a 10% discount in the store (241 Sears Avenue in St. Matthews). Wear or bring in your Walk the Loop tee-shirt to obtain the 10% discount.

Safety When Walking The Loop

Many people enjoy walking The Loop but we should caution you about crossing Rudy Lane at Brownsboro Road. Please cross Rudy at the corner where you benefit from the Wait/Walk signal.

To cross Rudy Lane walking east or west on the south side of Brownsboro, the walk signal comes on automatically when eastbound Brownsboro gets the green light. There are no push buttons for the Walk signal to cross Rudy on the south side.

To cross Brownsboro walking north or south, there are push buttons to get the Walk signal on the appropriate corners. To cross Rudy both ways on the north side of Brownsboro, there are buttons to get the Walk signal.

Even with the Walk signal, it is imperative that pedestrians use extreme caution because that is a very busy intersection. Enjoy the walk but do it safely.

Prevention Of Vehicle Break-ins

We periodically have rashes of vehicle break-ins in the City and we have had four recently which indicates residents should take precautions. When your vehicle is parked outside 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 or 574-547. Ask that the call be reported to the Graymoor/Devondale Police. If an emergency, dial 911.

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Clarification Of Police Contact Numbers

In case of Emergency such as an accident, a situation involving harm to life or limb, burglary in process, suspicious person, etc. **DIAL 911.** When you get Dispatch explain your emergency and then ask that the Graymoor/Devondale Police Department be notified as well.

For non-emergency calls to the Graymoor/Devondale Police call **327-COPS (327-2677)** and /or **574-5471** both of which are the Sheriff's Dept. Dispatch. If one number doesn't answer, call the other. When you reach the dispatcher, explain that you are calling for the Graymoor/Devondale Police Dept. which you want to respond.

New Metro Police Website About Crime

The Louisville Metro Police have created a new tool to give you the most up-to-date information on crime in the neighborhood. If you are interested you may use the following link:

<http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroPolice/CrimeMaps>
to sign up for crime maps and text notifications directly from LMPD to our neighborhood. These online maps are updated daily.

City-Wide Yard Sale/Plant Sale Scheduled

The annual Windy Hills yard sale will be Saturday, May 19, from 8:00 a.m.--noon. There will be an ad in both the Voice and the Courier-Journal and a big sign on the Green advertising the event. You may wish to put balloons out at the entrance to your street to indicate that you are participating. In addition to the yard sale, the Windy Hills Garden Club will be selling perennials at 2514 Windy Way. The money from this goes to purchasing and planting more daffodils throughout the City. Last year, Windy Hills resident, **Steve Sauter**, generously had his company Lawnco plant the bulbs free of charge.



Senior Care Experts Wednesday Luncheons

In addition to all of the services offered by Senior Care Experts (formerly known as Senior Citizens East), they now host a monthly luncheon/activity. The Westport Seniors meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:00 at Westport Christian Church, 7515 Westport Road. The cost is \$5.00. The March event featured the chef from the Atria. Should you be interested in joining the fun, food and fellowship, call Carol at 896-2316,



New Year's Walk

On Monday, January 2, twenty-two brave Windy Hills residents met at the Green for the first New Year's Walk. In spite of the bitter cold and snow, the group managed to walk down to Calvin



Church and back. Had the event been held the day before, which was actually New Year's Day, the weather would have been ideal. Next year, New Year's Day will not be on a Sunday. It will be on a Tuesday. We'll try again.

Out On A Limb *By Kate Kirwan Greer*

I recently attended an advanced Master Gardeners' workshop on plant pathology (the study of microorganisms that cause plant diseases) and came away with all kinds of valuable information to share. Chances are that a sick-looking plant may not be diseased at all but is suffering from frost, drought, nutrient deficiency, over watering, herbicides or insects.

It is important to know the conditions the plant requires, i.e. water and where to plant it to get the best results. If a plant likes arid conditions, don't plant it in a low lying area. If it likes shade, don't plant it on the sun. Even a south side of a brick wall may get too hot. Make sure you read the tags.

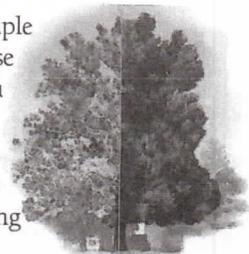
When selecting plants, especially trees, it is wise to go to a reputable local garden center. They are less likely to have plants with viruses than "box" stores. Look for trees that are disease resistant. Trees that are native to this area will adapt more easily when transplanted. Don't fertilize the tree for at least a year. Should you fertilize your lawn, you won't have to fertilize your trees.

Pruning is essential to maintain healthy trees. If you see an unhealthy part of a tree, remove it. Also prune to improve air circulation. If a tree is pruned correctly, it is less likely to suffer from storm damage. Air circulation is also important to flowering vegetation and shrubs. When pruning, to avoid spreading diseases, dip your pruners into a solution of 10% Lysol and 90% water in between cuts.

If everyone on your block has a maple tree, plant something else. Should a disease or insect that loves maples appears, you won't lose your tree.

Never work in your garden when it is wet. Avoid overhead watering late in the day. The best time to water is in the morning to avoid mildew.

If you suspect that your plant does have a virus, get rid of it. Dig it up and put it in a plastic bag--not your compost. Get rid of any leaves left behind. Remember healthy plants are less susceptible to disease and insects.



Protecting Your Home From Burglars – *Tips from the Community Caring Team*

Home burglaries continue to be an issue in Windy Hills and other East End communities. How can you protect yourself? Some of the best deterrents are strong locks and good neighbors.

Many intruders will spend no more than 60 seconds trying to break into a home. Make sure all your exterior doors are solid wood or metal and have good-quality deadbolt locks. Secure sliding glass doors and windows with a broomstick or dowel in the track. Put grilles or grates over basement windows (but be sure they can be opened from the inside in case of fire). Keep your garage door closed – even when you're home – and keep your cars locked. Never hide keys around the outside of your home. Instead, give an extra key to a neighbor you trust and/or install a keypad that lets you open the garage door with a code.

Speaking of neighbors, let trusted neighbors know when you'll be away from home and how you can be reached. They can be on the lookout for suspicious activity and can collect your mail and newspapers so your house looks lived in.

Neighbors Caring for Neighbors

– *A Message from the Community Caring Team*

The recent tornados in southern Indiana caused terrible devastation, but they also brought out the best in area residents. The winds had barely stopped before volunteers began clearing downed trees, covering damaged roofs, and feeding and sheltering affected families.

The same thing would undoubtedly happen in Windy Hills if tornados had struck here. But there are some things you can do make sure that happens. First, if you have special needs, be sure to let a couple of neighbors know before disaster strikes. Also, if you haven't done so already, submit your Windy Hills Emergency Contact Information form to the Graymoor-Devondale Police Department. (Contact city hall if you need a copy.)

In case of emergency, commit to reach out to at least two neighbors on your street. You may well be able to meet their needs yourself. If not, you can put them in touch with others who can. (If a neighbor's driveway is blocked by a tree, for example, just follow the sounds of chainsaws, and you'll find someone happy to help.)

The Community Caring Team is all about neighbors helping neighbors. Our mission – “to promote and celebrate the values of a caring community, a place that treasures health and safety, family, friends, and neighbors” – is never more important than when disaster strikes.

Calvin Play Group

Are you experiencing Cabin fever with your kids? Play groups are welcome in the Calvin gym. Call 896-0303 to reserve a time on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The outdoor playground is always open.



Neighbors in the Spotlight

Three cheers for these neighbors who are serving in Windy Hills and beyond:

If you enjoy the perennials at Rudy Lane and Chelsea Road, thank **Madge Huecker**. She plants them and takes care of them.

Malcolm Bentley, a fixture at Brownsboro Hardware, is also known as Captain Caulk. He's part of Habitat for Humanity's Thursday paint crew, which specializes in caulking and painting new houses.

Carol Mosher has fostered more than 20 retired greyhounds through Greyhounds of Shamrock. When you see her walking dogs along Rudy Lane, ask her how you can adopt one of these beautiful animals!

Windy Hills resident **Nathan Whitlock**, a Holy Trinity sixth grader has won his school's Geography Bee and has advanced to the state finals in Bowling Green. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, Google, and Plum Creek.

So which of your neighbors should be in the spotlight? Send their names and stories to Mark Ray at mark@mark-ray.com for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

From the Windy Hills Health and Fitness Initiative

Health screenings will be offered at Calvin Church on May 29, 2012.

The screenings are organized and administered by Life Line Screening, Inc. You have a choice of three groups of tests ranging in scope from 4 artery

screenings to a group of 8 screenings including a glucose index and osteoporosis test. Lifeline Screening technicians are contracted for locally and are board certified as are the Doctors who read the test. They do not accept insurance, but are extremely reasonable in cost, ranging from \$139.00 to \$219.00, and you have the option of asking your insurance company to reimburse you. More detailed information is available at www.lifelinescreening.com, or toll free by phone at 1(800)640-6294.

You must register for the tests, but you can do this easily in one of two ways.

- To register and pay on line with a credit card: Go to www.lifelinescreening.com, follow the prompts until you have confirmation of registration.
- To register in advance and pay at the screening call toll free: 1(800)449-2350
- Either way you'll be given an appointment time and an opportunity to ask questions and get answers

Opportunities for fitness in Windy Hills: It's time to shape up for spring and summer:

- **Strength Training for Seniors** – Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00A.M. Calvin Church – or 9:45 Tuesday and Thursday at Christ Church Methodist--First session is free
- **Gentle Yoga** on Tuesday and Thursday at Christ Church Methodist 8:30 A.M. – First Session is free.





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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 327-2677
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)

Windy Hills Garden Club News

The New Garden Club officers are as follows: President - Cheryl Cooper; Vice President - Mary Rita McDevitt; Secretary - Molly Brewer; Treasurer - Billie Valla.

Windy Hills Garden Club – Yard Approval of the Month:

The Windy Hills Garden Club has awarded the February Yard Approval to **Jeanne and Phil Oliver** and family for the well-kept corner property at 4422 Rudy Lane. They have large mature trees and have planted several younger trees. This family really enjoys their home, as you always see members outside doing activities, either at work or play. The March Yard Approval was awarded to **Terese Fister** of

2515 Windy Way. New landscaping and interesting architectural elements, including an iron scroll feature on the chimney, large water fountain and a welcoming pineapple concrete structure. The April Yard of Approval award goes to **Barbara and Will Evans** of 904 Fallgate Court. The landscape is neatly groomed from front to back and is enjoyed by all in the neighborhood. The WHGC appreciates all neighbors for showing their pride in their community. Hope you enjoy the WHGC spring plantings of daffodils.

The Club will have its annual plant sale at 2514 Windy Way on Saturday, May 19, (the same day as the City-Wide Yard Sale) from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. There will also be a bake sale and garden items.



A Quote To Remember

“The art of conversation lies not only in saying the right thing at the right time, but in leaving unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” John Charles Daly