

September 2015

A City of Historic Homes

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From The Desk Of Mayor Jim

Woven throughout this issue of our newsletter there are a number of examples of Windy Hills community spirit and pride.

First, note the pictures from the City's 11th annual Independence Day Celebration. We had a record turnout of over 300 fun loving folks. Parade and picnic was enjoyed by youth as well as the "young of heart". Note resident **Bob Poe** taking his 97 year old father **Robert** for a spin in the parade on his motorcycle (see collage of pictures on page 4).

Second, we hear a lot from METRO about the need to plant more trees. Well I am happy to report on a number of accomplishments in this area achieved in Windy Hills.

- Over 300 trees have been planted since 2007 through the efforts of residents taking advantage of the City's incentives for adding trees to their homes and plantings on The Green and other public areas.
- In 2013 Windy Hills met the requirements of the Arbor Day Foundation and was awarded the Tree City USA designation.
- The City planted trees along Ambridge Drive, a main City thoroughfare.
- A Tree Board was established to promote planting and maintaining Windy Hills trees.

Finally, the property tax bills will be mailed around the end of September. Please remember residents will be able to take advantage of a 40% discount rate this year (an increase from 30% last year) if property taxes are paid before November 1st.

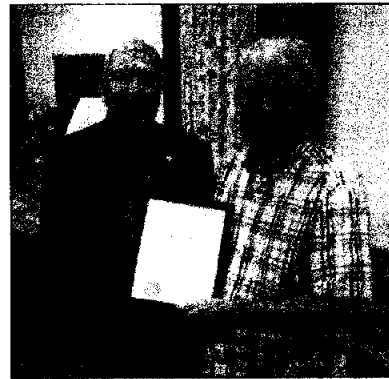
We are proud of our efforts to improve the quality of life within our community and thank all our residents for making Windy Hills the BEST small city of the over 80 suburban cities in METRO.

Windy Hills Annual Ice Cream Social

The ice cream social will be held up on Windy Hills Green, Sunday, October 11, from 2-4. Haywood Dairy will provide the ice cream. Come bring a chair and chat with your neighbors.



Good Neighbor Award



Mayor Ising presented **Chuck Schwabe** with the Good Neighbor Award at the August 10 Council Meeting. Whenever he walks throughout the City, Chuck picks up trash. In other words, he is an individual Operation Brightside.

Unfortunately, Chuck is moving to San Antonio.

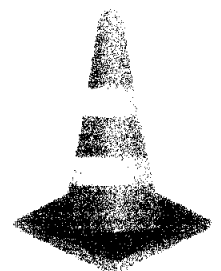
Windy Hills City Arborist Receives Award

The Partnership for a Green City bestowed its Joan Riehm Award Memorial Environmental Leadership Award to **Michael Hayman** August 20. Anyone involved with the efforts to increase the Metro tree canopy is aware of Mike's continual contributions to planting and maintenance of trees. The Partnership is a collaboration of Metro Government, U of L, the Jefferson County Board of Education and the Jefferson Community and Technical College. We of Windy Hills have firsthand knowledge of his work on Windy Hills Green and trees planted on our right-of-ways.

Street Repaving For 2015

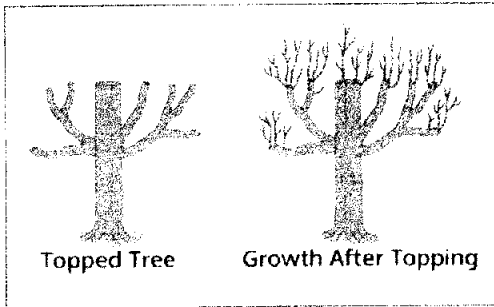
The City has taken bids and will mill and repave Westgate Place, repave Windy Way and Hill Top Road and remove and replace 75 feet of existing curb on Pin Oak. This work was approved at our August 10, 2015 City Council Meeting. When the work is scheduled the residents will be notified in order to minimize the disruption.

We hope you realize our streets and roads are in much better condition than those in Louisville Metro.



Don't Top Your Trees

Tree topping is the practice of removing whole tops of trees and branches, leaving unsightly stubs or lateral



branches that are not large enough to assume the role of a central leader. Topping may result from the electric company

butchering the tree because it is interfering with the wires. This is a reason homeowners should do their homework in picking the "right tree for the right place." A homeowner may decide that the tree is too large. Or perhaps his/her garden laborer thinks topping will benefit the tree because there will be a flush of new growth. Or perhaps a disreputable "tree expert", driving through the neighborhood, convinces the homeowner that the tree is a hazard and needs to be shortened. **DO NOT TOP THE TREE!** It will only cause problems.

1. It will be disfigured for life, thus reducing the property value.
2. Its ability to produce food will be reduced.
3. The reduced amount of shade will mean less protection for the bark.
4. The large stubs will have a difficult time healing and will encourage insect infestation and disease.
5. The newly growing branches will be weak and will be dangerous.
6. The idea of topping it to control the size will actually backfire. There will be a flourish of new growth that will be in the form of water sprouts that will increase the size of the tree in a few years.

There are times when the size and shape of a shade tree need to be controlled. Responsible pruning by an informed homeowner or a certified arborist can keep a tree healthy and safe. Ideally, this should begin in the early life of the tree and should be done on a regular basis (every 2-3 years). Arborists are not cheap. It costs more to prune than to top a tree. Most arborists will refuse to top a tree even if the property owner insists. But in the long run, the topped tree will most likely need to be removed after a few years at a much greater expense.

From the Windy Hills Tree Board

Snow Removal From City Streets

The Goal of our snow removal service is to keep our streets passable and as safe as possible in view of the circumstances. We salt the hills and intersections in the City and plow when necessary to keep the streets open. Caution, however, should always be used. We do not work on Rudy Lane or Brownsboro Rd. because they are not City Streets.

In view of the size of the City, all streets can't be treated at the same time; however we do pre-treat when possible in anticipation of a storm. It's the same with plowing in that all streets can't be plowed at the same time, and we recognize everybody would like to be first. Depending on the circumstances, all streets may not be plowed. The key is that a flat street is usually passable with caution, even if not down to the blacktop. Again, the amount of traffic and the sun also affect the road surface.

It should also be noted that we don't wait for all of the snow to be on the ground before starting to work as we expect our contractor to work throughout the night as necessary.

A side effect of plowing is that the snow is pushed to the right and often blocks driveways. This can't be helped and it falls on the homeowner to clear the access to the street.

We hope to have a light year for snow and ice but we do hope this explains our process for keeping our streets open.

Kentucky Watercolor Society Exhibits

Through September 25, one can view the *Portraits and Figures* exhibit at the Kentucky Watercolor Society gallery in the Brownsboro Center arcade. Beginning in October and running through December, is the Kentucky Watercolor Society "All Members Show." KWS members will display their works. Hours are Wednesday through Friday, 11-4, and Saturday, 11-3.

Homeowner's Trees

Both the Metro Forester and the Windy Hills Tree Board are attempting to complete a list of canopy trees that have been planted in Windy Hills since 2007. The ones that have been planted through the City subsidy program, lottery trees, and Arbor Day trees are documented. If you have planted a canopy tree (one that will reach 20 feet or higher at maturity) on your own, would you please contact Councilwoman **Kate Greer** at 893-2059 or katekgreer@gmail.com. We would like the type of tree and the approximate date that it was planted.

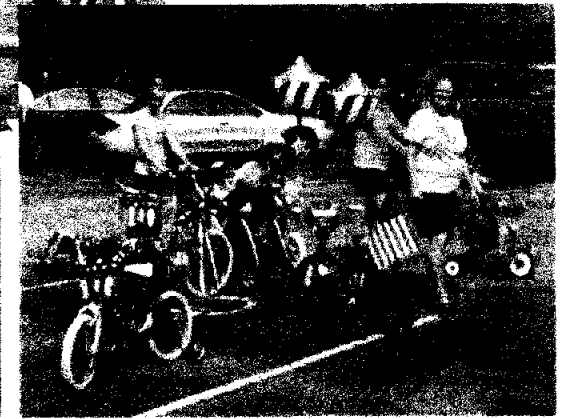
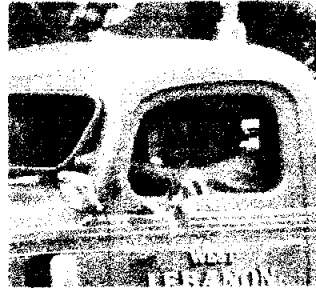
Fourth of July Parade & Picnic

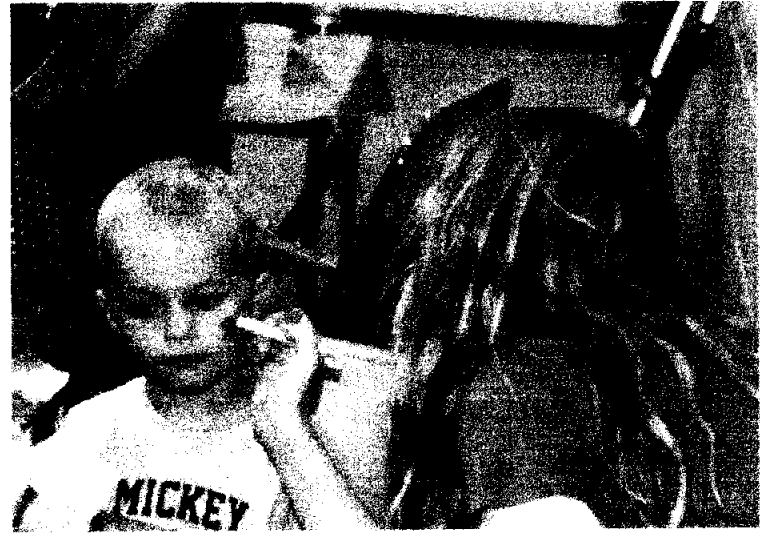
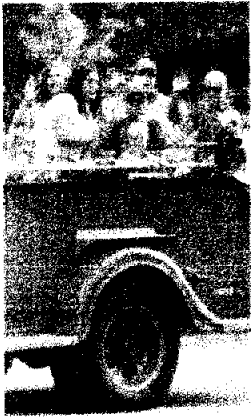


The parade and picnic were held at Calvin and was well attended. The food, catered by **Gregory Bandurska**, and potluck dishes from Windy Hills residents, were delicious. And the ice cream from Haywood Dairy, catered by city resident **Charlie Haywood**, was as good as always. There were numerous door prizes (see list following the article) that were donated by merchants and individuals. In addition to the face painting and duck pond for children, we had a scavenger hunt and a piñata that took forever to break open. The adults seemed to enjoy the photo booth as much as the children. The band, of which resident **Bryan Carter** is a member, sounded great. **Ed Bridge** was busy taking photos of the activities. There is a collage of some of these in this paper. If you wish, you can see all of them on the Windy Hills Website. The Picnic Committee is composed of **Joyce Bridge, Carolyn Bruce, Helen Davis, Kate Greer, Mayor Ising, Sandy Moore, and Cheri Silvey-Slusher.**

DONORS OF DOOR PRIZES

- Anoush Restaurant - 2 gift certificates
- Joyce Bridge - 2 Panera gift certificates
- Brownsboro Hardware - grill
- Fresh Market - gift certificate
- Gasthaus - gift certificate
- J. Harrod's Restaurant - 2 gift certificates
- Party Mart - Margarita party basket
- Plant Kingdom - 2 large ferns
- Sherwin Williams - gift certificate
- Stock Yards Bank - picnic cooler
- Windy Hills - tree





Windy Hills Bulletin Board



Did you know that Windy Hills has a Bulletin Board on our Web Site that is open to all residents to post on? We offer this service for posting items like yard sales,

missing/found pets/animals, announcements, items for sale, etc. This is how it works:

To Post:

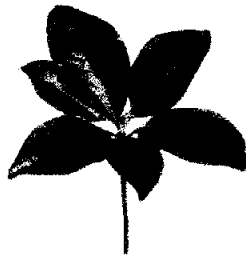
- Go to www.cityofwindyhills.com website.
- Click on the "Bulletin Board" tab
- Click on "Login"
- You must register to use/view the Bulletin Board. So if you have not registered yet, click on "Click to Register" and fill in all of the required information the click "Register" at the end.
- If you have already registered, click "Login" and fill-in your username and password.
- Read the Bulletin Board Guidelines.
- If you want to Post a Message, click on that part and fill in the areas and then click "Submit."

After you have registered I will approve your request to be on the bulletin board (we get a lot of requests from scammers). After you have posted a message, and again after your message is approved, your message will be posted on the website.

Sandy Moore, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Windy Hills

Magnolia Trimmings

If you're planning to trim your Magnolia tree in late fall, please let the city know, and we'll pick-up the trimmings. We have plans to use Magnolia branches, both small and large, as part of the light-post decorations for the Holiday season. We need to have the branches in hand by the last week in October, first week November. Many thanks, "The Elf Brigade" info@cityofwindyhills.com, or **Suzanne Spencer** (502) 721-8740, smsdesigner@bellsouth.net



Christmas Tree and Greenery Sale

Benefits Boy Scout Troop 317

November 27
Until Sold Out

Christ Church United Methodist -
4614 Brownsboro Road



The Windy Hills Health And Fitness Initiative Announces A New Location For Our Popular

Strength Training and Silver Sneakers Classes

We will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Calvin Church, 2501 Rudy Lane, until August 31, and after that will permanently relocate to: Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road. Classes will be the same in every other respect except location, plus we'll have a walking track to use if we arrive a little early and want to get started.

We meet the same Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. in the gym. Carolyn Anderson, a certified exercise therapist, will still lead the fun.

The cost remains \$40.00 for 10 sessions, but remember that your insurance may cover Silver Sneakers programs if you qualify for those benefits. All you need to do is show up, and the first session is free if you're not a member of Silver Sneakers.

Bring a Yoga Mat, hand weights, a bottle of water, and an exercise band - no special clothes are necessary. See you there!!!!

Watch your email for more detailed information. Questions in the meantime??? Suzanne Spencer, (502) 721-8740 or smsdesigner@bellsouth.net; or Carolyn Anderson, (502) 345-7156 or carolyn1848@twc.com.



Dog Waste Problems

There is a serious problem with irresponsible dog owners in Windy Hills. Although the majority of residents pick up excrement deposited by their dogs, some do not. It is inconsiderate to the people who use the sidewalk and have to dodge droppings. It is also unhealthy to both dogs and humans. The City has installed trash cans which can be used after cleaning up any mess. Please take supermarket, newspaper bags, etc. when you walk your pet. Please be a good citizen and a responsible pet owner.



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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 Councilwoman,
 Angela Leet 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
Health Department 574-6520
Jefferson County Clerk 574-5700
 (*All branches can be reached at above number*)

LG&E 589-1444
 (*To report street light outages*)

MSD Customer Service 587-0603
Planning and Design Services 574-6230
Recycling Center 896-1293
St. Matthews/Eline Library 574-1771
Waste Management 1-866-237-7019
 Give this account # 169216991

Team for Community Caring

Don't give up your land telephone line yet!!! Even though the Robo-Calls are still coming in there is more to be done in the battle to eliminate the irritating daily interruptions. Try hitting the "#" (pound key) when the recording starts. It sends the message back to its first word. This apparently prompts the "caller" to take your number off their list.



The Team is looking forward to server phone companies supplying a free APP that will block unwanted Robo-Calls.

If you missed getting a bookmark created by the Team for Community Caring and passed out at the 4th of July Picnic, or were not there, you can have one mailed or delivered to you. It lists many suggestions individuals can do to help in the elimination of unwanted Robo-Calls, and is in a handy form to store near your telephone.

Call or email. **Suzanne Spencer**, (502)721-8740 or smsdesigner@bellsouth.net

Quarterly Quote

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill