



June 2015

A City of Historic Homes

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From The Desk of Mayor Jim

I am happy to report on some of the many accomplishments as we wind up the first half of the year:

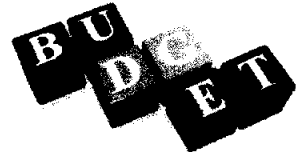
- * After hard work from your city officials the City Council unanimously passed a 2015/2016 fiscal year budget (see page 4 for ordinance). We continue to remain fiscally sound by being good money managers.
- * Residents will be able to take advantage of an increased discount rate this year if property taxes are paid before November 1st. The discount rate will be 40% vs the recent 30% in recent years (ordinance on page 3).
- * City officials completed a TEAM building effort with the help from Windy Hills resident **Ron Tarquino, LCSW** consultant. Ron's conclusion is that we already have a good team environment and our city officials are open to ideas for even more effectiveness. Pride in our community is the unanimous priority of all leaders.
- * Compliments to the Windy Hills Tree Board for its time and efforts in promoting and organizing the Arbor Day Celebration. Unfortunately it was rained out. Look for its information table at the Fourth of July picnic.
- * Thanks to **Martha Davis, Patsy Wiggins, Mary Jo Mattei, Councilman Phillips, Councilman Mike Skelton** and wife **Wendy** and myself who participated in the spring Brightside Clean Up in April
- * Councilwoman **Kate Greer** has successfully chaired the Fourth of July Celebration for the past six years and has promised another exciting and fun event this year. See enclosed flyer for details.
- * Thanks to all residents for making our City look good. We see many manicured lawns and landscaping. Windy Hills is a great place to live, mainly because of YOU our residents who take pride in your property.
- * Negotiations continue on the expected sale of Calvin Church to another denomination.

11th Annual Independence Day Parade And Picnic

The annual Independence Day parade and picnic will be held
 Saturday, July 4, 2015
 at Calvin Presbyterian Church. (See flyer)
 Should it rain, the parade will be held in the gym as it was last year.
 Please RSVP by Noon, Friday, June 26.
 We have to give the caterer a head count.

Tax & Budget Ordinances For FY 2015/2016

The Tax and Budget Ordinances are published in this newsletter. The tax rate stays the same at \$.17 per \$100 of assessed value



but we've increased our discount to 40% from 30% because of the statutory limit on the increase in tax revenue. The discount applies to taxes paid during October. When we get the final assessments from PVA, there have been many appeals, we will look at our tax rate and discount structure.

This budget shows \$573,800 in anticipated revenue in the general fund and expenditures of \$573,800 for a balanced budget. This budget includes \$100,000 for City Improvements and an Emergency Fund of \$28,000. The remaining balance in the General Fund is \$738,250.

This budget show \$60,500 in anticipated revenue in the Road Fund vs. Estimated Expenditures of \$155,000. This includes \$100,000 for repaving. \$35,000 for street lighting and \$20,000 for snow removal. The remaining balance in the Road Fund is \$320,000.

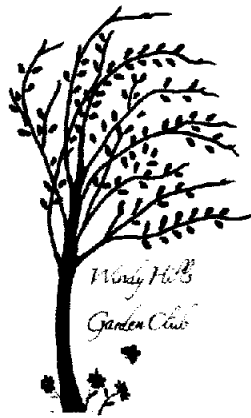
The City remains in good financial condition.

News from Windy Hills Garden Club

The Garden Club has been busy this summer with its plant sale and numerous walk-about in unique gardens all over Louisville. One of the on-going projects is called Yard of Approval, where city homeowners are touted for their efforts in making positive changes to their yards. This season, the Club is awarding Yard of Approval awards to homeowners who are rather new to the city and are making improvements to their front yards. For example, when the **Cornells** moved into 2508 Rudy Lane, the foundation shrubs were extremely overgrown and there was no other foliage. Drive by now and you'll see the shrubs are tamed and lirioppe lines the walk. There is a lovely focal point on the front porch.

Speaking of front porches, the porch at 2506 Rudy Lane might be the best TRULY USED porch in the city. Most front porches are decorations that mostly go unused. **Bradford** and **Mary Ellen Robinson**, however, have created a shady, comfortable oasis that invites you in to sit. To be on such a public street, this classy porch is so very, very private.

Bruce Michael and **Ann Wilson** at 606 Indian Ridge have taken a couple of years to concentrate on one area of their yard at a time. All the old foundation shrubs have been replaced and layered with new ones. A narrow bed of perennials runs down the drive culminating in a larger bed on the street. Every thing is in proportion, and there is always something blooming in their yard – things we all strive for.



"Outstanding Achievement"

Suzanne Spencer, Fiber Artist and Windy Hills resident/council member was selected for "Kentucky Crafted: The Market", which is the Kentucky Arts Council's signature event. Suzanne was one of more than 200 artists, musicians and artisanal food producers across the state and country who made their finest work available to the general public this spring. The Market has been named the number one fair and festival in the country four times by readers of "AmericanStyle Magazine, and the Southeast Tourism Society has named it the top 20 event for 16 years. This event has a 33 year old tradition of excellence, and we congratulate Suzanne on this prestigious accomplishment.

Fed Up With "Robocalls" And Feeling Helpless???

You've signed up on every do-not-call list that comes to your attention, hoping to free yourself from "Robo-calls" and other telemarketing intrusions. Yet the automatic calls continue – morning, noon and night – in ever greater numbers!!! You've even considered removing your land-line in order to avoid the "Robber-calls", as some of us call them. It's time for effective action!!!

First: We all need to be aware of a few facts.

- Legitimate businesses remove your phone number from their lists within 30 days when you request it. They have much to lose if they don't. You likely are receiving calls only from elusive scammers, and thieves.
- No government agency or entity will call you, threaten you, or solicit any kind of information from you on the phone. They use the U.S. Postal Service for all communications with you.
- Your digital read out may not be telling you who is calling. Some of us have received calls from our own phone number. These are likely originated from foreign sources who don't want to identify themselves.
- Even surveys are suspect. Hang up immediately if someone tries to sell you something after telling you they are taking a survey.
- Businesses with long lists of phone numbers have been established to make Robo-calls for people who pay for the service. These are organized over the internet and difficult to track.
- It is illegal to make "Robo-calls" on cell phones.

The Federal Government, Consumer Reports, NBC, CBS, ABC, and The Huffington Post are taking steps or strengthening the steps they've already taken to eliminate Robo-calls. You can help by:

- Signing internet petitions. www.donotcall.gov; www.nomorobo.com; www.consumersunion.org/endrobocalls; start your own petition at www.change.org, and send it to your Facebook friends and/or email lists.
- Request of your phone company they create tools to block Robo-calls.
- Download a robocall blocking app to your smartphone, or buy a blocker for your landline from a retailer or internet website that sells electronics.
- Stop by your Team for Community Caring table at the 4th of July Picnic and pick up more information on this increasingly annoying problem, and more ways you can help eliminate "Robber-Calls".

Information gathered from – Bottom Line Personal; AARP publications, and various internet sources

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 1 Series 2015/2016

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM
TAXES FOR THE CITY PURPOSES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

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, 2015.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS:

Section 1 The tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, 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, 2015.

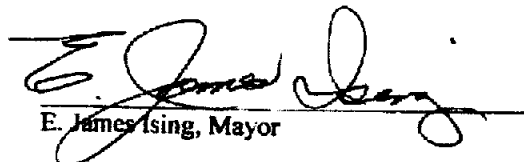
Section 3 The payment of tax bills shall be made to the City Treasurer and shall be subject to the discounts and penalties listed below and the collection remedies provided by law.

- A. A discount of 40% shall be allowed on tax bills paid during October, 2015.
- B. The face amount of a tax bill shall be payable during November and December, 2015.
- C. On tax bills paid after December 31, 2015, 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 of \$150, shall be deemed a penalty in addition to that specified in Subsection "c" above and shall be encompassed within the City's lien.

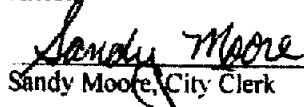
Section 4 The proceeds of such taxes shall be used for the general operating expenses of the City, including the purchasing of City supplies, the erection of City signs, the general maintenance of public ways in the City, payment of bond premiums for City officials, sanitation, public safety and the 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 held May 11, 2015; Second Reading, Passed and Approved, June 8, 2015.


E. James Ising, Mayor

Attest:


Sandy Moore, City Clerk

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2 Series 2015/2016

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016, 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

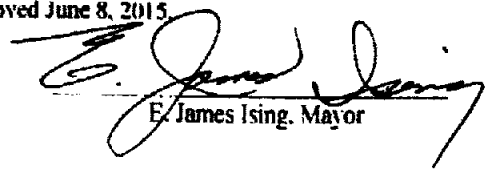
WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modification, now therefore,

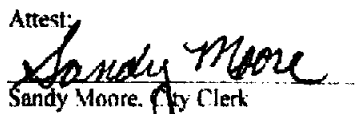
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS

Section 1. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 is hereby adopted as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Aid Fund</u>
RESOURCES AVAILABLE:		
Fund Balance Carried fwd.	\$738,250	\$414,578
Estimated Revenues:		
Property Taxes	524,000	
Property Tax Discount	(209,000)	
Muni. Ins. Prem. Tax	230,000	
Cable TV franchise (other)	18,000	
Muni. Road Aid Fund		60,000
Interest	4,200	500
Other	<u>6,600</u>	
Total Estimated Revenues	573,800	<u>60,500</u>
Total Resources Available for Appropriation	<u>\$1,312,050</u>	<u>475,078</u>
APPROPRIATIONS:		
General government	\$145,000	
Public Safety	52,800	
Streets, public works	20,000	100,000
Street lighting		35,000
Sanitation	220,000	
Snow Removal		20,000
Tree Board	8,000	
City Improvements	100,000	
Emergency Fund	28,000	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$573,800</u>	<u>\$155,000</u>
Excess of Resources over Appropriations	<u>\$738,250</u>	<u>\$320,000</u>
Estimated Fund Balances at end of Fiscal Year	<u>\$738,250</u>	<u>\$320,000</u>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.
 First Reading held May 11, 2015.
 Second Reading, Passed and approved June 8, 2015.


 E. James Ising, Mayor

Attest:

 Sandy Moore, City Clerk



CITY OF WINDY HILLS, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES 2014/2015

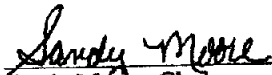
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 10 - 06 RELATING TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NON-ELECTIVE OFFICE OF CITY
ENGINEER.


BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF WINDY HILLS, KENTUCKY:

Section 1. Ordinance No 10-06 approved June 14, 2010 relating to the establishment of the non-elective office of City Engineer is hereby repealed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.
First reading held March 9, 2015.
Second Reading, Passed and Approved April 13, 2015

ATTEST:


Sandy Moore, Clerk


E. James Ising, Mayor

Trees On The Green

We had a program by which residents could memorialize people with trees on the Green. This Municipal order explains the program for existing trees and future trees.

CITY OF WINDY HILLS
MUNICIPAL ORDER 6 SERIES 2014-2015

A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO A POLICY AND PROCEDURE
FOR THE MEMORIAL/COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUING OF TREES.

WHEREAS the City is desirous of offering its residents the opportunity to memorialize people with trees within the City; and

WHEREAS. the City seeks a policy and procedure for the cost and choice of such trees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS:

Section 1. For existing trees or replacement trees on the Green, the cost shall be either \$250 for a ornamental tree or \$500 for a canopy or evergreen tree; both prices to include installation of and plaque.

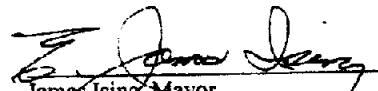
Section 2. Once all existing trees on the green have plaques, memorials are to be priced out individually, with donor bearing the entire cost of the new tree and its plaque.

Section 3. This Municipal Order shall take effect upon its adoption and approval as required by law.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Windy Hills City Council held this 11th day of May, 2015.

ATTEST:


Sandy Moore, City Clerk


James Ising, Mayor

CITY OF WINDY HILLS, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE # 7, SERIES 2014/2015
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.c.
OF THE CITY TREE BOARD ORDINANCE #12-04

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase the tree canopy within the City and therefore wishes to include the planting of canopy trees in the resident's back yard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF WINDY HILLS, KENTUCKY:

Section 1. Section 5.c., is hereby amended to read as follows:

c. City Tree Planting Program

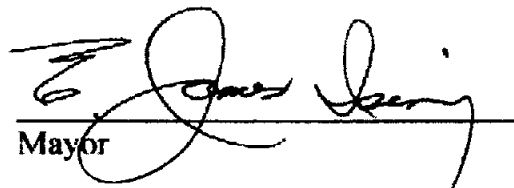
The City will contribute \$100 per tree towards the planting of up to two (2) new trees per property, provided that the following conditions are met. ~~The tree(s) must be placed in a right of way, or in a private front or side yard, so the tree(s) can be seen from the street. If a tree is planted in a back yard, it must be a canopy tree that will reach at least 30 feet high at maturity.~~ The tree(s) must be purchased from and planted by the designated nursery with which the City has negotiated a large discount and a guarantee. The nursery gives the discount to the property owner and then deducts the City's contribution. The property owner pays the nursery a planting fee based on size of the tree(s), and agrees to take care of the tree(s). After the nursery determines the final cost of the tree considering the sale price, the discount, the City's contribution, and the planting fee, the property owner will write a check for the resulting amount payable to the City of Windy Hills. The nursery will replace a tree if it dies within a year, the owners may plant the replacement tree themselves or pay the nursery's planting fee, but the replacement tree is not guaranteed.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

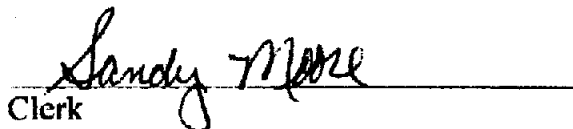
First reading: May 11, 2015

Second Reading: June 8, 2015

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2015.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk

"Immunizations are Important for Adults too"

It's not just children who benefit from keeping vaccinations up to date. Vaccines are the easiest, safest and most inexpensive way to protect adults from illness and disease. Here's a reminder of important immunizations to help keep you safe:

- **Annual flu shot:** All adults should get a flu shot every year. Don't wait until October. The flu vaccine is available as early as late August at many pharmacies. It can take up to two weeks to build immunity to the flu after getting your shot. Adults 65 and over might consider the high-dose flu shot if available.

- **Pneumonia shot:** Adults 65 and over should now get two different pneumonia shots. Both Pneumovax and the newer Prevnar are usually given about 12 months apart. Other adults under 65 should also get a pneumonia vaccination if they have certain health conditions. Ask your pharmacist or doctor for more information.

*Both the flu and pneumonia shots are covered by



Medicare for most patients over 65 years old*

- **Shingles shot:** Zostavax, the vaccine that helps protect you from shingles, is indicated for age 50 and up. Even if you are not sure you ever had chicken pox, it is still recommended you get the shingles shot. You only get Zostavax once in a lifetime to reduce your risk of getting shingles.

- **Tdap shot:** Tdap is especially important if you will be around young children but is recommended for most anyone to help protect themselves and others from pertussis (whooping cough). It also contains the tetanus

vaccine.

Both Zostavax and Tdap are partly covered by Medicare Part D plans – ask for details at your pharmacy.

Other vaccines may be recommended if you have certain health conditions or plan to travel outside the United States. Call or visit your pharmacy or doctor for more information.

Victoria Bond, PharmD

Tree Risk Assessment – *Marcia Clark Myers*

Is there a tree in your yard that concerns you? Do you worry when Windy Hills is especially windy?

I have a large oak in my front yard which provides beauty and shade. In July 2014 it was hit by lightning. There was some damage to the tree, but it was difficult for me to assess the long-term health of the tree. Given what I knew about potential risk to people and property from damaged or unhealthy trees, I wanted to know more.

At a Windy Hills Tree Board meeting when similar concerns were raised by another resident, city arborist **Mike Hayman** explained that there are a few arborists in Kentucky that have special training and certification in tree risk assessment and put me in touch with Andrea Hanlon of Hanlon Horticultural Consultants (502-664-4609).

I contacted Ms. Hanlon and arranged for her to assess the tree once the foliage leafed out this spring. She came and thoroughly examined the tree for signs of damage, disease, etc. and educated me as she did so. Happily, while the tree is showing signs of aging, it is generally healthy. I will follow recommendations to have dead branches removed and monitor for increasing dieback. In order to



Arbor Day Rained Out

The Arbor Day festivities were cancelled because of the rain storm. As the Tree Board had planned a tree lottery, an e-mail was sent out by the City to all residents who had submitted their e-mail addresses. The message said that the ten trees (Northern Pecan and/or Tupelo) would be awarded to the first ten people who responded. In addition to the tree, the lucky residents received a tree guard. The winners are **Jenny Godthaab, Debra Gray, Franklin Jelsma, Katrina Pierce, Christine Price, Gabriel Quiles, Edye Raymond, Mona Kay Shaefer, Katheryn Vaughn, and Patty Vetter**. The Adult Door Prize, pruners, went to **Vicki Arrowood**. Look for the Tree Board's display on the Emerald Ash Bore at the Fourth of July picnic.

keep as much foliage as possible, any pruning will be done sparingly. I was advised to water the tree well during dry spells (something I had never considered for such a large and well-established tree). The information, guidance, and peace-of-mind made the consultant fee a worthwhile investment.



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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 Police327-2677
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
 of311
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 Services574-6230
Recycling Center896-1293
St. Matthews/Eline Library.....574-1771
Waste Management..... 1-866-237-7019
 Give this account # **169216991**

Rudy Bear Says: "Give a very special gift."



The City of Windy Hills has enacted a Municipal Order that allows folks to commemorate an event, or memorialize a loved one while "labeling" the unmarked trees on the Windy Hills Green. The labels are bronze colored cast aluminum plaques that will last for many years as the trees grow and flourish. They display the tree name and another small message, plus the donor's name.

One family commemorated their Dad's birthday by placing a plaque at the base of an oak tree. Each year on his birthday they plan to take a picture at the tree to show the children as they grow up. Other families and friends have honored the memory of a loved one with plaques for both canopy and ornamental trees. You may wish to honor a hard earned college degree or the birth of a new baby or grandbaby.

Please contact City Hall, (502) 895-4778; or Suzanne Spencer, (502) 721-8740 for details.

Quarterly Quote

"The trouble with the future is that it usually arrives before we're ready for it." – Arnold H.