



December 2015

A City of Historic Homes

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New Holiday Decorations

Likely by now you've seen the lamp post "Bouquets" marching along the main roads in our city, and the path on the Windy Hills Green. We thank Council members **Helen Davis** and **Suzanne Spencer** for organizing the bow tying and assembly sessions. We especially thank diligent Helper-Elves, **Carolyn Brooks**, **Joyce Brown**, **Faye Gardner**, **Pat Haunz**, **Mary Jo McDonald**, and **Trish Tinsley** for generously volunteering their time and talent. **Mayor Jim Ising** and **Councilman Lou Phillips** donated the magnolia leaves, while **Councilwoman Kate Greer** helped cut them. **Councilwoman Mary Ann Rademaker** has donated space to collect and store the bouquets.

Sojourn Purchases Neighborhood Church

Sojourn Church recently purchased the Calvin Presbyterian Church property. The building is being renovated. Calvin members will still meet in the main sanctuary. The Taiwanese will also remain there. The Sojourn congregation will meet in the gymnasium until a new sanctuary will be built in the future. They hope to have their first service January 31, 2016. The church hopes to continue a relationship with Windy Hills as Calvin has in the past.

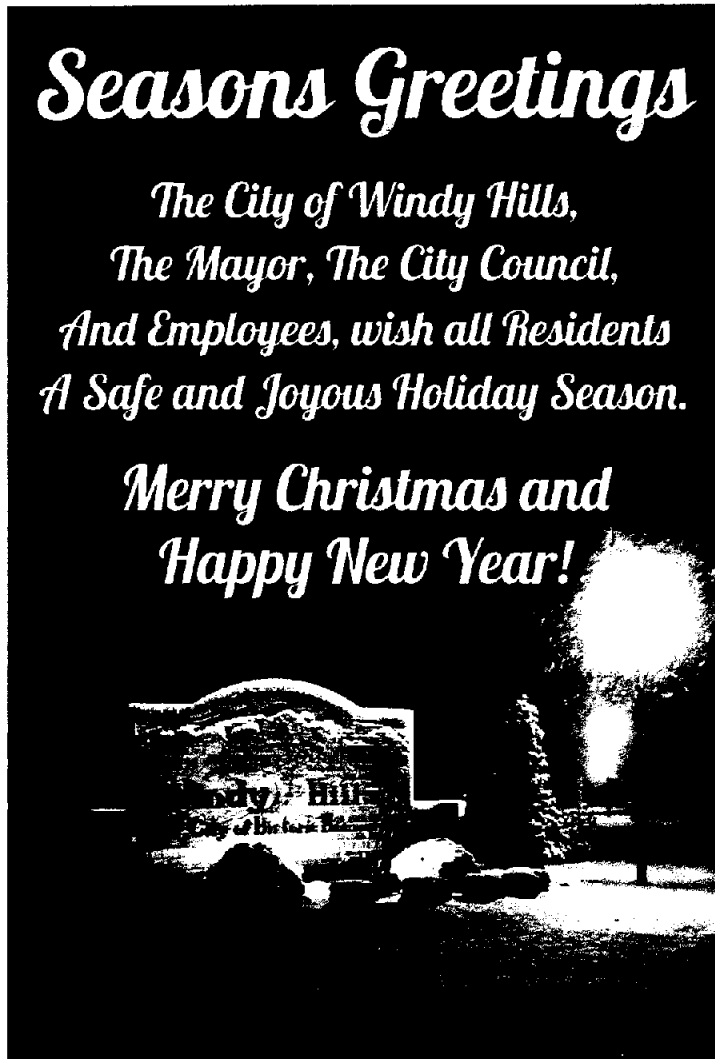
Mike Hayman Steps Down As Windy Hills Arborist

Because of his increased involvement with Louisville Trees and other organizations dedicated to increasing the Metro tree canopy, **Mike Hayman** is resigning as Windy Hills Arborist December 31. He will, however, still oversee any tree activity on Windy Hills Green. Mike has had a tremendous impact on planting trees in Windy Hills. We were fortunate to have his help as long as we did. The new Windy Hills Arborist is **Caroline Westfall**. A native Alabamian, Caroline is a certified arborist employed at Greenhaven Tree Care. She is also a Master Gardener. She lives in the City of Druid Hills.

Seasons Greetings

*The City of Windy Hills,
The Mayor, The City Council,
And Employees, wish all Residents
A Safe and Joyous Holiday Season.*

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*



Tree Board Events

The City Council approved the appointment of **Shaun Danahy** and **Ward Wilson** to the Tree Board. They are replacing **Martha Davis** and **Terese Fister**, who have served their terms.

The Board sent letters to residents on Rudy Lane between Foeburn Lane and Highfield to see if there were people who would allow the Board to plant canopy trees in the Right of Way. The same invitation was made to selected residents on Bonfire Lane and Kitty Hawk. Residents signed contracts to maintain these trees. The trees will be planted soon.

Glow On The Green

In spite of the cold and damp weather, the Fourth Glow on the Green was held on Sunday, November 29. One of the Sojourn members brought a sound system and played holiday music. Later he led singing among the brave souls who braved the elements. After a few remarks by Mayor Ising, the tree lights were turned on at 6:00. There was plenty of hot cider and cookies. Brownsboro Hardware was kind enough to bring over tables and fire pits for our use. This event takes place the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day.



Snow Removal From City Streets

The Goal of our snow removal service is to keep our streets passable and as safe as possible under the circumstances. Our contractor pre-treats and works through the night, if necessary, not waiting for all of the snow to fall before salting and plowing. We pre-treat/salt the hills and intersections in the City and plow as necessary to keep streets open. All streets may not be plowed if the snow is light because flat streets are usually passable with caution, even if not down to the black top. The amount of traffic and the sun also affect the road surface.

Windy Hills is not responsible for Rudy Lane and Hubbards Lane because they are Metro thru-ways, and Brownsboro Road and Westport Road because they are State Roads.

In view of the size of the City, all streets can't be pretreated or plowed at the same time while recognizing that everybody would like to be first.

A side effect of plowing is that snow is pushed to the right often blocking driveways when the snow is heavy. It falls on the homeowner to clear access to the street.



Brightside Cleaning

On Saturday, October 31, fifteen Windy Hills residents met at the Brownsboro Center to help clean up our City. The group, equipped with large garbage bags, gloves, and fluorescent Brightside tee shirts, picked up trash along Rudy, Brownsboro Road, Westport Road, The Green, and the expressway ramp. The crew consisted of *Joyce Bridge, Joyce Brown, Martha Davis, Penny Gleason, Kate Greer, Audrey and Greg Larkin, Mary Jo McDonald, Tish Moore, Lou Phillips, Mike and Wendy Skelton, Adam Vogelsang, Patsy Williams, and Vickie Williams*. The next scheduled Brightside Cleanup is in April.



Tree Lottery

Ecotech is donating a canopy tree to the City. It is either a red maple or red oak. The City is offering this to a resident. The tree will be planted by Ecotech. If you are interested in acquiring the tree, submit your name and phone number to *Kate Greer* (katekgreer@gmail.com or 893-2059). Should she not be home, leave your name and number. She will put your name in the drawing. The deadline is January 4.

Construction At Your Home?

If you are having construction at your house, please call the City. The Code Enforcement Officer will be notified so that he will not cite you for a pod or dumpster, et.al in your driveway.

New Site for Windy Hills Photos

In order to enhance the enjoyment of our Windy Hills community events we have established a new site just for pictures that have been taken during each of these. The site will, as we upload our collection, house the hundreds of pictures of the Lighting of the Green, the Ice Cream Socials, and the July 4 Independence Day Picnic. This will allow you to not only see, but to download, these pictures with full resolution and quality. This may be especially enjoyable to the parents of our beautiful children, as there are many cute pictures of them... as well as family pictures which you would not otherwise have.

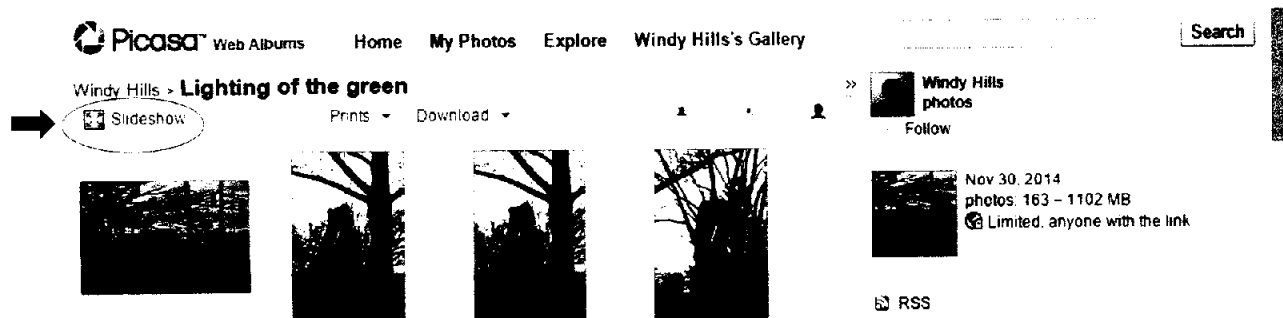
How To See The Pictures

As we load current and past pictures to the sites (we have them going back a number of years) we will publish notices in this newsletter. Each will have a link (the internet address) to the pictures which you can use to open the picture album. Note that these pictures are available to anyone who has the link. People outside the Windy Hills Community who do not have the link cannot see the pictures. However, if you send the link to anyone, they will be able to see and access the pictures. There is no password required.

As an example, the link to the "Lighting of the Green" pictures from last year is:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/116350955727098580298/LightingOfTheGreen?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCLfnhq7wmd3H9wE&feat=directlink>

If you type this link in your browser's address bar you will see the page:



You can view all these pictures by clicking on any of them, or see a slide show. To see the slide show just click on the button as illustrated in red circle.

How To Download Pictures

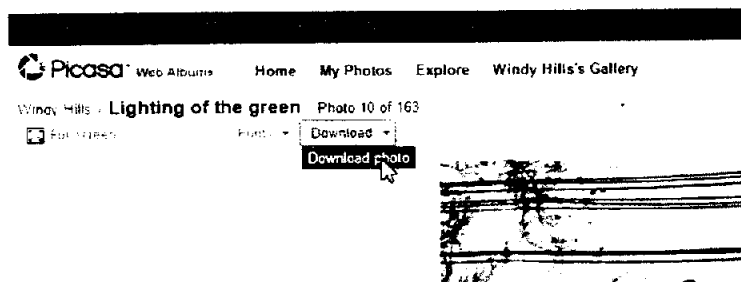
You can download any of these pictures at full resolution, edit them (crop, brighten etc.) or get printed at your favorite store.

Windy Hills - Lighting of the green - Photo 10 of 163
Full screen Prints Download

To Download any picture to your computer, click on the picture to bring up a page for it, and then click on the download menu as shown (oval and arrow).



And then



The picture should be downloaded to your computer.

Note: This works well with the Picasa program from Google, which you can download and install free of charge. (<https://dl.google.com/picasa/picasa39-setup.exe>).

Enjoy! We hope you enjoy these pictures and hope that they will bring back fond memories of events here in Windy Hills!



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

September 3, 2015

The Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council
 City of Windy Hills, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 3 and pages 20 through 21 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Bechtler, Parker & Watts
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 Louisville, Kentucky

CITY OF WINDY HILLS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2015	
ASSETS	
Cash	\$334,216
Certificates of deposit	816,099
Property tax receivable	912
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Nondepreciable	400,000
Depreciable capital assets	115,476
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,666,703
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$973
Payroll taxes withheld	2,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,687
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	\$15,476
Restricted for road maintenance	382,359
Unrestricted	765,181
TOTAL NET POSITION	1,663,016
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$1,666,703

CITY OF WINDY HILLS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015				
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$457,000	\$457,000	\$462,346	\$5,346
Less discounts	131,000	131,000	132,068	(1,068)
	<u>326,000</u>	<u>326,000</u>	<u>330,278</u>	<u>4,278</u>
OTHER REVENUES				
Interest income	2,000	2,000	4,079	2,079
Municipal insurance premium tax	200,000	250,000	220,795	(29,205)
Cable TV	18,000	18,000	17,715	(285)
Public Safety HB 413	0	0	5,411	5,411
Green Fund contributions	0	0	500	500
Other	17,700	7,700	161	(7,539)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>563,700</u>	<u>603,700</u>	<u>578,939</u>	<u>(24,761)</u>
EXPENSES				
General government	140,560	145,300	162,365	(17,065)
Public safety	50,400	50,400	46,112	4,288
Streets and public works	30,000	32,000	17,873	14,127
Street lighting	30,000	35,000	16,912	18,088
Sanitation	228,000	228,000	219,422	8,578
Tree board	8,000	8,000	7,405	595
Green improvements	25,000	25,000	18,733	6,267
City beautification	20,000	30,000	13,298	16,702
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>531,960</u>	<u>553,700</u>	<u>502,120</u>	<u>51,580</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$31,740</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$76,819</u>	<u>\$26,819</u>

CITY OF WINDY HILLS BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - ROAD FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015				
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Kentucky municipal aid	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$56,928	(3,072)
Interest income	500	500	2,223	1,723
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>60,500</u>	<u>60,500</u>	<u>59,151</u>	<u>(1,349)</u>
EXPENSES				
Snow removal	40,000	20,000	31,895	(11,895)
Streets and public works	55,000	55,000	48,465	6,535
Street lighting	0	0	20,510	(20,510)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>95,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>100,870</u>	<u>(25,870)</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	<u>(\$34,500)</u>	<u>(\$14,500)</u>	<u>(\$41,719)</u>	<u>(\$27,219)</u>

CITY OF WINDY HILLS

ORDINANCE NO. 3 Series 2015/2016

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED 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, an Amended Budget Proposal and Message have been prepared and delivered to the City Council, and

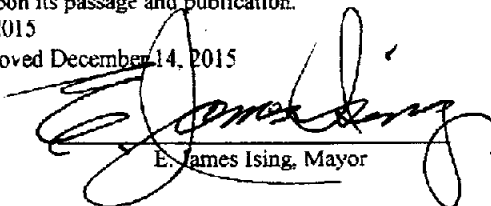
WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modification, now therefore,

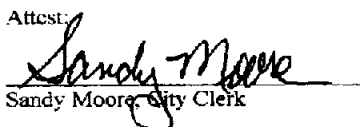
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WINDY HILLS

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.	\$764,269	\$382,359
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	6,600	
Total Estimated Revenues	<u>573,800</u>	<u>60,500</u>
Total Resources Available for Appropriation	<u>\$1,338,069</u>	<u>442,859</u>
APPROPRIATIONS:		
General government	\$145,000	
Public Safety	52,800	
Streets, public works	20,000	75,000
Street lighting		35,000
Sanitation	220,000	
Snow Removal		20,000
Tree Board	8,000	
City Improvements	100,000	
Emergency Fund	28,000	20,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$573,800</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>
Excess of Resources over Appropriations	<u>\$764,269</u>	<u>\$292,859</u>
Estimated Fund Balances at end of Fiscal Year	<u>\$764,269</u>	<u>\$292,859</u>

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.
First Reading held November 9, 2015
Second Reading, Passed and approved December 14, 2015


E. James Ising, Mayor

Attest:

Sandy Moore, City Clerk

Walk The Loop Group

Several residents have asked about forming a Windy Hills Walk the Loop Group. Let us know if this is something you'd like to do and we'll pass your names along to others who will contact you about starting dates, places, and times. Those involved will be setting their own schedules and determining how many members of each group will best suit their needs. **Suzanne Spencer**; smsdesigner@bellsouth.net; or (502) 721-8740.

Recycling 101

When walking my dog on days trash is collected, I am shocked to see how much recyclable materials are tossed into the garbage receptacles. It is not that difficult to recycle. Many residents have financial agreements with Waste Management. Others take their recyclable items to the recycling center on Hubbards Lane. As some Windy Hills driveways are lengthy, it might be simpler to use the center. One needs to use separate containers for paper, plastic, metal, batteries, and glass. The facility will even take those funny looking low wattage light bulbs. When you drive



up to the center, the workers will empty them for you. They are always courteous. Another option for "nonslick" newspaper is the Humane Society at Westport Village. The puppy cages are lined with them. If you recycle, you will be amazed as how much less garbage you have. And think how much less will go into the landfill.

New Art Exhibit

The Kentucky Water Color Society is featuring a new exhibit called Plein Aire up at the Brownsboro Center Arcade. The art was all painted outdoors. The event is from January through March at the Brownsboro Shopping Center Arcade. The viewing times are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11-4 and Saturday from 11-3.



Health and Fitness

Cold and Flu Season Cautions and Precautions:

"So many choices. So little time"! Does this sound like your recent trip to the pharmacy's cold and cough aisle? Finding a medicine to make you feel better doesn't have to be that complicated. Here are some quick and easy tips to help you navigate.

1. **"Keep it simple."** A product with only one or two medications (active ingredients) is often a better choice than a multi-symptom product. The more active ingredients, the greater the chance of side effects or interactions. For example—if you only have chest congestion and a cough, you might only need a product with guaifenesin and dextromethorphan.
2. **"Read before you buy."** If purchasing more than one product, carefully read the active ingredient list so you don't duplicate. Most all cough and cold products on the market contain the same or similar drug classes such as; antihistamines, decongestants, expectorants, cough suppressants, and pain relievers. Be aware that purchasing two products that both have a decongestant may lead to a dangerous increase in blood pressure or heart rate.
3. **"Don't let labels fool you."** If a cough/cold product advertises it is "non-drowsy" it may simply mean it does not have an antihistamine in it. When a product says it will treat the flu, it can only treat symptoms of the flu. Only prescription drugs (anti-virals) can actually treat the flu virus.
4. **"Ask your Pharmacist."** Before trying to maneuver the maze of medications in the cough/cold aisle, talk to your pharmacist about your symptoms. They can make a recommendation based on your specific symptoms and also help you avoid choices that might interact with other medications or cause problems with a health condition.

Your best bet? Prevention!

- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough—or cough into your sleeve
- Get your flu shot every fall
- Stay home if you're contagious

All information supplied by Victoria Bond, PharmD, RPH

Reach Alert

An unforeseen emergency threatens our City. How do you find out? You are confused about Holiday trash pickup. Whom do you ask?

Timely communication solves all the above... and it's coming to Windy Hills!

Your City Council has just signed a contract with Louisville based Reach Alert Corporation that will go into effect December 1, 2015. As you read this it is already up and running.

How do you as a citizen of Windy Hills benefit from this service? First you must choose to participate. If you don't want to be "in the loop" that's fine. The City will still communicate with you and all its citizens via its quarterly newsletters. But hopefully you will at least consider the benefits to be had by signing up.

There are 3 ways the City can communicate with you: You choose what you want.

1. By calling you at home on your home phone. Your caller ID will always say "City of Windy Hills. A short recorded message will follow explaining why the City is calling.

2. By email. We have addresses for 581 Windy Hills residents and would like more. Even though we might have your email now we need your permission to use it with the Reach Alert System so still need to "sign up."

3. By text message. Probably the most instantaneous method.

Each household will be able to put 4 devices on the system i.e. home phone, one email address, 2 cell phones that accept text messages.

You can update your contact info at any time by visiting Reach Alert's website. Change the mix of devices that can receive messages when the need arises.

If you've lasted this far, then **REGISTER!** It takes less than a minute. There are 2 ways to register:

Go to **ReachAlert.com**. Click on "[Create an account](#)." When prompted please use the following information to register for Reach Alert.

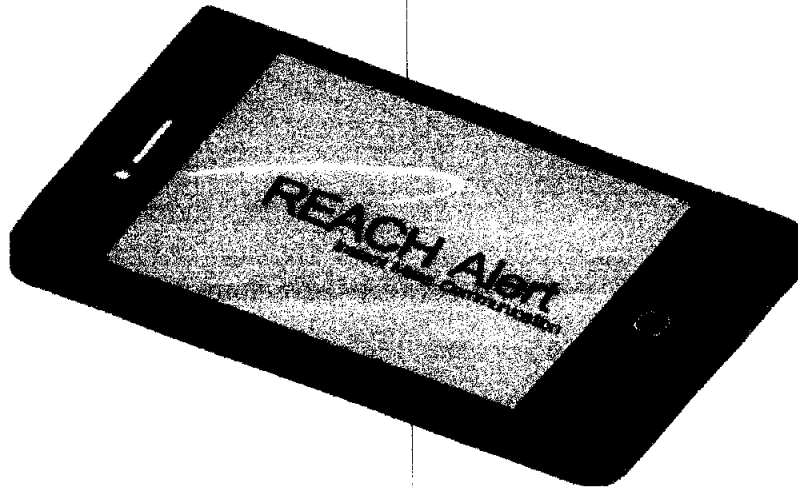
- **Network Name:** Windy Hills
- **Role:** select Resident

- **Address:** enter your street number in the first box and street name in the second box.

If you opted to receive text alerts, Reach Alert will send a text message to your cell phone immediately upon completion of your registration. Please enter the 4-digit number on the registration screen and then click the word "Validate." If you do not receive this message, please call Reach Alert.

OR

Call Reach Alert at (877) 307 9313. They will register you in about a minute. Any questions, please call Windy Hills City Hall at (502) 895 4778.



Reach Alert is currently serving 26 small cities in Jefferson County and many more all over the state. In 10 years of operation they have lost only one customer and that's because that city went bankrupt. This service is very reasonably priced at \$1.00 per household for the first year (we currently have just over 1100 homes in Windy

Hills.) After the first year the price goes to \$2.00 per household where it stays. The City is paying for the service.

The Reach Alert notification system is available 24/7. Most of the City Council, the Mayor, the City Clerk-Treasurer, and even Chief Throneberry of Graymoor/Devondale Police will be able to send alerts. Alerts can be sent from any computer or smart phone.

The system is selective. We can send an alert to one home, one street, one subdivision, or the whole city. Should your toddler wander off at 10:00 PM and you can't find him, call one of those trained in the system and we'll tell your immediate neighbors to be on the lookout.

If it turns out that you don't feel what's coming through is important then turn us off. We will be careful what we send out and we will try not to abuse the system. You can always turn it back on anytime.

Reach Alert. Let's make it work. Please register when you can and give us a try. *Thanks!*



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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 Councilwoman,
Angela Leet 574-1107
Small Cities Metro Liaison,
Tommy Clark574-6822
Metro Call574-5000
or311

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&E589-1444
(To report street light outages)

MSD Customer Service587-0603
Planning and Design Services 574-6230
Recycling Center896-1293
St. Matthews/Eline Library574-1771
Waste Management 1-866-237-7019
Give this account # **169216991**

Winter Tree Care

Winter is the best time to prune trees and shrubs because they are usually dormant between December through mid-March. Without leaves, arborists can better assess the tree for damage, disease, and structure. This is especially necessary if the trees are close to your house, garage, and/or power wires.

Evergreen trees require moisture throughout winter until the ground freezes. The inch of moisture per week also applies to newly planted trees.

Consider putting tree guards around the trunks of new trees to protect them from rodent gnawing and deer rutting.

When dealing with snow and ice, be very careful. Do not shake snow-covered branches as they may break. If a tree is covered with ice, don't try to remove it as the branches will probably break. Should the branches break from the ice, after the ice is gone, prune the branches back to the collar. If a tree's branches seem to be bend over, leave it alone. Over time, the tree will go back to normal. Have faith in Mother Nature.

From the Windy Hills Tree Board

Quarterly Quote

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."

- Calvin Coolidge