



DRUID HILLS FALL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

Happy Fall to all our Druid Hills residents! Hopefully, this heat will break soon, and we'll get to enjoy some cooler weather. And even some much-needed rain!

CITY TO HOST ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

3:00-6:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us for our annual party to celebrate living in beautiful Druid Hills! This year we will move back to the traditional location, 3938 Druid Hills Road (the vacant lot).

We will have live music provided by the Bluegrass Squirrel Band, refreshments and cookie decorating. We might even have popcorn and bobbing for apples--- who knows?

CITY COMMISSIONERS UP FOR RE-ELECTION

All four of the City Commissioner seats are up for election this November.

However, only two of the current Commissioners filed their paperwork in time to be listed on the ballot. The other two current Commissioners will be on a special write-in ballot. You may need to request this ballot when you vote. Your Commissioners are:



Charles Jobson--- 3917 Druid Hills Road (on the ballot)

Jackie Gibbs--- 3909 Olympic Avenue (on the ballot)

Tammy Lloyd--- 3918 Elfin Avenue (write-in candidate)

David Westfall--- 401 Chenoweth Lane (write-in candidate)

Mayor Caroline Westfall term does not expire until 2026.

Please come and meet them at the Block Party on October 6th!

2024 PROPERTY TAX BILL DISCOUNT OFFERED

City Treasurer Mark Strebel will be mailing the 2024 City of Druid Hills property tax bills soon. They are due December 1, 2024.

In May, the City Commissioners voted to offer a ONE-TIME early payment discount of 25% if your bill is paid in full by November 15, 2024. The Commissioners hope that this will be an incentive for our residents to get their tax bills paid on time.

ON-STREET PARKING ISSUES

The Commissioners are concerned about the prevalence of on-street parking, especially on Druid Hills Road and Elfin Avenue. City Ordinance No.5 (which can be found on the City website, druidhillsky.org) prohibits overnight parking on the street. It also prohibits parking in parking pads that are not wide enough to accommodate the full vehicle. Parking on lawns or unpaved areas is also not permitted.



The safety of our residents is the Commissioner's primary responsibility. Our roads are not wide enough to allow parking that extends into the driving lanes. Emergency responders may be slowed if they cannot navigate their firetrucks or ambulances through the street because cars are in the way. Parking in the driving lanes can also block walkers, pets, or children from the view of cars traveling down our streets.

The Commissioners and our City Attorney are working on an enforcement strategy for Ordinance No. 5. They have authorized the installation of a white stripe along the edges of each street. This will clearly delineate the driving lane where cars cannot be parked.

So--- please do not park on the street! Overnight guests are encouraged to park in your driveway. Please help us make Druid Hills as safe as possible!

A separate problem is parking too close to the intersections. Parked cars that block the full view of on-coming cars are not allowed. Please do not park where this might be an issue.

Thanks to the residents who made me aware of this same issue with my landscaping. The canna lilies grew much larger than expected. They have been removed and will not be replaced with anything that hinders the view of oncoming traffic on Chenoweth Lane.

CHANGES COMING TO CITY ENTRANCES

The City Commissioners voted to use part of the American Rescue Plan Assistance funds to install lighting at the Druid Hills Road and Elfin Avenue entrances. This money was distributed by Congress as part of the



2022 COVID relief package. Electrical service will be installed at each stone wall. Landscape lighting and outlets for holiday lights are included. A timeline for the project has not been set yet, but we expect it to be completed by Spring 2025.

The recent re-paving of Olympic Avenue and part of Elfin Avenue were also paid for by the ARPA funds.

LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB?

The City of Druid Hills is looking for a resident who is interested in serving as the City Clerk. Mark Strebel, our Treasurer, has been serving as both clerk and treasurer for several years and would like to reduce his responsibilities as his work schedule has changed.

This is a paid position and is not elected. If you are interested, please contact Mayor Caroline Westfall at mayor@druidhillsky.org or 502-643-3080.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any of your City commissioners. We are here to serve you!