

# OAK HILL

Winter 2017 [www.oakhilltn.us](http://www.oakhilltn.us) NEWS

## Garbage/Recycling Services

Previously, the City paid \$443,940 per year to provide garbage/recycling services to the residents of Oak Hill. One year ago, the City bid and changed garbage companies (Red River) and switched to once a week service. The new annual cost for this service is \$372,000. The projected annual savings from this change for year one of the new contract is approximately \$72,000.

The existing contract with Red River is for 3 years expiring in February, 2019.

Red River picks up garbage and recycling once a week on Friday. Please make sure that all garbage is in black or white bags and all recycling is in blue or clear bags.

Recycling does not include glass of any kind. You can either take your glass that you would like to recycle to one of the centers around Davidson County or you can place your glass in your garbage. GLASS CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RECYCLING.

If you have any issues with garbage or recycling, you should contact Red River directly at the following number: (615) 650-6968

You can also forward your complaint/concern to the following email address: [Jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us](mailto:Jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us)

### 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

There are three standing monthly meetings for the City of Oak Hill.

#### Planning Commission (PC):

They meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. (Since the first Tuesday in July is July 4th, the July PC meeting will be held on July 11th.)

**Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):** They meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

**Board of Commissioners (BOC):** They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

\*\*None of these groups will meet in December. A one page schedule for all three boards for calendar year 2017 is available upon request.

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

City Manager Jeff Clawson has started neighborhood meetings to provide information and education about the City of Oak Hill. The first was held in January on Robertson Academy Road and the second one has been scheduled for early February in the Forest Acres area.

Topics being discussed are: Budget, Public Works, Garbage & Recycling, Government Structure and Elections, Code Enforcement, Personnel and Electronic Communication.

These meetings are set up to be informal with snacks and drinks being provided by the host and guests, and are designed to accommodate the neighborhood (20 to 30 people).

If you are interested in hosting a neighborhood meeting in the future, contact Jeff Clawson by calling (615) 371-8291 or emailing at [jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us](mailto:jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us).



• **Board of Zoning Appeals size**

• **Budget 2017**

• **Hall Income Tax**

The mission of the City of Oak Hill is to preserve its natural resources and residential environment; to offer an enhanced level of services to its citizens; and to provide a strong sense of community pride with historical awareness all within close proximity to a world-class metropolitan area.

### Opt-In to Receive Important Updates

The City releases important information to residents in the form of an eBlast which is sent directly to your email. To Opt-In to receive these news and updates, please visit:

<http://cityofoakhilltn.us>

on the left side is the envelope icon "Notify Me" click on this link to sign up.

Residents who opt-in will receive information regarding the quarterly eNewsletter and upcoming events and deadlines along with other topics. Official information from the City of Oak Hill is distributed from Administration @oakhilltn.us, [jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us](mailto:jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us), [stephanie.lazear@oakhilltn.us](mailto:stephanie.lazear@oakhilltn.us) only. Please add these emails to your safe sender list.



**Mayor**  
Heidi Campbell

**Vice Mayor**  
Stacy Widelitz

**Commissioner**  
Ron Coles

**Planning Commission**

Wade Hill, Chair  
Robert Diehl, Vice Chair  
John Gillespie  
Doug Thomason  
Michael Barry  
Heidi Campbell, Mayor  
Stacy Widelitz, Vice Mayor  
Liz Beavers  
Susan Eaton

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Jimmy Bradshaw, Chair  
Trevor Howell, Vice Chair  
John F.K. Flanagan  
Chris Taylor  
KC Abbot

**City Manager**

Jeff Clawson 615-371-8291

**Administrative Assistant**

Victoria Talbott 615-371-8291

**Administrative Staff**

Stephanie Lazear 615-371-8291

**Building Official**

John Bledsoe 615-371-8291

**Safety Officer**

Tommy Campsey 615-557-7329

**Meeting Dates**

All meetings will be held at the  
City Office:  
5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102

**Planning Commission Meeting**

First Tuesday @ 5pm

**Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting**

Third Tuesday @ 5pm

**Board of Commissioners Meeting**

Fourth Tuesday @ 6pm

**City Office**

5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 101,  
Nashville, TN 37220  
Phone: 615-371-8291  
Fax: 615-691-7788  
Hours: Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Don't throw away this  
newsletter. Recycle it!

# Burn Regulations

**Open Burning Prohibited:** No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit open burning except as specifically permitted by this Regulation.

**Exceptions to Prohibition:** Open burning as listed below may be conducted, subject to the specified limitations and provided further that no public nuisance is or will be created by such open burning. This grant of exemption shall in no way relieve the person responsible for such burning from the consequences of or the damages or injuries resulting from such burning.

(a) Domestic burning of leaves and small tree limbs, less than three inches in diameter. Burning of trees or limbs cut as a commercial service by tree surgeons or other persons is prohibited.

(b) Ceremonial or recreational fires of reasonable size and duration. Such fires may not contain materials such as rubber, plastics or similar fuse.

## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Commissioners (BOC) has evaluated the size of the current Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to determine if this was the best number of residents to represent the City. After careful evaluation and a recommendation by a new formed Citizen Advisory Board (CAC) to increase the size from 3 members to 5 members, the BOC passed an ordinance changing the size of the BZA to 5 members.

This new ordinance went into effect in early December, 2016. The 3 existing members of the BZA remain. It is the responsibility of the Mayor to appoint 2 additional members to serve on this board bring the total number of members to 5. Mayor Campbell has appointed Chris Taylor and KC Abbot.

One new member will serve until June 30, 2018 and one new member will serve until June 30, 2019. This will keep the board staggered.

So beginning with 2017, one member's term will expire June 30, 2017 (Trevor Howell); two member's terms will expire June 30, 2018 (John Flanagan and KC Abbot); two member's terms will expire June 30, 2019 (Jimmy Bradshaw and Chris Taylor).

## NEW WEBSITE

The City contracted with a company called Civic Plus to redo the website so it has a new look and feel and more importantly is more user friendly. This project was started in the summer of 2016 and finished around Thanksgiving.

The new website is up and running and looks great. Please check it out at your convenience. ([www.oakhilltn.us](http://www.oakhilltn.us)). Several changes and improvements have been made. The most important change was to make the site easier to manage internally and to be able to keep the site up to date better. The new design is much easier to update internally.

You can register for email notifications through the website. This option is on the main screen. Just click then enter your email address. You will then be on a mailing list managed by the website designers, Civic Plus.

The City also works with a local "Residents of Oak Hill" Facebook page managed by Collyn Wainwright. This page has more community information that most (if in all) Oak Hill residents may be interested in. Please go to this [page](#) and request authorization to view.

# BUDGET REPORT



The City has completed six months of the fiscal year 2016-2017. The Hall Income Tax is up this year from \$290,000 to \$462,000. This would be good news if the State had not lowered the rate by 1% for next year. This will result in a 16% - 17% reduction in the amount the city receives. The initial estimate is that our Hall Income Tax revenue for next year will be about \$375,000 - \$400,000. It will continue to be reduced until it is eliminated.

Other than income tax, all other revenue line items are equal to or greater than last year except building permits. This revenue line item is down from \$225,000 year to date last fiscal year to \$170,000 year to date this fiscal year.

From an expense standpoint, the City's overall budget is down slightly from one year ago. Total expenses this fiscal year to date are \$572,000 versus \$600,000 last fiscal year to date or about 5%.

With the bidding of the garbage/recycling service last year, this line item has been reduced to \$155,000 year to date versus \$222,000 last year to date. Legal fees have also been reduced by \$12,000 year to date.

The existing budget also included \$115,000 for capital projects in reference to street improvements and drainage issues. To date, the City has spent about \$40,000 on street improvements. These are on-going until the budget amount has been reached.

The City is in a solid cash position and the budget looks good half way through the fiscal year. The City has slightly over \$4,000,000 in investments.

## HALL INCOME TAX

The largest revenue stream for the City of Oak Hill is the Hall Income Tax. This is a tax required by the State of Tennessee and paid (if required) on your annual State of Tennessee Income Tax Return.

The amount paid to the State is divided between the State and the local community. In order for the local community to receive their share, a resident must include the city and county information on the return. There are two boxes in the top center portion of your return.

*Please enter Oak Hill in the City box and Davidson County in the County box.*

It is unusual for a citizen to live in a community and not have a mailing address that reflects that community's name. Since Oak Hill residents have a different mailing address, if the code is not indicated on the individual tax return, then the City of Oak Hill does not get credit for the tax.

It is important to understand that you are legally obligated to pay the tax regardless of what community you live in. It does not cost any more if you live in Oak Hill. So if you file your Tennessee tax return without including Oak Hill in the box on the form, then the income tax you pay will go to the community that is addressed on your form. For example, if Nashville is your mailing address and you don't include Oak Hill in the box on the form, then the income tax you pay will go to Nashville.

## Oak Hill CodeRed Warning System in Time for Winter Weather



The CodeRed Weather Warning system is a free, customizable service provided to citizens of Oak Hill with weather warnings you want to receive. Categories include Tornado Warnings, Flash Flood Warnings, and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings. So if your property doesn't flood and you do not want to be awakened in the middle of the night by this concern, you can now opt-out of it, but still receive a call if a tornado is heading toward Oak Hill

**Choose  
Only The  
Warnings  
You Wish  
To  
Receive**

All warning calls are made whenever the National Weather Service issues a warning for Oak Hill, but you will only receive the call if you sign up for the voluntary service.

You can sign up by going to the City's website, [www.oakhilltn.us](http://www.oakhilltn.us). During the enrollment process, you can choose the warnings you wish to receive. If you are already signed up and wish to change the type of warnings you receive, you can make changes on the website. Also, Apple product users can visit the iTunes store to download a free app from Emergency Communications Network. You can find the app by searching CodeRed in the app store. With this app not only will you be alerted when you are at home in Oak Hill, but also will receive a notification on your phone if the National Weather Service issues a warning for the area in which your phone is located.

# QUICK CALL LIST

**City of Oak Hill**  
5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 101  
Nashville, TN 37220  
Phone: 615-371-8291  
FAX: 615-891-7788  
www.oakhilltn.us

## Contract Services

Chipper Service:  
Clean Earth  
Garbage/Recycling Pickup:  
Red River Waste Mgt.  
650-6968

Emergency:  
911

Non-Emergency Fire:  
(615) 327-1300

Non-Emergency Police:  
(615) 862-8600

Mid-Town Hills Patrol:  
(615) 880-1411  
1443 12th Ave. South  
Nashville, TN 37203

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator:  
(615) 557-7329

## Citizens Meeting to discuss Corner of Franklin Road and Old Hickory Boulevard

As many of us already know, the corner of OHB and Franklin Road is a constant source of concern for our City. Our office is regularly approached by developers attempting to circumvent our non-commercial status. This land has been on the market for many years, and with greater Nashville's current growth rate, it is likely to be acquired in the near future. Our current Board of Commissioners is fully dedicated to keeping it non-commercial, but of course we do not have control over who purchases it.

Even non-commercial endeavors can considerably change the environment, and this concerns us. Therefore, we continue to watch for options that will have the least impact on our citizens, especially those that live near this area. Over the last few months, there have been discussions with Friends of Radnor about purchasing the land. At this time, the parcel is not on their agenda for a land acquisition.

The city office is regularly approached by interested buyers about the viability of various land uses. These include day care centers, medical rehabilitation offices, senior housing and a mega church, amongst others. Most of these options are actually commercial, and all of them would increase congestion. Some could involve blasting into the hill.

Currently, the owner of the Shell station on the corner has expressed an interest in purchasing the property. As with the aforementioned. He has approached the city office, but with an idea for the land that he feels might be beneficial to all concerned and that could potentially protect the land from future commercial speculators. Nothing has formally been submitted to us for consideration, so we don't know if this is a positive prospect for Oak Hill or not.

Over the past several weeks, our City Manager Jeff Clawson and I have been informally meeting with individuals and citizen groups to get input on this ongoing concern, along with a variety of Oak Hill issues. Please let me know if you'd like to host a meeting in your neighborhood. I'm sure that Vice-Mayor Widelitz and Commissioner Coles would also be happy to discuss this with you.

We hope you will join us for:

**An Open Work Session on February 28th @ 5pm with BOC and the CAC to discuss the Corner of Old Hickory Blvd. & Franklin Rd.**

At that time we will fully explain the various ideas that have been communicated to the City, and our efforts to protect this land. Our regular BOC meeting will be directly following this session at 6PM.

To be clear, there is currently NO proposal in front of the board of commissioners. However, we want to hear from you if you have any ideas about how to proceed, not only for our current term of commissioners, but, for generations to come. I remain completely committed to preventing commercial zoning in Oak Hill, and will not support any proposal that hasn't been publicly vetted.

We hope you will join us. If you are unable to attend, feel free to email us with your thoughts. Warmly, Heidi Campbell - Mayor, Oak Hill, Tennessee



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