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NEWS FLASH

Public hearing on new subdivision scheduled

Final plans for a new subdivision on Granny White Pike near Otter Creek Road will be reviewed by the Planning Commission October 19 at 5 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing in the City offices at 5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 102.

Recycling now available for Oak Hill residents

Clean Earth Sanitation, Oak Hill's trash collection service, can now provide the city's residents a high-quality recycling program at the fairest and most reasonable cost in the area.

The charge for this city-endorsed service is only \$10 per month!

You will be given a special recycle bin. There is no separation of your recyclables required. It is done on site at Clean Earth. The contents of the bin will be picked up on your last pick-up day of the week.

Why recycle? To extend the life of our landfills, to conserve our valuable natural resources, because the 1991 Tennessee Solid Waste Management Act requires a 25% reduction of what goes into our landfill, to save energy and reduce manufacturing pollutants, and reduce litter along our roads and highways.

Mayor Tommy C. Alsup II, joined by Vice Mayor Tommy Jacobs and Commissioner Raymond T. Throckmorton III, applaud this new thrust into the "world of recycling" by the city contractor. He said, "Each of us has a vital role in keeping our communities clean and beautiful. We salute all Oak Hill citizens who are committed toward helping to clean up and improve the world in which we live and work."

If you are presently not recycling, consider taking part. If you had made previous arrangements with a non-Oak Hill recognized company that is charging

you more than \$10 per month, make the change to Clean Earth Sanitation and Recycling.

It is easy: make one telephone call to 794-7599.

The City of Oak Hill is delighted with this latest in local public service, reflecting the requests by many of you!

Clean Earth is a locally owned, family-run operation and has a successful track record of over 20 years in the sanitation industry.

Free shredding

How many of you would be interested in the following service? Clean Earth is willing to offer a free shredding

Recyclables do not have to be separated in the bins provided by Clean Earth Sanitation.

What can you recycle?

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Plastic #1 and #2, bottles, and jugs with necks
- Aluminum and steel cans (sorry, no glass bottles or jars)



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Third Thursday

Planning Commission, Board of Commissioners Meeting

Oak Hill City Hall,
5548 Franklin Pike, 5 p.m.

Tuesday before Commissioners' Meeting

Board of Zoning Appeals

Oak Hill City Hall,
5548 Franklin Pike, 5 p.m.

From the desk of the city manager

A street to nowhere?

The other day I was chatting with a good friend, Trevor Howell, a long-time member of our Planning Commission, and ultimately the subject of our conversation turned to traffic and the question: Is the growing problem solvable? I know from talking to many of you about the issue of increased traffic and increased speeders that people use Oak Hill as a shortcut and just don't care about the safety of others, let alone themselves.

We know that we continue to feel on our streets the changes of Green Hills to our west, and Williamson County residents who see Franklin Pike as a viable alternative to I-65. (Remember the "good old days" when we built freeways to provide logical alternatives to clogged surface streets?)

A day does not go by when we do not receive a call, letter, e-mail, or visit that raises the issue of traffic. One long-time Oak Hill resident, Bill Denny, for example, has urged the need to build a right-turn-only lane for eastbound motorists on Tyne Boulevard at Franklin Pike, to reduce the "stacking" of cars on Tyne waiting for the light to turn. This is now under active review by our Board of Commissioners.

I have begun this topic by saying, without any reservations, that there are no simple solutions to what is a very complex problem. We have received requests and proposals from many of you, including more stop signs, speed bumps, increased police enforcement, and ticket-writing—all good solutions!

Let's address each suggestion. All of them might be a short-

term solution, but over the long term, could lose their effectiveness or ability to resolve the traffic issue.

More stop signs

While in some cases, added stop signs can and do help, studies have shown that an "overload" of stop signs can actually create a much more dangerous situation where many drivers, being asked to come to a full stop at many intersections, will interpret "Stop" to mean "Slide Tires On Pavement." The stop sign, in this case, can create a false sense of security for those approaching an intersection from the opposing direction who assume others will stop! That's not always the case, most unfortunately. I recall that Beverly Hills put four-way stop signs at every intersection within the city limits. Guess what happened . . . more and more motorists glided through more and more intersections more and more of the time.

More traffic enforcement

Since we are completely dependent upon Metro Police for all enforcement, we can only ask. I've been very grateful for the overall response we do get from the West Precinct, which serves us, through its fine captain, Mickey Miller. However, as we all can appreciate, you can't have a "blue and white" on all streets all of the time. However, would you be in favor of a 24/7 Metro Police Unit dedicated to Oak Hill issuing citations?

Speed bumps

These are often requested but have some significant legal liability associated with them!

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BY BILL KRAUS

Many cities and states in the nation prohibit speed bumps on public streets because, in the event of an accident occurring as a result of the city-placed bump, the courts have ruled against the municipality for erecting a traffic hazard. You figure! On the other hand, speed dips, built under the initial purpose of drainage, have become more acceptable to the courts.

Does the problem have a solution, or as the traffic engineers state, "traffic calming"? Yes. All of the above have and will work under certain conditions and circumstances. We are even trying the installation of "rumble strips" on certain test streets to measure the impact, similar to the rumble strips along the side of the interstate to wake up dozing drivers.

But in my chat with friend Trevor, we began talking about the bigger picture, more specifically, what if we looked at the whole city and said, "What would happen if we made it very difficult for non-Oak Hill motorists to easily drive through the community?" More specifically, what if we changed a number of through streets into cul-de-sacs?

Let me make a point: What I just said is not a proposal by the City Manager. It is not "on the table" of the Board of Commissioners, nor is it a talking point!

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THIS MONTH AT CITY HALL

Board of Zoning Appeals

At the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on September 19, the Commissioners approved:

- A request by Carma Woodard, 4420 Curtiswood Circle, to construct a new study/ front porch that would exceed the front setback by approximately five feet, and a new garage that would exceed the side-yard setback by approximately three feet

A street . . .

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But there are times when we strive to correct problems that we need to think “out of the box.”

Do me one favor. I want you to think about if your street and neighborhood were more “difficult” to drive directly from point A to point B, would you trade some personal inconvenience for the significant reduction of through, and sometimes, speeding traffic? I consider myself fortunate because the Oak Hill street that we live on is currently not a through street—and it is nice, it’s quiet, and it’s safe.

I would greatly welcome your thoughts, supportive, non-supportive, or neutral. A street to nowhere . . . or a street to a higher objective! 🌿

- A request by Lee Smith, 5004 Brentview Court, to build a new master bedroom suite that would exceed the front yard setback by approximately 12 feet.

- A request by Mac Hardcastle, 1172

Travelers Ridge Drive, to construct a new pool, terrace, arbor, and storage area that would exceed the rear setback by approximately 32 feet.

Planning Commission

At the Planning Commission on September 21, the one item on the agenda, a request by Linda Van Becelaere of 5212 Granny White Pike to combine and subdivide 16-plus acres

into seven lots of 2-plus acres each was continued until the next meeting on October 19 because of a lack of quorum.

Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners meeting on September 21:

- Voted to explore a request from Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority to establish a park-and-ride lot

- Issued a notice of termination to I.E.D. for right-of-way mowing and maintenance and related public works projects

- Directed the City Engineer to prepare preliminary plans and cost estimates for a right-turn lane at the southwest corner of Tyne Boulevard and Franklin Pike

- Called for proposals by area financial institutions to handle the City’s reserve portfolio. 🌿

Chipper service reminder

Please remember these points about your city’s chipper, leaves, and limb removal service:

- The City of Oak Hill, under contract with the Jackaroo Company, once per month provides free chipping and bagged leaves and limb removal curbside.

- Oak Hill is divided into four zones for service, beginning with the most northern areas picked up on the first week of the month, and concluding on the last week of the month in the very southern areas of Oak Hill. Please note the zone you live in on the map.

- Leaves must be bagged, and limbs or twigs must be limited in size to no bigger than 4” in diameter.

- If you have a professional tree service contracted to trim or remove your trees, the company is required to remove all debris, rather than leave it curbside. 🌿



2006 CALENDAR

- **October 28**
Yard Sale for the Cure
Homes marked with pink balloons will have yards sales to raise money for breast cancer research. Look for signs on Franklin Pike.
7 a.m. - ?
414-0011 (mobile) or 376-0577.
- **October 28**
Run for the Hill and Oakey Pokey
Family oriented races sponsored by The Oak Hill School
7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
4815 Franklin Pike
352-0918 - Kathryn Peffen
356-6072 - Carolyn Sorenson
- **November 4**
Historic Travellers Rest/Croft House Block Party
Discover 200 years of Nashville history through the eyes of those who lived in the southern part of the city. Staffers from Travellers Rest and the Croft House at the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere guide you through the area's settlement, to the trials of the Civil War, on to the preservation efforts that helped form the city's contemporary landscape.
10 a.m.: Bus tour departs the Nashville Zoo, 3777 Nolensville Pike. Lunch at Travellers Rest followed by tour of the historic Croft House.
\$25 for Travellers Rest members; \$35 for non-members (price includes lunch)
(615) 832-8197 or rob@travellersrestplantation.org for reservations

Oak Hill, Father Ryan schedule runs



A run is good for you *and* the sponsoring schools.

Oak Hill School races planned for October 28

The second Run for the Hill and The Oakey Pokey, The Oak Hill School's two family-oriented races, will be held October 28.

Run for the Hill is a 5k (3.1-mile) race that begins at the flagpole of the school, located on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church at 4815 Franklin Pike, and continues through the gently rolling neighborhoods of the City of Oak Hill. The Oakey Pokey, a one-mile fun run, begins at the flagpole and loops through the church and school grounds.

Race day begins at 7 a.m. with registration and packet pick-up. The Run for the Hill starts at 8 a.m., and the Oakey Pokey at 9 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded at 9:30 a.m. to the top male and female finishers and the top three finishers in both male

and female age categories of the Run for the Hill.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the school's website under the "Parents" tab at www.oakhillschool.org

or may be completed online through www.active.com.

For more information, contact Kathryn Peffen at 352-0918 or Carolyn Sorenson at 356-6072. 🌿

Father Ryan's fifth annual Irish Pride 5K and Fun Run slated for November 11

The fifth annual Irish Pride 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, November 11, starts and finishes on the Father Ryan Campus at 700 Norwood Drive.

The course runs through the tree-lined streets in the Oak Hill area surrounding the campus.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the 5K starts at 8 a.m. You can register in advance on www.active.com or at the FRHS Alumni House. Cost for the

5K is \$18 for individuals, \$45 for the whole family (3 T-shirt limit). Race Day cost is \$25 for individuals, \$60 for the family. Since November 11 is Veterans Day, all veterans run free.

This event is sponsored by the Father Ryan Alumni Association and benefits the tuition assistance program. For more information, call 269-7926. 🌿

The Latest around Town

Soundwall update

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has reaffirmed its support of the City of Oak Hill in its quest to build soundwalls along the westerly side of I-65 south of Woodmont Boulevard and north of Old Hickory Boulevard. In a letter, dated September 7, a key TDOT staffer stated, “The department has actively assisted the City of Oak Hill with this project, including providing draft language to assist in amending Federal legislation to allow the City to access the earmarked funds” (\$680,000).

Hogan Road headwall fixed

A damaged headwall, on Hogan Road, just east of Franklin Pike, was recently repaired by a City contractor, following a recent accident by a van. The van owner’s insurance company will reimburse Oak Hill for the repair work.

Sinkholes repaired

Two sinkholes and broken drainage pipes were recently repaired, one on Overton Lea Road east of Granny White Pike, and the second on Tyne Boulevard immediately west of Granny White Pike. The Overton Lea Road failure has been attributed to aging pipes under the roadway that just gave out

after over 50 years of service.

Street rejuvenation begins

The first phase of the City’s Annual Paving Project has been completed, and the second phase—the “rejuvenation” of 21 streets throughout Oak Hill—is anticipated to commence in October.

Speeding experiment

The City will be testing “rumble strips” on several selected streets in the community to determine whether this is an effective way to curb speeding vehicles on Oak Hill residential streets. The effect is like driving on the shoulder of many of our interstates when you experience the “rumble.”

Drainage project complete

The building of improved street drainage, including new curbs and gutters, a project between the City of Oak Hill and the Inns of Granny White Homeowners Association, has been completed.

TDOT improves signage

We are grateful to the Tennessee Department of Transportation for its quick response to install appropriate signage on Thompson Lane—just before crossing over I-65 and off-ramp

to Franklin Pike and also at the top of the off-ramp from Franklin Pike—in an effort to remedy a problem that some motorists have faced finding their way to I-65. The city hopes this will significantly help a long-standing problem experienced by Oak Hill residents living in the north area of our city who have dealt with “lost motorists” on their streets (primarily Pleasant Valley Drive) looking for I-65. 

Yard Sale for the cure

The fifth annual Oak Hill YARD SALE for the CURE will be held on Saturday, October 28.

Everyone is invited to join in and help fight breast cancer!

There are many ways to participate. You can just gather your stuff and have a yard sale at your home on this day, get with another neighbor and hold a multi-family sale, make a monetary donation, or be a shopper! This is a great way to get rid of items you don’t need, thrill shoppers with bargains, meet new neighbors, raise awareness of a disease that will strike one in eight women, and donate to a wonderful cause!

Cindy B. Smith, a nine-year breast cancer survivor, will again coordinate the event. The sales will



be advertised to begin at 7 a.m. Shoppers will be instructed to just come to the Oak Hill area—up and down Franklin Pike north of Old Hickory Blvd.—and look for signs. If possible, use pink balloons or signs to direct shoppers.

For more information e-mail Cindy at cindybaxtersmith@comcast.net or call her at 414-0011 (cell) or 376-0577 (home). 

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LIST**



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After hours: 373-1608
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Chipper Service

Jackaroo
371-8291

Garbage Pickup

Clean Earth Sanitation
371-8291

Snow and Ice

Management Service

C&C Lawn care
371-8291

**Public Street Repairs,
Street Signage, and
Drainage Maintenance**

City Office
371-8291

Dead Animal Removal

City Office
371-8291
After Hours
862-8971

Emergency

911

Non-Emergency Fire

327-1300

Non-Emergency Police

862-8600

West Sector Patrol

862-7747

Dogs do not belong in other people's yards

We continue to receive calls from Oak Hill residents who are quite upset that fellow citizens allow their dogs to roam the neighborhoods, not only posing a possible danger to those outside—including small children and the elderly—but leaving their uninvited “calling cards” in the lawns, driveways, walkways, and yards of others.

Equally as upsetting, we hear, is when dog owners who are walking their pets on leash let the dog loose, or while still on the leash, will be allowed to utilize other property for “canine restrooms.”

While Metro Animal Control, which serves Oak Hill, operates under specific laws and regulations governing loose and stray animals, and has been asked by the City of Oak Hill to strictly enforce the current law, this problem is something more.



It is a matter of common courtesy and “Do unto others as you would have done unto you!”

Having a pet means accepting a certain degree of personal responsibility, which includes ensuring that the animal is well cared for, and not allowing your dog to run or roam your neighborhood.

When walking your dog, keep it on a leash . . . and always have with you some type of “pooper scooper.”

Just imagine—if your front yard was the primary site for the neighborhood dogs to visit on a daily basis—the “parting gifts” by your visitors would become much more than annoying! 🌿

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