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NEWS FLASH

Mayor Dean to meet with satellite cities

Mayor Karl Dean has reaffirmed his commitment to meet with elected officials of the satellite cities within the first 30 days of his administration. At a brief meeting immediately after the inaugural ceremonies September 21 with the mayors of Berry Hill and Oak Hill, Mayor Dean stated that an invitation would be forthcoming to all six cities for a working luncheon to begin formulating the necessary steps for a cooperative relationship. See photo on page 5.

Speeding traffic: An increasing problem

The number of calls from Oak Hill residents about cars speeding through their neighborhoods are increasing as more non-Oak Hill drivers are cutting through local streets to avoid increasingly crowded interstates, intersections, and arterial streets.

There are a number of possible responses that could be possibly put into place:

- Install speed bumps to try to slow down drivers, though in a number of states, local governments were found liable for accidents caused by the speed bump since the “city government had installed an artificial barrier;”

- Install speed dips that also can slow down traffic, yet also serve the purpose of carrying run-off water, lessening the legal exposure for the city government for the construction of a public works improvement;

- Installing the “bump dots” that you feel while driving on the interstates when you go off the lane onto the shoulder;

- Seek additional Metro Police to patrol our streets for increased traffic control, including the utilization of radar guns;

- Beginning to review certain streets to determine whether they could better be controlled by creating cul-de-sacs, thus making it impossible for through traffic;

- Create landscaped “roundabouts”

in the middle of intersections like the City of Belle Meade has tried, or in Brentwood south of the post office.

Please share your thoughts and ideas on this matter by calling Oak Hill City

Hall at 371-8291 or e-mailing oakhilltn@bellsouth.net. You may also send a letter by writing to Oak Hill City Hall, 5548 Franklin Pike, Nashville TN 37220.



Pick up schedules vary for curbside yard debris

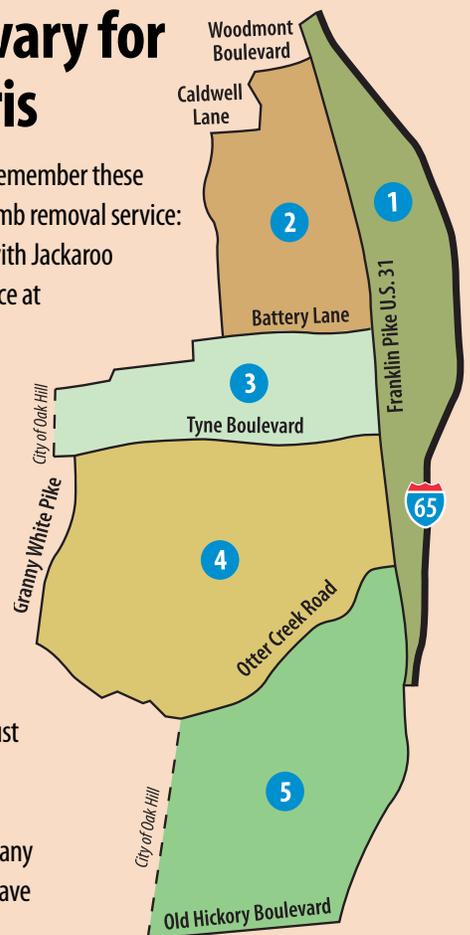
With the fall season approaching, please remember these points about your city’s chipper, leaves, and limb removal service:

- The City of Oak Hill is under contract with Jackaroo Inc., which who provides once-a-month service at no cost to Oak Hill residents. Its services include chipping, and bagged leaves and limb removal curbside.

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

- Leaves must be bagged, and limbs must be no larger than four inches in diameter.

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



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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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 How would you have answered the questions?

Recently I had the unique opportunity to serve as moderator at a Mayoral Forum at the downtown campus of Tennessee State University for the two candidates in last month's Metro's election and prepared a series of questions for the forum.

In looking at the questions, I selected several of them poised that evening, and am very curious how you would answer them, as both a resident of Oak Hill as well as a citizen of Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County. If you have a moment or two, I would be very interested to hear your responses. More specifically . . .

● Metro is very proud of its dynamic growth and as a city "on the move." In your vision of Nashville, *how big should we become?* Should we eventually be another Atlanta or even Los Angeles? As Mayor, how would you balance growth with the quality of life?

● The subject of property taxes has been a current issue in this campaign. Would you also try to limit the impact of property reassessments which is a significant cause of higher property taxes paid by property owners?

● Nashville has been described as "the Athens of the South." As Mayor, how would you actively promote this description of this community through both image development as well as specific joint efforts between the Metropolitan Government and our local universities?

● One topic which has been relatively quiet throughout this campaign is the current

status and future survival of the County General Hospital. As Mayor, how will you deal with this health care facility's very serious fiscal foundation?

● The six "satellite cities" of Davidson County – Belle Meade, Berry Hill, Forest Hills, Goodlettsville, Lakewood, and Oak Hill—comprise approximately seven percent of the total population within Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County, yet contribute an estimated thirty percent of the total annual property tax income to the Metro Government. As Mayor, how do you see the development and retention of an effective working relationship between your office and the six independent cities?

● Metro Government has been in operation under a charter that has been in effect for nearly 45 years. Do you see the need to call for a charter review commission that will evaluate the current effectiveness and applicability of the current charter? Are there some significant issues with the current charter?

● Concerning the public safety of Metro, what specific priorities would you think are necessary to insure the quality of protection for people and property?

● Newly-elected political leadership is judged often by its "first one hundred days" in office. What would you like to achieve as Mayor initially, within that period of time?

● The economic development of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County has been one of the primary goals of the Mayor's office in past years.

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BY BILL KRAUS

CORNER

Do you have particular objectives in this area and how much should a local government provide financial incentives to prospective employers, convention facilities, and sport-related enterprises to achieve this program?

● Please identify five words that you would best want to describe Nashville in the year 2011. Why?

● As Mayor, how will you strike an ideal, yet delicate, balance between what's good for the economy and what's good for the environment?

It will be most interesting to see if any and all of these questions are responded to in the months and years ahead . . . and if so, how?

Send your responses to oakhilltn@bellsouth.net or to Oak Hill City Hall, 5548 Franklin Pike, Nashville TN 37220.

Preserving nature's beauty in Oak Hill

In a somewhat related matter, you know by now that I am continually writing about the unique beauty and character of Oak Hill, a community that prides itself as a great place to live, nestled in neighborhoods that reflect pride. I came across a quotation recently from former (and recently deceased) First Lady Bird Johnson, who dedicated much of her White House and post-years in beautification efforts, such as institut-

ing the plantings of wild flowers along the nation's 41,000 miles of interstate, as well as significant planting of flowers throughout Washington, D.C.

I love her quote, "Beautification can be contagious . . . ugly-

fication can also be contagious." Let's be sure we pursue, at all times, the former with great zeal and enthusiasm.

We are entering the fourth and final quarter of the calendar . . . with cooler weather, fall

colors (unless significantly minimized by the just-completed hot weather and drought), and two holidays that bring our families and friends together. There are wonderful days ahead! 🌿

We get letters!

Sir:

I have requested from BellSouth/AT&T for the past couple of years to have DSL (high-speed internet) at my Oak Hill home, but to no avail. Recently I read an article in The Tennessean of a family in Westmeade who had been requesting it and with the help of The Tennessean's Action column writer, they were able to get it. I called AT&T once again and this time they put me in contact with "Executive Appeals." I was told that very possibly DSL would never be provided to this area. It has to do with density of housing and such.

Has anyone considered offering WiFi in Oak Hill? Given that we are a small area and that some large cities (Philadelphia WiFi Service) can provide it, I would think it would be much more economical and a great service to provide to a small city like ours.

Thanks for your consideration,
Mark Coleman

Dear Bill,

Thanks for the nice letter of June 25 and I have a few additional comments after living here for over 42 years.

Bill, Lakeview, Norfleet, and Parkwood Terrace are all dead end streets. I don't think that any additional houses have been built but several 'scrape-offs' have taken place. Our traffic has remained about the same.

When Tyne was torn up additional signs went up on Robertson Academy, which has 5 stop signs from Franklin Rd. to Lealand Ln. of which 2 are no longer needed, as they are side street entrances.

Lakeview was torn up for a big sewer main and ever since there's a section that's been sinking and Metro has patched at it several times and each time a little bit worse and still rough today.

I still think that 'yield' signs are needed at the end of Lealand Ln. and at the bottom of the hill where Lakeview enters Overton Lea.

Now let's look at Battery Ln. and Franklin Rd. My crystal ball says that this intersection will be heavy for the next 50 years. Solution—make a deep cut beginning about 150 yards east on Harding—go over the cut from north to south on Franklin Rd. with a bridge—piddling with this major intersection will not solve the problem. The lay of the land is natural for an overpass and this will solve the traffic problems existing today for thousands of motorists trying to get home from east to west and north to south. Sure it'll cost some big bucks . . . so did Old Hickory and Franklin Rd. Speed bumps and stop signs ARE NOT the answer.

OK Bill, I've said my piece. Keep up the good job that you are doing.

Semper Fi,
W.C. Josh Wilder

Church of the Advent celebrates 150th anniversary October 13

The Church of the Advent will celebrate its 150th anniversary at its annual barbecue and fall festival October 13 at 5501 Franklin Pike.

From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy barbecue prepared by the award-winning "Memphis In May" team of Peg Leg Porkers and Men of the Church plus activities for all ages.

In addition to the bake, book, and craft sale, activities include a silent auctions, games and crafts for children, and live music.

Music, parking and browsing are free. Adults eat for \$10, children 6-12 for \$5, and no charge for children under 5. Barbecue may be pre-ordered in bulk by calling the church office.

To find out more information, visit www.adventnashville.org or call 615-373-5630. 🌿

Historic Homes OF Oak Hill

Share your stories

We are compiling articles about the history of Oak Hill, and we need your help. If you have memories, clippings, or old photos of Oak Hill, please share them. Send your information to Joan Armour at joan@armour-armour.com or call 373-2349. ❁

Capacity crowd reflects interest in Glen Leven



A large crowd attends a presentation August 23 on the future of Glen Leven estate.

The Latest around Town

We are waiting to hear from the Land Trust for Tennessee on the bidding process for the acquisition of the 65-acre Glen Leven property on Franklin Pike near Caldwell Lane.

The City of Oak Hill recently submitted a proposal to acquire this land which has significant historical roots traced back to the late 18th century when an early member of the Thompson Family had the opportunity to acquire a 640-acre

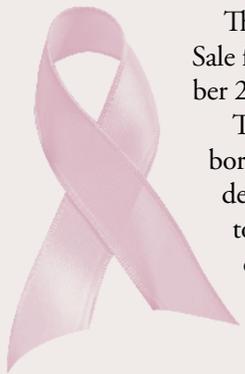
tract (including Glen Leven) for ten cents per acre as a payment for service in the Continental Army.

The property also played a significant role in the Civil War, with the house serving as a military hospital and the land as an integral part of the "Battle of Nashville."

The City of Oak Hill is very interested that the land and buildings on the property be preserved, for both their historical and natural, open space purposes.

Also, we are waiting to receive a contract from the Tennessee Department of Transportation to begin the design and specific placement of the long-awaited sound walls on the west side of I-65, generally south of Father Ryan High School to just south of the Hogan Road underpass. ❁

Sixth annual Yard Sale for the Cure October 27



The sixth annual Oak Hill Yard Sale for the Cure is Saturday, October 27.

Throughout Oak Hill, neighbors will be holding yard sales and designating a portion of proceeds to be donated to a breast cancer organization.

Any donation, regardless of amount, is important, says organizer Cindy B. Smith.

"I can supply you with names and addresses of organizations if needed. If you don't want to have a sale at your home but would like to donate items, give me a call. We may be able to make arrangements to put the items in someone else's sale," she said. ALL proceeds from those items would be donated to funding the fight against breast cancer.

Besides being a great month for

a yard sale, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With October's cooler temperatures, it will be a great time to clean out the garages and attics to make room for more stuff before Christmas arrives!

Rain date is November 3rd. For more information, contact Smith at 376-0577 or 414-0011, or e-mail cbsmith@realtracs.com. ❁

THIS MONTH AT CITY HALL

Board of Zoning Appeals

- **Denied** a request by Michael Stockhoff to build a new residence on Van Leer Drive that would have violated the rear setback by approximately 24 feet
- **Approved** a request by Franklin Road Academy to install two new identification signs
- **Approved** a request by Emily Morrissey to allow for construction of a new second story on her Van Leer Drive home
- **Approved** a request by Dr. John Pope on Brookwood Lane to expand into the front setback by three feet

Planning Commission

- **Deferred** amendments to the existing steep slopes and Radnor Lake Impact Zone Ordinances to allow time for more study
- **Approved** a request by Kurt Conner,

for Edward and Rene Alexander, at 838 Redwood Drive to combine two lots into one seven-acre parcel, and build a new residence on steep slopes

- **Approved** a proposal by Edwin Portillo to build a new residence at 900 Otter Creek Road, which falls within the steep slopes classification
- **Approved** preliminary site plan for Ray Harris to subdivide 36+ acres into seven lots on Franklin Pike north of Old Hickory Boulevard
- **Did not pass** a request by Linda Van Becelaere for a final approval of a new subdivision on Granny White Pike north of Otter Creek Road

Board of Commissioners

- **Continued** consideration of any modifications of the City's existing Steep Slopes and Radnor Lake Impact Zone Ordinances until a recommendation is forthcoming from the Planning Commission
- **Approved** on first reading the consideration of an ordinance prohibiting the sales of vehicles from all residential yards in Oak Hill
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- **Authorized** staff to finalize plans for a state grant of \$254,000 to fund a bicycle path ❄️

Mayor Dean meets with satellite city officials

Mayor Karl Dean met with mayors, vice mayors, and city managers of Berry Hill and Oak Hill immediately after his inauguration September 21. Rear: Oak Hill City Manager Bill Kraus; Berry Hill City Manager Joe Baker; Berry Hill Vice Mayor Polly Haskins; Oak Hill Vice Mayor Tommy Jacobs. Front: Berry Hill Mayor Harold Spray; Metro Mayor Karl Dean; Oak Hill Mayor Tommy Alsup



Gary Layda/Metro Photo Services

2007 CALENDAR

- **October 18–19**
19th Century Trades Festival
Stroll through 19th Century Nashville. Step back in time to see how free and enslaved artisans worked and lived. Join over 30 period craftsmen and musicians for interactive demonstrations including bee keeping, black smithing, brick and broom making, candle dipping, spinning and weaving, quilting and tatting, and more.
Travellers Rest Plantation
636 Farrell Parkway
Adults \$10, children 4–16 \$5, ages 3 and under free
832-8197
- **October 27**
Yard Sale for the Cure
Oak Hill neighborhoods
376-0577
- **October 13**
Fall festival and barbecue
11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Church of the Advent
5501 Franklin Pike
Food for adults \$10, children 6–12 \$5, under 5 free. No charge for browsing and parking
373-5630
- **November 10**
Irish Pride 5K run
8–9:30 a.m.
Father Ryan High School
700 Norwood Drive
383-4200
- **November 25**
Holiday decorating
Participate in a Nashville tradition and deck the Travellers Rest Plantation house with wreaths and decorations made the way they did in the 1800s.
1–4 p.m.
636 Farrell Parkway
Free admission
832-8197

**QUICK
CALL
LIST**



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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



Irish Pride 5K Run is November 10

Father Ryan High School will hold its sixth annual Irish Pride 5K on Saturday, November 10, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding by 9:30 a.m.

The run/walk begins and ends on the Father Ryan campus, 700 Norwood Drive. There will be adequate police coverage to direct traffic.

All neighbors on the

affected streets will be notified of the event through a flyer from Father Ryan High School.

For further information, call 383-4200. 🌿

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