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NEWS FLASH

Write 1907 on your income tax return

Be sure your state income tax return contains "City of Oak Hill" and 1907, the four-digit location code.

This is necessary for the city to receive its due portion of various local and state taxes including Hall Income Tax. These annual reimbursements fund the city's operating budget, which includes services for garbage pickup, leaf and limb removal, and street maintenance.

Commissioner election is June 10 *Qualifying deadline is March 20 at noon*

The election to fill one of three seats on the Oak Hill Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, June 10, at Brentwood Hills Church of Christ, 5120 Franklin Pike.

The four-year term is currently held by Vice Mayor Tommy Jacobs. Terms of

the other two seats, now held by Mayor Tommy Alsup II and Commissioner Raymond T. Throckmorton III, end in June 2010.

All Oak Hill citizens interested in filing for the June 10 election for commissioner can pick up a petition for candidacy from Davidson County Election Commission, 800 Second Avenue South, second floor,

Qualifying petitions are due at the Davidson County Election Commission offices by 12 noon, Thursday, March 20, 2008. ❁

Proposals sought for new street signs

The Oak Hill Board of Commissioners has issued calls for proposals to replace all existing street signs at the community's 157 intersections, some more than 20 years old.

New decorative, easy-to-read ornamental signs will be acquired and installed by June 2008.

Proposals are due at the city offices at 5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 102, by 12 noon on Friday March 14, 2008. The proposals will be reviewed by the Commissioners at the March 20 regular monthly meeting.

The new street signs, which are budgeted in the 2007–2008 annual budget, will add to the overall quality of Oak Hill, providing a unified "signature" to the community. ❁

Key election dates

- **Withdrawal deadline:** 12 noon, Thursday, March 27
- **Last day to register to vote in person:** Monday, May 12
- **Last day to register to vote by mail:** Monday, May 12
- **Financial disclosure due:** Tuesday, June 3
- **Early voting, first day:** Wednesday, May 21
- **Early voting, last day:** Thursday, June 5
- **Voting day:** Tuesday, June 10



Irish Wolfhounds in Oak Hill

"Willie" with Anna Doherty, who with her husband, Jake Mayer, kick off St. Patrick's Day. See story on page 2.

City of Oak Hill

Mayor

Tommy Alsop
Oak Hill Office: 371-8291
780-0037

Vice Mayor

Tommy Jacobs 837-9863

Commissioner

Ray Throckmorton 255-3559

Planning Commission

Mike Allison, Chair

Patricia Carlson

Judy Hoover

Trevor Howell

Art McWilliams

Annelle Rucker

Julia Wesley

The mayor, vice mayor, and commissioner also sit on this commission.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Greer Tidwell, Chair

Tom Lawless

Steve Wasserman

City Attorney

Robert J. Notestine 297-1568

City Engineer

Chad Collier 331-1441

City Manager

Dr. William (Bill) Kraus 371-8291
HOME 373-1608

Assistant City Manager

M.C. Sparks 371-8291

Administrative Assistant

Patrick Steiner 371-8291

Building Official

Bill Burdette 371-8291

Office: 5548 Franklin Pike
Suite 102

www.oakhilltn.us

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

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

People are what it's all about

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, I was contacted recently by Anna Doherty of Crestridge Drive who shared the following with us.

The Dohertys have an Irish Wolfhound who is named My Boy Willie CD RAE JC (Willie for short) who, as you can see, has many titles, and has been in Oak Hill since he was eight weeks old. He is now almost five. Anna initially acquired him in honor of one of her favorite students, who was the first Tennessean killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Anna adds, "Willie has been great therapy and there are lots of stories I could relate."

Anna adds, "Our friend Pony Maples who lives on Curtiswood Circle, has an even older Irish Wolfhound—Mac—who was our inspiration for getting Willie."

Mac goes to work daily with Pony, who recently lost his wife. Pony and his late wife have made products utilized by the military in Iraq. "Mac has been a great comfort to him after losing his wife," Anna stated.

I share a story like this because it is what makes Oak Hill the truly wonderful community that we share. Each of our 4,726 citizens are an individual tribute to this city's wonderful spirit.

Residents talk traffic

Along these lines, I want to acknowledge a number of Oak Hill citizens whom we have had the recent opportunity to visit with and chat about traffic issues.

Kelly Doyle and Lara Welborn on Pleasant Valley Road expressed concern with speeders along their street as well as the number of drivers who miss the ramp from Thompson Lane/Woodmont Boulevard onto Franklin Pike and subsequently decide to utilize Pleasant Valley Road for their turnaround.

Bill Gelsdorfen lives on Churchwood Drive and recommends stop signs at Churchwood Drive and Robertson Academy Road as well as at Churchwood Drive and Oak Valley Lane.

Tom Villager at Villa Crest has seen much take place in Oak Hill

and how traffic has greatly increased through our community as a result of major growth and development all around us.

Amy James, a relatively new arrival on Oak Valley Lane, learned through a recent traffic survey conducted by the Oak Hill City Engineer that Oak Valley Lane had the highest percentage of motorists speeding of any residential street in the survey. Over 40% of all drivers were recorded as exceeding the speed limit on Oak Valley.

Special thanks are also in order to **Frierson Craig** for his concerns for traffic safety on Otter Creek Road leading to Radnor Lake Preserve and **John Flanagan** for his tireless efforts on behalf of the disabled veterans in our area.

The list of wonderful Oak Hill citizens can go on and on and we want to thank each and everyone of you for your dedication and excellence! Oak Hill shall continue to "bloom" as we approach the upcoming spring time, made possible by its people. 🌱

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BY BILL KRAUS

CORNER



"Mac" with Pony Maples and his late wife, Kaye

Commissioners seeking tornado warning system

As a result of recent tornadoes in Tennessee, the Oak Hill Board of Commissioners voted to request Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Emergency Operating Center to consider installation of two tornado warning systems in the central and southern area of the community.

At present, there is one warning system at Glendale School, which serves the north neighborhoods of

Oak Hill. New systems are requested for placement:

- In the area generally in and around Franklin Pike and Tyne Boulevard

- On the Metro Reservoir north of Lakemont Drive if feasible.

Oak Hill is also exploring the possibility of creating a local Emergency Preparedness Program where shelter resources could be identified at community schools or churches. 🌿



The winning tree from 2004 is on Stonewall Drive in Oak Hill.

Enter your big tree in contest

One of the greatest things about living in the City of Oak Hill is the beautiful trees that grace our neighborhoods—and the Nashville Tree Foundation wants your help in finding and recognizing them.

Every spring, the Tree Foundation holds its annual Big Old Tree Contest to honor the largest trees in Davidson County. Each species competes against other trees of the same type, and the largest in each species is recognized with a certificate presented at the High Tree Party held at the site of one of the winning trees.

You can nominate as many trees as you like, of any species. They can be on your property, on public land, or on someone else's property. If it's someone else's, please ask their permission before sending in the nomination.

The deadline is April 1. You can find complete instructions on how to measure trees and an entry form at NashvilleTreeFoundation.org.

Watch for photos of big old Oak Hill trees in future newsletters. 🌿

2008 CALENDAR

- **March 15**
4th annual Nashville Civil War Symposium—"Occupied Nashville"
Civil War historians look at the Western Theater, including state historian Walter Durham, TSU's Dr. Bobby Lovett, and MTSU's Dr. Robert Hunt.
Travellers Rest Plantation Museum
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
\$40 per person includes lunch
636 Farrell Parkway, 832-8197
- **March 20**
Qualifying deadline for filing petition for Commissioner
Noon
Davidson County Election Commission
800 Second Avenue South, second floor
862-8800
- **April 1**
Last day to enter Big Old Tree Contest
Nashville Tree Foundation, 292-5175
nashvilletreefoundation.org
- **April 9**
John Overton's Birthday
His historic house will be open all day for free for a look at one of Tennessee's most influential 19th-century citizens.
Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Free
636 Farrell Parkway, 832-8197
- **April 25**
Spring Sampler
More than 25 demonstrators will bring the 19th century to life. Sponsored in part through a grant from the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission.
Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum
9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Adults \$10, youth 4–16 \$5, children 3 and under free
636 Farrell Parkway, 832-8197
- **June 1**
Travellers Rest Music Festival
Picnic on the lawn and enjoy music from Celtic to bluegrass to New Age.
Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum
4–7 p.m.
Adults \$12, youth 6–12 \$5, children 5 and under free
636 Farrell Parkway, 832-8197
- **June 10**
Oak Hill Election
Elect one commissioner for a four-year term
7 a.m.–7 p.m.
Brentwood Hills Church of Christ
5120 Franklin Pike, 862-8800

Enhanced police services move one step further

The Board of Commissioners approved a resolution at its February 21 meeting that would create a Proprietary Security Organization (PSO) that would allow the city to employ off-duty Metro Police officers for certain duties and responsibilities.

Responding to many citizen requests for increased traffic enforcement on local streets as well as neighborhood patrols, the City of Oak Hill has been exploring a number of possible options to enhance the public safety of the community.

In order to establish a Proprietary Security Organization, Oak Hill would:

- Need to register with the State of Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance
 - Be required to show proof of liability insurance
- Once the PSO is registered,

the city can hire any officer(s) it chooses, schedule officers as it pleases, and negotiate the rate of pay.

The officer(s) would be paid directly by the City, which serves as the officer's employer and schedules working hours. Metro Police units would be utilized to complete the service.

As part of the consideration of improving overall law enforcement services in Oak Hill, a municipal court would be created in Oak Hill similar to existing courts in Belle Meade, Berry Hill, Lakewood, and Goodlettsville.

One of the added services that might result from this program would be increased enforcement of non-solicitation laws regarding door-to-door salespersons in Oak Hill neighborhoods. 🌿

QUICK CALL LIST



CITY OF OAK HILL

5548 Franklin Pike #102
371-8291 fax 373-6886
After hours: 373-1608
www.oakhilltn.us

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Chipper Service

Jackaroo
371-8291

Garbage Pickup

Clean Earth Sanitation
371-8291

Snow and Ice

Management Service
C&C Lawncare
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



Board of Zoning Appeals

- **Denied** a request by St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, which is just outside the Oak Hill city limits, for approval to utilize its property within Oak Hill for a Green Hills YMCA Soccer League.

Planning Commission

- **Approved** a request by the Korean Methodist Church to combine two lots at 908 and 912 Old Hickory Boulevard to build a new church with the requirement for preparing 1) a landscaping plan for review, 2) a proposed signage plan, and 3) zoning, use, and code compliance.

Board of Commissioners

- **Approved** a resolution that would create a Proprietary Security Organization (PSO) which would allow the City of Oak Hill to employ off-duty Metro Police officers for certain duties and responsibilities.

- **Called** for proposals to replace street signs at all 157 intersections in the city.

- **Passed** Ordinance 08-1 authorizing election of one commissioner June 10 with a qualifying deadline of March 20 as set by the Davidson County Election Commission.

- **Accepted** presentation of the audit for 2006-2007 prepared by John Poole, who has been invited to attend the March meeting.

- **Heard** that City Engineer Chad Collier is working on a proposal establishing fees for inspection of Public Works projects on non-public rights-of-way.

- **Continued** to the March meeting the consideration of the establishment of a historical district and Heritage Commission for the city of Oak Hill.

- **Voted** to request Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Emergency Operating Center to consider installation of two tornado warning systems in the central and southern areas of Oak Hill.

- **Discussed** expanding staffing for the City of Oak Hill. 🌿

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board and commission meetings at
www.oakhilltn.us

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City of Oak Hill

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June 10
Qualifying deadline
is March 20

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