

# Oak Hill news

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NEWS FLASH

## City tries speed tables to calm traffic

Four speed tables have been ordered as a trial traffic calming measure and are expected to be installed in August, said Interim City Manager M.C. Sparks.

Two are to be placed on Oak Valley Lane and two on Glendale Lane. Speed tables are flat-topped speed humps and are generally long enough for the entire wheelbase of a passenger car to rest on top. The design of speed tables allows for more gradual slowing of vehicle speed than humps.

## Mayor's Forum is August 12

Mayor Tommy Alsup has announced the first of a series of quarterly meetings designed to let Oak Hill residents talk about City issues.

The inaugural Mayor's Forum will be August 12 at 7 p.m. at the Woodmont Hills Church of Christ, 3710 Franklin Pike. (See map.)

"These public meetings in a larger facility are a chance for anyone who lives in Oak Hill to tell me what's on their mind: sound walls, the city manager's retirement, traffic, or other issues."

It's a two-way street, Mayor Alsup said. "This is also my opportunity to update you on how the Board of Commissioners and I are working hard to make a great city even greater."



Alsup anticipates that this will be the first of many such conversations. "For a small city, we have a lot going on. I'm committed to increasing the opportunities to share information—it's good for the City and its residents," he said. 🌿



## McMullen elected Vice Mayor

City Attorney Bob Notestine swears in new Oak Hill Commissioner Austin McMullen as his wife Kelly looks on. The Board of Commissioners elected McMullen Vice Mayor on June 19.

## Gawaluck joins BZA, four re-appointed to Planning Commission

### Lawless is BZA chair

Dr. Lorelee Gawaluck, a 12-year resident of Oak Hill, has been appointed by Mayor Tommy Alsup to the open seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term.

Tom Lawless, who has served on the BZA since 2006, was named chair by Mayor Alsup. The term of Steve Wasserman, who was appointed in 2004, expires in 2010.

A former professor of

Spanish language and literature at Vanderbilt University,



Dr. Gawaluck

Dr. Gawaluck said she was honored to be involved in the City of Oak Hill.

"It is important that we all make a contribution," she said. "I see serving on the BZA as a way to make a

positive influence in our community and retain its special character."

### Planning Commissioners re-appointed

Four members of the Planning Commission have been re-appointed for three-year terms. They are:

- Judy Hoover, first appointed in 1996
- Art McWilliams, 2002
- Annelle Rucker, 1992
- Julia Wesley, 1999

Terms of the other three commissioners expire in 2010. They are:

- Chair Mike Allison, first appointed in 1981
- Patricia Carlson, 2007
- Trevor Howell, 1995

"We value the contributions our residents make by serving on these often time-consuming commissions, and will be asking for more citizen involvement with the new Historical Heritage Commission," Mayor Alsup said. 🌿

# City of Oak Hill

## Mayor

Tommy Alsup  
Oak Hill Office: 371-8291

## Vice Mayor

Austin McMullen 298-1492

## 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

Tom Lawless, Chair

Lorelee Gawaluck

Steve Wasserman

## City Attorney

Robert J. Notestine 297-1568

## City Engineer

Chad Collier 331-1441

## Interim 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

### Hours

Monday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[www.oakhilltn.us](http://www.oakhilltn.us)

### Meeting Dates

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.



Don't throw away this newsletter; recycle it!

# We're moving on

The City is making progress in our quest to find a new permanent City Manager. Our ad in *Tennessee Town and City* (see box below) is getting favorable response.

In the meantime, Interim City Manager M.C. Sparks is doing a terrific job keeping the daily business of the City operating smoothly, and Patrick and Bud continue taking care of permits and inspections.

## The state of Our City

I am pleased to report that the City of Oak Hill finished fiscal year 2007–2008 in good shape financially. Thanks to sound money management, prudent investing, and tight control of expenditures, we were able to close the year with a budget surplus of more than \$411,227. This represents quite an accomplishment with the downturn in the economy and increases in the cost of living.

To make the best use of the surplus, a significant amount has been placed in certificates of deposit. This allows us access to the funds if we need them for unforeseen expenses, while earning moderate interest on the investment.

## Lines of communication

I am continuing to explore new ways of letting you know what's happening in Oak Hill.

Over the years, our means of keeping residents in touch with the workings of the City has expanded. In the early days of our incorporation, residents received periodic reports of the issues and governance of the City. Then, several years ago, we began publishing a newsletter that has been mailed to residents

at regular intervals.

If you haven't visited our website, [www.oakhilltn.us](http://www.oakhilltn.us), lately, check it out—it's been totally redesigned to be more accessible and informative.

And most recently, we have initiated email notification (to residents who sign up for it on the website) to keep you informed with regular updates and immediate breaking news.

To open a dialogue between the City and its residents, I am pleased to announce the first quarterly Mayor's Forum on August 12. (See story on page 1.)

Every quarter, I will host a meeting where you, the residents, have an opportunity to bring issues to the table that affect your life in Oak Hill. I will listen to your concerns, share with you what I know about developing situations, and work with you to determine the best course of action.

I'm sure the retirement of our City Manager and the search for a replacement will be a major item for discussion. Beyond that, the agenda is up to you—so bring your questions, suggestions, and ideas for shaping the future.

## FROM THE MAYOR

Tommy Alsup II



I'm looking forward to these regular opportunities to hear from my fellow Oak Hill residents. It's just one more way we can all work together to keep our City moving in the right direction.

## Thanks for your input

Let me take this opportunity to say how pleased I have been over the past year at the willingness of Oak Hill residents to stand up, show up, and speak up on City issues.

The outpouring of your energy in response to our fight against construction at the Executive Residence, our efforts to obtain sound walls along I-65, the legal issues surrounding our City Manager, and other important City matters has been phenomenal. We all truly are fortunate to live in a community where our neighbors care so much about preserving our quality of life. 🌿

### CITY MANAGER OAK HILL, TENNESSEE

The City seeks applications for the position of City Manager. Established community located in Davidson County, Tennessee. Commission-City Manager form of government with manager reporting to Mayor and Board of Commissioners. The City Manager will lead and direct all departments including administration, safety, planning and code enforcement, streets and public services. Require BA/BS in public or business administration, political science, public policy or related field. Prefer some municipal experience as manager or assistant manager in local government. Salary: DOQ/E. Excellent benefits package. Position open until filled. The required City application is available from the Interim City Manager. The application, with resume, cover letter, references and salary history should be submitted to: City of Oak Hill, 5548 Franklin Road, Suite 102, Nashville, TN 37220. The Interim City Manager may be contacted by phone at (615) 371-8291.

From the Interim City Manager

# Congratulations and thanks are in order

Happy Fourth of July (a couple of weeks late)!

So far we have not completely roasted in Oak Hill this summer, and hopefully we will not have too many more days around 100.

## Thanks, congratulations

The first things I would like to say are a few “thank you’s” and “congratulations.” The first is to Dr. Bill Kraus. Bill retired as City Manager at the end of June, but still remains an active resident of Oak Hill, as well as devoting time to the various classes he teaches in Public Administration. He is a fine fellow, brilliant man, and it was my great honor to work with him for the last five years.

The City of Oak Hill election was held the second Tuesday in June; at the first regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners following an election, the Commissioners elect for a two-year term a Mayor and a Vice Mayor.

Congratulations to Austin McMullen for his election to the Oak Hill Board of Commissioners, and election by the Board to the position of Vice Mayor. Austin has already shown an excellent commitment to his new task.

Also congrats to Tommy Alsup for being named Mayor for another term; and thanks to Ray Throckmorton for his continuing service and support. Finally, a large thank you goes to former Commissioner Tommy Jacobs. His time on the Board was productive and his support invaluable, and he is someone I respect and appreciate.

## It’s building season

Vacations are happening, and things have slowed down a bit for the summer in general. Building projects continue apace, as this is building season, and

people are wanting to get those projects done before it gets too cold.

Please remember to contact City Hall with any questions—many types of items require permits in Oak Hill, and we are more than happy to help work through getting those permits issued.

## City services

Chipper service and garbage collection service are working exceedingly well. There are usually one or two calls in the summer about garbage—these are due to someone unfamiliar with the routes as Clean Earth employees cover for those on vacation. So give us a call and we will help clear up any item like this.

Jackaroo—you may have seen in a previous newsletter—is not only running the chipper service, but installing those beautiful new street signs you see popping up around the city.

I am always grateful to Jackaroo and Clean Earth, as both of these companies are groups of conscientious and hard-working people, and do such a wonderful job for us. It is a pleasure to know they are out there doing these jobs, as it takes a lot of worries off us in the office.

## Sound walls, sirens

The City administration is still working on several projects, nudging them toward fruition—this includes the sound wall along I-65, and the new emergency warning sirens to be installed.

Chief Building Official Bill Burdette, and Administrative Assistant Patrick Steiner continue to be a great asset to the City of Oak Hill office. We in the office hope you have a great summer. If you have any comments, or need assistance, let us know. 🌿



BY M.C. SPARKS

## QUICK CALL LIST



### CITY OF OAK HILL

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371-8291 FAX 373-6886  
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### 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

● Welcomed Lorelee Gawaluck as new member of Board of Zoning Appeals by Tom Lawless, recently appointed chair.

● Approved request of Ben Sensing, 4105 Crestridge Drive, to correct record concerning previously approved variance.

● Heard from John Overton High School, 4820 Franklin Pike, about plans for construction of two classrooms, dining/kitchen expansion and ADA updates and asked city engineer to work with contractors on drainage.

● Approved request of Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Rutherford, 1142 Brookwood Lane, to allow construction of a sport court without lighting at this time.

● Approved request of Jennifer Petty, 827 Tyne Valley Court, to amend variance for rear setback granted in April from 54 to 68 feet.

● Approved request on behalf of Ray Watt, 4008 Newman Place, to allow construction of an exercise

room and garage on condition of notification to adjoining neighbors of plans for review at City Hall. If no dissents, the request is automatically approved. If there is opposition, request will be placed on August agenda.

● Deferred signage request of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Academy, 5110 Franklin Pike.

### Planning Commission

● Approved request of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams, 919 Overton Lea Road to recombine two lots of 2.52 acres each into one lot subject to City Engineer's approval of site plan showing envelope.

### Board of Commissioners

● Passed on first reading to establish Historical Heritage Commission to make recommendations regarding various types of historical properties to Board of Commissioners. The Commission would have no zoning authority.

● Heard report from City Engineer that he is continuing to explore options for use of the grant funds from the State of Tennessee.

● Learned a letter and survey form to be sent to all property owners affected by the proposed sound wall is being drafted and that the City Engineer will have a list of bidders approved by the state eligible to receive proposals

for the August meeting.

● Passed on second reading Ordinance 08-6 regulating solicitation, peddlers and transient vendors, which was updated from first reading.

● Deferred until August meeting for further review by the commissioners the resolution authorizing the implementation of a safety program, including appointing a safety coordinator.

● Approved two projects replacing outdated and deteriorating drainage pipes under the street at Granny White Pike and Saxon Drive. The extensive project may require lane closing during daylight hours but will not be closed at peak travel times.

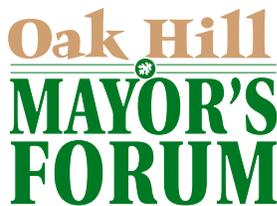
● Approved adding statement that the City of Oak Hill is an equal opportunity employer on applications and contracts to fulfill requirements of the Title IV survey.

● Agreed to schedule a meeting at a larger facility for public comment concerning the former city manager and other issues relating City of Oak Hill policies. 🌿

You can find agendas and unofficial summaries of Oak Hill board and commission meetings at [www.oakhilltn.us](http://www.oakhilltn.us)

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