

Oak Hill news

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NEWS FLASH

Write in 1907 on tax return

Make sure your 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 back-door garbage pickup, leaf and limb removal, and street maintenance.

Kevin Helms selected Oak Hill City Manager

Kevin Helms, who has 12 years' experience managing two Tennessee cities, was named City Manager of the City of Oak Hill by the Board of Commissioners at a special meeting January 29.

Vice Mayor Austin McMullen made the motion to hire Helms. He made reference to his similar motion at the January 15 meeting, which did not receive a

second. At that meeting he said Helms was very well qualified, takes his job seriously, and works to achieve effective, efficient city government. Mayor Alsup seconded the motion which passed 2-0 with Commissioner Raymond T. Throckmorton abstaining.

Helms said he is looking forward into getting into the office on a full time basis beginning February 9 and meeting the residents.

"I think Oak Hill is a wonderful community with many opportunities," he said. "With the turmoil the city and its residents have endured the past few months, I will work hard to unify all components and build a team as we move forward."

"Kevin Helms was highly recommended by his peers in our area," Mayor Tommy Alsup said. "We are fortunate



Vice Mayor Austin McMullen, left, and Mayor Tommy Alsup, right, welcome Oak Hill's new City Manager, Kevin Helms.

someone with his impeccable credentials was available to be the 12th city manager of Oak Hill."

Helms, the current president of the Tennessee City Management Association, is on the Board of Directors of Tennessee Municipal League.

He was city administrator for the City of Fayetteville from March 2006 to December 2008 and city manager of the City of Clifton in Wayne County from September 1996 to March 2006. Administration changes among the Board of Mayor and Alderman led to his decision to resign the Fayetteville position, Helms said. At Clifton he served for the City Commission.

Helms has a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a master of public administration degree with a concentration on local government management from the University of Alabama.

His formal professional training includes attending the Institute for Public Service at the Elected Officials Academy and the local government leadership program at the University of Tennessee. He was also the Tennessee City Management Association scholarship recipient for the senior executive institute at the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. 🌿

Jacobs named Oak Hill Safety Coordinator



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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

Austin McMullen, acting chair

Mike Allison

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

City Manager

Kevin Helms 371-8291

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

Hours

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

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.

Moving ahead with new momentum

I am pleased to extend an official welcome to City Manager Kevin Helms, the newest member of the Oak Hill family. I hope that over the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to welcome him personally.

He comes to us highly recommended as a person who works hard and is able to get things done. We have a number of projects that need to move forward, including:

- Developing the new safety program, which includes traffic control and launching supplemental police protection

- Sound walls
- Glen Leven
- Appointing new

members to and developing guidelines for the recently approved Financial Advisory Committee and Historical Heritage Commission.

As Mayor, I am committed to working with the Board of Commissioners to move our great city forward, and I am convinced that Kevin is the right choice to help us achieve our goals.

Thanks to staff

I particularly want to thank the office staff for going the extra mile for the past eight months when we have been without a City Manager. Assistant City Manager M.C. Sparks, Administrative

Assistant Patrick Steiner, and Building Official Bill Burdette helped keep the City on track.

Financial update

At the halfway mark of the City's fiscal year, Oak Hill has already reached 102% of its budgeted revenue while keeping expenses at 47%. It's very important that all of you write in "1907" when you file your return as revenue from the Hall Income Tax is a significant source of revenue for the City of Oak Hill. (See News Flash on page 1.)

Forums well-received

The Mayor's Forums have

FROM THE MAYOR



Tommy Alsup II

been well received. More than 100 citizens braved the bitter cold to attend the second quarterly forum January 17 at Franklin Road Academy. The residents commented and asked questions on a variety of topics ranging from the city's finances to street signs, safety, and status of city manager search.

I appreciate all the comments and look forward to the next Mayor's Forum in the spring with City Manager Helms in attendance. 🌿



Christmas trees recycled for trails

An Oak Hill Christmas tree begins its journey to the trails at Radnor Lake when Jackaroo employees place it in the shredder to turn it into mulch for the walking trails. Jackaroo collected more than 350 trees from Oak Hill.



Don't throw away this newsletter; recycle it!

Jacobs is Oak Hill Safety Coordinator

Former Oak Hill Vice Mayor Tommy Jacobs, a retired 30-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police Department, is the city's first Safety Coordinator.

As the city's official liaison with the police department—a position he filled during his term as commissioner—he will coordinate and direct the public safety activities of the city.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Tommy's experience, commitment, and knowledge of the police department who will ensure a free flow of information regarding any crimes, potential crimes, or traffic-related issues within the City of Oak Hill," Mayor Tommy Alsup said.

"I look forward to working with the residents and citizen groups to improve safety in our city," Jacobs said. "After you report a crime or incident, I will be glad to assist you through the questioning process with the police. I know this area as well as the right questions to ask. My designated telephone number will be on the website as soon as it is installed. Until then, contact me at City Hall, 371-8291."

Primarily he will focus on maintaining a good working relationship with the Metro Police Department and its coverage of Oak Hill.

"When I see a need for more law enforcement such as an increase in burglaries or traffic viola-

tions, I will request extra patrols from the flex unit," he said.

When more patrols than Metro can provide are needed, Jacobs will work with assigning off-duty police officers hired as needed by the city after passage of an ordinance on third reading February 3. Sponsored by Council members Carter Todd and Karen Bennett, Ordinance BL 2009-368 amends Section 2.44.210 of the Metropolitan Code to allow the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department to contract with smaller cities within the area of the Metropolitan Government to provide extra-duty police services.

A resolution creating a safety program for the City of Oak Hill was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners at its meeting December 18, with the safety coordinator position retroactive to December 1.

Mayor Alsup commended Jacobs for continuing to be Oak Hill's liaison after he completed his term in June while the process of establishing the safety program took much longer than expected.

He will maintain a current list and crime map of crimes reported in Oak Hill, attend the weekly meetings of the West Precinct, and provide a crime report at each meeting of the Board of Commissioners. 🌿

2009 CALENDAR

- **February 17**
Board of Zoning Appeals
Monthly meeting
Oak Hill City Office
5548 Franklin Pike
371-8291
- **February 19**
Planning Commission
Monthly meeting
Oak Hill City Office
5548 Franklin Pike
371-8291
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Board of Commissioners
Monthly meeting
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Marker Text: Battle of Nashville (December 16, 1864) Confederate Final Stand

After the withdrawal from the main Confederate line at Peach Orchard Hill, Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee formed a battle line across Franklin Pike 400 yards east of here with 200 men from the remnants of Brig. Gen. Henry Clayton's division and two cannons from the Eufaula Light Artillery. This last line of defense helped halt the Federal pursuit for the night as the Confederate army retreated through the hills to the southwest.

Confederate last stand marker unveiled on 144th anniversary of battle

A historical marker honoring the final stand of the Confederate Army was unveiled on December 16, the 144th anniversary of the battle at 827 Tyne Boulevard, near the site of the last line of defense.

Kathy and Mark Wright funded the Metropolitan Historical Commission marker that is placed in front of their home.

At the unveiling are from left David Ragan, senior interpreter at Travellers Rest Plantation; Brian Allison, interim curator at Travellers Rest; Jim Kay, president of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, in his recently purchased Cavalry uniform; Kathy Wright with Banner; Kathy's father Thomas Hooper; Gene Andrews of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and Mark Wright.

After the unveiling of the marker, artillery from reenactment units fired cannons for about an hour from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church grounds. 🌿

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371-8291

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371-8291

Snow and Ice Management Service

Mid Tennessee Erosion Control
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



Unofficial summary

Board of Zoning Appeals

January 13, 2009

- **Approved** Case 08-32, a request by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Stockton, 4021 Overbrook Drive, to allow construction of a new garage, master bedroom suite, and covered porch.

Unofficial summary

Planning Commission

January 15, 2009

- **Approved** motion that Vice Mayor Austin McMullen serve as acting chair and Mayor Tommy Alsup serve as acting vice chair, with the chairpersons being elected by the members of the appointed Planning Commission at the February 17 meeting to replace Mike Allison. He resigned as chair in January but will continue to serve on the Commission.

- **Granted** request of Korean Methodist Church, 908 Old Hickory Boulevard, to update the site plan for the church facility by eliminating 45 parking spaces. The Commission instructed the church to go forward immediately with retaining wall and drainage plans to address ongoing drainage issues.

- **Requested** City Attorney to draft a sign ordinance prohibiting unacceptable signs for a workshop meeting of the Planning Commission in 21 days.

Unofficial summary

Board of Commissioners

January 15, 2009

- **Extended** deadline to January 30 for Request for Proposals for a management/design team for sound walls on I-65 and authorized advertisement of RFP in newspaper of general circulation.

- **Clarified** that the position of chief of safety was created in the resolution approved at the December meeting. Former Vice Mayor Tommy Jacobs, a retired Metro police officer,

has accepted the part time position at a salary of \$500 per month and \$100 for expenses.

- **By acclamation authorized** staff to obtain prices for a \$100,000 fidelity bond for those with power to sign checks for the City.

- **Approved** with conditions proposal from Mid Tennessee Erosion Control for snow removal.

- **Approved** name-clearing hearing by Dr. William Kraus. In the event that he still wishes to proceed with said hearing, it will be scheduled on a date to be determined by attorneys representing City of Oak Hill and Dr. Kraus.

- **Scheduled** a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners to consider and vote on hiring a City Manager for January 29 at 5 p.m. at the City office, 5548 Franklin Pike.

- **Deferred** the appointment of members to the Financial Advisory Committee and report by City Attorney on the status of the small cities litigation to the February 19 meeting. 🌿

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