

Oak Hill news



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NEWS FLASH

Don't let landscaper park on the street

It's grass-cutting season, and commercial landscaping vehicles are out in force in the City of Oak Hill. Please ask your landscapers not to park on the street. On-street parking of landscaping/mowing vehicles is a growing problem because they take up so much of the street. Oak Hill has a long-standing ordinance against street parking. The City's main concern is the safety of both those parking and those driving.

Mayor's Forum set for April 26

Mayor Tommy Alsup will host his quarterly forum for residents at 2 p.m. April 26 at Judson Baptist Church. The forum will be held in Room 2106 of the church at 4900 Franklin Pike. "This will be your opportunity to get to know our new City Manager Kevin Helms," Mayor Alsup said. "And I'm

Oak Hill MAYOR'S FORUM

looking forward to discussing the state of the City and answering your questions," he said.

Sign up for CrimeWatch, news updates

The City of Oak Hill offers two updates by email, City News and CrimeWatch. Sign up to receive occasional news about Oak Hill and important information about crime in your neighborhood from Oak Hill Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs. Visit oakhilltn.us and click *Get news updates by email* at the top of the home page. You can choose to receive either City News or CrimeWatch or both. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Glendale, Oak Hill schools get more zones

The Board of Commissioners has approved the establishment of new school zones and funding for new signs around Glendale and Oak Hill schools. The Glendale school zone has been under review for several months. The Oak Hill school zone came as a recom-

mendation from an advisory committee made up of residents near the school and representatives of the school. The school-zone signs should be in place within four to six weeks. The streets affected include Robertson Academy Road, Tyne Boulevard, Thompson Avenue, Oak Valley Lane, and General Bate, Crestridge, Overbrook, Melville, and Churchwood drives.



Visit the City's website at oakhilltn.us for maps of the new school zones.

Not getting your updates?

If you signed up for updates and haven't received any, they may be in your mail program's spam folder. To ensure you always receive updates, add update@oakhilltn.us to your address book.



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

Art McWilliams, chair

Mike Allison

Patricia Carlson

Judy Hoover

Trevor Howell

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

Collier Engineering 331-1441

City Manager

Kevin Helms 557-7672

Assistant City Manager

M.C. Sparks 509-4812

Safety Coordinator

Tommy Jacobs 557-7329

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.

City has new procedures, streamlined processes

Before discussing a number of projects that we are currently working on, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the warm welcome that I have received from all of Oak Hill.

I have enjoyed meeting a number of residents and look forward to meeting many more at the next mayor's forum. The city staff has been tremendous in making my transition easier and I would especially like to thank Mayor Alsup, Vice-Mayor McMullen, and Commissioner Throckmorton for giving me the opportunity to serve the citizens of Oak Hill.

We are currently assessing ways that we can improve the city website. We plan to add more information to the site so that it will be of greater use to our residents. While we have some ideas on the changes that need to be made, I encourage you to contact us and offer your ideas as well.

Streamlining processes

We are also streamlining several of our processes. As a first step in this effort, we are updating the Municipal Code

Book. This process will take about two years and when we are done we will have a single book that we can turn to when a question arises about how our government should operate and what our rules and regulations are. This will be the first update of our code book since the early 1990s.

We are instituting new processes in our submittal and review of issues to come before the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. We hope that this process will allow these two bodies to operate more efficiently and with a greater knowledge of the issues. It is our responsibility as staff to make this happen. However, this begins with the enforcement of submittal deadlines for issues to be placed on the agenda. Items for the Planning Commission should be submitted to our office 30 days prior to the meeting, and for the Board of Zoning Appeals the deadline is 14 days.

A strict adherence to these guidelines allows us to protect the rights of all citizens. We will also be purchasing signs to temporarily display as a public

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms



notice on properties that are scheduled to come before one of these bodies for a hearing.

We plan to post the agenda for all meetings on the website no less than five days prior to the meeting. We believe that this allows us to protect the rights of all citizens by allowing them the opportunity to know when an issue will be heard and to be present to speak on the issue if they so choose.

Send your questions

In closing, I would like to devote some of the space in each newsletter to answer your questions. I encourage you to submit questions to me regarding issues in Oak Hill and I will do my best to answer them. I will select some of these for inclusion in the newsletter as space permits.

If you would like to contact me regarding any of the issues I have mentioned, you may call me at 371-8291 or email me at khoakhill@bellsouth.net. 🌿



LOVE THE LAKE
Plein air paintings of Radnor Lake

Art show benefits Radnor Lake

Love the Lake, an art show to benefit Radnor Lake, is April 17-19.

Friends of Radnor Lake is sponsoring the show with The Chestnut Group, an alliance of Middle Tennessee landscape artists. Known as "plein air painters for the land," the artists specialize in painting outdoors, "in the open air."

The art show is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the natural area's Visitor Center on Otter Creek Road. 🌿



Don't throw away this newsletter; recycle it!

Keep keys by bedside

If your car keys have a panic button, keep them beside your bed at night, says Oak Hill Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs.

It's a simple security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. If you feel threatened, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you reset it or the car battery dies.

You can set it off from almost anywhere inside your house. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar or invader won't stick around. 🌿



THE CHIEF SAYS



To date none of the homes burglarized in Oak Hill has had a home security system. Although such systems do not guarantee a burglary-free home, they do provide some deterrent to criminals.

2009 CALENDAR

- **April 14**
Board of Zoning Appeals
Monthly meeting
Oak Hill City Office
5548 Franklin Pike
371-8291
- **April 16**
**Planning Commission/
Board of Commissioners**
Monthly meeting
Oak Hill City Office
5548 Franklin Pike
371-8291
- **April 26**
Mayor's Forum
Room 2106
Judson Baptist Church
4900 Franklin Pike
2 p.m.
- **April 17-19**
Love the Lake Art Show
Benefiting Radnor Lake
Radnor Lake Visitor Center,
Otter Creek Road
8 a.m. -6 p.m.
371-8291
- **May 5**
Spring Sampler
Celebrate spring at Travellers
Rest, 646 Farrell Parkway.
Explore the museum, watch
craft demonstrations, and
enjoy interactive activities.
9 a.m. -4 p.m.
\$5.50
832-8197

NEWS BRIEFS

Sound wall decision set for April

The City is getting close to constructing sound walls along I-65.

The evaluation committee recommended to the Board of Commissioners that the engineering design be awarded to Collier Engineering.

A 30-day delay was issued by the Commission. During this time, city staff will work to determine if new funding might be available for this project through the Tennessee Department of Transportation or through Federal Stimulus Funds.

This information will be reported back to the Commission at its April meeting, and a decision will be made regarding preliminary engineering for the project at that time. 🌿

Sign ordinance being updated

In an effort to protect the scenic beauty and residential character of Oak Hill, the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the city's decades-old sign ordinance.

The final product will undergo legal review, two readings, and a public hearing before it is enacted. The process could be finished by the end of June. 🌿

Funding approved for tornado sirens

The Board of Commissioners has approved all funding needed to proceed with the installation of two sirens in the Oak Hill area.

The City has awarded this work to the Metro contract holder, Stansell Electric. Oak Hill is purchasing and installing the northernmost siren and still assessing locations for the siren in the south-

ern portion of the City. Once that site is selected, the order will be placed for purchase and installation. The total cost of this project will be approximately \$73,000. 🌿

City garden on Seeds of Hope tour

The garden of John and Dana Atkins on Gateway Lane is one of eight chosen for the 2009 Seeds of Hope Garden Tour.

The June 6 event benefits at-risk youths ages 16-24 living at the nonprofit Monroe Harding campus at 1120 Glendale Lane.

Tickets are \$15 the day of the tour or \$12 in advance from brandontisdale@monroeharding.org or at all Bank of Nashville branches. 🌿

Register to reduce nuisance calls

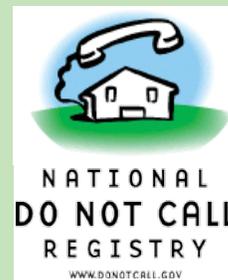
If you're tired of telemarketers tying up your phone line and interrupting your dinner, you can sign up with the National Do No Call Registry to reduce nuisance calls.

Visit donotcall.gov to register your home or mobile telephone number for free. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at the site.

The registry became permanent in 2008—you do not have to re-register or update your account.

Some calls are exempt: calls from or on behalf of political organizations, charities, and telephone surveyors are permitted, as are calls from companies with which you have an existing business relationship, or those to whom you've provided agreement in writing to receive their calls.

For more information visit donotcall.gov. 🌿



QUICK CALL LIST



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5548 Franklin Pike #102
371-8291 FAX 373-6886
www.oakhilltn.us

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Chipper Service

Jackaroo
371-8291

Garbage Pickup

Clean Earth Sanitation
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

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator
557-7329

THIS MONTH AT

CITY HALL

Unofficial summary

Board of Zoning Appeals

March 17, 2009

- Requested that the brightness of the sign at Judson Baptist Church be reduced and determined there are no current problems with its use during discussion of the scheduled six-month review after installation.

- Stated there is no need for further scheduled reviews and that the existing conditions, which include limiting number of messages, will remain in effect as outlined in the minutes of the December 2007 meeting of Board of Zoning Appeals.

You can find agendas and unofficial summaries of Oak Hill board and commission meetings at www.oakhilltn.us

Unofficial summary

Board of Commissioners

March 19, 2009

- Authorized City Manager to contact Tennessee Valley Authority to request a delay in cutting trees in Redwood Drive area until April 17 meeting of the Board of Commissioners in order to determine easement rights and obligations and to pursue an intergovernmental agreement concerning the city's participation in a tree trimming rather than a tree removal program. Also requested that the City Attorney review title information in an effort to determine easement rights.

- Approved proposal for additional school zones and signs for Glendale and Oak Hill Schools.

- Authorized securing bonds for Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager and Assistant City Manager in order to be in compliance with charter and state laws.

- Appropriated additional funds for two emergency warning sirens for a total of \$72,996.

- Accepted Chad Collier's resignation as City Engineer.

- Named Collier Engineering Company for engineering services until the City can solicit an RFP for engineering services.

- Deferred for one month awarding a contract for design/engineering for the sound walls along I-65 to determine feasibility of contacting Tennessee Department of Transportation concerning stimulus funds that could be applied to the project.

- Approved a resolution to transfer funds between line items in the current year operating budget.

Unofficial summary

Planning Commission

March 19, 2009

- Scheduled a special meeting of the Planning Commission to discuss updating the sign ordinance for March 31 at 5 p.m. The regular meeting of the Commission was not convened due to lack of a quorum. 🌿

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