

Oak Hill news

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NEWS FLASH

Remove garage sale signs promptly

Please remember that if you have a garage sale, retrieve ALL your signs as soon as it's over.

It is illegal to place signs in the right-of-way or to attach them to utility poles and street signs.

You should get permission from your neighbors before placing signs in their yards. 🌿

Extra police patrols make a difference

For the first three months beginning June 1, extra police patrols issued warnings for traffic violations in Oak Hill in an effort to educate drivers not to speed or run stop signs.

Safety coordinator Tommy Jacobs said after school started about a month ago the police began issuing tickets using a radar gun on loan from the Metro Police Department. It remains in the Oak Hill office so that it is available for every shift.

"We could issue a lot more, but it takes about 15 minutes to write up a ticket and the lower speed limit is only in effect for an hour in a school zone," Jacobs said.

At the beginning of school, Jacobs said, on one afternoon he counted only 26 of 105 cars coming to a complete stop at the intersection of Churchwood Drive and Oak Valley Lane as they entered the back gate at Oak Hill School. On one afternoon the first week in October the number not stopping dropped to four out of 45, with one person issued a speeding ticket.

Jacobs continues to monitor the extra patrols available through the secondary employment division of Metro Police on a staggered schedule of three four-hour shifts per week funded by the City of Oak Hill.

Jacobs is usually on site when "fixed traffic posts" are set up at specific points

in response to complaints/ requests from citizens, most recently at Crestridge Drive and Caldwell Lane and for speeders on Lakemont Drive. When not at a fixed location, the police drive the streets throughout the city.

A \$2,000 donation from First Presbyterian Church is being used for additional police presence on streets feeding into the church and school, which also puts up "no parking" signs for events and keeps the back gate locked during athletic events on Saturdays.

Jacobs said drivers routinely drive over the speed limit in Oak Hill and continue to run or barely slow down at stop signs, but they are improving.

In assessing the first four months of the extra patrols, Jacobs is quick to applaud the vigilance of residents to respond to the BOLO (Be On the Look-Out) reports about crimes committed in the area.

He said the city is inundated with solicitors with no permits and urged residents to report them to City Hall and to install "No Trespassing" signs.



Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs and City Manager Kevin Helms look over some of the tickets issued recently.

The extra patrols also are monitoring home football games at Father Ryan and Overton high schools. "While there have been no problems at Ryan, at Overton people have been parking in the yards of residents," Jacobs said, suggesting that "No Parking" signs be posted.

More grass cutters are now parking in customers' driveways after warnings that it is illegal to park on the street. 🌿

Police issue 20 citations

Although warnings are still being issued, police are now giving tickets depending on the gravity of the violation.

From about the beginning of September through October 9, police issued 20 citations. The average speeding violation was 25mph in a 15mph school zone.

In addition, one driver was arrested for an expired license, expired license tag, expired Metro sticker, and driving 30mph in a 20mph zone. 🌿

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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!

Follow the rules of the road for walking, biking

WHEN YOU live in a community as beautiful as Oak Hill, it is only natural to want to take a walk or bike ride to get out and enjoy it. One of our citizens recommended that I do a column on walking and biking etiquette. Having just participated in the Glendale Elementary Walk to School Day, it seemed like the perfect time to write about this topic.

In this column I will try to address proper techniques for individuals to safely share the road with vehicles. It is the responsibility of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicle operators to act with care while on the road.

The first principle for all parties is to be courteous and share the road. Motorists should obey all traffic laws, especially in school zones and other areas often used by pedestrians. If you are walking or biking, do not assume that a motorist will grant you the right of way until they indicate this to you. Either party may be distracted and not recognize that the other is on the road.

Tips for walking

1. Always walk in the lane facing oncoming traffic.

2. Wear light colored clothes, preferably with reflective material and carry a flashlight at night.

3. Carry some form of identification in the event of an accident so that emergency personnel can quickly notify another party.

4. Walk single file when a motorist approaches.

5. Leave the MP3 player at home or low enough that you are aware of your surroundings.

6. Teach safety to your children and realize that they do not have the skills to go it alone until about age ten.

7. Do not cross the street near obstacles that might obstruct a motorist's view of you.

8. Always obey traffic signals.

Tips for cycling

1. Wear a helmet and use lights at night.

2. Ride with the flow of traffic and never against traffic.

3. Obey all traffic signals just as if you were in a motor vehicle.

4. Use hand signals.

5. Ride single file and keep as far right as safety will allow.

6. Honor the right of way of motorists and pedestrians as

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms



traffic signals indicate.

7. If using a pedestrian area, including sidewalks, dismount and walk your bike to another area.

8. Don't weave in and out of stopped traffic or other stationary obstacles.

Motorists and bicyclists should realize that pedestrians have the right of way. However, pedestrians should not abuse these rights.

Bicyclists should remember that they are essentially motorists when it comes to the rules of the road. If each party will be considerate of the other, we can share the road while enjoying the beautiful area in which we live.

Monthly financial reports now available online

The City is posting monthly financial reports online.

This is another effort to increase transparency to better serve its residents.

You can find the report for July-August 2009 at www.oakhilltn.us/finances.html. 🌿



Glendale hosts Grandparent Tea

Grandparents from all over the country attended the Grandparent Tea at Glendale Spanish Immersion School October 11. Sponsored by the Glendale PTO and organized by April Parker and Beth Roth, the event featured music, poetry, and food on the front lawn of the school. Many parents made donations to the "Invest in Your Child Campaign," the main fundraiser for the school, to be used for instructional materials.



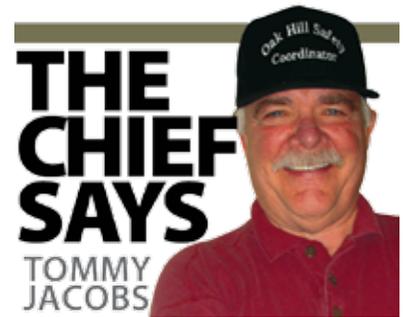
Cannons to roar through Oak Hill

If you hear the roar of cannons in your neighborhood on December 12, don't be alarmed. It's just a band of Civil War enthusiasts marking the Battle of Nashville nearly 145 years ago with an artillery display at St. Bartholomew Church.

More than a dozen soldiers and six cannons participated in a demonstration in the fall of 2008. The rumble of cannon fire

could be heard throughout Oak Hill, as around 200 spectators watched the event.

Jim Kay, president of the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society, will speak at First Presbyterian Church on Franklin Road on November 18. He will discuss the role the church property played in the Civil War. The talk begins at 6 p.m., and is free and open to the public. 🌿



Watch out for any person going door-to-door in a residential neighborhood. A person is especially suspicious if, after a few houses visited, one or more people go into a back or side yard. Be even more suspicious if another remains in the front when this occurs—this is a possible lookout for a burglary in progress inside.

Crime in progress: 911

Crime committed: 862-8600

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator: 557-7329

Report any criminal activity—no matter how small—because response from Metro is based on number of crimes reported.

Residents reduce resource use by going electronic

Dozens of residents are helping the City and the environment by receiving their Oak Hill newsletter online.

To date, 78 residents have requested news by email only. The move is part of a commitment made by City Manager Kevin Helms to make Oak Hill a sustainable community. "This will save several thousand sheets of paper every year, not to mention the environmental costs of printing and delivery," Helms said.

Residents who prefer to receive a printed copy of newsletters will continue to get them by mail. However, anyone who wants to receive newsletters only by email now has that option.

Both versions include the same content, but the online version is regularly updated.

What to do

- If you're **happy with your paper newsletter**, don't do anything.
- If you're **not a subscriber** to email updates, visit www.oakhilltn.us and click the New Subscriber button. Choose CrimeWatch, City News, or both. Then click "Don't send paper newsletter."

CrimeWatch

Email alerts on crimes in your neighborhood from Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs



City News

Email summary with links to complete print newsletter contents on the City's website



Stay up to date online

The City offers two email updates. Visit oakhilltn.us and click *Get news updates by email* at the top of the home page. You can receive either City News or CrimeWatch or both. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Not getting updates?

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

Guidelines for garbage pickup

The City of Oak Hill contracts for twice-a-week “backdoor” service. Call the City offices to find out your specific pickup days.

A maximum of four 30-gallon trash cans of “typical, daily household trash” will be collected. If you regularly generate more, please call the City offices to make arrangements.

Trash should be placed in plastic garbage bags to ensure pickup and avoid debris problems. All trash cans should have good lids and be secured in such a way as to keep animals from overturning them.

DO NOT place trash cans on the street right of way.

DO NOT put hazardous materials such as paint cans, chemicals, or other toxic waste in your trash. Metro Nashville’s Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility at the East Convenience Center on Dr. Richard Adams Drive, off Trinity Lane, is open every day. The hours are Monday through Saturday 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m., and Sunday noon–4 p.m. Call 862-8620 for more information.

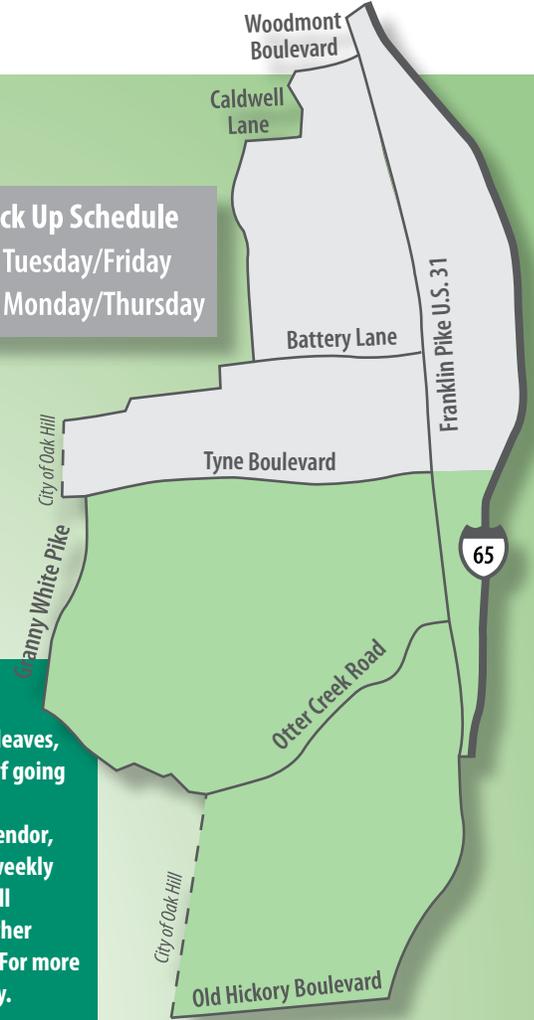
DO NOT put bulky items such as furniture, carpet, wood, or other construction materials in your trash.

DO NOT put dead animals in your trash.

DO NOT put brush or yard materials in your trash. 🌿

Pick Up Schedule

- Tuesday/Friday
- Monday/Thursday



Green Tips

- Use **biodegradable bags for leaves**, which can be composted instead of going to the landfill as waste.
- **Recycle.** The City’s garbage vendor, Clean Earth Sanitation, provides weekly backdoor pickup of recyclables. Call 794-7599 for details and prices. Other vendors also provide this service. For more information, contact them directly.

Guidelines for brush pickup

The City of Oak Hill contracts for free monthly pickup of “typical homeowner-generated brush” such as small limbs, sticks, brush, and leaves.

The chipper contractor starts on the first working day of each month. The typical route is from the north portion of the City (Woodmont Boulevard) to the southern portion (Old Hickory Boulevard). During the month, the chipper truck will pass every home in Oak Hill.

The chipper will strive to move forward on the scheduled route and may at times be off schedule due to extensive storm damage.

Please have all your clippings on the street before your pickup week.

Place limbs (no larger than four inches in diameter) in a straight, stacked pile on the right of way, with the cut ends toward the street for easy pickup. If limbs are not stacked properly, the chipper service may be unable to dispose of them.

Small, loose material must be bagged.

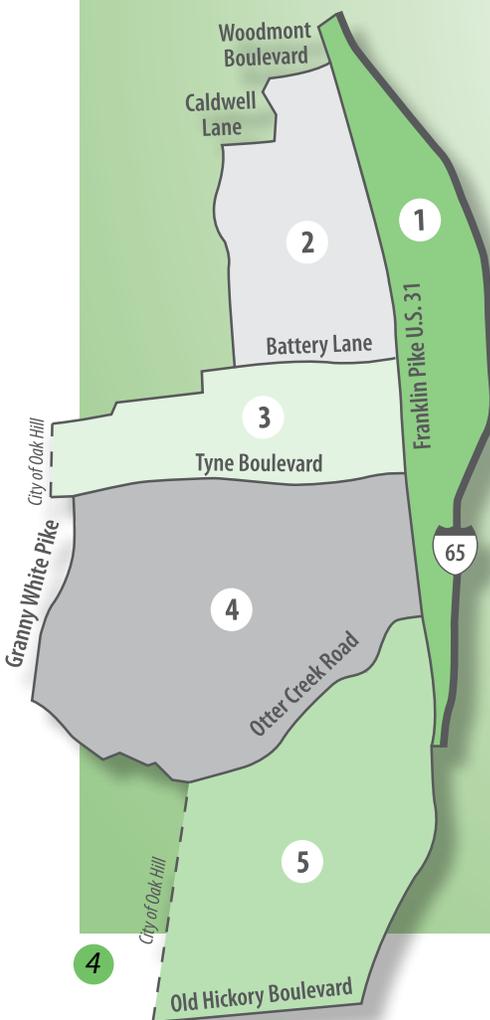
Place all leaves in bags, not to exceed 50 pounds, and put them on the right of way, not in the street.

DO NOT put dirt, rocks, or trash (including flower pots, paper, or animal feces) in the leaf bags.

DO NOT dispose of any leaves or limbs in drainage ditches, which can cause severe flooding.

DO NOT put out stumps or logs larger than four inches in diameter. You must dispose of these at appropriate sites.

DO NOT put out clippings, trees, or limbs from tree or lawn care companies. It is their responsibility to dispose of them. The City cannot clean up after contractors without extra charge. 🌿



Residents get ready for disaster

Oak Hill residents had two opportunities recently to attend training by the American Red Cross to help them prepare for and cope with emergency situations.

Father Ryan school hosted training sessions September 28 and October 5 where residents heard strategies for coping with fires, flash floods, tornados, winter weather, earthquakes, disease epidemics, and other natural disasters: Make a plan, build a kit, and get trained.

“We salute you for investing in your community, to be sure Oak Hill is well prepared for disasters,” Tom Peters, director of Emergency Services for Middle Tennessee Red Cross, told participants. 🌿



Nancy Meidinger from Nashville Red Cross disaster relief services speaks to Oak Hill residents.

Prepare for emergencies

Plan ahead to be better prepared for unexpected disasters like fire, flood, or tornado.

Things to gather:

- Clean water for your family for several days
- Non-perishable food that doesn't require cooking
- Flashlight and battery-powered lamps
- Spare batteries
- Emergency radio

THIS MONTH AT CITY HALL

Unofficial summary

Board of Zoning Appeals

September 10, 2009, Special Meeting

● Approved unanimously motion made by Commissioner Steve Wasserman and seconded by Commissioner Tanya Matthews to acknowledge that there has been no proof at this meeting that First Presbyterian Church/Oak Hill School violated the four conditions of the amended Conditional Use Permit set out in the minutes of this body December 19, 2006.

● Approved unanimously four motions made by Commissioner Steve Wasserman and seconded by Commissioner Tanya Matthews, after review of Conditional Use Permit of First Presbyterian Church/Oak Hill School limited to four items identified by comments and complaints by neighbors.

1. Pasturing of horses on property owned by the Church at 801 Robertson Academy Road is moot as the property is not a part of the Church Conditional Use Permit, therefore it is not part of any Conditional Use Permit review.

2. There is no ordinance for times of mowing and garbage collection for this body to act upon, so this matter is not properly in the purview of this body; the church is taking steps to abate any problem.

3. While the Church has taken steps to remediate the problem of traffic and entrance/egress from the rear entrance of the property, it has not yet been resolved

to the satisfaction of the neighbors therefore the BZA will reserve action and hold over for review at the December meeting.

4. The review of traffic and entrance/egress will be continued to the December 15 meeting to consider not only what has happened up to this time but also between this date and the December meeting and that both parties are encouraged to continue to work together to see if they can't resolve the problem.

September 15, 2009, Regular Meeting

● Continued at request of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 4905 Franklin Pike, until October 13 meeting the request to update its Conditional Use Permit to allow construction of a new building to include offices and classrooms, and to add new parking spaces.

● Approved request of Thomas Killian, 930 Robertson Academy Road for variance to change existing carport into a two-car garage with condition that owners maintains hedge for privacy.

Unofficial summary

Board of Commissioners

September 17, 2009

● Learned that Investment Advisory Committee will meet within 45 days to review short-term investment options during the current fiscal environment and after January 1 to consider long-term investment options and review the city's audit.

● Heard from City Manager that information is needed from one more individual before reporting on ethics complaint.

● Reported by City Attorney that the original of the \$200,000 performance bond for the VanBeCo subdivision has not been located. However, a partially executed copy of the bond has been obtained which indicates that the bond does in fact exist.

● Advised by City Attorney that email address list used for official city notices is not public information since it is not located in the Oak Hill City Office. It was

suggested that citizens set up a website for communication with other residents.

● Delayed until October 15 meeting naming a city engineer from the two selected as finalists from the 18 requests for qualifications received. The Review Committee narrowed the list to five candidates for personal interviews. Residents may examine the proposals and finalists during office hours Monday through Friday.

● Agreed to schedule a meeting with neighbors and building official, city manager, city attorney, interim city engineer, and church architect, contractor, and hydrologist concerning status and ongoing problems with Korean Methodist Church, 908 Old Hickory Boulevard.

Unofficial summary

Planning Commission

September 17, 2009

● Deferred until October 15 meeting the request from Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 4905 Franklin Pike, to update the site plan for the church facility, increasing the number of parking spaces by 48 spots and adding a classroom/office building.

● Granted six-month extension with option for additional six-month extension of the preliminary plat approval for Franklin Road Terrace subdivision. 🌿

Agendas for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Commissioners Meeting are posted online in the week before the meeting.

Unofficial summaries of board and commission meetings are posted in the week after the meetings.

Approved minutes of Oak Hill meetings are posted after they are voted on at the next meeting held.

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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

Yard sale for the Cure is October 24

Besides being a great month for a yard sale, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The eighth annual Oak Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale for the Cure is October 24. Streets off Franklin Pike between Battery Lane and Forest Hills Drive will hold yard sales to fight breast cancer.

With fall's cooler temperatures, it will be a great time to clean out the garages and attics and have a yard sale to fight breast cancer! Just hold a yard sale and designate a portion of your proceeds to be donated to a breast cancer organization. "Any donation, regardless of amount, is so important," said organizer Cindy Smith.

If you don't want to have a sale at your home but would like to donate items, contact

Cindy. All proceeds from those items will be donated to funding the fight against breast cancer, she says. "Over the past eight years, this event has donated thousands to breast cancer support organizations!"

You can also help by shopping at these neighborhood yard sales. Just look for the pink balloons.

Contact Cindy at cindybaxtersmith@comcast.com or 414-0011 for more information. 🌿



YARD SALE FOR THE CURE **OCTOBER 24**

Approximately 40,000 women die from breast cancer every year in the United States. It's the second leading cause of death due to cancer after lung cancer. Even though older women are more likely to get breast cancer, younger women are more likely to die from it. Visit your doctor to be screened early, and as often as he or she recommends.

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