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NEWS FLASH

Commissioner election is June 8

Two seats on the Board of Commissioners will be filled in an election Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at Brentwood Hills Church of Christ, 5120 Franklin Pike.

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

Qualifying petitions are due at the Davidson County Election Commission offices by noon, Thursday, March 18.

Early voting is at the Election Commission Office May 17 through June 3. 🌿

City issues new guidelines for leaf collection

In an effort to be more efficient and environmentally friendly, the City of Oak Hill has instituted policy changes regarding leaf collection, giving residents two options in how they put their leaves out for collection by our service provider.

The changes take effect on January 1, 2010.

Three primary benefits led the City to adopt this policy, which is used by several other cities, including Franklin and Murfreesboro. It allows for more efficient collection of leaves. It makes available a truck that can also be used to maintain our drainage ditches, as well as other drainage structures. Without this dual purpose, the cost of the equipment-

would be prohibitive solely to maintain drainage infrastructure. The final benefit is also the one that will likely have the largest impact: By instituting these new rules, Oak Hill can keep our leaves out of the landfill, instead sending them to a composting farm in a move that is much more environmentally friendly.

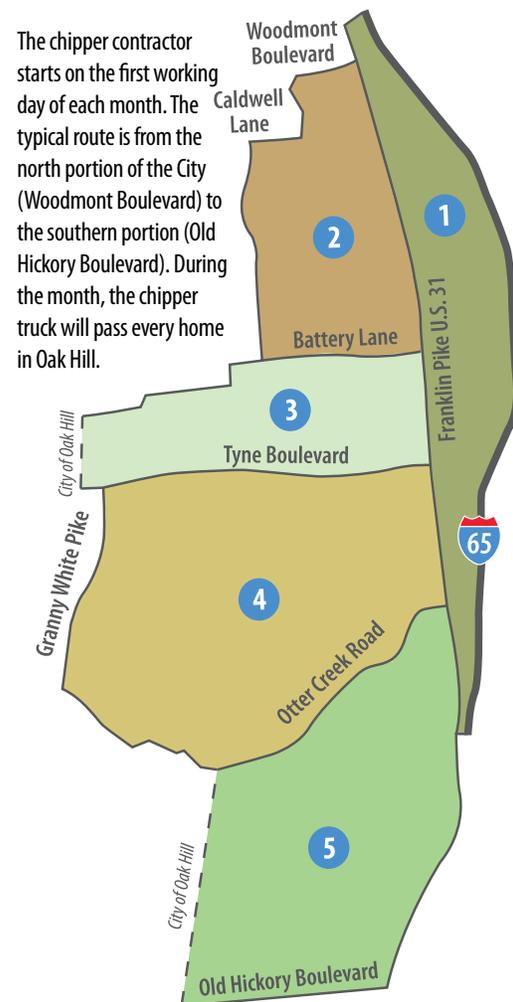
Rake leaves to roadside

Residents may now choose to rake their leaves to the side of the road to be collected by a vacuum truck. Simply rake your leaves into piles near the side of the road, and the truck will collect them. The piles of leaves should be placed in or very near the right-of-way, which usually extends about 10 to 12 feet beyond the edge of the pavement. **It is important that you not place the leaves in the ditch, on top of open drainage structures, or in the roadway.** If a ditch is adjacent to the roadway, place the leaves behind the ditch and we will still be able to collect them.

For residents who would prefer to bag their leaves, this is still an option. However, you must now use biodegradable bags for the leaf-bagging process. Unlike plastic bags, these bags can be taken to the composting farm and keep bagged leaves out of the landfill. Biodegradable bags are available at most locations that sell lawn products.

The City encourages residents to time the placement of their leaves and other

yard waste with their service delivery. Piles of material left near the road for long periods of time are unsightly, tend to get strewn throughout the neighborhood, kill the grass, and can become a health hazard. A map of service times is below. It's also available by visiting www.oakhilltn.us, or by contacting the City Office. 🌿



Remember these rules

1. Small, loose material must be bagged in biodegradable bags.
2. Leaves should be raked in piles to the side of the road or bagged in biodegradable bags.
3. Leaves should not be placed in ditches, other drainage structures, or in the road.
4. Bags should not exceed 50 pounds.
5. Do not put dirt, rocks, or trash in leaf bags or within piles of leaves.
6. Commercial companies are responsible for removing material which they generate and the city will not collect their material without assessing a fee.

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

Joe Hodgson

Judy Hoover

Annelle Rucker

Julia Wesley

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

Board of Zoning Appeals

Tom Lawless, Chair

Tonya P. Matthews

Steve Wasserman

City Attorney

Robert J. Notestine 297-1568

City Engineer

Kimley-Horn 71-8291

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Kevin Helms 557-7672

Assistant City Manager

M.C. Sparks 509-4812

Safety Coordinator

Tommy Jacobs 557-7329

Administrative Assistant

Patrick Steiner 371-8291

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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

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Oak Hill City Hall, 5548 Franklin Pike, 5 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday

Planning Commission Meeting

Oak Hill City Hall, 5548 Franklin Pike, 6 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!

City changes meeting dates to facilitate preparation

THE CITY is currently trying to align meeting dates for the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals to better coincide with the process that is used to prepare for these meetings.

As soon as the dates are finalized, they will be posted on the website along with the submittal deadlines for items to be placed on the agenda. The Planning Commission submittal deadline will remain at 30 days, but the BZA deadline is likely to change from 14 days to at least 21 days. This extra time is needed for the staff and city engineer to properly prepare comments on projects and to give the required notification to adjoining property owners.

Commission meetings will be online soon

The City is moving closer toward placing the audio from Commission meetings on the web. This audio will be available through the city website, www.oakhilltn.us, with only a few seconds of delay. The city has signed an agreement with Granicus to provide this service and will likely have it available in February or March.

Meeting audio will be archived on the site for 12 months. Visitors to the site will have the option of listening to the entire meeting or clicking on an agenda item and going directly to that portion of the meeting.

Financial Advisory Committee meets

During the month of December, the city's new Financial Advisory Committee held

its second meeting, hearing a report from the city's investment advisor, Preston Morris, managing director of Sterne Agee.

Recommendations were made regarding a short-term plan for investing the city's assets during this uncertain economic climate. At the request of the City Manager, the committee members also agreed to begin work on a long-term investment policy for the City.

The committee also will study our finances to make recommendations on minimum fund balance levels so that City leaders can plan future capital projects without jeopardizing Oak Hill's sound financial status.

All decisions of this committee are non-binding and must be enacted by city staff, or in the case of setting policy, by the Board of Commissioners.

Financial Advisory Committee members are:

● Scott Schumann, vice president, Bank of America

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms



● Gary Waddey of Gary W. Waddey CLU Insurance

The third member has not been appointed.

Emergency warning siren has been ordered

The city's new emergency warning siren has been ordered. However, we have not yet received a delivery date for the equipment.

The siren will be placed near the intersection of Franklin Pike and Lambert Drive, and will be part of the Metro Nashville Emergency Management System.

Funding was approved for two sirens, but the city is currently assessing whether a second siren or an alternate warning system would be best for our citizens. 🌿

Hodgson joins Planning Commission



Joe Hodgson, a long-time planner and designer, is the new member of the Planning Commission.

Hodgson replaces Trevor Howell, who resigned.

"I feel we all have a civic responsibility to give back to our community. My wife Penny and I have raised our family in Oak Hill as residents for 31 years," Hodgson says.

A partner in Hodgson and Douglas, he's been involved in projects like CoolSprings, the Frist Museum, the Riverfront

to Bicentennial Mall Greenway, and the Capitol Hill/Bicentennial Mall Master Plan. 🌿



City plants 80 trees after TVA clearcuts

Oak Hill has planted 80 trees after TVA clearcut its right-of-way behind homes on Redwood Drive.

Jackaroo, the City's chipper service contractor, planted and mulched 80 1.5- to 2-caliper crape myrtle, moon-glow juniper, holly, and red maple trees.

The planting to control drainage and provide screening was made possible with an \$8,000 matching grant with TVA and the City. 🌿

Matt Weir of Jackaroo and City Manager Kevin Helms examine one of the trees planted behind Redwood Drive.

Commissioners choose engineering firm

Kimley-Horn and Associates has been selected by the Board of Commissioners to provide professional engineering services for the City.

The company will act as an independent advisor and consultant to the City, conducting studies and investigations and providing information and advice in four areas.

- **Engineering plans and plat review.** Kimley-Horn will review civil engineering design drawings submitted to the City for Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals approval.

- **Traffic and transportation planning and design services.** KHA will provide review of proposed developments for traffic impact, preparing impact studies and reviewing submitted studies. The firm also will develop transportation-related

improvement recommendations.

- **Stormwater and drainage review and analysis.** At the request of the City, KHA will review drainage problems throughout Oak Hill, conducting site visits, reviewing conditions, and suggesting solutions.

- **Miscellaneous engineering review, design, and drafting services.** Kimley-Horn will furnish general engineering services requested by the City, including review and editing of Oak Hill's design standards, specifications, and zoning regulations.

The contract is for three years with an option of a two-year extension.

Kimley-Horn is one of the nation's most comprehensive engineering and land planning firms, with more than 60 offices in over a dozen states. 🌿

Former Planning Commission member, longtime resident die

Billy Sumner, 86, a longtime member of the Oak Hill Planning Commission, died December 1.

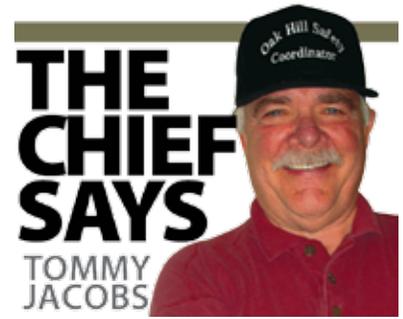
He co-founded Barge Waggoner and Sumner in 1955.

George Philip Morehead, 103, who lived on Granny White Pike for many years, died November 28. He was the founder of Morehead Tree Surgery. 🌿



Outer Drive holds Halloween parade

The Tompkins and Teasley families hosted the first annual Outer Drive Halloween Parade October 30. "It was nice to see so many young children back in our neighborhood, and the sense of community was lovely," said Tracy Williamson.



Keep safe during holiday season

- Avoid displaying gifts where they can be seen from outside a window or door.
- Always lock your doors and windows, even if you are leave for a few minutes.
- Don't let your trash bins announce new acquisitions—cut down boxes or put them inside containers. Holiday shopping criminals may spot something you have discarded and target you for their next burglary.
- Record the serial and model numbers of your gifts before you give them or as soon as you receive them.
- Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you are not home.
- Do not leave accumulated mail or newspapers at your house while travelling. Have someone collect them for you.
- Do not leave mail with sensitive information in the mailbox for the postman. Drop it off at the Post Office.
- While travelling, put lights on a timer.

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.

QUICK CALL LIST



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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

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THIS MONTH AT

CITY HALL

Unofficial summary

Board of Zoning Appeals

November 12, 2009

● Approved request of Monica Cook, 4718 Hazelwood Circle, for variance to allow construction of a new pool and pool deck in the rear yard.

Unofficial summary

Planning Commission

November 24, 2009

● Recommended to the Board of Commissioners that the ordinance that controls private vs. public streets be updated to allow private streets at the discretion of the Planning Commission, provided that the private streets are constructed and maintained at public street standards. The update resulted from concern that when the ordinance was written in 2006 in order to eliminate flag lots in the city, private roads may have been prohibited without need.

Unofficial summary

Board of Commissioners

Special Called Meeting December 8, 2009

- Approved engineering contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates for three years or until services are no longer requested by the City of Oak Hill which shall have the right to extend the agreement for two additional years.
- Approved June 8, 2010, as the date for election of two Commissioners.
- Exercised option to extend the contract with Jackaroo for one year to February 2011 for mowing and clearing of right of way and leaf and limb removal. 🌿

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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