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Tornado warning siren installed

The City of Oak Hill has completed installation of a tornado warning siren to help protect residents.

The siren tower was installed by Stansell Electric Company near the intersection of Franklin Pike and Lambert Drive.

The siren is tied in to the Metro Nashville Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, which transmits to towers throughout the county. If you hear a siren, take shelter immediately. 🌿



Park Manager Steve Ward presents a commemorative photograph to Oak Hill Mayor Tommy Alsup, City Manager Kevin Helms, Vice Mayor Austin McMullen, and Commissioner Ray Throckmorton.

City receives Partnership Award

Oak Hill received the first Radnor Partnership Award from Friends of Radnor Lake April 10 in recognition of a substantial gift for land acquisition.

In announcing the creation of the new award, Friends President Charley Hankla noted the relationship that has existed between the City of Oak Hill and Friends of Radnor Lake for decades.

Park Manager Steve Ward said the acquisition of a 9.5-acre plot could not have happened without the City's \$750,000 donation. The property on the northwest corner of the natural area suddenly became available when developers went bankrupt and the bank wanted to sell, Ward explained.

"Since we had to act quickly, I made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners, who voted unanimously to donate the money to Friends to buy the land," Ward said.

Oak Hill Mayor Tommy Alsup said

Commissioners have recognized the value of keeping these rolling hills and tranquil waters in their natural state, within the city's borders since 1973.

"In addition to acquiring this parcel of land once thought forever unavailable, the funds contributed by Oak Hill can also be used to apply for matching grants and funding for other properties and programs," Mayor Alsup said.

Ward pointed out that the late Oak Hill Mayor Warren Wilkinson received the second Environmental Award from Friends in 2002 for aiding numerous land acquisitions. Former Oak Hill Mayor and current Commissioner Ray Throckmorton received Friends of Radnor Lake's Blue Heron Leadership Award in 2006.

Friends of Radnor Lake and Land Trust for Tennessee are working on a conservation easement to protect the property. 🌿

Vote June 8 to elect two commissioners

See candidate info on pages 3-4

Two seats on the Board of Commissioners will be filled at the Oak Hill election on Tuesday, June 8.

The candidates are:

- James C. Bradshaw III, 875 Robertson Academy Road
- Mike Campbell, 828 Otter Creek Road
- William Canak, 929 Forest Acres Court
- Jennifer Claxton, 766 Elysian Fields Road

● Kyle Felts, 780 Blevins Drive

● Wade Hill, 804 Crestwood Drive

● Louis Rieke, 5048 Lakeview Drive

Voting is at Brentwood Hills Church of Christ, 5120 Franklin Pike. 🌿

Early voting sites, date set

Early voting for the June 8 election has been set for two locations. Residents can vote at:

● Davidson County Election Commission office, 800 Second Avenue South: May 19, 24-29, 31, June 1-3, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

● Brentwood Hills Church of Christ, 5120 Franklin Pike: May 20-21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 🌿

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

Craig Buffkin

Tonya P. Matthews

City Attorney

Robert J. Notestine 297-1568

City Engineer

Kimley-Horn & Assoc. 564-2701

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

City Hall

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!



Two public meetings collect comments on three topics

THE CITY of Oak Hill has held two public meetings in recent weeks to collect citizen comments on three topics.

If you did not make it to one of these meetings, you still have an opportunity to get involved through the use of comment cards by going to our website at www.oakhilltn.us or by visiting our office. We ask that you send us your comments before the end of April.

Zoning, subdivisions

The first meeting was held to discuss the update that we are making to the City's zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations. We had approximately a dozen people attend this meeting. Several good comments were received that will be compiled into a report to be delivered to the Planning Commission for its consideration. Your comments will be included in this report if submitted on or before the deadline.

The Planning Commission will prepare a draft of these two documents that will then be presented to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration. If approved by the Board of Commissioners, the new rules would replace or amend those currently in existence. This process is expected to take approximately six to eight months.

Pedestrian issues

A second meeting addressed pedestrian issues within the City, attended by more than 20 residents. The subject matter was divided into two programs. One program would seek to add bike lanes and/or bike paths within the city. The other program would seek to add sidewalks, crosswalks, or signs in and around elementary and/or middle schools. You have the opportunity to comment on locations for both.

The City has a total of just under \$300,000 to build bike paths/lanes. This amount is composed of 80% federal funds and 20% City funds for the construction phase only; any planning or engineering costs will have to be funded by the City separately.

There are no current funds allocated to the City to con-

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms

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struct sidewalks in and around the elementary and middle schools. However, if the comments indicate a desire for us to do so, the City plans to make application for federal funds to begin construction. The federal funds are available through a program called Safe Routes to School. This program provides 100% of the funds needed for approved projects.

Once again, I encourage you to give us your feedback on one, or all, of the projects mentioned. A separate comment card has been developed for each project. Maps are available at www.oakhilltn.us to assist you in evaluating locations for the projects. 🌿



Residents study the map of possible bike path locations.

Candidates for Oak Hill Board of Commissioners • Vote for two on June 8

Text provided by candidates with no changes



Jimmy Bradshaw
875 Robertson Academy Road

Jimmy Bradshaw has attended and participated in most meetings of Oak Hill's Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals for the last seven years. He is running for Commissioner to preserve the residential nature of the City. He will:

- Ensure transparency, accountability, fiscal responsibility, integrity in City government.
- Increase the Board of Commissioners from three to five members.
- Protect property values from unchecked development.
- Pursue the best use of resources for the protection of all residents.
- Address the lack of sound walls along the I-65 corridor.
- Strengthen the sense of community within Oak Hill.

Jimmy, a partner with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, has practiced law in Nashville for over 20 years and is a *cum laude* graduate of UT College of Law. Jimmy received his bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt and participated in ROTC. A native of Lebanon, Tennessee, Jimmy was president of his class at Castle Heights Military Academy. Jimmy's volunteer activities include Kids on the Block, Board President; STARS Nashville, Board of Directors; Young Leaders Council; Sunday School teacher; youth coach, football and soccer.

Jimmy and his family have lived on Robertson Academy Road since 1996. He, Sally and their sons Jamie, a sophomore at Montgomery Bell Academy, and Werner, a sixth grader at The Oak Hill School, are members of Christ Church Cathedral.



Mike Campbell
828 Otter Creek Road

1. Small Government. A commissioner should listen to and work for the people; not interfere with their lives and properties. Quoting:

Ronald Regan "As government expands, liberty contracts"
"Concentrated power has always been the enemy of Liberty"
George Washington "Beware of people in power"

"It is infinitely better to have a few good men than many indifferent ones" Aug 10, 1798

"The views of men can only be known, or guessed at, by their words or actions: Jan 15, 1799

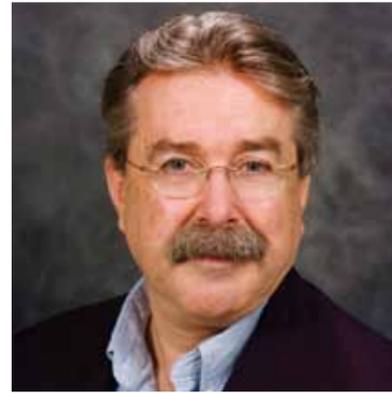
"Labour to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience"

2. Physically Conservative. I think a government should not only be accountable with our money but also with our properties. Government should not put so many restrictions on us that they control our properties and take the private property rights away from the landowners.

3. In the end, it is our Ideals and our Values that make not only us, but Oak Hill what it is today and will be in years to come.

Personal Biography: 42 years Experience—owning and operating businesses; Born/Raised in Nashville; Belmont College Graduate—1977: Business Management and Marketing Majors

Major Donations: Donated 13 acres of land to "The Friends of Radnor Lake"; American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Feed the Homeless, Park Avenue Baptist Church, First Baptist Church



William Canak
929 Forest Acres Court

William Canak and his wife, Dr. Ellen Konowitz, moved to Oak Hill from New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1994. Dr. Canak (U. of Wisconsin, 1981) is a Professor of Sociology at Middle Tennessee State University. He received an Honorable Discharge from military service in 1975.

Dr. Canak has a long history of public service and civic engagement. A Fulbright Fellow (Argentina, 1988), he has been a Contributing Editor to the Library of Congress since 1981.

He reviews proposals for both the U.S. and Canadian Social Science Research Councils. Dr. Canak serves as Executive Board Treasurer for Nashville's Rochelle Center. He is founder, past president and currently Treasurer of the Tennessee Employment Relations Research Association. In March 2010 Dr. Canak addressed the Tennessee House regarding his research on the economic impact of misclassified and unreported workers. He has provided pro bono research services to the City of Oak Hill and is a long-term active member of the Oak Hill community.

Dr. Canak's consulting practice addresses workplace, organizational and employment relations research and training. He is a certified Federal Medication & Conciliation Service labor arbitrator. He teaches courses on program evaluation, organizational analysis, work processes, conflict, negotiation and dispute resolution. He will bring experience, analytic skills and objectivity to the Board of Commissioners. He is committed to protecting and promoting Oak Hill residents' interests.



Jennifer Claxton
766 Elysian Fields Road

An Oak Hill resident for nearly a decade, Jennifer seeks election as Commissioner to ensure that Oak Hill remains one of the best places to live in Nashville.

"I will bring a positive, fresh perspective to the Board to ensure Oak Hill achieves the bright future ahead of it. As a wife and mother, I recognize the importance of preserving the high quality of life we enjoy in Oak Hill."

Jennifer's top priority is preserving Oak Hill's residential character. She proposes a fiscally responsible, common sense approach to governing. If elected, Jennifer will work to change the tone of Oak Hill politics by mitigating conflict and establishing a strong sense of community, drawing upon her civic and professional experiences.

Jennifer earned a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Tennessee, has a background in tax and is a licensed Realtor® with Pilkerton REALTORS®. Jennifer has served in key leadership roles including Chair of YoungLife Nashville, an organization that she has been involved with since a teen. She currently serves as Chairman of the Public Education Committee for the Greater Nashville Association of REALTORS®.

"I chose to live in Oak Hill because this community offers exceptional quality of life for its residents. My sincere desire is to help elevate our community reach its greatest potential, while preserving the natural aspects that make Oak Hill a true hidden gem."

Jennifer lives on Elysian Fields Road with her husband Jim and son Reeves. They are active members of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

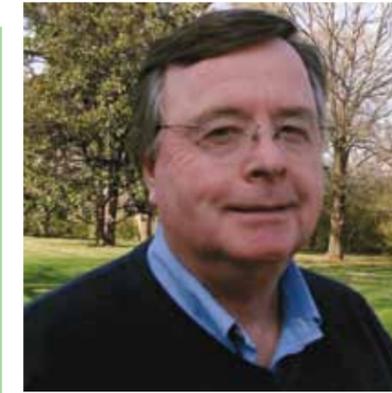
www.jenniferclaxton.com



Kyle Felts
780 Blevins Drive

Kyle was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. He has deep roots in Nashville and the Oak Hill Community and shares a vision with our community of "making a great place to live, even better." Kyle is a graduate of David Lipscomb High School and Trevecca Nazarene University with a degree in Business Management. After five years of being involved in several aspects of the commercial and residential real estate business, he decided to partner in opening Felts and Jackson Real Estate and Parthenon Plumbing, both located in Green Hills. As a business owner and resident of Oak Hill, Kyle realizes the importance of a strong, positive community and servant-based leadership.

Kyle is a devoted husband to his wife, Lindsey, who is also a Nashville native and a graduate of Goodpasture High School and Vanderbilt University. She is a Nurse Practitioner for Centennial Heart Cardiovascular Consultants. They are both active in their church and community. Kyle has enjoyed coaching young men in football and baseball for many years and is a proud supporter of several local teams. He believes that as a community leader and your Commissioner, the residents of this great city should be put first in every decision. The Felts family is committed to preserving our resources and improving our quality of life in the city of Oak Hill.
www.kylefeltsforoakhill.com



Wade Hill
804 Crestwood Drive

I've lived in our city for 18 years and love it. This is truly the best place to live and play. I want to contribute my time and use my experience to help preserve the personality of our city and enhance our amenities for current and future residents.

I am married to Jennifer Hill. We have two daughters, Janet and Jodi, two grandkids, Emma and Jack.

I am a 1976 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Bachelor of Architecture, and became a licensed Tennessee architect in 1979. In 2001 I joined the Metro Nashville Codes Department. My responsibilities include the management of the plan review section, amending the Codes used, and writing the ordinances to adopt Codes. I serve on the "top management team" and participate in planning for our staff of 85 persons, a budget of roughly 6 million dollars, departmental policies, and the future direction of the department.

My goal is to protect and enhance the quality of life issues in our city. These issues include but are not limited to zoning of property, our green spaces including Radnor Lake, and the amenities such as back door trash pick-up and monthly chipper service. We also need to address the issues of traffic, and storm water run off. I would also work to reconnect our relationships with Metro Nashville and the State of Tennessee to become allies instead of adversaries.

I have an analytical, common sense approach to organizing tasks and solving problems. I bring extensive experience in Building Codes, Zoning and 9 years of governmental experience.

I urge you to go to the polls and vote in Oak Hill's election and of course, please vote for Wade Hill.



Louis Rieke
5048 Lakeview Drive

Louis Rieke and his family have lived in Oak Hill since 1992, excluding eight weeks following the 1994 ice storm. His family worships and children are being educated within Oak Hill. He possesses degrees from Centre College and Vanderbilt University. He is involved with numerous organizations and offers 24 years of real estate and financial services experience; including recent years in agency management and sales with a national title insurance underwriter. He forthrightly recuses himself from any current City Attorney engagement decisions.

Given the struggling economy and the City's dependence upon shared revenues, Rieke advocates a cautious fiscal policy including reducing City Administration expense, increasing support for Public Safety including Codes, and adopting a long-term Capital Plan (including roads, right-of-ways, drainage, pedestrian/bike paths, incremental sound abatement). Furthermore, the City's reserve fund(s) investment policy should ensure that the safety of capital is the foremost objective followed by yield.

Parity between the Board of Commissioners and Citizens is missing, as evidenced by a general lack of mutual forbearance toward each other. Consequently, Rieke proposes consideration of an ordinance expanding the Board of Commissioners from three to five members during a 2012 voter referendum. In addition, he supports a professional updating of the Municipal Code.

While refraining from campaign expenditures, blogs, mailings, signage, etc., Rieke welcomes your input and visiting. Residential phone 370-3837 or email louisriek@gmail.com. Please vote.

New leaf policy begins in May

BY KEVIN HELMS, City Manager

As we discussed late last year, the City of Oak Hill has now gotten everything in place to fully implement our new leaf and debris collection policy. This has been done in an effort to provide more environmentally friendly services to our residents. However, in this case, we also enjoy the added benefit of the services being more efficient.

As we have phased in the new policy, we have continued to collect leaves and debris under the terms of both the old and new policy. However, beginning in the month of May we will only collect leaves and debris that are placed near the road under the terms of our new policy.

It is important to remember that no debris should be placed within a ditch or other drainage area. Additionally, material should not be placed on the driving surface itself as it might become a hazard to vehicular traffic. If there is room to place the debris between the roadway and the drainage area, that is the preferred location. However if there is not sufficient room between the two, the debris should be placed adjacent to the drainage area on the side opposite the roadway.

You have two options to choose from in placing materials for collection. The first option is simply to rake your leaves and other debris in piles near the road as stated above. However, leaves should be kept in a separate pile from other material. The second option is to place some, or

all, of these materials into biodegradable bags to be picked up. Materials placed in non-biodegradable bags will not be collected.

Also, please remember that this service is provided to citizens for material generated by the resident themselves. Hired contractors should haul off any material that they generate while working on your property. Materials should also be free of any nails, wire, or other man-made material.

These changes allow us to divert almost all of our collection material from the landfill to a composting farm. In addition to the rules listed above, you may choose to review information at the web link at right for best practices in placing materials for collection.

While we know that it may take some time to get used to this change, we feel that being good stewards of the environment should be a goal of our low-density, tree-filled city. 🌿

Shred documents for free

Oak Hill residents can shred confidential materials at no cost on two Saturdays in May.

A shredder truck provided by Clean Earth Sanitation will be at Cofers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, 3915 Franklin Pike, on May 8, and at Oak Hill Assembly of God, 5200 Franklin Pike, on May 15. Both sites are open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents can bring CDs and credit cards, plus all kinds of paper, folders, envelopes, etc., with staples and papers clips still attached but no binder clips. They can bring as much as they have, as long as it is their own residential materials, not documents from a business, for example.

“People won’t have to worry about confidentiality,” City Manager Kevin Helms said. “The items will be shredded while they watch.” 🌿



Place the debris between the roadway and the drainage area. If there is not sufficient room between the two, the debris should be placed adjacent to the drainage area on the side opposite the roadway.

For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hwytmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/highway/vacuum.asp

Former Commissioner Kenn West, 87, dies

Former Oak Hill Commissioner Kenn West died March 10. He was 87.

After serving on the Planning Commission, Mr. West was elected Oak Hill Commissioner in 1988 and served until 2002, when he moved out of the City. He also served as Vice Mayor in 2002.

“We’re grateful for Kenn’s many years of service,” said Mayor Tommy Alsup. “He gave a lot to the City, and we’ll miss him.”

Survivors include Carolyn, his wife of 35 years, and children Brad, Jeff, Carol, and Rebecca.

Memorial gifts may be made to the music department of First Presbyterian Church. 🌿



Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don’t pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

For more tips visit www.epa.gov/weatherchannel/stormwater.html#solution

This stormwater management tip is provided as part of the City’s education requirement under its state permit.

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

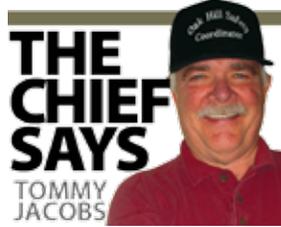
Non-Emergency Police: 862-8600

West Sector Patrol: 862-7747

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator: 557-7329

Take simple steps to unvictimize yourself

Recent weeks have seen an increase in car burglaries in Oak Hill and across the county. Oak Hill has become a target because we have “nice stuff” to steal and we are easy pickings, according to the thieves who have been caught. The residents of Oak Hill make thieves’ job easier by offering items of value in ways that draw them to our neighborhoods. If thieves wrote a list of requests to their victims it would read as follows:



- Park your vehicles in dark areas. Lighted areas make me nervous.
- Leave anything we might want in the vehicle in plain sight.
- You can hide the items under the seat or in the trunk, but if I have the time, I will find them.
- Don’t call police when a theft is discovered. Police make me nervous, too.

A resident on Elysian Fields reported that two of his three vehicles were burglarized during the night. The third vehicle was left untouched. Why? Very likely, the reason was simple — no items were in view inside. The other two vehicles had a purse, backpack with an iPod, laptop,

GPS, and other items that thieves love to steal.

It is important that we unvictimize ourselves by following a few simple steps to deter the thieves who are obviously roaming our neighborhoods. If we protect ourselves, the thieves will go elsewhere.

Light your driveways during the night. If you have a garage, park your vehicles inside and lock the door. Do not under any circumstances leave anything a thief might want in sight inside the vehicle. (If a thief sees even a small amount of change in the console he’ll break the window and take the change.)

If there is a car burglary or even an attempted burglary — **REPORT THE INCIDENT ASAP TO THE POLICE AT 862-8600.**

The Police Department has prioritized the crime of car burglary, and extra attention is given to areas that show an increase in that crime. So every incident that is reported is shown on a crime map, and the areas that show clusters of car burglaries get special attention.

Oak Hill will remain a target for auto burglaries as long as we provide them with targets of opportunity. Let’s remove those targets!

Crime in progress: 911

Crime committed: 862-8600

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator: 557-7329

Stay up to date online, help save resources

The City offers two email updates. Visit www.oakhilltn.us and click *Get news updates by email* at the top of the page. You can receive either City News or CrimeWatch or both. You can unsubscribe at any time. Your email address will not be shared with anyone unless you approve. And you can choose to opt out of the printed newsletter to save paper and production expenses. 🌱

CrimeWatch

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



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