

Oak Hill news

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NEWS FLASH

Construction limited to certain hours

As the summer construction season gets into full swing, the City reminds you that building construction, demolition, alteration, or repair are limited to certain hours. **These activities may occur on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** These activities are prohibited on Sundays and official holidays observed by the City of Oak Hill. Please help us bring this to the attention of your contractors. 🌿

Jennifer Claxton, Kyle Felts are new commissioners

Jennifer Claxton and Kyle Felts were elected Oak Hill Commissioners June 8.

Claxton received 715 votes; Felts got 603. A total of 1,262 residents voted.

Others receiving votes were James C. Bradshaw, 404 votes; William Canak, 403; Mike Campbell, 156; Louis Rieke, 90; and Wade Hill, 89.

Claxton, a licensed Realtor with Pilkerton Realtors, graduated from University of Tennessee with a degree in accounting. She lives on Elysian Fields Road with husband Jim and son Reeves.

"This election had the largest voter turnout in recent city history, if not ever, and I could not be more proud of the way our community has come together. I am humbled by the results, truly hon-

ored for the opportunity to serve and would like to thank everyone who participated," Claxton said.

Felts is owner of Felts and Jackson Real Estate and Parthenon Plumbing, both in Green Hills. He's a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University with a degree in business management. He lives on Blevins Drive with his wife Lindsey.

"I am very humbled and honored to serve our great City. I'm excited for our community and the positive work that



we can accomplish together," Felts said.

The pair will serve four-year terms now held by Mayor Tommy Alsup and Ray Throckmorton, who were reelected in 2006. (See photo on page 6.) Commissioners will elect a new Mayor and Vice Mayor at the June meeting. 🌿



Schedule debris pickup by June 25

The City of Oak Hill is beginning to wind down its collection of household debris caused by flood damage.

Residents may continue to call and schedule a free collection until June 25. The material to be collected must also be placed out for collection by that date. Residents may contact the City's garbage hauler after that date to schedule a special collection, but they will be responsible for the charges.

Until the last week of May, the collection crew ran a route throughout the City on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This later transitioned into a process of collection by scheduling a free pickup. Because the call volume has significantly declined, and the deadline to seek reimbursement from FEMA for the cost of collection is approaching, Oak Hill is phasing out the program.

Collection of yard debris will continue until all locations within the City have been picked up. There is no deadline for providing this service. 🌿

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

Michael Baron

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

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!

Oak Hill's response to May floods is ongoing

The days and weeks following the flood were challenging for local governments throughout Tennessee, and Oak Hill was no exception. Our Public Works crews and Safety Coordinator were out when the flooding began in an effort to block streets that were flooded and clear streets of fallen trees. This effort continued for several days as trees continued to fall due to the saturated ground.

Street repair

On Sunday, May 2, while the rain continued, staff began assessing damage. In the days that followed, staff rode every linear foot of public streets to assess items that needed repair and maintenance. This list eventually exceeded 350 items ranging from a road collapse to the clearing of ditches and culverts. This list was given to the city's Public Works contractor to begin addressing immediately. The larger items also formed the basis of projects to be submitted to FEMA for funding considerations.



Debris collection

The Public Works contractor began in the northern part of the City and has been working south. As they go through a particular area, they collect the yard debris (both regular and storm related) and address the items noted on the above-mentioned worksheet. The city's regularly contracted garbage provider is doing the collection of household debris.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms

khoakhill@bellsouth.net



Larger projects

Larger repair projects have been reviewed by the city's engineer and FEMA. Some of the projects were categorized as an emergency and assigned to a contractor to handle as soon as possible. Other items were assigned to the City's public works contractor under our existing agreement, while several are being given to other contractors who are competing for the work.

In working with FEMA, the City and our engineers have identified a number of locations where we feel that it will be better not just to put back the infrastructure as it existed, but to improve it. FEMA funding allows for this to be done, and we are working with them to achieve this goal. For smaller improvements the project can proceed rather quickly; however, for larger improvements or improvements in areas that did not receive damage, the process will be much lengthier.

City discussing flood mitigation project with FEMA

Oak Hill is working with FEMA representatives to determine if a flood mitigation project is a viable option for certain locations.

The City would purchase flood-prone properties with FEMA's financial assistance. Any structures would be demolished, and the property would be permanently dedicated as open space.

A number of steps must be taken to make this project a reality. Each property would have to meet several requirements. Property owners who feel that their property would

qualify should contact the City offices.

The easiest properties to get funded for a project such as this are those that have a history of flooding and have sustained substantial damage, defined by FEMA as having damage that equals 51% or more of the appraised value of the structure.

Other properties may qualify if they meet just one of the criteria listed above, so do not hesitate to notify the City of your desire to participate even if you do not meet all of the criteria.

We are also coordinating with FEMA on the possibility of purchasing severely damaged flooded properties. (See story on page 2.)

Thanks for your patience

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Oak Hill for your efforts during this challenging time. Your dedication to your community and patience with each other and the staff is commendable. In the immediate aftermath of the flood, I personally had the opportunity to speak with and meet numerous citizens from Lakemont to Caldwell and all parts in between, some of whom had lost their entire homes or a significant portion thereof. The attitude with which they faced the task that lay in front of them should serve as an example to everyone.

Additionally, if you experienced any type of delay in getting your needs met, I apologize for this. It was not for lack of effort on the part of your elected officials and City staff. We simply had more calls and citizens in need than we could reasonably address with the expediency that we would prefer. I am sure an occasional telephone message or reported incident fell through the cracks, and again for this I offer my apologies.

Our efforts continue

Please be aware that our efforts regarding the flooding have not ended. We are still spending a greater than normal amount of time out in the field as we address the repairs needed on the larger projects. A FEMA representative must make a site visit to each location that received damage in excess of \$1,000. With a list of more than 25 such projects, that is an effort that will take several days.

If you are aware of damage to any of our roads, drainage structures, or bridges, I encourage you to notify us of them in the event that we have overlooked an issue. The timeframe that we have for reporting this to FEMA in order to get funding for the repairs is limited. Do not be surprised if you are just now beginning to notice damage to our roads. There are locations where the ground underneath the road has been shifting since the flooding, and it is just now making its way to the surface so that it can be seen. These are the items in which we particularly need your assistance.

I believe that through challenges we find opportunities to make situations better, and I look forward to working with you to make Oak Hill better through the challenges presented to us by the flood of 2010. 🌿

Public meeting set for June 28 to discuss City drainage issues

Residents will have an opportunity to learn more, comment on, and ask questions about drainage issues at a public meeting June 28 from 5-7 p.m. at Judson Baptist Church, 4900 Franklin Pike.

The format of the public meeting will be similar to the one held in the spring at Glendale School regarding bikeways and sidewalks. Residents can visit displays, charts, and maps showing various drainage areas within the City. Forms will be available to record comments and suggestions from residents who have knowledge of problem areas that they feel should be investigated.

Several representatives from Kimley-Horn, including a drainage expert from their Virginia based office, will be on hand to take your comments and answer questions. Ultimately, the firm will compile data into a report on drainage basins and infrastructure inventory within the City that will be used to identify and prioritize areas with drainage problems.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can record your comments about drainage issues in Oak Hill in the days following the meeting on the website at www.oakhilltn.us. 🌿

Public meeting on drainage issues

June 28 • 5-7 p.m.
Judson Baptist Church
4900 Franklin Pike



Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

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

This stormwater management tip is provided as part of Oak Hill's education requirement under its state permit.

New ordinance governs display of signs in City

Prohibited Signs

- Signs posted on utility poles
- Signs posted in the public right-of-way
- Signs with flashing lights or moving displays
- Internally lit signs
- Signs that cause interference with radio or TV signals
- Old or dilapidated signs
- Inflatable signs
- Signs painted on the facade of a building
- Business signs
- Window signs
- Signs that look like government or traffic signs
- Signs mounted on a roof or extending above the roof
- Off-premise signs
- Marquee signs
- Banners, pennants, festoons, and balloons
- Signs that block a window, door, or fire escape
- Portable signs, except temporary

The City of Oak Hill recently adopted a new ordinance to restrict the use of signs within Oak Hill. It applies to residential areas, as well as institutions that operate within the City.

The ordinance expands upon some regulations that were already in place and reiterates those already prohibited by state law. A copy of the new sign ordinance and applicable fees is on the City's website at www.oakhilltn.us/documents.html.

Many signs are automatically allowed in the ordinance without any action or approval needed from the City office. Most, if not all, of these are for temporary purposes. However, there may be some restrictions on the placement, size, and number of these signs. There is also a class of signs that are outright prohibited, including electronic signs. For safety reasons, signs are never permitted in the public right-of-way, on street sign poles, or on utility poles.

The final category of signs is those that are permitted by written permit/approval only. These signs fall into two classifications, temporary and permanent. Due to the significant amount of review that goes into permitting these signs, the City has established a sign permit review fee. It is structured in a way as to base the fee on the amount of review needed to grant approval of a specific sign. For instance, the fee for a temporary



sign is much less than that of a permanent sign.

It is important to remember that all permanent signs currently in place are grandfathered in by law and will be allowed to remain. However, these signs cannot be expanded or renovated in excess of 25% of the structure without being required to meet the new standards. Temporary signs are not grandfathered in and must meet the new requirements.

If you are planning to install a sign, you are encouraged to contact the City office to ensure that your proposed sign meets the new requirements. We believe that doing this will save you time and money during the design process. 🌿

Mike Allison honored for 25 years of service



Mayor Tommy Alsup presents the resolution to Mike Allison with Commissioner Ray Throckmorton and Vice Mayor Austin McMullen.

Planning Commission member and former chair Michael Allison was honored for 25 years of service at the May Commissioners meeting.

Allison, who served on the Planning Commission from 1985 to 2010, received a resolution of appreciation and a commemorative gavel.

“Mr. Allison served the City of Oak Hill with fairness, professionalism, and dedication toward maintaining the residential integrity and quality of the City, maintaining an environment conducive to a high quality of life for its residents, and preserving property values,” the resolution said.

“As a result of his time and commitment to excellence of service as a Commission member, Oak Hill today is an outstanding place to live and property values have been protected and advanced.” 🌿

Approved budget, FY2011

REVENUES	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Estimated	FY 2011 Proposed
Building Permits	\$125,165	\$95,000	\$120,000
Sign Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0
Planning & Zoning Fees	\$0	\$6,000	\$25,000
Telecommunications Fee	\$0	\$425	\$450
Charges for Services	\$0	\$500	\$500
TVA In Lieu	\$45,321	\$51,500	\$52,500
State Sales Tax	\$312,912	\$305,000	\$311,000
Local Sales Tax	\$29,253	\$28,500	\$30,600
State Income Tax	\$696,375	\$525,000	\$485,000
Metro Road Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Beer Tax	\$2,465	\$2,325	\$2,550
State Street Income	\$133,630	\$135,000	\$140,000
Interest	\$344,024	\$335,000	\$310,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,902	\$106,000	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$1,691,047	\$1,590,250	\$1,480,100

EXPENDITURES	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Estimated	FY 2011 Proposed
Employee Salaries	\$188,663	\$248,500	\$253,000
Employee Benefits	\$83,922	\$23,500	\$30,750
Board Salaries	\$16,200	\$16,200	\$16,200
Professional Services Salaries	\$0	\$38,000	\$42,000
Retirement	\$0	\$37,000	\$37,500
Other Professional Services	\$48,040	\$38,500	\$31,000
Public Relations	\$45,782	\$43,000	\$47,000
Office Supplies	\$17,459	\$18,500	\$16,500
Rent	\$31,924	\$22,500	\$34,000
Employee Health Insurance	\$0	\$36,000	\$45,000
Liability Insurance	\$22,589	\$21,750	\$23,500
Worker's Comp Insurance	\$0	\$5,915	\$6,200
Property Insurance	\$0	\$200	\$225
Surety Bonds	\$0	\$707	\$1,000
Election	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Misc.	\$23,935	\$105,500	\$1,000
Repair & Maintenance	\$0	\$4,500	\$4,500
Dues & Subscriptions	\$0	\$5,500	\$5,000
Training	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,250
Travel	\$0	\$3,800	\$4,250
Auto Allowance	\$1,788	\$2,000	\$4,500
Legal Notices	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
Police Patrols	\$4,500	\$49,000	\$50,000
Utilities	\$0	\$10,500	\$11,500
Special Projects From Reserves	\$0	\$600,000	\$375,000
Operating Expenses	\$484,802	\$1,345,572	\$1,044,375
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
Street Supplies	\$90,484	\$5,500	\$6,000
ROW Mowing	\$0	\$44,000	\$40,000
Street Lighting	\$32,685	\$33,000	\$36,000
PW Emergency	\$0	\$13,000	\$13,500
Chipper Contracting	\$160,605	\$167,500	\$169,500
Street Repair & Maintenance	\$184,718	\$50,000	\$125,000
Snow/Salt Contracting	\$23,691	\$121,550	\$35,000
Professional Services	\$41,496	\$59,500	\$59,000
Operating Expenses	\$533,679	\$494,050	\$484,000
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Opt. Trn. Sanitation Fund	\$289,992	\$289,992	\$304,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,308,473	\$2,129,614	\$1,832,875
Total Capital Outlays	\$0	\$37,000	\$0
Grand Total	\$1,308,473	\$2,166,614	\$1,832,875
Total Employees	4	4	4

FUND BALANCE	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Estimated	FY 2011 Proposed
Beginning Fund Balance	\$7,614,881	\$7,997,455	\$7,421,091
Revenues	\$1,691,047	\$1,590,250	\$1,480,100
Expenditures	(\$1,018,481)	(\$1,876,622)	(\$1,528,375)
Other	(\$289,992)	(\$289,992)	(\$304,500)
Ending Fund Balance	\$7,997,455	\$7,421,091	\$7,068,316

Schools in Oak Hill

PUBLIC

Glendale Spanish Immersion School

800 Thompson Avenue
Nashville, TN 37204
615/279-7970
Glendalees.mnps.org

John Overton High School

4820 Franklin Pike
Nashville, TN 37220
615/333-5135
overtonhighschool.com
Private Schools

PRIVATE

Father Ryan High School

700 Norwood Drive
Nashville, TN 37204
615/383-4200
www.fatheryan.org

Franklin Road Academy

4700 Franklin Pike
Nashville, TN 37220
615/832-8845
frapanthers.com

Glen Leven Day School

3906 Franklin Pike
Nashville, TN 37204
615/298-2071
glenleven.org

Our Savior Lutheran Academy

5110 Franklin Pike
Nashville, TN 37220
615/833-3779
OSLANashville.org

The Oak Hill School

4815 Franklin Pike
Nashville, TN 37220
615/297-6544
oakhillschool.org



Glendale school has many dedicated volunteers but can use more help.

Glendale Elementary is Oak Hill's school

BY STEPHANIE AND MARK BIXLER, PTO president

The Glendale School is in the planning period of some significant upgrades to its grounds, with the intent of beginning to execute the work this summer. We are the City of Oak Hill's school, too, and want your involvement!

Key components of the improved design

include: additional off-street parking, new playground equipment, sidewalks, refurbished basketball hoops, and landscaping features including a brick seat wall, a patio with picnic tables, and several new planted areas. We also intend to have trees pruned, trash containers put in, and signage installed.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) of Glendale has already raised almost \$20,000 towards this project—we invite our neighbors to participate in the project as well.

The beautification and improvement of the Glendale School benefits *all* of Oak Hill.

We cannot do it alone!

Please consider donating to Glendale's future. Make checks payable to: Glendale PTO, 800 Thompson Avenue, Nashville TN 37204.

For more information about the school or the project, visit www.GlendalePTO.com or email us with any questions at GlendalePTO@yahoo.com.

The PTO at Glendale is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Our funds are raised almost exclusively through donations by neighbors, corporate partners, and Glendale families. They go toward the benefit of the school as a whole: educational tools for curriculum enhancement, supplemental teacher training, student field trips and assemblies, school development projects, and art, music, technology, reading, math and physical education supplies. 🌱



Commissioners recognized for service

Commissioners Ray Throckmorton and Tommy Alsup were presented gifts for their eight years of service by Vice Mayor Austin McMullen at the May meeting. Strong supporters of Radnor Lake, both received a framed, signed photograph by Robin Conover. They also were given gavels as mementos of their terms as mayor, Throckmorton from 2002 to 2006 and Alsup from 2006 to 2010.



Radnor needs volunteers to repair flood damage

The raging flood waters that did so much damage to Middle Tennessee in early May took a heavy toll at Radnor Lake Natural Area.

Many of the trails, creek banks, and especially Otter Creek Road sustained damage that will take months—perhaps up to a year—to repair. Park manager Steve Ward said the speed of recovery will be determined by the number of volunteer hours put into the project.

Among the most severe damage:

- Nearly a mile of pavement on Otter Creek Road must be replaced due to erosion, buckling, and four-foot-high chasms in some places.

- About 75 large trees were destroyed. That, along with flooding of ground nests, has displaced birds and other wildlife.

- Sediment in the lake has disturbed the plant life and habitat for fish, ducks, turtles and otters.

The road, trails, and buildings desperately need repair, and that's where volunteers can help. Every Saturday through June, volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon to dig out clogged culverts, then spread rocks, gravel, and mulch in affected areas. Meet at the Visitor Center to get assignments. For more information call 373-3467. 🌿

Volunteer to rebuild Radnor

Every Saturday in June
8 a.m.-noon
Meet at Visitor Center

Ensure pet safety by keeping them leashed, supervised

Summertime means doing more things outside with the family, including the family pets. The City wants to make sure that its residents remember that all pets are to be leashed when walked and that pets are not allowed to run free.

If pets are let out to roam the streets and neighborhoods, unfortunate things can happen like people or pets being attacked, or pets accidentally hit in the road. Smaller pets running loose often fall prey to coyotes.

If you see a dog or cat running loose in your neighborhood, please call Metro Animal Control at 862-7928.

Dead animals

If you have a dead domestic or wild animal, do one of two things:

- If the dead animal is on Franklin Pike, Battery Lane, Harding Road, or Old Hickory Boulevard (state-controlled streets), please call State Public Works at 350-4400.

- If the dead animal is on any other Oak Hill street, please call Metro Dead Animal Pickup at

862-8971. If the animal is dead in your yard, you will have to sign a waiver for the Metro worker to come onto your personal property to get the animal or you need to find a way to get the dead animal to the street for Metro to easily pick up.

Please keep not only yourself and your neighbors safe this summer, but also keep your pets safe by keeping them leashed and supervised. 🌿

Live audio of meetings begins in July

Live audio of meetings of the boards of Commissioners and Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission will begin in July on the website at www.oakhilltn.us/boards.html.

City Manager Kevin Helms said delayed audio of the June 17 Board of Commissioners and the June 22 Planning Commission will be posted on the website three days after the meetings.

Listeners will experience a delay of approximately two minutes when the meetings are streamed live beginning in July.

Visitors to the page also will be able to listen to meetings archived for one year and search those archives by keyword. 🌿

QUICK CALL LIST



CITY OF OAK HILL

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371-8291 FAX 373-6886
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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

Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs retires

Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs has gone on “permanent vacation” to Florida and is no longer with the City of Oak Hill.

“I want to thank all the residents of Oak Hill for the opportunity to be your Commissioner and Vice Mayor. I am proud to have served since 2008 as the city’s first Safety Coordinator. Your support, encouragement, and countless acts of kindness are deeply appreciated and won’t be forgotten,” Jacobs said.

The former police officer was praised by City officials. “Tommy was instrumental in maintaining a good relationship with Metro Police. His knowledge of the area and his understanding of how the department works allowed him to make valuable contributions to the safety of our City,” said Mayor Tommy Alsop.

“Tommy Jacobs worked hard to keep Oak Hill a safe place to live and raise our families. He will be missed,” said Vice Mayor Austin McMullen.

The City is preparing to search for his replacement. City Manager Kevin Helms will be acting as the intermediary for Oak Hill and the Metro Police until a new coordinator is hired.

In the interim, note the following changes to contact information: for non-emergency concerns during regular business hours, please call the City Office at 371-8291 to report anything suspicious, vandalism, break-ins, etc. During all other times, please call the West Precinct at 862-7747. If a crime is in progress, call 911. To report a crime that has already been committed, call 862-8600. 🌿



Former Safety Coordinator Tommy Jacobs is now fishing from his backyard in Florida.

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

Get updated mail alerts on crimes in your neighborhood



City News



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