

Oak Hill news

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Write in 'Oak Hill' on your income tax return

Oak Hill receives no money from the property taxes its residents pay to Metro Nashville. The City relies primarily on its portion of revenues from the Hall Income Tax, which the state of Tennessee shares with Oak Hill.

Write in "Oak Hill" on your state income tax return, regardless of your official mailing address, to make sure the City gets its fair share and avoids the necessity of a property tax. And let your legislators know maintaining this revenue-sharing arrangement is important. *See story on page 4.*

City begins backdoor recycling

Oak Hill residents will get their recyclables picked up twice a week by a City vendor, beginning March 1.

The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with backdoor recycling by EarthSavers, a new contractor for the City.

"Preserving our natural resources is an increasing concern for many, and the City of Oak Hill recognizes the importance of this issue," Mayor Austin McMullen said. "Making recycling easy for the citizens of Oak Hill has been a priority for us as Commissioners."

EarthSavers will collect both trash and recyclables twice a week, at no cost to residents. The firm was selected because it offers the ability to collect both trash and recyclables on one trip, which saves natural resources and expense.

EarthSavers uses a special type of collection truck that has separate compartments for trash and recyclables, which allows the workers to empty both your trash bin and your recycling bin on the same visit, twice a week.

The City is providing one free 32-gallon recycling bin per address. Additional bins are available at cost, around \$20. If you move, the bin remains behind.

Paper, cardboard, cans and plastics can be commingled in to one bag and placed in the recycling bin.

Boxes should be flattened. You can put in glass, but it should be collected separately in a plastic bag.

Tie the bags closed and put them in the bin on collection days.

Recycling collection do's and don'ts

PAPER

DO Recycle:

All mail
Newspapers
Magazines
Phone books
Cardboard
Paperback books
Journals

DON'T put in bin:

Facial tissue
Toilet tissue
Paper towels
Tyvek mailers
Milk cartons
Pizza boxes
Paper with food or grease
Hardback binding of books

PLASTIC BAGS

DO Recycle:

Bags with recycling logo 
Place all bags into one and tie it closed

DON'T put in bin:

Plastic bags without recycling logo

PLASTIC

DO Recycle:

Styrofoam, plastic containers with recycling logo #1-7 

DON'T put in bin:

Plastics that do NOT have recycling logo

METAL

DO Recycle:

Aluminum cans
Pie pans
Food cans
Aerosol cans

DON'T put in bin:

Paint cans
Scrap metal
Aluminum foil
Eating utensils
Containers that held flammable liquids

GLASS (in separate bag)

DO Recycle:

Food jars
Food bottles
Drink bottles

DON'T put in bin:

Plates
Plate glass
Mirrors
Glassware
Ceramics
Crystal

Preparing your recyclables

Bottles, cans, food containers

- Empty contents.
- Rinse residue.
- Labels and lids can remain.

Paper

- Remove binder clips. Staples, paper clips can stay.
- Break down cardboard along seams.
- Place shredded paper in plastic bag and tie shut.

Aerosol cans

- Spray to release remaining pressure.

Household chemical containers

- Drain and rinse thoroughly.

Inside the recycling bin

- Use puncture-resistant plastics bags.
- Bag commingled paper, cardboard, plastics, cans.
- Bag glass bottles and jars in separate bag.
- Tie the bags shut and place in recycling bin.
- Close lid.



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5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102

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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 Office
5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102, 5 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday

Planning Commission Meeting

Oak Hill City Office
5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102, 5 p.m.

Third Tuesday

Board of Zoning Appeals

Oak Hill City Office
5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102, 5 p.m.

Office making audiovisual improvements

The final touches on the renovations at the City office will soon be added. We hope that you have had a chance to either stop by our office or take a look at them through recent stories in the newsletter or on the website.

There are essentially two major steps needed to complete the work. They are the addition of audio and video equipment to the meeting room and a small amount of office furnishings throughout the space.

At the January meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the board approved a proposal from Multi-Media Masters to install the needed audio and video equipment in the meeting room. This equipment will provide for better sound reinforcement and offer video monitors for presentations.

This equipment will be beneficial for a number of reasons. The audio equipment will allow the audience to better hear what is being said by the board, while also providing sound reinforcement so that audience comments can be heard by those at the head table. A microphone will also be available for anyone who is making an official presentation to the board so that their comments are well heard by everyone in attendance.

Additionally, the system will provide us with a more stable audio stream to use for the broadcasting of our meetings live on the internet. We have experienced some technical difficulties with the Granicus system, and most of these have been resolved. However, the temporary audio recording system that we currently use was designed to capture audio from another site and post it for users at a later date. The signal is not stable enough to broadcast live and so live streaming has been available only on a sporadic basis. The permanent audio solution will allow for the meeting audio to be broadcast with only a few seconds delay. The result will be that anyone in the world with access to a computer and the internet will be able to listen to the meetings almost instantaneously.

More efficient meetings

The video monitors will allow us to offer training, presentations, and more efficient board meetings. Guest presenters will have access to a system to display slides, videos, and Powerpoint presentations. Our boards will be able to display material on the screens for everyone in the room to view, including the board members

themselves.

This means that the audience will be able to see what the board and the applicant see. This will be accom-

plished by asking all applicants to submit a digital file of the proposed project.

The new system will also allow us to hold our meetings while producing less paper for the participants, thereby offering a more sustainable solution to our operations. As we move to electronic meetings, these savings will also include the fuel and time that it takes to deliver packets to board members by hand.

The audio and video equipment is expected to be operational by April of this year.

CodeRed agenda notifications

At about the same time, the City plans to begin using the CodeRed system to notify residents of cases on the Planning or Board of Zoning Appeals agendas. If you live within a certain distance of a property on the agenda, you will get a call to supplement the letters, signs, and website announcements already in place.



To sign up visit www.oakhilltn.us and click the CodeRed logo or call 371-8291

If you have not signed up for the CodeRed calls, we encourage you to do so. It is a great way to find out important information about City operations such as road construction and adjustments to garbage routes when a holiday or inclement weather impacts the normal collection schedule. However, we feel the most important benefit is the notice you receive when severe weather approaches. This service is provided free of charge. You may sign up by visiting our website or calling the City office.

In the coming months, the City will purchase the office furnishings needed to finalize the renovations. We invite you to stop by the office to see the construction work or attend one of our meetings in person, but know that if you cannot attend our meetings, you can listen to them at www.oakhilltn.us.

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms
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Don't throw away this newsletter; recycle it!

Todd Moore named new City attorney

J. Todd Moore, a Franklin attorney with extensive experience in municipal law, has been named City Attorney for Oak Hill effective March 1, succeeding Robert Notestine who is stepping down after eight years.

Mayor Austin McMullen commended Notestine on his work for the City especially during some “tough and interesting times,” adding, “Bob became a personal friend and I sincerely appreciate all the work he has done for the City.”



Notestine said he enjoyed serving Oak Hill, but his growing workload at his 25-year-old law firm and increased responsibilities for the expanding City of Nolensville that he has represented for 15 years is demanding more time. “I expect good things from the motivated, intelligent young folks on the Board of Commissioners and believe they are going to make a difference, make Oak Hill an even better place to live,” he said.

“I and the other commissioners look forward to working with Todd Moore,” McMullen said. “His vast experience in municipal law will be extremely helpful as we face the challenges of a small city government in tough economic times.”

Todd said he was honored that the Commissioners selected him to serve as city attorney for Oak Hill. “It is a pleasure to work with a city that is as responsive to its residents as Oak Hill.”

Founder of J. Todd Moore & Associates, his firm concentrates its practice in the area of municipal law, business and corporate law, eminent domain, wills, trusts, estate planning and probate practice.

Moore currently serves as Town Attorney for Thompson’s Station and Chapel Hill, Tennessee. Other representative clients include the City of Brentwood, the Tennessee Municipal League Risk Management Pool and the TMA Group.

A former Legal Consultant for the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (UT-MTAS), he also served as assistant city attorney for the city of Knoxville.

He is a graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis in 1989 and the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1992.



Public works, chipper contracts awarded

Clean Earth Collections was awarded the contract for public works for four years with an option to extend by the Oak Hill Board of Commissioners beginning March 1.

The company’s responsibilities include sign repairs, small paving projects, pothole patching, clearing ditch lines and culverts, removing fallen trees from roadways and repairing culverts.

“The company has a strong background in the kind of work we need done, often on a quick basis,” according to City Manager Kevin Helms.

Jonathan Cummings, owner of Clean Earth Collections, said he is “familiar with the city’s great staff and its code requirements through working with clients who are residents of Oak Hill.”

“We’re excited and ready to go to work on March 1,” Cummings said.

His company has residential clients as well as contracts with the City of Belle Meade and Williamson County.

Cummings said his staff includes two masons who specialize in repairing stacked stone walls.

Jackaroo’s contract renewed

Jackaroo’s contract for chipper service was renewed for four years with an option to extend. The contract covers chipper service, leaf collection, grass mowing on rights-of-way including Tyne Boulevard and Granny White Pike, and trimming bushes that obstruct roadway visibility.

Thanks for terrific snow removal service

The City sends out a thank you to Mid Tennessee Erosion Control for excellent snow removal services this season. The firm did a great job of salting streets and getting snow cleared quickly under adverse conditions.

City officials and staff meet for a work session prior to the January Board of Commissioners meeting.

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN**

INC 250

Beginning: _____ ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____
 Taxable Year: _____ Ending: _____

Taxpayers filing on a calendar year basis must file their return by April 15 of the following year. Make your check payable to the Tennessee Department of Revenue for the amount of tax computed and paid to _____.

Because a portion of the tax goes back to the city or county of residence, please provide the county and city (if within an incorporated municipality) of the taxpayer's legal residence on the lines below.

County Davidson
 City Oak Hill

NAME: _____
 SPOUSE'S NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

You may file your extension, return, and payment through the internet at www.TN.gov/revenue.

If this is an AMENDED RETURN, please check the box at right:

YOUR SSN: _____
 SPOUSE'S SSN: _____
 FEES: _____

Because a portion of the tax goes back to the city or county of residence, please provide the county and city (if within an incorporated municipality) of the taxpayer's legal residence on the lines below.

County: _____
 City: _____

AFFIDAVIT FOR EXEMPTION



Make your voice heard for bike lanes

By Vice Mayor Jennifer Claxton

A few weeks back, there was an article in *The Tennessean* about Metro's 2011 budget for sidewalks and bike lanes. The City of Oak Hill's open forum on the subject this past spring brought out many supporters in favor of seeing more sidewalks and bike lanes throughout our City.

Franklin Pike is one of Nashville's most-used thoroughfares. It was also the top pick for a bike lane based on our research within Oak Hill.

Franklin Pike is unique: No other main Nashville artery is as flat, as straight and has so few traffic lights. Not a day goes by that I don't see a biker using the road, and I occasionally run on a short stretch myself. It would be nice to have a safe shoulder in an effort to "share the road" and create a more pedestrian-friendly community.

Franklin Pike is also the main connection between Radnor Lake State Park, Ellington Agricultural Center, Travellers Rest, and Glen Leven Farm, and it is actually included in Metro's long-term bike lane master plan.

The *Tennessean* article (see box) states that Metro has budgeted \$3 million for bike lanes in 2011, and I'm working on getting Franklin Pike to be included in that plan. I'd like to ask for your help.

If you have a moment, please send a quick email to our Metro Council representative, Carter Todd, and Toks Omishakin, the Mayor's Liaison for the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, expressing your support for the installation of bike lanes on Franklin Pike in 2011. Tell your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Thank you for your help in making Oak Hill the best place to live in Nashville!

Tennessean article:

• <http://bit.ly/sidewalkstory>

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Write in 'Oak Hill' on tax return

When you file your state income tax return, please write "Oak Hill" in the appropriate box regardless of your official mailing address. A portion of state taxes that residents pay is returned to the City. Writing "Oak Hill" on your return helps to ensure that the

revenue such as dedicated percentages of the Hall tax and sales tax. Oak Hill depends heavily on this state-shared revenue to fund important services, including trash, recycling, and chipper pick-up, street repair, zoning and clearing ice and snow.

You can help Oak Hill continue without a property tax by writing "Oak Hill" on your tax return. Please also keep abreast of bills currently pending in the legislature that would change the structure of state-shared taxes. Some of these bills, if passed, would dramatically impact the finances of the City of Oak Hill, necessitating severe cuts in City services or the imposition of new City taxes. Obviously, these alternatives are not preferable. We are monitoring the pending bills and discussing them with legislators, working to maintain stability in city revenues and services for residents.

FROM THE MAYOR

Austin McMullen

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City receives these state-shared funds.

Oak Hill has no property tax. All property taxes are paid to Metro Nashville, and none of these funds are shared with Oak Hill. Almost all City funds are derived from state-shared

Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the sewer system and enter local waterbodies.

- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters. Keep them clean to avoid leaks.
- Report chemical spills to the local hazardous waste cleanup team. They'll know how to keep spills from harming the environment.

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 leaf, brush policies now in effect

New policies for leaf and brush collection and a new collection schedule went into effect on November 1.

The City contracts for free monthly pickup of typical yard wastes such as tree limbs, shrubbery pruning (no roots or dirt), and bagged leaves or trimmings done by Oak Hill residents.

Collecting materials outside existing guidelines costs the City roughly \$50,000 extra per year. Adhering to these guidelines is necessary to maintain this free service for all residents of Oak Hill.

Bags of loose leaves and brush must be placed beside the road, not in ditches or in the road. The total weight of bags cannot exceed 50 pounds. Positively no dirt, rocks, or trash (including flower pots, papers or animal feces) should be placed with the leaves.

You must use either paper bags or degradable plastic bags that are clearly marked as degradable. Even if the box says the bags are degradable, you cannot use them unless the bag itself is marked as degradable.

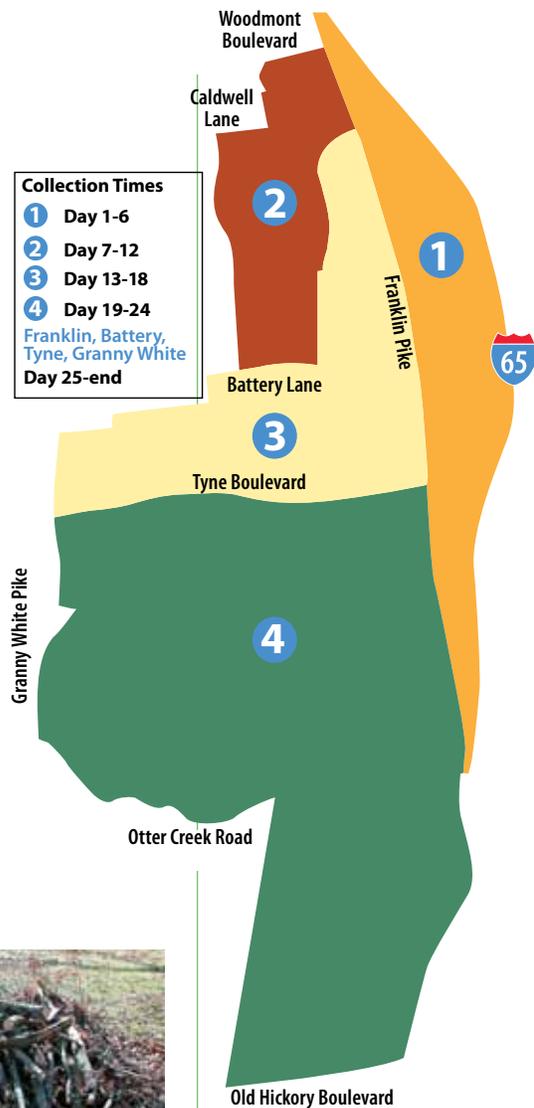
Residents may now choose to rake their leaves to the side of the road to be

collected by a vacuum truck. The piles of leaves should be placed in or very near the right-of-way. Do 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.

For brush collection, limbs or twigs must be limited in size to no bigger than 4" in diameter. Put your limbs in a generally straight, stacked pile on the right-of-way, with the cut ends toward the street for accessible pickup. Make sure there are no foreign objects (metal, plastic, or glass) in the pile.

NOTE: If you hire professionals to do your tree and shrubbery trimming, be sure to inform them that it is their responsibility to dispose of the waste. The City will not clean up after contractors.

Oak Hill is now divided into four zones with collection during a six-day timespan of each month.



Correct placement of leaves, brush

City begins backdoor recycling *(continued from page 1)*

Besides saving natural resources, another important aspect of recycling is reducing the amount of waste that must be disposed. EarthSavers is partnering with the City to encourage residents to make that happen.

If Oak Hill residents recycle more and throw away less, EarthSavers will pay less at the landfill to get rid of it. So, as an incentive, as the amount of garbage goes down, the company will share a portion of the savings with the City in the form of a discount off the amount

it charges. By recycling more and throwing away less, you are saving the City money.

EarthSavers has also agreed to make a financial contribution to the efforts of Friends of Glen Leven, which works to preserve the historic Glen Leven Farm in Oak Hill.

“While Earth Saver’s pledge to Glen Leven was not a deciding factor by the Board in the award of the contract, it did set the company apart from its competition,” Vice Mayor Jennifer Claxton said.

“It shows their commitment

to being a true community partner and an appreciation for Oak Hill’s passion behind the preservation of such a historic landmark within our city.”

What happens to recyclables after you put them in the bin?

After collecting recyclables from residents, EarthSavers delivers them to a local Material Recovery Facility. At the MRF, the recyclables are sorted according to raw material, then distributed to manufacturers for creating new products. This reduces the natural resources used for new products.



QUICK CALL LIST



CITY OF OAK HILL

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SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Chipper Service

Jackaroo: 371-8291

Garbage/Recycling Pickup

Earth Savers 481-4640

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



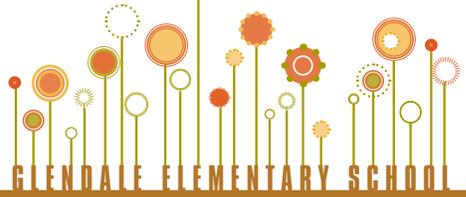
Congratulations, newlyweds

Oak Hill administrative assistant Patrick Steiner and Heather Renée Heaps from Dayton, Maryland, were married December 4 in Burtonsville, Maryland.

The couple met at David Lipscomb University in 1995, have dated since June 2008, and got engaged January 1, 2010. Heather is employed at KinderCare Learning Center at Fieldstone Farms in Franklin.



(let it grow)



Glendale Gala April 9

Mark your calendar now for the Glendale Gala Event benefiting Glendale School on Saturday, April 9.

The event, featuring live and silent auctions as well as great food and fun, will be held at the offices of Bass Berry & Sims in the Pinnacle Tower downtown, 150 Third Ave South, Suite 2800.

For more information on the Gala or to see photos from last year's event, visit GlendalePTO.com.

Go green with e-news!

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.

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