

Oak Hill news

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Permit holders now listed on website

Any person or group going door-to-door in the City, selling items or asking for contributions, must have either a valid solicitation permit from Oak Hill, proof that their group is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, or proof that they are a member of the United Way. To help residents identify authorized solicitors, valid permit holders are now listed on the City's website at www.oakhilltn.us/safety.html. Currently only one firm has a permit.

Your recycling saves resources: Trees, energy, money

Congratulations, Oak Hill—you saved 773 trees! And you diverted 27 large garbage trucks from landfills!

How did you do it? Recycling!

By recycling you also saved energy equivalent to the annual electricity usage of 45 homes and prevented the release of CO₂ greenhouse gases equal to taking eight cars off the road.



This is the equivalent environmental impact of material recycled by Oak Hill residents in March and

dual-use trucks. These trucks allow EarthSavers to pick up trash and recyclables in one trip, saving resources. However, loose materials can fly out of these trucks onto the roads or from the trash compartment to the recycling compartment.

The next time you get one of those little yellow tags saying your trash or recycling wasn't picked up, remember this phrase from *Happy Days*' Tom Bosley, "Don't get mad—Get Glad!" Be glad because when you take a few seconds to tie your trash or recycling bag, you are making it possible for Oak Hill to continue providing twice weekly backdoor trash and recycling pick up at no additional cost to you. In fact, the City of Oak Hill receives none of the property tax payments you make, all of which go to Metro Nashville.

We are thrilled to have back door recycling. Not only can we recycle more items—glass and styrofoam, we no longer have to take our recyclables to the Hillsboro High School parking lot, saving both time and fuel. Oak Hill is providing a REAL service to its residents and the environment.

Margaret Zibart, 1121 Stonewall Drive

Even the Mayor gets those pesky yellow tags—I've gotten two for not tying bags! If you get a yellow tag you are not being picked on. It happens to everyone!

We hear your feedback

Based on your input we recently worked with EarthSavers to change the cardboard pick-up policy. You no longer have to put large cardboard boxes into a trash bag.

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FROM THE MAYOR

Austin McMullen

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April using the City's new backdoor recycling program.

Since we added backdoor recycling in March, I have heard from many of you who appreciate this program. The combination of convenience and environmental responsibility is what I hear residents praise most often.

"Why tie bags?"

Some residents have also had questions about the new program. The most frequent question I hear is: "Why do I have to tie the bags?"

Tying bags prevents litter. It also prevents commingling waste with recyclable materials.

The backdoor recycling program is made possible because of EarthSavers'

First two months' results

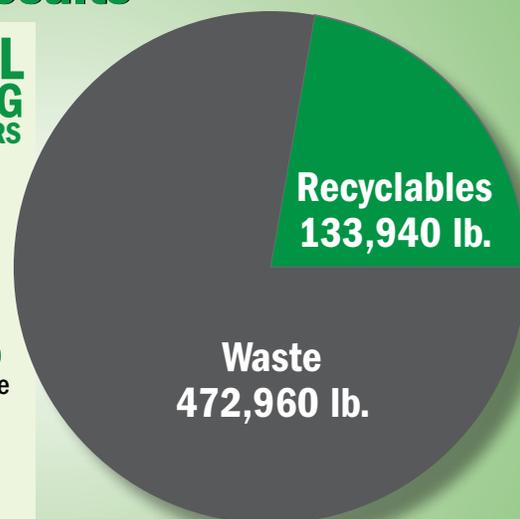
In March and April, residents recycled nearly 134,000 pounds of material. That's more than 22% diverted from the landfill. More than half of all Oak Hill households are participating in the program.

OAK HILL RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS

990
Participating Households

53.5%
Participation Rate

22%
Diversion Rate



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www.oakhilltn.us

The mission of the City of Oak Hill is to preserve its natural resources and residential environment; to offer an enhanced level of services to its citizens; and to provide a strong sense of community pride with historical awareness all within close proximity to a world-class metropolitan area.

Meeting Dates
Third Thursday
Board of Commissioners Meeting
City Office, 5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102, 5 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday
Planning Commission Meeting
City Office, 5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102, 5 p.m.

Third Tuesday
Board of Zoning Appeals
City Office, 5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102, 5 p.m.

 **Don't throw away this newsletter. Recycle it!**

Stormwater drainage study identifies opportunities to reduce City flooding

The City of Oak Hill's engineering firm, Kimley-Horn and Associates, recently concluded Phase I of the Citywide Stormwater Drainage Master Plan Study that was begun last year.

The purpose of this study was to identify opportunities to reduce flooding and protect surface water quality throughout the limits of the City. The engineers began the process by collecting comments from staff and citizens of the City at a public hearing that was held at Judson Baptist Church. There were also comment cards posted on the City's website for individuals who wished to comment but could not attend the public hearing. This information allowed Kimley-Horn to focus attention upon areas within the City that were known to be prone to drainage issues.

While it would have been our desire to never have had the flood of May 2010, the timing of the event could not have been better in that it took place during the information collection phase of the study. In so doing, it provided us with valuable information to include in the report. While the City could never realistically engineer a solution to handle the amount of water that came during that event, the information collected did provide us with valuable data that can be of benefit when developing solutions to the more routine weather events that we encounter.

Three main tasks took place during Phase I of the study. I will discuss each of these tasks below and will also comment on what Phase II and Phase III of the study will entail.

Phase I: Identify infrastructure

The first task of Phase I was to identify all of the major stormwater

infrastructure components that exist within the City. This includes items such as culverts under roadways, catch basins, and detention and retention ponds.

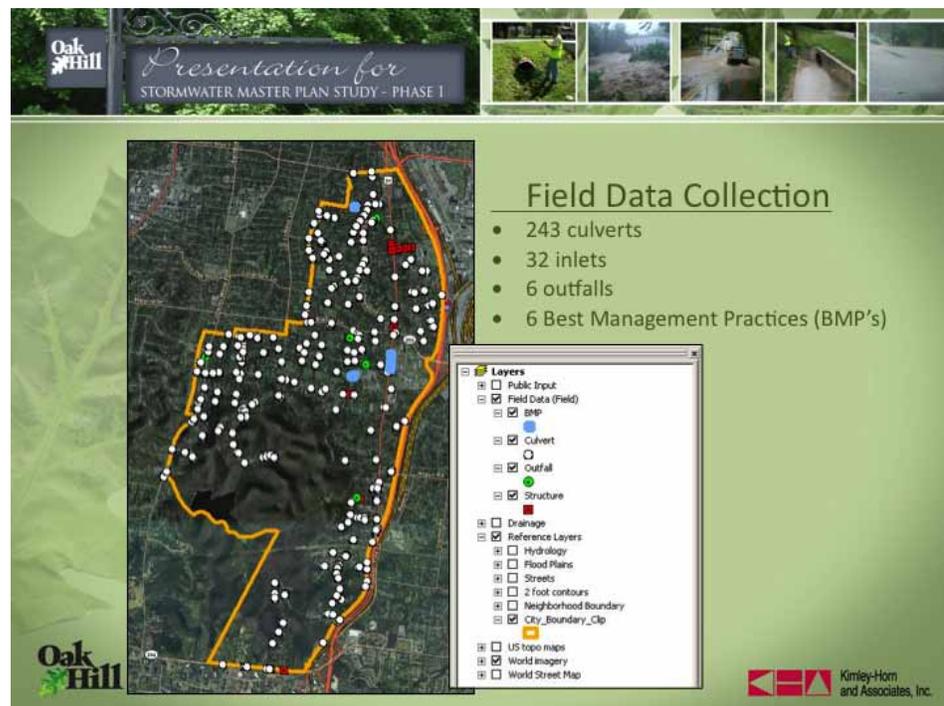
However, this does not include smaller culverts under driveways, as these are the property of individual landowners and serve as that owner's access to the City street.

The second task was to identify the primary drainage basins and sub-basins within the City. The study found seven primary drainage basins within the City. Each of these basins was then broken down into sub-basins, which yielded a total of 36 sub-basins.

The final task of Phase I was to prioritize these 36 sub-basins as to the areas that presented the greatest drainage problems. Several sub-basins were grouped together for this task as certain conditions made it logical to combine them for future phases of the Citywide Storm-

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Kevin Helms
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Field Data Collection

- 243 culverts
- 32 inlets
- 6 outfalls
- 6 Best Management Practices (BMP's)

Layers

- Public Input
- Field Data (Field)
- BMP
- Culvert
- Outfall
- Structure
- Drainage
- Reference Layers
 - Hydrology
 - Flood Plans
 - Streets
 - 2 foot contours
 - Neighborhood Boundary
 - City_Boundary_Clip
- US topo maps
- World Imagery
- World Street Map

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Data collected included 530 total GPS points. All data was placed into database includes location, type, all element information, and photographs.

water Drainage Master Plan Study. This process yielded 12 priority areas to be considered.

Phase II: Drainage modeling

Phase II of the project will entail drainage modeling of the prioritized areas. This modeling process will yield a computer-based model of the area that can be used to determine the impact that changes would have on the overall drainage patterns of these areas. For instance, proposed new construction could be included in the computer model to determine if it would have a negative impact on the drainage basin. If so, the builder could be required to take measures to negate this impact before approval is granted for the project. Additionally, solutions could be developed for the City to implement that would improve the overall drainage of the area based upon existing conditions if the current drainage infrastructure is insufficient to meet the area's needs.

Phase III: Funding and construction

Phase III of the project would simply entail funding and construction of any improvements identified by Phase II of the study. The results of this study could be used to seek grant funding to assist with the improvements. Even with grant funding, some portion of the project would have to be funded with local dollars. Unlike many other cities, including Metro, the City of Oak Hill does not collect a stormwater management fee. As a result of this, funding for the improvements would have to come from the City's general fund. It is possible that Phase III for some areas of most concern could be undertaken prior to Phase II being implemented for areas within the City that received a low priority score.

I encourage anyone interested in knowing more about this study to visit our website where the PowerPoint presentation delivered by City Engineer, Zac Dufour, to the Board of Commissioners is available for your review. There is also some supporting documentation from the study itself. The full study encompasses two large notebooks with numerous large map attachments. Anyone interested in reviewing the full document can do so by visiting the City office. The full document is much too large to be posted on the website.

As always if you have any questions about this, or any other matter, do not hesitate to contact the City office.



Annelle Rucker retires

Annelle Rucker retired in February after 19 years as a member of the Oak Hill Planning Commission.

Mayor Austin McMullen and Planning Commission Chair Art McWilliams presented her with an hourglass inscribed with her name and years on the Planning Commission (1992–2011) for her dedication and service to the City of Oak Hill for so many years.

First appointed in 1992, her term was to expire August 31, 2012.

City Engineer Zac Dufour delivers a PowerPoint on the drainage study, using the newly-installed audio visual screens for the first time. The three large screens give everyone in the meeting room a clear view. The digital presentations will be used for the Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission, and Board of Zoning Appeals, saving time, money, storage, and the environment as multiple copies of the large sheets will no longer be required.



Stormwater Pollution Solutions

Permeable Pavement. Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff.

Rain Barrels. You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito-proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales. Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.

Vegetated Filter Strips. Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

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.

We have wanted to begin recycling in our home, but like most folks, haven't taken the initiative. We are thankful to the City for providing the opportunity, and for making it so easy with at-your-door service.

**Hal and Tiffany Garrett,
4213 Morriswood Drive**

Missed collections?
Want to recycle more?
Questions? Contact



Preparing recyclables

Bottles, cans, food containers

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

Paper

- Remove binder clips. Staples, paper clips can stay.
- Place shredded paper in plastic bag, tie shut.

Cardboard

- Break down boxes over 2'x2' along seams.
- Remove packing material and wraps.
- Bind cardboard with string or packing tape in bundles not to exceed 4'x4' and 30 lb.
- Put cardboard bundle beside bin.

Aerosol cans

- Spray to release remaining pressure.

Household chemical containers

- Drain, rinse thoroughly.

Inside the bin

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

Recycling saves resources (continued from page 1)

Instead, break down any cardboard boxes bigger than two feet by two feet along the seams, removing other packing material and wraps. Then bind the cardboard together with string or packing tape in bundles not to exceed four feet by four feet and 30 pounds. Put the bundle beside your blue "Oak Hill Recycles" bin.

If your trash or recycling pick-up is missed, please contact EarthSavers directly at OakHill@EarthSavers.org or by calling 481-9640. This is the quickest way for EarthSavers to correct a missed pick-up or answer questions about trash and recycling policies.

Please also check EarthSavers' dedicated Oak Hill website at www.EarthSavers.org/OakHill.

The detailed information on this website will answer many of your questions.

Conserve resources

When you recycle, you help the City of Oak Hill conserve one of the most important resources—money. As we recycle more, EarthSavers rebates a portion of the saved landfill charges to Oak Hill. The City can then use these funds for other important projects to make our community even better.

Please partner with Oak Hill and EarthSavers by recycling. Thank you to the many Oak Hill households who are recycling. The 22% diversion rate we have achieved is much higher than the 4% to 5% rate achieved

The recycling service has allowed our family to save so much time and is such a wonderful benefit that the City offers to its residents.
Andrew and Kayla Jackson, 709 Sills Court

by Metro Nashville and the City of Franklin.

We can do more to benefit the environment and our community! If you are not recycling, please start. If you are recycling, use your imagination to recycle even more material. It is good for our community and our world!

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

Extra bins available at cost

Residents can now buy additional recycling bins for backdoor collection in two sizes:

- 25-gallon bin with lid: \$11.62
- 32-gallon bin with lid (limited supply):

\$18.62

The price of both containers reflects the City's actual cost. You can bring or mail your payment to the City office, and the bins will be delivered.

Additional services available

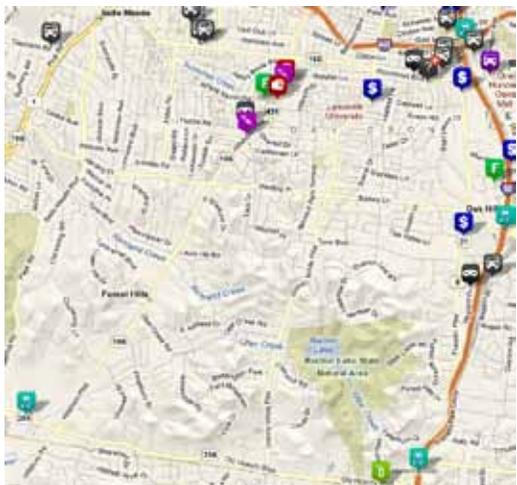
EarthSavers will collect unlimited amounts of recyclables at no charge, but if you want additional or customized services beyond what the guidelines for free pick-up by the City of Oak Hill provide, you can get them directly from EarthSavers for a fee. Options include:

- Containers farther from driveway than permitted.
- Locked or manual gates.
- More than three 32-gallon containers of trash per collection.

City seeks Safety Coordinator

The City is moving ahead with plans to fill the Safety Coordinator position that has remained vacant since Tommy Jacobs resigned last summer.

The City accepted applications through April 25, City Manager Kevin Helms said, and conducted interviews with qualified applicants during May. He said the City anticipates announcing the new Safety Coordinator in June and the coordinator starting work July 1.



Map shows Oak Hill crimes

You can access a map of recent crimes from the City website, www.oakhilltn.us.

Crimes are shown by location and type. Click the blue date at the top of the map to change the date range. Click and drag to scroll.

The map is maintained by Metro Police and shows crimes for all of Davidson County.

City responds to burglaries

With burglaries seemingly on the rise lately, Oak Hill is coordinating supplemental police patrols.

Although policing Oak Hill is the responsibility of Metro, Oak Hill is focusing its supplemental police patrols in an effort to deter crime in the City.

You can help by letting Metro Police know the City needs extra patrols. Call the West Precinct at 862-7747 and request more police presence in Oak Hill.

Please report crimes

If you are a crime victim, please report this to Metro Police as soon as possible at 862-8600. Making Metro aware of crime also helps to ensure a greater police presence in Oak Hill.

CODE RED

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

City alert system now includes property issues

The City started in April using the Code Red telephone notification system to alert property owners about zoning issues.

Residents affected by an action coming before the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals now receive three notices of the pending action, to give them ample opportunity to voice their opinion. A sign is posted in the yard of a property under consideration, and a letter is sent to residents who live next door.

Now, residents who have signed up for Code Red standard notification and who live within 500 feet of the property receive an automatic call, notifying them of the pending action.

If you are not receiving CodeRed notifications and would like to, visit www.oakhilltn.us and click the CodeRed logo, or call the City office at 371-8291. You can use a landline or cell phone, and you may opt to receive alerts via text or email. The service is also compatible with TDD equipment for hearing impairment.

Two types of alerts

The CodeRed notification program has two parts: Standard and Emergency. You may sign up for either or both.

Standard CodeRed calls are initiated by an Oak Hill staff member or the Mayor, and update residents on City events such as road closings or actions pending before a board. About two-thirds of residents were automatically signed up to receive them. This means about one-third of City residents will not receive calls unless they sign up.

CodeRed emergency weather calls are initiated when the National Weather Service issues a warning for the Oak Hill area. You must sign up for this service, and about half of the City's residents have signed up for it.

You may cancel service for either type of call at any time. However, for legal reasons you must get a form from the City office and make your request in writing in order to be removed.

CodeRed tips

Next time you receive a CodeRed call, add the number to your contact list. This will allow Caller ID to notify you of the source of the call. Often the call shows up as Emergency Communications Network.

Once the call has ended you will be given an option to press a button to take one of several actions, including the option to repeat the message. So if you did not get all of the information the first time the message was played, press the appropriate button and listen again.



Glendale
GALA

Gala helps Glendale

The sixth annual Glendale PTO Gala on April 9 was very successful, Gala chair Trayte Peters said, raising around \$45,000 gross to benefit Glendale Elementary School in Oak Hill.

More than 250 people attended the event featuring live and silent auctions in the Pinnacle Building offices of Bass Berry and Sims.

“The money will be used to support our current fiscal year’s budget, which ends June 30, in addition to some ongoing goals,” Peters said. “All the money stays here at Glendale. We are currently developing a strategic plan that will help us determine how best to use future money.”

Glendale is a Spanish immersion school for elementary children K–4.



The Percy Priest School library expansion plan calls for a 4,583-square-foot library/media center and technology center, with 2,878 square feet of new space and 1,705 square feet of renovated space.

Library expansion moves closer to reality

Thanks to the support of Oak Hill and other generous donors, the library expansion project at Percy Priest Elementary School is expected to break ground in early June.

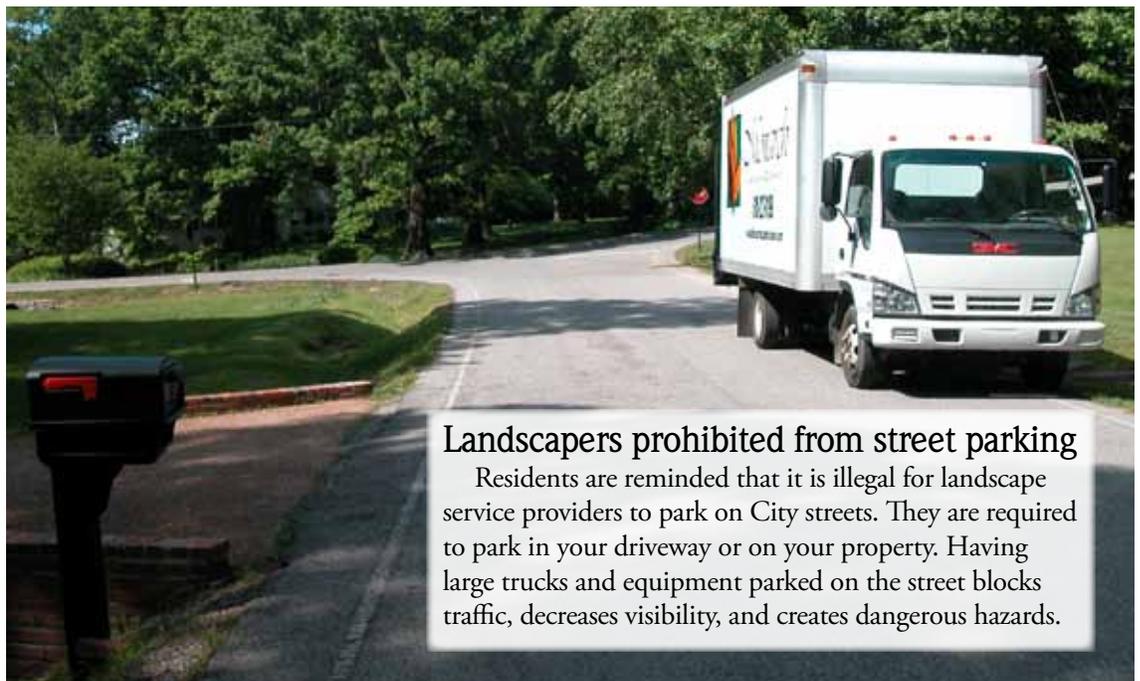
“We have nearly reached our fundraising goal of \$900,000,” says Henry Trost, co-chair of the library expansion committee. “We now hope to complete our capital campaign by June 1 and begin construction this summer, with an estimated completion date of fall 2011.”

A total of \$795,000 has been raised and pledged so far. The City of Oak Hill pledged \$100,000, to be paid in equal thirds this fiscal year and each of the next two years. The first check will be presented to the Percy Priest Parent Teacher Organization in June.

In addition to the Oak Hill gift and a \$300,000 gift from the City of Forest Hills, the project also received a boost from an anonymous donation of \$100,000. The Percy Priest PTO has raised the remainder of funds has come from Percy Priest parents and neighbors.

The PTO has launched a campaign to sell commemorative brick pavers. The engraved 4”x8” bricks, available for a donation of \$250 or more, will adorn the pathway to the new Percy Priest Library and Media Center.

For more information, or to order a commemorative paver, contact Angie Howard at angiephoward@att.net or 385-8183. Pavers may also be ordered online at www.percypriest.org/ourlibrary.



Landscapers prohibited from street parking

Residents are reminded that it is illegal for landscape service providers to park on City streets. They are required to park in your driveway or on your property. Having large trucks and equipment parked on the street blocks traffic, decreases visibility, and creates dangerous hazards.

Clean Earth Collections now provides chipper service, leaf collection

Clean Earth Collections began providing chipper service and leaf collection to Oak Hill residents April 1.

The policies and schedule remain the same for the 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, said City Manager Kevin Helms.

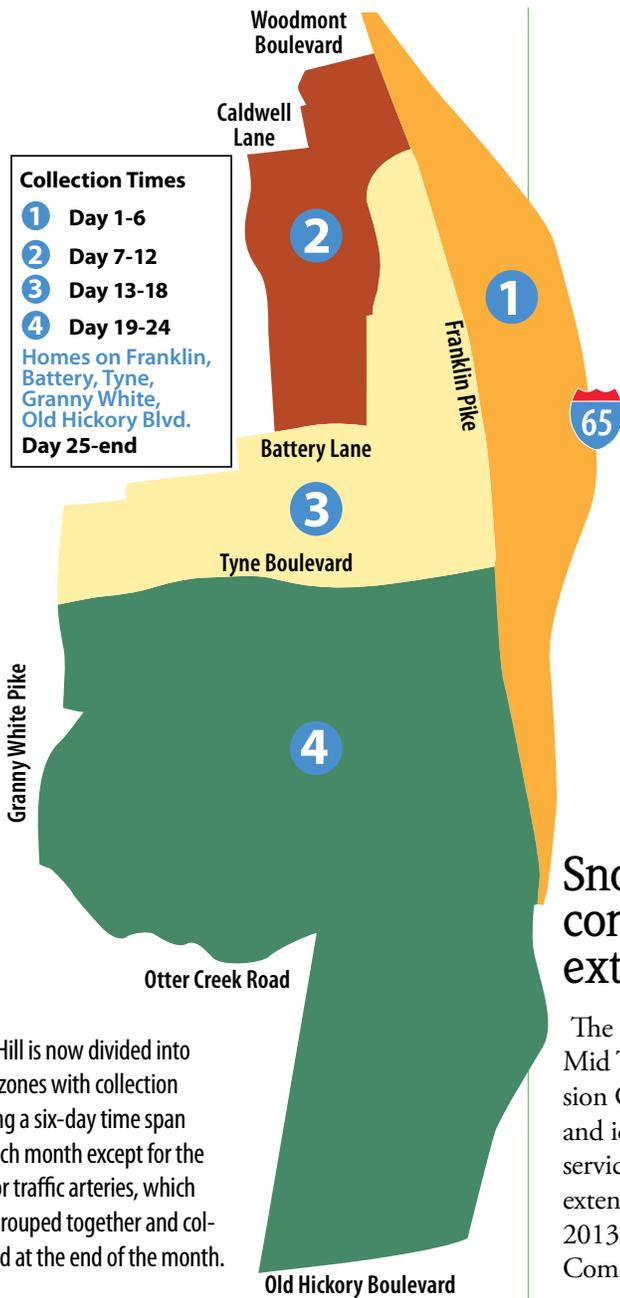
Clean Earth Collections, which also holds the public works contract for Oak Hill, has worked for the City of Belle Meade and Williamson County for several years as well as residential clients.

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.

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.

Correct placement of leaves, brush



Oak Hill is now divided into four zones with collection during a six-day time span of each month except for the major traffic arteries, which are grouped together and collected at the end of the month.

Snow, ice contract extended

The contract with Mid Tennessee Erosion Control for snow and ice management services has been extended to April 30, 2013, by the Board of Commissioners.

City trees win contest

Three Oak Hill trees are winners of the Nashville Tree Foundation's Big Old Tree Contest.

Held every year to celebrate the largest trees in Nashville, the contest recognized:

Live oak at 4931 Franklin Pike, owned by Pam Clayton, 172" in circumference and 160' in height, with a crown spread of 50'.

Magnolia at 1118 Overton Lea, owned by Gary and Joann Strickland, 310" in circumference and 60' in height with a 30' crown spread.

White oak at 4911 Sewanee Road, owned by Mary Eleanor McKenzie, 214" in circumference and 100' in height with a 90' crown spread.



Magnolia, 1118 Overton Lea

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

EarthSavers 481-4640

Garbage/Recycling Pickup

EarthSavers 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

Coyotes pose threat to neighborhood safety

Without a doubt, coyotes have claimed Middle Tennessee as fair ground for homesteading.

Though once found mostly in the American Southwest deserts, coyotes now make their home in every state except Hawaii. Reasons for their migration include the decline of wolves, habitat availability, and natural range expansion.

This poses a serious threat to neighborhood safety. Coyotes can live almost anywhere including fields, woods, and urban areas. In neighborhoods, coyotes will feed on almost anything including garbage, pet food, small cats and dogs, and other wild animals such as rodents, skunks, raccoons, and birds.

The only way to keep coyotes out of your neighborhood is to convince them that the area is dangerous. Unfortunately, they're accustomed to the sights, sounds, and scents of humans.

In areas where they are hunted and trapped, coyotes are extremely wary of humans. However,



in urban areas where they are less likely to be harmed and more likely to associate people with an easy and dependable source of food, they lose the fear of humans. Coyotes will come up on porches and decks if food is regularly present.

If you see a coyote, do all you can to scare it. Wave your arms and make lots of noise. Throw rocks. Shake a stick. Only fear will deter the coyote from returning.

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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



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