



CITY OF FOREST HILLS

Historical survey to be published

As we reach the end of the year 2000, several projects are nearing the final phase and will be completed in 2001.

Historical survey

The historical survey was extremely well received by the residents of Forest Hills. Many of you have been asking when you will be able to see and read the many details the historian Phil Thomason was able to compile.

Commissioner Bill Coke is in charge of completing the project, which includes publishing the findings in book form for easy reading.

Snow removal

The City has again awarded the snow and ice removal road contracts to Sessions Paving Company. Already we have had one or two days of bad driving conditions, and Sessions

has been out scraping and salting the roads. When it snows, the hilly sections are the first roadways to be cleared — then the rest of the City roads.

New TV tower

Recently the City Planning Commission and the City Commissioners of Forest Hills were faced with yet another large TV tower.

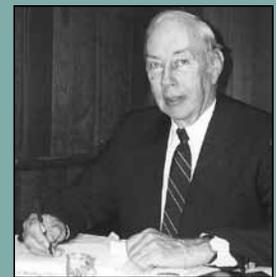
This time we had very little we could do to stop this new TV tower.

The Federal Communications Commission has mandated that the top 25 television markets in America *must* have a new tower up and operational by March 2002 that can televise their TV signal in the digital mode. At the present time nearly all TV broadcasts are in an analog mode. This is what you have now in your home.

Channel 2 after building and installing the

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The Mayor's Corner



BY CHARLES EVERS

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Remember city on income tax

Pay special attention when filing your income taxes to write in the number for the City of Forest Hills to receive its portion of the Hall Income Tax.

Many CPAs and others who prepare tax forms put in the number for Metro Nashville. Marking this box allows the City to maintain its budget to meet your residential needs.

The number for the City of Forest Hills is 1904.

1904



Evers re-elected Commissioner, Mayor

Mayor Charles Evers was unopposed for re-election to the Board of Commissioners November 7, winning his fifth four-year term.

The Board of Commissioners re-elected Evers mayor for a fourth two-year term for 2001-2002 at its regular meeting November 9.

A commissioner since 1989, Evers served as vice mayor for two terms before becoming mayor in 1995.

"I am extremely grateful to the citizens of Forest Hills for placing their confidence in me once again by electing me to be a commissioner for the city that has been my home for 25 years," Evers said. "My goal is the same as it's always been — maintain the res-

idential atmosphere with fairly large lots and lots of trees that makes Forest Hills the best place to live in Davidson County."

His neighbors, concerned that developers wanted to lower the size of the lots, asked Evers to become involved. "They wanted us to keep Forest Hills like it was and we have," he said.

Evers says Forest Hills has the best maintained streets in all of Davidson County, a good snow removal team, consistent chipper service, and controlled speeding that add to the quality of life.

Other accomplishments during his

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**Minutes from
board meetings
October–November, 2000**

Tara Drive speeding

Several residents of Tara Drive expressed concerns about speeding traffic on their street. In October Virginia Shelton asked the Board of Commissioners to consider installing speed humps to slow down the traffic. Spencer Thompson, George Owens, and Whit Forehand also expressed concern in October.

In November Thompson said several neighbors have asked him about the City's follow-up to consider methods to slow Tara Drive traffic, and Bahr Weiss also expressed concern.

Mayor Evers said city officials will review the matter from a safety standpoint and ask traffic engineers for input.

Kingsbury speed humps

In October Bob Murphy of RPM Associates, the City's traffic engineer consultant, presented a before-and-after report on the effect of speed humps on Kingsbury Drive.

He concluded that the speed humps were very effective

in reducing speed and probably reduced the amount of "cut through" traffic.

Bikeway project

Vice mayor Lovell reported in October that Metro Council has approved the use of Percy Priest School property on third and final reading.

Joe Chester continues to work on contacting residents of the neighborhood.

Hunting regulations

Resident James Gardner asked about hunting inside Forest Hills city limits. The City Attorney said the issue of hunting is controlled by a Metro ordinance. While Metro does not prohibit hunting in the General Services district, he emphasized the importance of honoring trespass issues with individual property owners.

The need for hunting licenses and respecting hunting seasons is regulated by the State.

Street and sign maintenance

The City received four bids for street and sign maintenance for the year beginning October 15, 2000. The City Manager recommended in October awarding the contract to Hughes Construction Company even though it did not have the lowest bid, based on unit bid prices and comfort with past performance.

Robert Hutcheson of Sessions Paving Company, also a bidder, said his company can provide the service at the lowest possible cost and reasonable quality.

The Board expressed unanimous concern about the "tying" language contained in the Sessions (snow removal being in the name of Sessions Paving Company) Company bid regarding street maintenance and snow removal.

In November, the Board voted unanimously after discussion to award the contract to Sessions, subject to Sessions' removing the tying language from the contract. David Hughes from Hughes Construction Company questioned the "tying" language's effect on the contract award process. Mayor Evers said the City would not allow any sort of "tying" arrangements and would not award contracts on that basis. 

Evers re-elected *Continued from page 1*

tenure are the initiation of the sister city program with Bricquebec, France, grants to Percy Priest School to enlarge the playground and to ReLeaf Nashville for replanting trees in other areas of the city after the 1998 tornadoes, and the completion of the survey of the many historical places, properties, and residences.

A 1950 graduate of Vanderbilt University,

Evers joined Sunbeam Bakery after a tour of duty with the United States Air Force. He was chair and president when he retired May, 2000, after 43 years with the company founded by his grandfather in 1889. He remains chair of Independence Trust company, a four-year-old firm based in Franklin.

Evers retired as a major general of the Air National Guard. 

Commissioners meeting
agenda hotline
298-5389


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new digital TV tower will be telecasting two signals for a period of time — both on Channel 2 and new Channel 27, and PBS Channel 8 will become new Channel 46. The new TV tower will be built 50 feet northwest of the present 944-foot tower.

The City of Forest Hills was successful in negotiating a contract requiring WKRN Channel 2 to remove the older 944-foot TV tower that can be legally done given federal regulation of the older tower.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission, composed of 10 city residents, has been meeting for a period of over six months to revise our present city ordinances and subdivision regulations. This is a very slow and tedious job with input not only from the members of the Planning Commission and the residents of Forest Hills at public meetings, but also from our legal and planning advisors.

After the Planning Commission finalizes these new ordinances and regulations the new rules will be forwarded to the three city commissioners for a final public hearing and any changes.

This means the project could be completed by March or April 2001.

Traffic light

After many months of negotiations, changes, and final proposals, Mark Jones, our City Engineer, has finally received approval to proceed to install a traffic light at the Kingsbury Drive/Old Hickory Boulevard intersection.

The traffic light will *only* be activated to stop Old Hickory Boulevard traffic when a vehicle pulls up to the intersection on Kingsbury Drive, north or south. Otherwise it will be a yellow blinking light on Old Hickory Boulevard.

This signal light should save the six to 10 accidents each year at this very dangerous intersection.

Old Hickory Boulevard/ Hillsboro Pike intersection

Tennessee Department of Transporta-



Piles of dirt, concrete pipes, and logs mar the lawns of homes on Old Hickory Boulevard where TDOT has stopped widening the street.

tation held a small meeting of neighbors whose front property was acquired by TDOT to widen the Hillsboro Pike/Old Hickory Boulevard intersection.

The meeting was very disturbing, not only to the affected residents whose front property is now a mess with big piles of dirt, rocks, large concrete pipes, and tall grass and weeds. TDOT offered very little to help the problem, saying they are restricted by court orders and injunctions in both Davidson County and Williamson County because of Native American graves found on the south leg of the Hillsboro Pike project.

The lawyers present and those from TDOT stated that in all likelihood it

would be a year or more before decisions of local courts, the Court of Appeals, and the Tennessee Supreme Court can finally be settled. So don't look for a quick remedy. Sorry.

Commissioners meeting

Please remember that the City Commissioners meet each month on the second Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. Each commissioners meeting starts with a public hearing by any Forest Hills resident.

Also, the City maintains a 24-hour/7-day-per-week information Hot Line at 298-5389. Please feel free to call this at any time. 🌱

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

City of Forest Hills

383-8447

Security

Brentwood

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832-0196

Metro Police

862-8600

Trees and limbs down

Coke's Total

Tree Care

595-0306

Water

Metro Water

and Sewer

862-4800

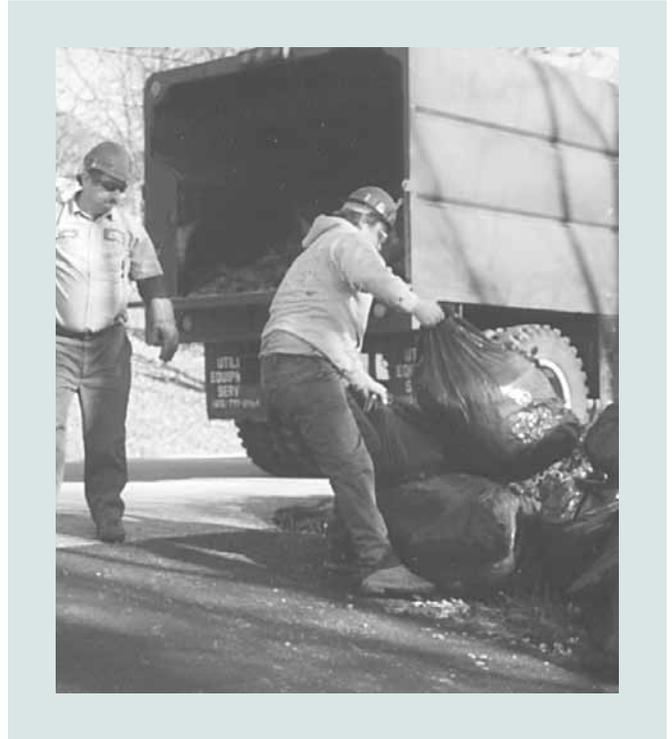
Chipper service to run routes throughout January

Chipper service will operate throughout the month of January to pick up sticks, limbs, and bagged leaves.

City manager Jim Pitman said the expanded service is necessary because of the large amount of debris collected by Forest Hills residents. The chipper service will repeat the routes to pick up bagged leaves.

Remember that only limbs four inches in diameter or less can be picked up – no big logs and no root balls. Put only leaves in leaf bags – no trash.

Chipper service will return to its regular schedule of the last two weeks in the month in February. 🌳



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