



CITY OF FOREST HILLS

Property values, population go up

After several months of anxious waiting, most of our Forest Hills residents have received their 2001 property tax reappraisal notices.

Basically the property tax notices and percent of increases was divided in Forest Hills in two Council Districts. Everything east of Hillsboro Road is in Metro Council District #33 represented by Ron Turner. Everything west of Hillsboro Road is in Metro Council District #34 represented by Lynn Williams.

To figure the property tax for your property, use the following formula. Basically Metro has raised everything by +16.44%. Therefore if your property tax appraisal has increased *more* than 16.44% you will have an increase. If your new property tax is *below* a 16.44% appraisal you should have a decrease.

To give you some idea of the increases, Council District #33 (east of Hillsboro Road) had an increase of 1.52% overall, which amounted to a gain of \$432,460,700.

Council District #34 (west of Hillsboro Road) had an increase of 4.76% overall which amounted to a plus of \$604,612,050.

Population increases 11.3%

The City of Forest Hills had an 11.3% increase in population in the official 2000 census. This amounts to 479 new residents in 2000 compared to the 1990 census. Also it places the City of Forest Hills as the second largest satellite city in Metro, behind the City of Goodlettsville.

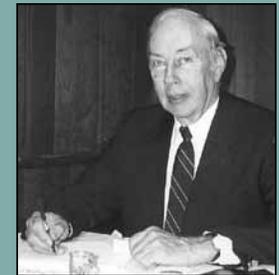
In 1990, we had 4,231 residents, which consisted of four race classifications. In 2000, we had grown to 4,710 residents with six race classifications.

Street repaving reviewed

This time of the year the Board of Commissioners and the City Manager go over all the streets in Forest Hills to review the annual street repaving program. Affected

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BY CHARLES EVERS

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Bikeway underway, says Vice Mayor John Lovell

The bikeway is getting closer to becoming a reality, said Vice Mayor John Lovell, who has been working on the project since he began serving on the Board of Commissioners in 1995.

"We have the design and the funding and have successfully solved all the environmental and governmental regulations," he said of the com-

plex project, "and are very close to being able to advertise for bids."

He admits to looking forward to the day when folks can enjoy the beauty of Forest Hills as they bike, jog, or walk along the leg of the bikeway that will connect several parks, schools, and natural areas in Williamson and Davidson counties.

Lovell takes pride in the fact that the city has been able to maintain that character and beauty while incorpo-

rating growth and development.

"There is more pressure from residents to maintain the suburban estate quality that is Forest Hills," he said. Lovell cites telecommunications towers as an example, saying that the city has to accept the construction of cellular towers, but at the same time, the Commissioners must strive to make such projects agreeable to residents.

Lovell hopes to minimize change in Forest Hills.

"People move here because things are the way they are, and they expect them to stay that way."

A native Nashvillian and resident of Forest Hills since 1985, Lovell won a run-off of the 1994 election and was reelected in 1998. After graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1969, he joined J.T. Lovell Company and still works at the family business, which manufactures and distributes promotional items and clothing. ☀

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Residents welcome to use playground

Residents of Forest Hills are welcome to use the playground behind Percy Priest School, built through the generosity of a grant from the City, fundraising by the Percy Priest PTA, and contributions from the community.

Teresa Dennis, principal of Percy Priest School, hopes to clear up any confusion about neighborhood residents using the playground; she asks your cooperation in following the guidelines at right.

Dennis emphasizes her commitment to successfully sharing the playground.

“This is your playground,” she said in an open letter to Forest Hills residents. “We are thankful for the support the community has shown to Percy Priest Elementary and its children. We look forward to a continued positive relationship.”

The Extended Day Summer Program is open to everyone in the community. For more information about the program call Leslie Wilson at 665-0982.

- When school is in session and children are on the playground, please check in at the school office before going to the playground.
- After school dismisses at 3:30 p.m., anyone may use the playground. Your children may not participate in activities or eat snacks from the Extended Day Program.
- The playground is open to anyone during the summer. Since youngsters in the Extended Day Summer Program will play there sometimes, please do not participate in their activities or eat their snacks.

If you have questions about the guidelines for using the playground, call Dennis at 298-8416. 🌳



Special Notice

Please tell your contract mowers to park their trucks or trailers **OFF** the roads in Forest Hills.

Commissioners meeting
agenda hotline
298-5389

Minutes from board meetings

December 2000–March 2001

Freeman appointed

Mayor Evers announced that Jack Freeman has been appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ed Johnson.

Tara Drive speeding

Regarding repeated concerns about speeding on Tara Drive, Mayor Evers stated at the January meeting that the City was working closely with RPM & Associates, the City's traffic engineer consultant, for its advice on moderating speeds. The City Manager announced at the February meeting that RPM had submitted a proposal for a city-wide speed hump policy.

Hound's Run

The Mirsaidi matter is still in the hands of the Hound's Run Homeowners Association.

Robert E. Lee signs

In response to Katie Spalding's concerns about speeding on Robert E. Lee Drive, Mayor Evers announced that the City would post "Slow Children Playing" signs.

Unightly intersection

Richard Small of Chickering Road expressed concern about the condition of the Old Hickory Boulevard/Hillsboro Road intersection, where the state Department of Transportation has ceased construction. A lawsuit relating to Native American graves on the site may not be resolved for a year or more, Mayor Evers reported, but clean-up work has begun.

Hunting regulations

City Attorney Jonathan Harwell was authorized at the January meeting to contact the City

of Belle Meade about the possibility of an agreement with the Belle Meade Police Department to assist with enforcement of trespassing. Concerns about trespassing and discharge of firearms by hunters have been expressed for several months.

Kingsbury Drive signal

After many months of negotiations, changes, and final proposals, City Engineer Mark Jones has received the TDOT permit for a traffic signal at the intersection of Kingsbury Drive and Old Hickory Boulevard; he was proceeding on acquiring the necessary drainage easement.

Historical survey

Commissioner Coke was authorized at the March meeting to proceed with publication of 2,000 copies of the Phil Thomason study of historic homes and to make a determination regarding the Library of Congress registration.

Richland Country Club

A revised site plan for

additional parking at Richland Country Club was approved in February conditional upon receipt of an adequate geotechnical study, which the contractor must agree to and be bound by and upon approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals of any necessary zoning variances. An application for increasing the size of the Club House was approved in March while action was deferred on the application to add an accessory building on the golf course.

Building permit fees

An ordinance was passed on caption on first reading amending building permit fees.

Permits

Board of Commissioners approved permit for LLC International to construct and install an XM satellite radio/receiver antenna and the amendment to the building permit for Young Broadcasting Company to construct a 944-foot digital television broadcast tower at 1406 Old Hickory Boulevard. 🌳

New police precinct creates changes in patrol boundaries

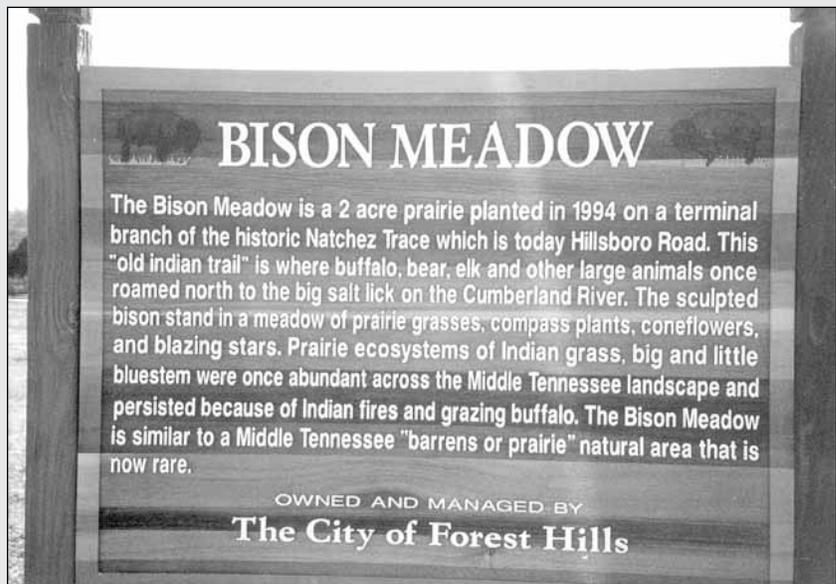
Patrol boundary lines of the Metro Police department were revised on March 1 as a result of the opening of the new Hermitage Precinct.

EAST of Hillsboro Road, call 862-7744

WEST of Hillsboro Road, call 862-7747

Homes in Forest Hills on the east side of Hillsboro Road will be patrolled by the South Sector Precinct, located at 5101 Harding Place, Nashville, 37221. The phone number is 862-7744. Homes on the west side of

Hillsboro Road will still be patrolled by the West Sector Station, located at 6730 Charlotte Pike, 37209. The phone number is 862-7747. 🌳



Sign of the bison

A new sign has been erected at Bison Meadows to explain the historic significance of the meadow's site and ecosystem.

Mayor's Corner

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residents will receive notice when we start raising the drains and sewer covers before repaving begins so that people can drive slower and go around the raised drains.

Hillsboro Road/Tyne Blvd. left-turn signal on go

After many, many months of negotiations, we have finally received permission to install left-turn signals at the Hillsboro Road/Tyne Blvd. intersection. Many residents have either requested the left-turn signals or helped us get permission to install them. We thank all who helped us; the turn signals should be in place by the time you read this.

Update on OHB stop light

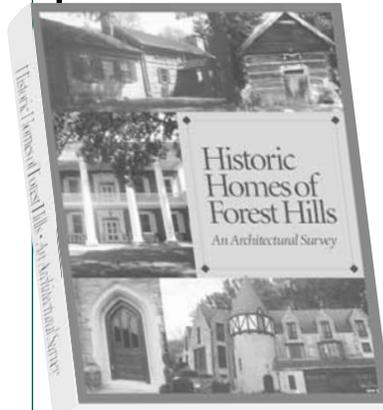
We are in final negotiations to acquire a very small piece of property to meet the requirements to install a stop light on Old Hickory Boulevard. This should really be a help — and safer — for the people coming out of Kingsbury Drive.

Door-to-door soliciting

We have had several telephone calls about sales personnel or other solicitors going door-to-door, usually in the afternoon or early evening.

We have a city ordinance that prohibits door-to-door soliciting unless solicitors go to the City office and purchase a permit. You should ask *first* to see their City Permit.

Forest Hills book available soon



The book on historic homes is in production.

Historic Homes of Forest Hills, a 256-page book containing the results of the architectural survey by Thomason and Associates Preservation Planners, will be available for purchase in a few weeks.

The book opens with an extensive history of Forest Hills, starting with the Natchez Trace and the earliest settlers of the area through the founding of the City of Forest Hills.

The architectural survey describes more than 100 homes built before 1950, plus exterior photos.

Forest Hills residents will receive a mailing with information about purchasing the book prior to publication. 🌳

If they don't have one, tell them they *cannot* solicit door to door in Forest Hills. You can call Metro Police at 862-8600 or Brentwood Security Police at 832-0196 and report people violating our Forest Hills Ordinance.

Commissioners meetings

Please remember that the Board of Commissioners meets monthly at 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the City Offices at 4012 Hillsboro Road.

Everyone is welcome to attend and state anything they have questions about.

The Planning Commission meets on an as-needed basis following the Board of Commissioners meeting. The Board of Zoning Appeals also meets on an as-needed basis, usually on a Friday morning at 8 a.m.

If you have any other questions or information call our City Information Hot Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 298-5389. 🌳



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Coke's Total Tree Care 595-0306

Water

Metro Water and Sewer 862-4800



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