



CITY OF FOREST HILLS

Run-off, drainage, speed humps, road repairs are top issues

Storm water problem

The extremely heavy rainstorm that the city experienced in late July caused a serious drainage and high storm water problems. Affected areas were:

- Jefferson Davis Drive
- Carl Seyfert Drive
- the end of Huntington Parkway in the Hounds Run subdivision
- Otter Creek Road from Robert E. Lee Drive to south of Otter Woods' main entrance drive.

The Forest Hills Commissioners have worked on the drainage problem for more than five years. It has been and continues to be our number one city project. Unfortunately, the problem of more storm water coming into Forest Hills properties has been greatly magnified by the large amounts of storm water coming from the Radnor Glen subdivision, located on the east side of Granny White Pike in Metro Nashville's storm water control area.

I have personally appeared before the Metro Storm Water Board to complain about the improper construction of Radnor Glen's retention pond that controls excess storm water. Metro Storm Water Board agreed: nothing was done to correct a terrible error. The City of Forest Hills has two retention ponds in the Hounds Run subdivision — our two retention ponds worked perfectly during the heavy rainstorms. We have since inspected and cleaned out our two retention ponds in Hounds Run and the drainage creeks.

Our city engineer, Brad Bivens, has been working hard since August to get an agreement and working plan to divert the water runoff from Radnor Glen subdivision so that it doesn't flood across Granny White Pike into Forest Hills. After several meetings, Tom Palko of Metro Storm Water Control has agreed to redesign the excess water runoff of Radnor Glen northward on the Metro side of Granny White Pike.

This new plan will greatly relieve the large amount of storm water coming into Forest Hills. This plan depends on Palko's getting Metro funds to complete this plan. Bivens and his associates are to be congratulated on their proposal to correct this situation, which has disturbed residents on Jefferson Davis Drive and Carl Seyfert Drive. The Commissioners are determined to correct this severe problem.

Road construction projects

As you read this article, we have finally finished a three-year period of construction and opened two big road projects:

- Kingsbury Drive and Old Hickory Boulevard
- Old Hickory Boulevard and Hillsboro Road

This was just finished after a two-and-a-half year delay because of six Native American graves found in the road right-of-way.

Historic homes book

We still have some *Historic Homes of Forest Hills* books available for sale. (See page 0 for more information.)

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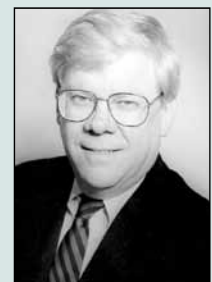


William Coke

William Coke and John Lovell will remain on the Forest Hills Board of Commissioners for four more years.

The two received 1,738 and 1,793 votes respectively in the election held November 5. They were unopposed.

Coke and Lovell, along with Charles Evers, voted November 14 at the commissioners meeting to keep Evers as mayor and Lovell as vice mayor for two-year terms.



John Lovell



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Minutes from board meetings

June — October 2002

Coyote problem

Hillsboro Road resident John Sawyer reported that coyotes are attacking pets, and volunteered to remove the coyotes with financial assistance from the City. Commissioner William Coke contacted Critter Ridder, a pest control company, which said it may be impossible to diminish the number of coyotes. City attorney Jonathan Harwell advised that the state has jurisdiction over wildlife population.

Speed humps/ bikeway resolution

The Board voted to approve the Robert E. Lee Drive plan for four speed humps and bikeway striping in order to coordinate engineering efforts and combine speed hump installation and bikeway striping and signage so that one contractor could do all work at one time.

RPM Associates has begun drawing plans for the construction of the four speed humps between Granny White Pike and Otter Creek Road.

Tara Drive efforts

In order to attempt to reduce the number of speeding motorists on Tara Drive, speed alert signs have been posted and white stripes painted on the road.

City listed as creditor

Forest Hills received information from the state listing the City as a creditor in the bankruptcy of Digital Teleport. A first notice indicated money was due to the City, while a second stated no amount was due. Harwell advised no action be taken.

Street sign theft

General Forrest Court resident Brian Dougherty addressed sign theft problem on his street, and suggested renaming the street to "Forrest Court." Mayor Charles Evers reminded City

residents to immediately report such theft, and that the City has used a more secure alternative to street sign installation, but that theft has continued.

Flooding issues

In August, Otter Creek Road resident Ron King presented to the board photos of a recent flood into his home garage and vehicles inside the garage. King suggested clearing limbs and clutter from the creek as a preventative measure. David Wood of Jefferson Davis Drive, as well as several other residents also addressed the problem.

Evers reported the City has doubled the size of the two retention ponds in Hounds Run, and that Radnor Glen retention ponds were not built according to approved plans. Drainage ditches in the area are on private property; thus the City cannot work without landowner easements.

City street and drainage maintenance cleaned out a ditch on Jefferson Davis Drive to alleviate flooding, and Coke Total Tree Care LLC removed trees and underbrush from the larger Hound's Run detention pond.

The City engineer's office began a hydraulic analysis of the retention ponds to find the amount of water that can be stored and controlled, and how much causes City drainage problems. The analysis was nearly complete by October's meeting.

Cingular to add equipment

Kiersten Lurer of Wireless Facilities represented Cingular Wireless in proposing two additional radio equipment cabinets to its existing site at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, with additions located on the present site. The board approved the request and City manager Jim Pitman directed a permit to be issued.

Chipper service

Pitman reported in October that the chipper service was beginning its seventh rotation through the City.

Kingsbury/Old Hickory Boulevard Signal

City engineer Brad Bivens received the final pay request for the traffic signal at Kingsbury and Old Hickory Boulevard. The board approved his request to pay 95% of the amount due until the contractor corrected minor repairs.


Cumberland River watershed quality

Vice Mayor John Lovell reported the Nashville Scene ran an article on the Cumberland River Compact regarding water quality in the Cumberland River watershed. Metro satellite cities have been asked to paint notices on their curb drains that state anything poured in the drains, such as cigarette butts or paint, will go into the Cumberland River.

City leaves training option open

City planner Mort Stein discussed the Training Act passed by the Tennessee General Assembly, which requires members of a municipal planning commission and board of zoning appeals obtain four hours of training per year. Any advising official is required to receive eight hours. He stated that a municipality may choose not to take training, but requested that the City not opt out of the requirements and allow him to make necessary program purchases. The board agreed upon no action to opt out, and to allow Stein permission for coordination action.

Mirsaidi case

Harwell reported the Mirsaidi case is nearly finalized, with parties attending to details of the final order, including reimbursement of some legal and engineering fees. 

Seven homes nominated for National Register

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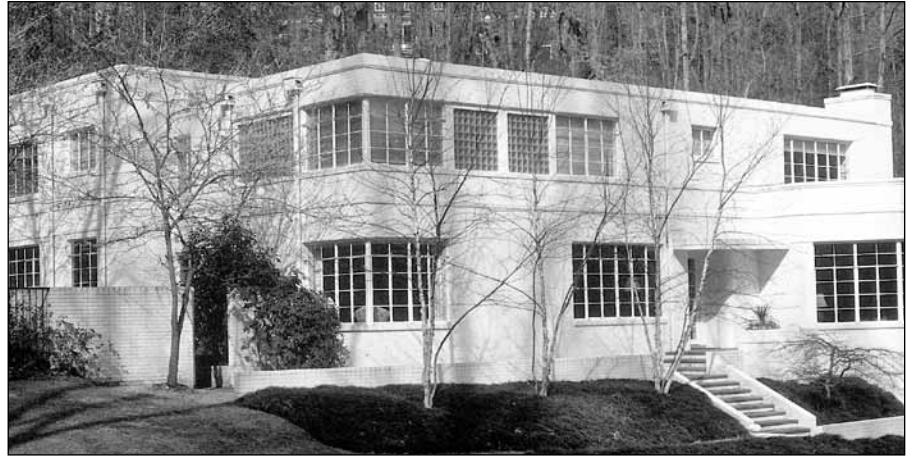
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Deepwood, or the Dr. Cobb Pilcher House, was constructed in 1936 at 5335 Stanford Drive. This home is one of the best examples of the International style in the Forest Hills. Elements of the style include the dwelling's flat roof, metal casement windows, and asymmetrical facade. The house has a strong degree of architectural integrity including its original floor plan and interior detailing.




Castlewood, or the R.E. Martin House, was built in 1931 at 30 Castlewood Court. It is a notable example of the Tudor Revival style of the early twentieth century. The house has a prominent central tower, and many of its original details remain extant.

Copies of 'Historic Homes' still available

The City of Forest Hills showcases its finest homes in *Historic Homes of Forest Hills: An Architectural Survey*. It's a great gift idea for those who live in or around Forest Hills.

The 256-page coffee-table book features full-color pictures of more than 100 homes built between 1819 and 1952. The description of each home includes its ownership history and a comprehensive catalog of construction details, the results of a yearlong survey by Thomason and Associates.

The book opens with an extensive history of the area, beginning with its 18th-century roots in a land grant to Thomas McCrory, through the creation of the city in the 1950s. 

To order copies for \$45 plus shipping and handling, call the Forest Hills office at 615/383-8447 or visit Davis-Kidd, Booksellers, Elders, and other local bookstores.

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Please go by the City office or Davis-Kidd BookSellers to pick up one.

Speed humps


The Commissioners have approved the installation of four speed humps on Robert E. Lee Drive from Otter Creek Drive to Granny White Pike.

In addition to the speed humps this same area of Robert E. Lee Drive will be prepared and painted for a bikeway route. Bikeway signs also will be installed on this new project. Speed limits must be carefully obeyed because of the bikers.

Electronic gates

We now have more than 50 electronic security gates located and installed in the City of Forest Hills.

We are pleased that this trend of increased security is continuing — we want to make sure that each property owner with an electronic security gate has installed a red FIRE DEPT box on the gate control box so that the Fire Department can have immediate access to their property in case of a fire or other emergency service requests.

This is not a law, but only a request that will help you in case of an emergency. 



Bison roam


The living statues in Bison Meadow are shaping up nicely.

Write in 1904 for Forest Hills

When filing your income taxes this year, remember to write in for the City of Forest Hills to receive its due portion of various state and local taxes.

Be sure the State Income Tax Return references "City of Forest Hills" and its four-digit location code: **1904**.

Each year the city depends on annual reimbursements from Metro government and the state to provide monthly services for residents. Forest Hills does not levy taxes on property owners, so it is important for residents to mention the code on returns in order to maintain our city services.

If you have lived in Tennessee for more than six months and receive \$1,250 or more in dividends and/or interest, you must file this State Income Tax Return on or before April 15, 2003. 



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