



FOREST HILLS NEWS

Welcome Al Deck

We welcome Al Deck as City Manager and are indebted to Tom Balthrop for coming back to help out for several months after Jim Pitman resigned in August to take a new position as a Learjet captain. (See page 2.)

Updated website coming

We recently signed a new contract with another firm to update and enhance the website. Soon, www.cityofforesthills.org will be up and running.

International Codes Adopted

The International Building Code and the International Residential Code for all construction in Forest Hills has been adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Guard rails replaced

New timber rails have been installed on Laurel Ridge Drive, replacing the existing rails that had deteriorated. Residents of the street requested that wood be used instead of metal

FEMA finally approved NFIP

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has finally approved the City of Forest Hills' National Flood Insurance Program. The City was required to review development projects to see if they were in identified flood plains and then to require permits for them. FEMA's approval means lower home insurance rates for all homeowners in the floodplain.

and paid the difference in cost.

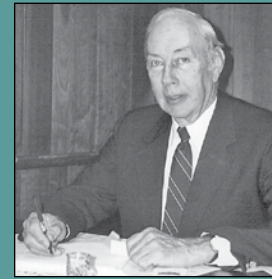
Metal rails have also been replaced on Fredericksburg Drive.

City donates to Katrina Fund

The City of Forest Hills donated \$1,000 to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Disaster Relief Fund after Katrina decimated

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BY CHARLES EVERS

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Rabid skunks spotted in Forest Hills

Seven cases of skunks with rabies have been confirmed this year in Forest Hills and Oak Hill compared to none all of last year.

Realizing the danger to residents of the two cities and visitors to Radnor Lake State Natural Area, the mayors of Forest Hills and Oak Hill have joined with rangers at Radnor and the Metro Public Health Department in providing information and educational programs.

Signs have been posted at Radnor as well as in Forest Hills and Oak Hill confirming that rabid skunks have been found in the area.

An informational brochure on rabies funded by the two cities will be distributed soon to all residents of Forest Hills

and Oak Hill and are available at the Radnor Visitor's Center at 1160 Otter Creek Road. It includes guidelines and tips on how to keep pets safe and what to do if you see a rabid animal. It can be viewed at www.oakhilltn.us and at www.radnorlake.org.

A public information and educational meeting for residents of Forest Hills and Oak Hill was held June 6 at Radnor



Lake State Natural Area Visitor's Center to update Forest Hills and Oak Hill residents and park visitors on the outbreak of skunks with rabies. Other meetings will be held as needed.

Radnor Lake rangers Steve Ward and Emily Salt and representatives of Metro Public Health Department discussed how to recognize and deal with skunks who may have rabies.

Seven of the eight confirmed cases of rabid skunks in Davidson County this year are from the Oak Hill and Forest Hills neighborhoods, said Ranger Ward. No cases were reported last year, he said.

Friends of Radnor Lake hosted the meeting at the Visitor's Center at 1160 Otter Creek Road. 



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Deck named City Manager

Al Deck, who has more than 12 years experience in city government, is now city manager of Forest Hills.

At Forest Hills, Deck issues and monitors the city's building permits, handles zoning and planning issues, administers contracts with companies providing services to Forest Hills residents, and takes requests for service.

City manager of Fairview for five years before joining Forest Hills, Deck also was city recorder and finance director of Milan for five years.

Deck, a native of Nashville, has both a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis on accounting and a master's of business administration from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

Former city manager Tom Balthrop served as interim manager after Jim Pittman resigned last August to return to aviation. Deck joined Forest Hills in January. 🌳



Al Deck

Mayor receives award



Friends of Radnor Lake president Ann Tidwell presents the inaugural Blue Heron Award to Mayor Charles Evers.

Mayor Charles Evers was honored by Friends of Radnor Lake with the first Blue Heron Award at the Earth Day Celebration April 22.

Friends president Ann Tidwell said the new award was presented to Mayor Evers for "it was under his leadership that Forest Hills gave the final \$50,000 that made possible the purchase of six acres in Radnor Glen, which adjoins the Radnor Lake State Natural Area."

Mayor Ray Throckmorton III of Oak Hill also received the Blue Heron Award for his "courageous leadership, personal generosity, and extensive support of Radnor." The City of Oak Hill has made substantial financial donations to Friends since its founding in 1973. 🌳

Along the Bikeway . . .



Signs for the John C. Lovell Bikeway have been installed.



Residents who live across the new bridge over Otter Creek that was built as part of the Bikeway have a new location for their mailboxes. The design and location from Otter Creek Road was a joint effort of the city of Forest Hills and the United States Postal Service.

These two yellowwoods are among the 42 native trees planted and labeled along the Bikeway by The Parke Company. The City of Forest Hills received a \$5,000 matching grant from the USDA Forest Service and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry for the project.



Eagle Scout project completed



Michael King, a member of Boy Scout Troop 217 at First Presbyterian Church, has completed his Eagle Scout project of installing two wooden benches on the Bikeway.



Krista and Tom Ritter take a break from their walk on the bikeway to swing on the creek bank.



Michael, a Forest Hills resident, and friends install the benches.



Whatley Hamilton, Katherine Hawkins, Rosemary Kyne, Richard Hawkins, Chandler Hawkins, and Zach Winter set up their lemonade stand.

Thank you, Forest Hills

Thanks to all residents and friends of Forest Hills who made such generous donations to the Red Cross to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

The Hawkins triplets, nine-year-old children of Leah and Patrick Hawkins, solicited help from their friends to set up a lemonade and cookie stand and helped raise over \$1150 for the American Red Cross for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The children and their friends created flyers, painted signs and posters, and made brownies, cookies, and lots of lemonade.

They handed out free treats to Forest Hills residents who stopped by their stand at the corner of Priest and Otter Creek roads to make a donation on Labor Day. The Percy Priest students added their funds to the school's donation to the Red Cross. 🌳



Zach Winter, Richard Hawkins, Chandler Hawkins, Rosemary Kyne, and kneeling, Katherine Hawkins and Whatley Hamilton raised money for Katrina victims.

Forest Hills goes digital

All ordinances and minutes from the meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Forest Hills are now in a digital format.

City manager Al Deck said paper versions of these documents dating back to 1957 have been scanned and placed on a searchable disk now in the city office.

City officials now can find ordinances and meeting records on the office computer in a matter of seconds, he said.

He hopes that in the near future zoning and buildings permits and subdivision files can be scanned so that city officials can produce a complete history on an address in a short period of time using building permit numbers and addresses. 🌳

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the Gulf Coast. (See page 5.)

Building permits

Changes have been made in the building permit process including a rate increase.

The amount is based on either the cost of construction or total square footage, whichever is higher.


Residents planning construction can call the City of Forest Hills at 383-8447 for estimates based on the new fee.

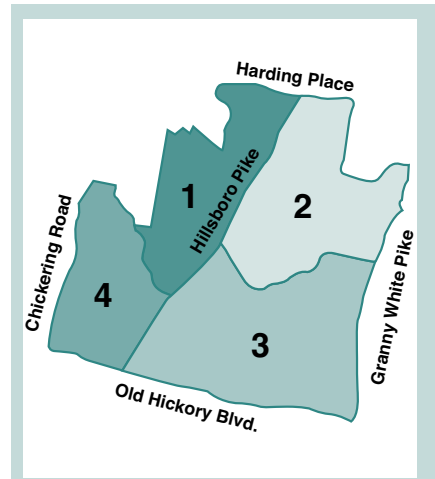
Residents and their contractors are

reminded that the City of Forest Hills has rules about posting building permits in specific places for each job.

Other news

With the city engineer, we continue to study the storm water drainage problem at the end of St. James Place.

State Senator Douglas Henry is helping us with the Tennessee Department of Transportation in securing a much needed left turn lane on Hillsboro Pike southbound at Otter Creek Road. 



Chipper service is provided in these four areas on a set schedule:

- Area 1** First week of each month
- Area 2** First and second week of each month
- Area 3** Second and third week of each month
- Area 4** Third and fourth week of each month


Former Mayor Thompson dies

Former Forest Hills Mayor Spencer Thompson, 85, died September 1 following a brief illness.

He was elected a commissioner and vice mayor of Forest Hills in November 1986 and was named mayor in 1988 for a one-year term.

An active member of the Green Hills Rotary Club, he also served on the board

of directors of Goodwill Industries, and was a member in good standing with the United States Golf Association.

A native of Atlanta, he was attending Georgia Tech at the start of World War II. A pilot, he served as a civilian flight instructor for the Army Cadets. After the war, he spent 36 years flying for American Airlines. 



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