

# FOREST HILLS NEWS

## City Attorney Harwell honored for serving Forest Hills 20 years

City Attorney Jonathan Harwell, who retired in November, served the City of Forest Hills for more than 20 years with dedication and distinction.

His concern and thoughtful input have been invaluable in many areas over the years, including the initial adoption and subsequent revisions of the City's Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations.

The success of his efforts may be seen in the preservation of the suburban estates character of the City, despite many pressures to alter its nature.

The Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution at its November 1 meeting "to honor and memorialize the body of work done by our friend Jonny Harwell

during his more than 20 years as City Attorney.

As a commissioner for the past 18 years, I was privileged to benefit from Jonny's wise counsel and look forward to working with former Assistant City Attorney Matthew Foster, who has been appointed Harwell's replacement. Both are members of Harwell Howard Hyne Gabbert & Manier, the law firm that has represented the City of Forest Hills for many years.

### Commissioners vote to extend bikeway

At its December 6 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved preparing a grant application to assist in funding the existing bikeway along Granny White Pike to Otter Creek Road.

## The Mayor's Corner

BY CHARLES EVERS



### Federal flood insurance available for residents

As a reminder, at long last any resident of Forest Hills in the identified flood plain now qualifies to purchase federally backed flood insurance.

The insurance may be purchased up to the limits under the regular phase of the program from any insurance agent or broker licensed to do business in the state where the insurable property is located.

More than three years after 140 residents in the Otter Creek Watershed were notified their property was

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in the 100-year flood plain, the City of Forest Hills' application to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program was approved by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency last September.

### Sign up to receive City news by e-mail

To join the e-mail list to receive timely announcements, news and important information from the City of Forest Hills, just enter your e-mail address and click submit. The form is on the home page of [cityofforesthills.com](http://cityofforesthills.com).

## Public workshop on open spaces is January 22

The City of Forest Hills will host a public workshop on open space planning and preservation on January 22.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Hillsboro Church of Christ, 5800 Hillsboro Pike.

Consultants for the City will present examples of how similar communities have preserved their open spaces and

protected community character.

"Your input is needed to make sure that any new open space planning policies that the City considers are consistent with Forest Hills values," said Commissioner Bill Coke.

Please join your fellow citizens in discussing this important issue. 

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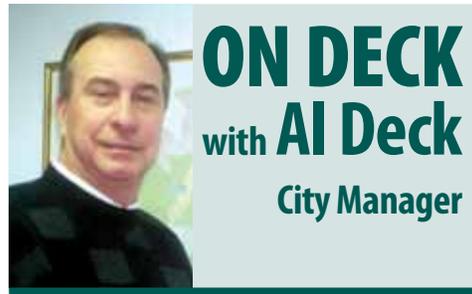
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# City picks up bagged leaves only



I would like to remind you that the City of Forest Hills provides a leaf pick-up program **for bagged leaves only**. Our contractor, who chips brush and limbs, also will pick up your bagged leaves during the regular, monthly tour through the City. (See new chipping and leaf schedule below.)

Leaves should never be raked into the ditch or street and left there. Storm water will wash loose leaves into the City's drainage system, clogging culverts and storm drains, and creating flooding problems.

To assure the best service, please note the following guidelines:

- It is not necessary to call and place an order—bagged leaves will automatically be picked up during the regular, monthly tour through the city.
- There is no fee for bagged leaf collection.

- Bagged leaves should be placed at the edge of the road. We cannot collect bags that are not at the curb or accessible from the street.

- Bags should contain only leaves. The contractor will not pick up any bag that contains garbage or debris, since those materials will prevent recycling.

- We are not able to provide the specific day we will arrive in your neighborhood.

**Another option:  
Recycle your leaves**

To enhance and nourish your lawn and garden, consider mulching and composting as an alternative. Most agricultural extension offices recommend using shredded leaves as a mulch. Running your leaves through a shredder or a mulching mower provides excellent all-purpose mulch that can be used around plants immediately. A two- to three-inch layer of leaves provides good weed control. Shredded leaves will decompose fairly quickly. Whole leaves also can be used.

Another easy alternative is to compost your leaves. Leaf compost is an excellent soil amendment, adding humus and returning valuable nutrients to the soil. You can build a compost pile or even use a plastic trash bag to compost small amounts of leaves. 

## New schedule for chipping, leaf pick-up

**SCHEDULE 1**

**Week 1 and 2:** Alcott, Arco, Balbade, Beekman, Carlton, Chateau, Chickering Park, Crater Hill, Everett, Foxwood, Harding Place, Hemingway, Hillcott, Lynnwood, Ridgewood, Tyne, Wayland, Yancey

Ash Valley, Beauregard, Dresden, Fredericksburg, Granny White Pike, Laurel Ridge, Lynmont, Maplemere, Mary Helen, McGrace, Merrimac, Otter Valley, Priest, R.E. Lee Court, R.E. Lee Drive, Roselawn, Saxon, Skymont, Stanford, Still Hollow, Stuart Glen, Sunset Hill Terrace, Tara, Timothy, Toddington, Twinmont, Tynewood, Vintage

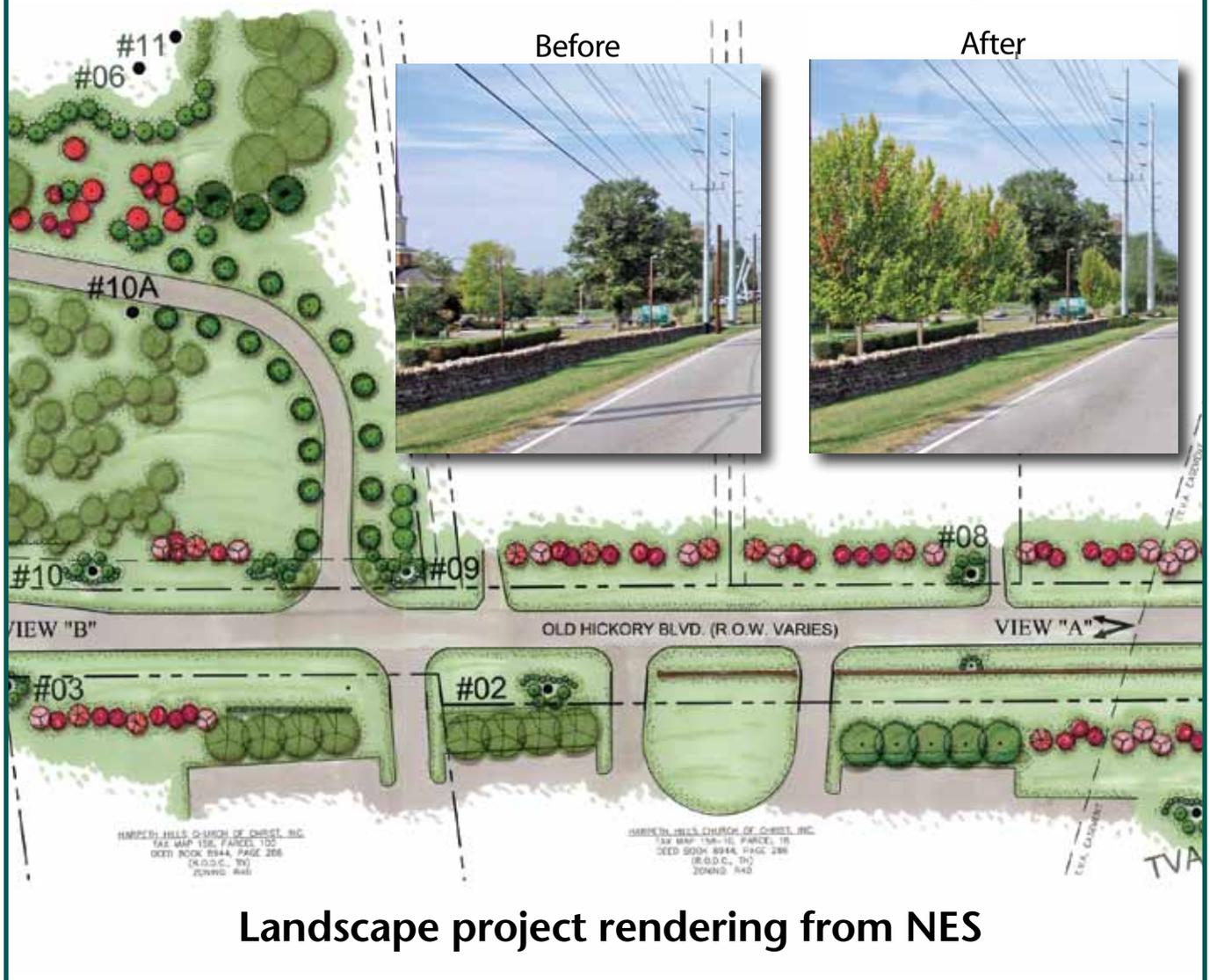
**SCHEDULE 2**

**Week 3 and 4:** Andover, Ashland, Beddington, Carl Seyfert, Cherry Blossom, Clifftee, Confederate, Cromwell, Earlington, Edenbridge, Gardendale, General Forrest, Haverling Chase, Hickory Springs, Jefferson Davis, Kenwood, Kingsbury, Melbourne, Montcrest, Norton, Otter Creek, Pinehurst, Sherwood, Stonehaven, Stonehurst, Taggartwood

Bridleway Trail, Chickering Court, Chickering Lane, Chickering Road, Goldstone, Hillsboro Rd., Litchfield Way, Old Hickory Blvd., Page Road, Piccadilly Place, St. James Place, Timberwood Drive, Timberwood Place 

Commissioners meeting  
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## Old Hickory Boulevard looking west



Landscape project rendering from NES

## NES to landscape along Old Hickory Boulevard around transmission poles

A substantial landscaping project on Old Hickory Boulevard proposed and funded by Nashville Electric Service was approved by the Forest Hills Board of Commissioners in December.

Numerous complaints from Forest Hills residents criticized the aesthetics of the 22 transmission poles, which are much taller than traditional electric poles, said Brad Heck, an NES engineer.

Working with Lose and Associates, a landscaping and architectural firm, NES presented a plan to the Commissioners that would “soften the look

and enhance the vegetation as a way to create more of a streetscape effect,” Heck said.

The landscaping will consist of a combination of red maples, Washington hawthorns, dwarf cedars, snow goose cherries, forest pansies, and schip laurels. The planting will begin around the entrance to the new substation and continue along Old Hickory Boulevard to the point where the Tennessee Valley Authority lines cross the road.

NES is expected to complete the project by the end of January. 🌳

## Write in 1904 on tax return

Be sure your income tax return contains “City of Forest Hills” and **1904**, the four digit location code.

This is necessary for the city to receive its due portion of various local and state taxes including the Hall Income Tax. These annual reimbursements fund the city’s operating budget. 🌳

# Dogs should always be on a leash

The City of Forest Hills continues to receive calls from residents complaining that fellow citizens allow their dogs to roam the neighborhood.

Equally upsetting are dog owners who are walking their pets on leash and let them loose to utilize someone else's property as a "canine restroom."

While Metro Animal Control, which serves Forest Hills, operates under specific laws and regulations governing loose and stray animals, the problem is something more. When walking your dog, keep it on a leash and always have with you some type of "pooper scooper."

Having a pet means accepting a certain degree of personal responsibility, which includes ensuring that the animal is well cared for and not allowing your dog to run or roam the neighborhood. 



# Submit ideas for beautification program

The first Beautification Day last April was a great success, but the Cultural and Natural Resource Committee would like to develop a year-round project rather than just a single-day event.

Participants enjoyed the day picking up trash, but were dismayed that by the next week, there was more trash.

The committee would like to consider an "Adopt a Street" or "Adopt a Stretch" type program for the ongoing pick up of trash.

In addition the committee is interested in creating a Beautification Program, which would go beyond cleaning up trash.

Residents are invited to explore and suggest ideas for projects that would enhance the beauty of the City.

Suggestions may be submitted through the website—[cityhall@cityofforesthills.com](mailto:cityhall@cityofforesthills.com)—or by mail to City of Forest Hills, 4012 Hillsboro Road, Nashville TN 37215. 



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