

FOREST HILLS NEWS

City helps Percy Priest Elementary

The City of Forest Hills has given Percy Priest Elementary School the funds to replace stage curtains and windows in the cafeteria of the 50-year-old building.

The Board of Commissioners granted the request for \$18,238.30 from the PTO and its Interior Facilities Committee for this phase of the project to address infrastructural concerns.

Michelle Evans, PTO co-president, said she believes the renovations will create a better learning

atmosphere for the students.

"They respond better in the classroom if they have a better and happier environment," Evans said.

Ginger Sands of the Interior Facilities Committee said the replacement of the windows will let in natural light and be more energy-efficient.

The current opaque windows, installed when the school was built, do not provide any natural light, Sands said.

Evans and Sands, who

The Mayor's Corner

BY CHARLES EVERS



turned to the City of Forest Hills for financial help after four years of rejection from other sources, said they were grateful "for this wonderful gift."

Residents of Forest Hills will enjoy the school's new look when they go to vote or attend a community meeting. 

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School thanks city officials

Jake and Ben Evans, students at Percy Priest Elementary School, accept the envelope from Mayor Charles Evers containing a check to pay for new stage curtains and windows. From left are Michelle Evans, co-president of the PTO, Ginger Sands of the Interior Facilities Committee, Mayor Evers, and Commissioners John Lovell and Bill Coke.

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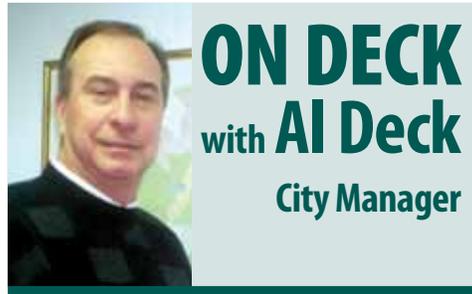
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Forest Hills goes green



The City of Forest Hills is “going green.” The City has published and mailed the Forest Hills News to residents for 13 years; however, beginning with the next issue, it will be available online only. The City is joining many other local governments in reducing its dependence on paper.

The City began encouraging residents last year to register at the website (cityofforesthills.com) for the electronic communication network. We renew that request today, because the website is where you will find the newsletter in the future.

Our website and digital communication system is housed offsite, and the webmaster is the only person with access to the database. Not even the staff has access to those names and addresses. Unlike commercial sites, the database is not used for solicitation or sold to marketing companies. The sole purpose of the website is to distribute information to the residents of Forest Hills.

Originally the idea behind the communication system was to broadcast critical information about the “Wooded Rapist” and any other information that might be of interest to

our residents. Thankfully, the rapist has been arrested, and we can turn our attention to other matters. For example, we recently used the system to pass along a warning issued by the Mayor of Oak Hill. His notice concerned break-ins at several Oak Hill residences and one home in Forest Hills. Because residents were aware of the situation, the burglar was caught shortly after the Mayor released his statement.

The website has also allowed the City to save money on printing copies of the Zoning Map, the Zoning Ordinance, and minutes of our meetings. Posting this information has also eliminated the fees residents were paying for this information.

The most frequently requested document is the 67-page Zoning Ordinance, which regulates development and construction and uses of land, outlines the restrictions protecting wetlands and other natural resources, and states penalties for violations. Residents, developers, contractors, and architects can now view the entire document online, without cost or waste. If users require a copy of a section, they can print as little as one page.

The second most commonly requested documents are minutes of our various meetings. Previously the staff was required to retrieve the files, copy documents, and charge for the service. That time, work, and expense is no longer required. The website has almost two years of minutes archived and available for review, without cost.

Again, we encourage you to go to the website, cityofforesthills.com, and register. 

Mayor Evers will not seek re-election as Commissioner

Mayor Charles Evers has announced he will not seek another term to serve on the Forest Hills Board of Commissioners.

“It has been a privilege to serve the City of Forest Hills for the past 19 years,” said Evers, who has been Mayor since 1995.

He said constituent service has been a priority with significant progress made in many areas including:

- Improving storm water drainage
- Cutting through the governmental red tape to allow eligible residents to obtain flood insurance

- Establishing the Bison Meadow and Bikeway

- Installing a tornado warning system
- Supporting Percy Priest School
- Balancing the budget every year

“More importantly we have preserved the quality of life that makes Forest Hills a special place to live,” he said.

The open seat for one commissioner will be filled in the Forest Hills Municipal Election November 4. For information on filing and other deadlines, contact the Davidson County Election Commission at 862-8800. 

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 agenda hotline
298-5389
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Mayor Evers attends Mayoral Breakfast

Mayors and city managers of the six satellite cities met recently with Nashville Mayor Karl Dean to discuss common issue and continued cooperation. From left are Goodlettsville Mayor Jerry Garrett, Berry Hill Mayor Harold Spray, Forest Hills Mayor Charles Evers, and Tommy Alsup, Mayor of Oak Hill, which hosted the breakfast.

Percy Priest Elementary opened new outdoor classroom May 14

The new outdoor classroom at Percy Priest Elementary School was opened at a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 14.

Named Imagination Garden, the outdoor classroom was designed by the fourth grade class of 2006, which worked for most of the year on an art unit about “spaces” led by art teacher Tina Atkinson.

Principal Stephanie Chatman said, “We wish to honor the creative, diligent efforts of those first incredible fourth-grade students, as well as the “village” of people who made this outstanding learning environment a reality for hundreds of Percy Priest students to come.”

The Imagination Garden offers many creative learning spaces including a large workspace table for hands-on activities;



Mayor Karl Dean, Principal Stephanie Chatman, teachers, and students cut the ribbon to open the new classroom.

an open space for discussion and lecture, reading, thinking, and sharing activities; and benches that are dedicated to people who have given extraordinary amounts of their time to the school. The entire design is surrounded by a landscape of native Tennessee plant life and open beds for planting, contributing to teaching and learning of science and social studies standards in all elementary grades. 🌳

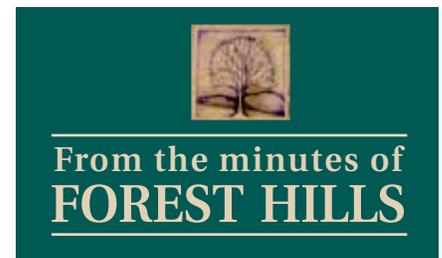
Tornado warning systems to be installed

Tornado warning systems will be installed at two locations in Forest Hills—Percy Priest Elementary School on Otter Creek Road and Bison Meadows on Hillsboro Pike.

The City of Forest Hills will buy the systems, which will be connected to the warning system of the Mayor’s Office of Emergency Management of Metro Nashville Davidson County.

With the closest active warning systems at Crieve Hall School, Hillsboro High School, and the Steeplechase grounds, the Commissioners saw the city as vulnerable to tornadoes and other severe weather.

The system should be operational at the Forest Hills locations by later summer or early fall. 🌳



Planning, Zoning Appeals members re-appointed

At the March 20 meeting, James Gardner, Em Ghianni, and Sandy Moore were reappointed to another four-year term on the Planning Commission, and Tim Douglas was appointed to a full term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Sign contract awarded

A contract has been signed with SignMaster of Murfreesboro to produce custom designed posts and street signs for the entire city of Forest Hills.

Hodgson to oversee gateway entrances

A proposal from Joe Hodgson of Hodgson & Douglas was approved. He will design and oversee completion of Phase II of the gateway entrances at the intersection of Harding Place and Hillsboro Pike as well as the secondary markers around the perimeter of the City. 🌳



It's finally gone

The unfinished eyesore at 5654 Hillsboro Pike has been demolished at last.

Do you know?

At 6139 Hillsboro Pike, next to the mail box, is a concrete marker with a number and two letters: 10 M I.

The story is that it is the ten-mile marker for Hillsboro Pike, but the question posed by Forest Hills resident Sidney McAlister is, 10 miles from where?

The second question is when was it placed. The marker does not show on an 1866 map.

E-mail your answer/comments to cityofforesthills.com, and they will be published in the next edition of *Forest Hills News*. 


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