



# FOREST HILLS NEWS



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## Forest Hills Celebration

Hillsboro Pike and Old Hickory Blvd.



Observe

## 50th Anniversary City of Forest Hills



Honor

## Mayor Charles Evers

for his service  
1989–2008



Dedicate

## Gateway Entrance



**Saturday, November 1  
10:30 a.m.**

*In case of rain, Hillsboro Church of Christ,  
basement Fellowship Hall, 5800 Hillsboro Pike*

*Limited parking on site, overflow at Forest Hills Baptist  
Church, 2101 Old Hickory Blvd.*

## The Mayor's Corner

HONORING  
CHARLES EVERS



## Mayor Charles Evers retires after 20 years

*Maintain the residential atmosphere with fairly large lots and lots of trees that makes Forest Hills the best place to live in Davidson County.*

That was Charles Evers' goal when he was named to the Board of Commissioners of Forest Hills in 1989, a goal he championed through two terms as vice mayor and seven as mayor.

He recently chose not to seek re-election, and his retirement after 20 years is effective after the November 6 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

During those 20 years, significant accomplishments occurred in many areas while the character of the 9.18-square-mile satellite city remained the same.

These include programs to benefit constituents as well as the community at

large while balancing the budget every year.

Notable achievements include:

- Approval in August 2008 of the Green Community Framework plan after a year of study, public meetings, and consultations with a variety of citizen groups that will provide the City with development options to preserve the open space character of Forest Hills
- Completion of the

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The mayor, vice mayor, and commissioner also sit on this commission.

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Commissioners meeting  
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**1998:** Count Jon D. Aigneaux and Mayor Evers converse through a translator, Jane Brand, during a celebratory event held to honor the cities of Forest Hills and its sister city, Bricquebec, France.



**2005:** Mayor Evers participates in the opening of the John C. Lovell Bikeway.

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John C. Lovell Bikeway in 2005 after more than 13 years. The bikeway attracts bikers, walkers, and joggers from the back of Percy Priest School playground down Priest Road to Otter Creek Road, and along Robert E. Lee Drive to Granny White Pike where it reverses direction back to Percy Priest School.

● Transforming the 2.5-acre site on Hillsboro Pike between Hemingway Drive and Tyne Boulevard into Bison Meadow, a drive-by park complete with wildflowers and trees. The living-sculpture bisons, created by noted artist Alan LeQuire, have grown shaggy topiary coats of yew since their steel frames took up residence there in 1995. The Garden Club of Nashville helped fund the dry-stack stone walls on the front corners of the Meadow as its Tennessee Bicentennial project.

● Creating a sister-city relationship with Bricquebec, France.

● Providing financial support to Friends of Warner Parks with a \$100,000 donation and giving Friends of Radnor Lake \$50,000, the amount it lacked to acquire development lots near the lake

● Supporting Percy Priest School, the only school in Forest Hills, with a \$25,000 gift for playground equipment in the park

“My wife Fletch and I encouraged Charlie to become involved with the city of Forest Hills in 1989. As a vice mayor and mayor for the past 20 years, he has looked out for the very best interest of Forest Hills, particularly in preserving its character.”

**Commissioner Bill Coke**  
*served on the Board of Commissioners since 1997*

behind the school and another \$25,000 as a matching gift when the parent organization raised an equal amount. Earlier this year, the school received \$18,238.80 from Forest Hills to replace stage curtains and windows in the 50-year-old cafeteria.

● Successfully led a grassroots effort opposing the widening of Hillsboro Pike from two lanes to five and changed the number of lanes at the intersection of Hillsboro Pike and Old Hickory Boulevard from seven lanes wide in each direction to four



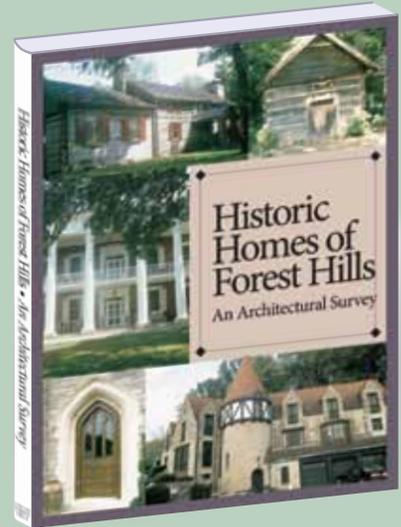
2004: Mayor Evers runs for reelection

2006: Evers receives Heron Award from Friends of Radnor Lake for contribution to buy development property near lake



2008: Percy Priest Elementary thanks city officials for monetary donation

## Historic homes book on sale



*Historic Homes of Forest Hills: An Architectural Survey* is on sale for \$10 at the Forest Hills Office, 4012 Hillsboro Road.

The book has pictures and descriptions of 105 homes in Forest Hills built before 1952, with a brief history, architectural analysis, and color photograph of each. A historic overview describes the area from the construction of the Natchez Trace to the creation of the City of Forest Hills. Dwellings in the city range from the antebellum home of wealthy planter Henry Compton on Tyne Boulevard constructed about 1819 to Revival designs of the 1930s and 1940s, followed by modern Colonial-influenced ranch house designs of the 1950s.

Call 383-8447 for more information or to place your order.

“ I always admired the Mayor’s patience and kindness. It can be sometimes intimidating for a citizen to appear before a board in public and express a concern, but the Mayor always made every effort to put them at ease and to hear them out.”

**Vice Mayor John Lovell**

*first elected in a run-off election in 1995*

- Installing a tornado warning system that will be operational by January 1
- Providing distinctive new street signs
- Improving storm water drainage
- Cutting through the governmental red tape to allow eligible residents to obtain flood insurance
- Publishing a quarterly newsletter

and a coffee table book on the historic homes of Forest Hills

When Mayor Evers announced that he would not seek another term, he said “It has been a great honor and privilege to be the mayor of Forest Hills.”

For the residents of Forest Hills, it has been a great honor and privilege to have Charles Evers as its Commissioner, Vice Mayor, and Mayor for the past 20 years.

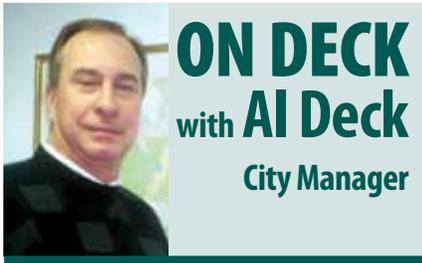
### About Mayor Evers:

A resident of Forest Hills for 33 years, Charles Evers is a 1950 graduate of Vanderbilt University who joined Sunbeam Bakery after a tour of duty with the United States Air Forces.

He was chair and president when he retired May 2000, after 43 years with the company founded by his grandfather in 1889.

Evers is a retired major general of the Air National Guard.

# City now requires permit for roof work



As of July 17, 2008, the City of Forest Hills requires a permit to recover or replace an existing roof.

Why require a permit to roof a house?

The roof is the first line of defense in protecting the interior of your home, its contents, and you. This new process is an effort to provide better quality control and inspection of roofing projects. Many jurisdictions, now including Forest Hills, require a permit to ensure that construction and repairs meet the requirements of the International Building Code, which has been adopted by the City.

Through the permit process, we will collect information important to both the City and the homeowner. The City requires all contractors to provide a copy of their Tennessee Contractors License. The City also requires a certificate of insurance directly from the contractor's agent. The certificate of insur-

ance must also list the City of Forest Hills as an "Additional Insured."

The permitting process will determine if the existing roof can be recovered, or if it must be removed and replaced. The City will conduct inspections during the work's progress and after the work is completed. In addition to the roofing material, the City will also inspect fasteners, flashing, vents, and drains. The person performing the work must provide safe access to the roof for the inspector and, if necessary, to the attic, to inspect the structural integrity of the roof.

When you hire a contractor to do the work, the contractor should obtain the permit. However, since the work is an improvement to your property, the property owner is ultimately responsible. In Forest Hills, the property owner must sign the permit along with the contractor. Also, the permit must be posted on the job site.

You have three ways to verify any claim a contractor makes about having a valid building permit. First, ask to see the permit. Second, call the City Office. The third is your knowledge of having signed both a permit application and the actual permit. The zoning ordinance imposes a penalty for starting any construction or home improvement project without an applicable permit. The initial penalty requires the normal fee to be doubled. However, the penalty increases for each subsequent violation by the same contractor or home owner.

While our intent is to inform our residents about the requirement for a roofing permit, all of this information is applicable to any construction or home improvement project. To avoid permitting problems, always call the City Office at 383-8447 in advance and inquire if your project will require a permit. 🌳

## Percy Priest Elementary has new principal

Melinda Williams, formerly principal at Dodson Elementary, became principal at Percy Priest Elementary School on Aug. 4, just one week before students arrived for their first day of school.

She succeeds Stephanie Chatham, who left Percy Priest earlier this month to serve as principal at a U.S. Navy base school on Andros Island, Bahamas.

A graduate of Austin Peay State University, Williams has been a part of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for 22 years. 🌳



## Commissioners revise solicitation ordinance

The Board of Commissioners approved on second and final reading revisions in three sections of Ordinance No. 08-182, which affects door-to-door solicitations.

The revisions:

- Decrease the solicitation period from 12 months to 30 days
- Increase the fee from \$20 to \$50 for the 30-day period
- Decrease the bond from a blanket amount of \$10,000 to only \$1,000 for the sale of books, magazines, and other inexpensive goods, while maintaining the original \$10,000 bond for larger, more expensive items.

## Timber guardrails recommended

Timber-framed guardrails similar to the one recently installed on Saxon Drive will be used in the future instead of galvanized metal.

Commissioner William Coke said that though more expensive, the timber guardrails would be in keeping with the city's desire for a more natural appearance and would be an investment in public improvements. The Commissioners unanimously approved a motion by Commissioner John Lovell to use timber guardrails in the future. 🌳

## Let's help keep Forest Hills litter-free

The Forest Hills Clean Team meets the fourth Saturday of every month for one hour to clean up one littered area.

The next Clean Team happening is November 22, a date change because

of the Thanksgiving holiday. Meet at the Percy Priest School parking lot at 7:30 a.m. for one hour devoted to keeping Forest Hills "litter free." For more information call Sally Huston at 373-9214. 🌳

# Commissioner election is Nov. 4

On November 4, 2008, Forest Hills residents will elect one new commissioner to the City's Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Charles Evers, who has served as Commissioner since 1989 and Mayor since 1995, announced in April his decision not to seek another term. The Commissioner elected on November 4 will serve a four-year term and will be sworn in at the November 6, 2008, Board of Commissioner's meeting.

The City of Forest Hills is governed by a Board of three Commissioners who are elected at large. The members serve four-year, staggered terms. At the first regular meeting after each biennial election, the Board elects one of its numbers to serve a two-year term as Mayor and to preside over the Board of Commissioners' meetings. The Commissioners, at that same time, appoint one member to serve as Vice Mayor.

Early voting began on Wednesday, October 15 and runs through Thursday, October 30. Forest Hills residents may vote at any early voting location, including the Belle

Meade City Hall, 4705 Harding Road, the Davidson County Election Commission, 800 2nd Avenue South, and the Green Hills Library, 3701 Benham Avenue. Regular polling locations for Forest Hills residents on November 4 include:

District 34, Precinct 2; Percy Priest School, 1700 Otter Creek Road, and District 34 Precinct 3; Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, 5820 Hillsboro Pike.

If you have questions about your polling location, feel free to call the City offices at 383-8447 or the Metropolitan Nashville Election Commission at 862-8800.

At press time, two Forest Hills residents have announced their intention to seek election to the Board of Commissioners:

Tim Douglas, a current member of the Forest Hills Board of Zoning Appeals, has qualified for the open seat and his name will appear on the ballot.

Forest Hills resident Michael Gaw recently announced his intention to run for Commissioner as a write-in candidate. 🌳

# Commissioners approve conservation plan

In August 2008, the Commissioners of Forest Hills approved The Green Community Framework Plan after a year of study, public meetings and consultations with a variety of citizens groups.

The objective of the Plan is to provide the City with development options to preserve the open-space character of Forest Hills.

In the fall of 2007, the Commissioners engaged consultants Greg Dale of McBride, Dale & Clarion from Cincinnati and Philip Walker of The Walker Collaborative of Nashville to prepare a plan to preserve the open-space character of Forest Hills.

The consultants met with the Commissioners and members of the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, the Cultural and Natural Resource Committee, and Open Space Planning Committee. In addition, the consultants met with other private citizen groups and the public this past February and again in August. The consultants also reviewed the existing Forest Hills ordinance and other activities in the area including Land Trust for Tennessee, the West Meade Conservancy, and the Metro Greenways Commission. Finally, they drew comparisons with similar cities in nearby regions of the country.

The consultants made recommendations, adopted by the Forest Hills Commissioners in August, that will help ensure preservation of the open space character of Forest Hills. Ultimately, the Commissioners will adopt appropriate provisions that relate to the preservation of open space and natural resources, the development of larger parcels, and the subdivision of smaller parcels as recommended by smaller citizen groups, in conjunction with the Plan. Please go to the City's website at [cityofforesthills.com](http://cityofforesthills.com) to review the Plan.

The Commissioners welcome your thoughts and comments, and they will be pleased to forward all input to the various citizen groups that will be working to make final recommendations to the Commissioners. This process will begin in the fall and implementation of the Plan will begin in 2009. Thank you for your interest in preserving our open-space character. 🌳

## New street signs installed

Distinctive new street signs reflecting the character of Forest Hills have been installed at intersections throughout the city. The new signs comply with recently changed federal standards.



# City provides leaf pick-up program

The City of Forest Hills provides a leaf pick-up program for bagged leaves only. The contractor, who chips brush and limbs, also will pick up your bagged leaves during the regular, monthly tour through the City.

Leaves should never be raked into the ditch or street. Storm water will wash loose leaves into the City's drainage system, clogging culverts, 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; the City will automatically pick up bagged leaves.
- Forest Hills does not charge a fee for bagged-leaf collection.
- Bagged leaves should be at the edge of the road. The City cannot collect bags that are not at the curb or accessible from the street.
- Bags should contain only leaves. The City will not pick up any bag that contains garbage or debris, since those materials will prevent recycling.
- Forest Hills cannot provide the

specific day we will arrive in your neighborhood. See the new chipping and leaf schedule at right.

## Try recycling or composting leaves

To enhance and nourish your lawn and garden, consider mulching and composting as an alternative. Most Extension Offices recommend using shredded leaves as 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 can also 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. 

## Chipping, leaf pick-up

### SCHEDULE 1

**Week 1 and 2:** Alcott, Arco, Ash Valley, Balbade, Beauregard, Beekman, Carlton, Chateau, Chickering Park, Crater Hill, Dresden, Everett, Foxwood, Fredericksburg, Granny White Pike, Harding Place, Hemingway, Hillcott, Laurel Ridge, Lynmont, Lynnwood, Maplemere, Mary Helen, McGrace, Merrimac, Otter Valley, Priest, R.E. Lee Court, R.E. Lee Drive, Ridgewood, Roselawn, Saxon, Skymont, Stanford, Still Hollow, Stuart Glen, Sunset Hill Terrace, Tara, Timothy, Toddington, Tyne, Twinmont, Tynewood, Vintage, Wayland, Yancey

### SCHEDULE 2

**Week 3 and 4:** Andover, Ashland, Beddington, Bridleway Trail, Carl Seyfert, Cherry Blossom, Chickering Court, Chickering Lane, Chickering Road, Clifftee, Confederate, Cromwell, Earlington, Edenbridge, Gardendale, General Forrest, Goldstone, Havering Chase, Hickory Springs, Hillsboro Rd., Jefferson Davis, Kenwood, Kingsbury, Litchfield Way, Melbourne, Montcrest, Norton, Old Hickory Blvd., Otter Creek, Page Road, Piccadilly Place, Pinehurst, Sherwood, Stonehaven, Stonehurst, St. James Place, Taggartwood, Timberwood Drive, Timberwood Place 



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