

City launches Special Census to verify official population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the City of Forest Hills experienced more than 11% growth between 1990 and 2000. By contrast, the Bureau declared barely over 2% growth between 2000 and 2010.

Growth over the past decade has been more than 2%, Forest Hills officials believe, and they have authorized a Special Census to be conducted by the City to determine the accuracy of the federal census data.

“Having the participation of every man, woman, and child living in the City is crucial to the fiscal welfare of Forest Hills,” Mayor Bill Coke said.

The State of Tennessee uses the official population reported by the U.S. Census to determine what portion of revenues from sales tax, beer tax, gasoline tax, and other sources goes to municipalities like Forest Hills. Only by counting and documenting every single resident will the City be able to convince the state to share a larger portion of revenues.

The amount of money involved could be significant: about \$105 per resident, per year, for the next eight years. The 2010 census credited Forest Hills with just 4,812 residents (about \$500,000 per year) while City officials think the population is closer to 6,000 (about \$630,000 per year)—a potential difference of about a million dollars across eight years.

You can help the City successfully accomplish this task in two big ways: Respond promptly, and respond accurately.

Respond promptly

The City must make every effort possible to document each resident, making multiple attempts if necessary to track you down. Once you respond with your information, you will be marked off the list and not contacted again. The longer you wait to respond,

FOREST HILLS
SPECIAL CENSUS

Every response earns hundreds of dollars for City services.

How to respond

1. Watch your mailbox for the Special Census letter.




2. Write your address and the first and last names of each resident on the card.
3. Return the card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.



Your privacy is important to us. All information collected will be carefully protected and used only by the City of Forest Hills for the Special Census.

the more expensive it will be for the City to continue efforts to contact you.

Respond accurately

Make sure your physical address is correct, and include the first and last names of every person living at that address. That includes college students away at school, and includes persons who rent (not just homeowners).

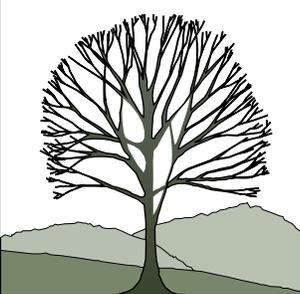
The Special Census kicks off September 18. Watch your mailbox for the mailing with the Special Census logo.

Additional efforts to contact 100% of City households will continue with additional mailings and telephone calls through November. Ultimately, every household that has not responded will be visited by a uniformed Metro Police officer, who will continue coming to the house until reaching the residents.

City comparisons

About 70 Tennessee towns conducted their own Special Census between 2000 and 2010 to challenge the findings of the U.S. Census in 2000. All of them showed some increase in official population figures, with an average increase of more than 20%.

City	U.S. Census	Special Census	Increase
Ashland City	3,641	4,050	11.23%
Brentwood	23,445	30,617	30.59%
Fairview	5,800	7,014	20.93%
Goodlettsville	13,780	14,761	7.12%
Oak Hill	4,493	4,726	5.19%



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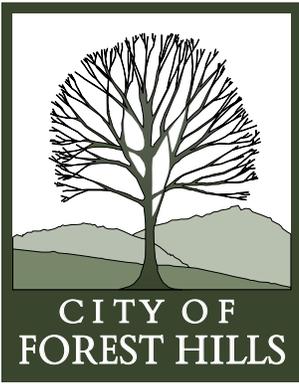
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The Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioner also sit on this commission.

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Safe location

In case of storm or natural disaster, Hillsboro Church of Christ at the corner of Hillsboro Pike and Tyne Boulevard will be open to the public as a safe place to come for shelter.

Emergency and Information Line
309-1324

Commissioners challenge last census; help us correct the population count

The Board of Commissioners is preparing to challenge the 2010 census. We will begin that process in the next few weeks by reviewing the maps the Census Bureau used to estimate our population. The maps will allow us to determine if the Census used the correct area. Once the boundary is established, the next step is to verify the number of houses, then complete the process by recounting number of residents per house.

We ask for your cooperation in this effort. The State of Tennessee shares its collected taxes with its cities and counties across the state. The distribution of these funds is based on population and the census establishes the amount of funds each city will receive over the next decade. Ten years is a long time to wait for a correction; hence the need for a Special Census.

Several problems have contributed to this dilemma. One is the City's ragged boundary. The boundary weaves into and around surrounding towns and the metropolitan area. In some areas Forest Hills is only on one side of the street and the other side belongs to another governmental entity.

That leads to the second and third contributing factors: Forest Hills does not have its own ZIP code. Therefore, we are unable to distinguish our residents from the neighbors solely by address. The third factor is that not only does Forest Hills not have its own



ON DECK
with **Al Deck**
City Manager



CITY MAP
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ZIP code; it has three ZIP codes: two are Nashville designated ZIP codes (37215 and 37220) and the other is a Brentwood ZIP code (37027).

The final factor is communication. Forest Hills does not regularly communicate with property owners. Water and sewer bill, electric bills, and tax notices come from other entities. The Forest Hills newsletter and website are the only regular forms of communication the City has with its residents.

The City would like to solve its identity problem and one option is the popular term branding. One expert in the field stated that a BRAND is more than just a tagline, phrase or slogan, and is "... the DNA of a place, what it is made of, what it passes from generation to generation. It is authentic and indicates what makes a place different from others."

Keep pods for 30 days without fees, permits

Off-site storage is a popular and easy way to remove those temporarily, unneeded items from the house, or to store them during a transition period.

Companies tout the benefit of packing household goods at your convenience, rather than a moving company's schedule, then moving them when you are ready. However, these units are only for temporary projects.

The City of Forest Hills allows pods to be delivered and used on your property for 30 days, without a permit and without any fee.



However, units must be removed within that time frame.

Secondly, the Board of Commissioners has eliminated both the permit and fee for other temporary units that are typically associated with construction and renovation projects. Such temporary units include a portable toilets and dumpsters. These units must be removed when the project is completed.

City attorney honored

City attorney Matt Foster was named to the Nashville Business Journal's "40 Under 40" list for 2012. The award serves to honor "the best and brightest stars" in Middle Tennessee, under 40 years of age.

Forest Hills Mayor Bill Coke offered his congratulations, saying, "I am glad you are on the Forest Hills team."



Percy Priest Elementary librarian Marilyn Jordan helps students Anslee and Libby select books from the new school library, which the City of Forest Hills helped fund. The school, built to serve between 200 and 250 students, now has more than 500 students and continues to grow.

Residents vote November 6 for four-year commissioner

Lanson Hyde III, a 20-plus year resident of the City of Forest Hills, is the only candidate to qualify by the August 16 deadline to fill a four-year term as City commissioner.

Hyde has served as commissioner since November 2011, when he was appointed to finish the incomplete term of Tim Douglas, who had been elected in 2008 to serve until November 2012. Hyde is up for re-election this year for a term running until 2016.

A native of Nashville, he has in Forest Hills for most of his life. Hyde served on the Forest Hills Board of Zoning appeals for three years before being appointed to the Board of Commissioners.

He is strongly opposed to aggressive new development not in keeping with the existing community. "A large part of our job as commissioners is to protect what we have here in Forest Hills, and it requires constant vigilance," he said. "Forest Hills is a special place and too many developers want to come in and alter it for their profit and our loss.

"There is a delicate balance between

protecting the neighborhood and allowing individual residents the freedom to enjoy their home and property."

Hyde is interested in seeing the City return to an operating surplus while at the same time catching up on its infrastructure needs. His other goals are to continue to encourage recycling efforts, find new ways to add value, and improve customer service for our residents.

Voting information

If you are not already registered to vote in Davidson County, you must do so by Tuesday, October 9, in order to vote in the City of Forest Hills election on November 6. You may register in person at the Davidson County Election Commission or by using a Registration By Mail application available at any Post Office or Nashville Public Library. It must be postmarked no later than November 6.



Metro defers plans for Arnold property

Members of Metro Council voted July 17 to defer indefinitely approval of Voce Development's plan to build on property formerly owned by entertainer Eddy Arnold.

Even though the property falls outside the boundary of the City of Forest Hills—actually, directly across Granny White Pike from the boundary—many Forest Hills residents were critical of the plan because of the loca-

tion of clustered homes on small lots, which could have a negative impact on property values in the City. Opponents gathered around 400 signatures on a petition against the plan.

The deferral offers an opportunity for residents and developers to go back to the drawing board and explore options to allow compromises.

Former mayor Norvell dies

Richard "Red" Norvell, long-time resident and former mayor of Forest Hills, died July 15 in his home at age 91.

Mr. Norvell was active in the City of Forest Hills, serving as a Commissioner from 1961 to 1963 and Vice Mayor from 1963 to 1965. He was elected Mayor in 1983 and held that position until 1988.

He served in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1965 through 1969.

Mr. Norvell served as Vice President of the company founded by his family in 1880, Norvell and Wallace Lumber, and founded his own company, Norvell Wood Products.

He is survived by his daughter Margaret Parker Norvell, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Lenny Celauro dies

Leonard "Lenny" Celauro, architect for the Forest Hills City Hall, died in his home August 19 following an illness.

Mr. Celauro had been a member of Allard Ward Architects since 2001 and an associate since 2007.

Consul-general Sato is leaving Nashville

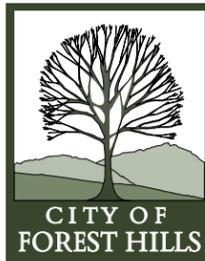
Hiroshi Sato, Japan's consul-general in Nashville and a resident of Forest Hills, has been transferred.

"It has been my great privilege to work with countless partners to organize projects bringing Japanese and Americans ever closer together," he said.

Sato will long be remembered for initiating the Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival.

Fall Clean Out Day

8:30-12:30
SAT OCT 13 rain or shine
FOREST HILLS CITY HALL
6300 Hillsboro Pike



Commissioner's Corner

City hosts first annual Fall Clean Out Day

The City of Forest Hills is pleased to announce our inaugural Fall Clean Out Day on October 13, from 8:30-12:30 at the new City Hall.

We are excited about bringing this event to our residents and plan to have another one in the Spring. The City is partnering with EarthSavers Recycling and SpringBack Recycling to receive and haul off your unwanted items that would not typically go into the trash or recycling. In Forest Hills, we are striving to be both good citizens and good stewards of our land.

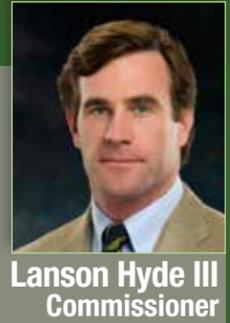
New laws are in place that prevent certain items from going into the landfill. These laws ultimately protect us and our way of life by preventing chemicals from going into the water that we drink.

It also feels good to clean house once or twice a year and get rid of those unwanted items taking up space. Our hope is that Fall Clean Out Day makes it convenient for you to do so.

Earth-Savers' capabilities are robust, and we

were impressed with how many types of items it could handle and dispose of properly. About the only things you cannot bring are paint products and certain types of auto and cleaning fluids; the county will not allow it. There is also an opportunity to donate unwanted clothing, toys, and small appliances. We will have several large trucks onsite in the parking lot and individuals to help with loading and unloading. The service is open to Forest Hills residents only and there are no fees associated with it.

The regulations pertaining to the handling and transportation of many of these items are quite strict and the packaging of those items is important. So please read and pay attention to the instructions at right.



- Place smaller items in puncture-resistant, heavy-duty bags no larger than 33-gallons or in cardboard boxes no larger than 30x30x30 inches.
- Tie bags closed.
- Do not overload: no heavier than 30 lbs.
- Bring bags, boxes, and items to City Hall.
- Enjoy your newly found space!

E-WASTE

Computers, DVDs, electronics, broken small appliances, stereos, phones, etc.



ACCEPTED: Working/non-working computers, printers, copiers, faxes, scanners, phone systems, servers, calculators, stereos, speakers, cameras, gaming consoles, PDAs, cell phones, electronics, accessories and parts including cables, mouse, keyboards, software, modems, tape drives, disk drives, laptop batteries, adapters, docking stations, credit card readers, DVDs, tapes, diskettes, etc.

Non-working small appliances (typically counter-top units or smaller) including microwaves, coffee makers, food processors, vacuums, etc.

MONITORS

Computer monitors, televisions



ACCEPTED: Working and non-working monitors, televisions, etc.

DONATE

Clothing, shoes, toys, eyeglasses, books, lamps, working small appliances, etc.



ACCEPTED: Usable clothing, coats, paired shoes, hats, belts, accessories, toys, eyeglasses, handbags, towels, blankets, bed sheets, working lamps, small appliances, dinnerware, books, toys, sporting equipment, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS: Donate wearable, clean clothing. Dispose of uncleanable, worn, and torn items. Lamps and small appliances must be in good working order and not broken. Toys and sporting equipment must come with all associated pieces attached together.

AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS

Oil, antifreeze, brake, steering



ACCEPTED: Motor oil, oil additives, power-steering, brake, transmission fluids, antifreeze.

NOT ACCEPTED: Windshield, fuel additives, grease, de-icer, glass cleaner, AC fluids, wax, cleaners, degreasers, and protectants. **Mixed fluids will NOT be collected.**

Pour used fluids into same type containers--used motor oil into motor oil containers and used antifreeze into antifreeze containers. Tighten lids.

BATTERIES

All battery types, disposable and vehicle



ACCEPTED: All types of dry-cell batteries--disposable and rechargeable: AAA to D, 9-volt, button, power tool, laptop, cell phone, camera batteries. Carbon Zinc, Nickel-Cadmium (NiCad), Lithium, Lithium-ion (Li-ion), Mercury, Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH), Zinc Air, and Silver Oxide

Tape all positive and negative contacts on all non-alkaline batteries as required by law to prevent fire during transportation.

Place in a sealed one-gallon Ziploc bag.

ACCEPTED: Lead-acid, hard-case batteries: Car, truck, motorcycle, boat, mower, RV, ATV, etc.

BULBS

All bulb types, no broken items



ACCEPTED: Place compact fluorescent, LED, incandescent, and other residential lamps in a one-gallon Ziploc bag.

For fluorescent tubes, bind tubes to gather in bundles of four with rubber bands one at each end and attached tag.

Broken or crushed items will not be accepted. Discard broken lamps. Follow EPA guidelines when discarding broken fluorescent lamps.

REUSE ITEMS

Wire hangers, packing peanuts, wood pallets



ACCEPTED: Bag any color or type of packing peanut with no other items and tie bag tight.

Wire, dry-cleaner style hangers only tied in bunches of 24 at the hook with a rubber band or twine.

Any size whole and broken pallets accepted.

BULK ITEMS

Large appliances, tires, mattresses, box springs



SCRAP METAL

Tools, bikes, mowers, auto parts, grills, exercise equipment, anything metal





DID YOU KNOW ?

Areas that routinely flood or where creeks and streams flow after rain events are very susceptible to the water-pollution impacts caused by illegal dumping activities.

Trash, tires, batteries, cut trees/brush, yard clippings/leaves, chemicals, washwater, etc. should *not* be dumped into or near storm sewers, catch basins, ditches, or streams. It is a violation of Metro Code §15.64.205 to dump or discharge these materials into either the storm sewer system or streams.

Please call the Metro Storm Water Quality Office at 615/313-PURE or 615/880-2420 to report any such dumping or discharging activities.



Commercial

Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in parking lots and paved areas can be washed into the storm sewer system and eventually enter local waterbodies.

- Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains.
- Cover grease storage and dumpsters and keep them clean to avoid leaks.
- Report any chemical spill to the local hazardous waste cleanup team. They'll know the best way to keep spills from harming the environment.

This stormwater management tip is provided as part of the City's education requirement under its state permit. For more tips visit www.bit.ly/stormwatersolutions.

Bring questions to public meeting with West Precinct police October 1

Mark your calendar for Monday, October 1, when Sergeant Twana Chick and Commander Marlene Pardue from the Metro Police West Precinct come to Forest Hills City Hall at 6 p.m. to meet and talk with residents.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity for the citizens of Forest Hills to review what the West Precinct does for the City of Forest Hills," Mayor Bill Coke said.

The meeting will provide time for the police officers to review crime situations, provide information on how residents can lessen their chances of being victims of crime, and strengthen the partnership between police and civilians, Sergeant Chick said. It offers a chance to ask questions, voice your concerns, and hear what your neighbors think.

"I am always willing to learn and listen, and I encourage you to provide feedback and suggestions any time," she said. "Our department is successful because of your involvement, and I hope to continue to foster this good relationship that we all enjoy."

She will also discuss ways to utilize technology to enhance Neighborhood Watches as a way to keep neighborhoods safe. "This is proving to be very successful in many neighborhoods," she said. (See story below.)

Sergeant Chick, a 17-year veteran of the West Precinct, serves as Community Affairs Coordinator. Commander Pardue comes to the West Precinct after commanding the Youth Services Division for several years, and has served in Prisoner Processing, Homicide, Identification, and Patrol divisions.

Meet the police
6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1
Forest Hills City Hall

Best safety advice: Lock up, lock up, lock up

Lock your doors, even when you are at home. Sporadic burglaries continue to occur in all areas of the West Sector, Sergeant Chick said. "More than anything, please continue the great job you are doing with calling in suspicious-person calls," she said. "Tips from citizens have led to numerous arrests of burglary suspects this year."

Keep your car locked, even if it's in your own driveway. Chick reports that the West Sector (which includes Forest Hills) has seen a significant drop in auto burglaries this year, but recently has experienced several cases where suspects entered unlocked vehicles. She reminds residents to report all incidents, even if nothing was taken.

Don't leave items in your vehicle while at the club. Store personal belongings in club lockers using a good-quality lock while you work out, golf, swim, play tennis, or use club facilities for more than a few minutes at a time.

Beware of solicitors. Never allow solicitors into your home. Do not answer the door if the situation seems suspicious or threatening. Anyone soliciting door-to-door in Forest Hills is required to obtain a permit from City Hall and to show you that permit upon request. Get the name, company name, and phone number of anyone soliciting without a permit and report it to the City office.

City gathers Neighborhood Watch information

Residents of the City of Forest Hills could benefit from sharing information by organizing more Neighborhood Watch groups.

Currently the City has a few Neighborhood Watch groups, but no means for communication between groups. "We have not collected them into one central clearinghouse, which we need to do," Mayor Bill Coke said.

Neighborhood Watches have become easier through using technology to gather and share information, Sergeant Twana

Chick said. She will discuss at the public meeting October 1 how citizens can participate in electronic watches if they do not have time for meetings.

If your neighborhood does not already have a Neighborhood Watch group, be sure to attend with interested neighbors to learn more about starting and managing one. If you already have one, please provide Mayor Coke with contact information about watch leaders and the area covered.



The Mayor's Corner

City responsible for maintaining 40 miles of roads

Running through the center of Forest Hills for approximately four miles is historic Hillsboro Pike. This is a state-maintained highway and as such was paved in 2010 by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Any changes to this highway including the construction of turning lanes or the replacement of signs must receive approval from TDOT.

All other streets in Forest Hills are maintained and paid for by the City of Forest Hills. No Metro money is provided to defray these costs. The approximately 40 miles of streets, are divided into three groups. Otter Creek Road, Robert E. Lee Drive, and Tyne Blvd. are designated as Urban Collectors.

Other streets such as Kingsbury, Cromwell, and Chickering function as Local Collectors while the remaining function as Local Streets.

Brad Bivens with Neel-Schaffer, Inc., the City Engineer, has the responsibility for assessing the pavement conditions and advising the City when paving or repairs need to be made. The Board of Commissioners must approve the streets to be paved, and it must authorize that bids be advertised for the work. Along with City Manager Al Deck, Brad oversees the awarding of paving contracts and supervises the work of the construc-

tion companies.

Due to the high cost of paving material in the past couple of years, there has been a backlog of streets that need paving. In addition, it was not deemed wise to pave some streets in the Crater Hill section due to ongoing home construction in that area. Because that construction has been finished and because paving material costs have come down, the Commissioners authorized extensive paving and repair work this summer.

Streets that have been paved include Crater Hill Drive, Beekman Drive, Blackberry Road, Chickering Park Road, Foxwood Road, Lynnwood Blvd., Ridgewood Drive, Tyne Blvd., Skymont Drive, Twinmont Drive, Toddington Drive, Ashland Drive, Maplemere Drive, Arco Drive, and Tynewood Drive. The cost for these street to be paved is \$703,000.

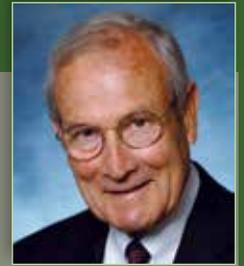
Prior to road surface improvements, all drainage culverts are inspected for corrosion and damage and are replaced as needed. Most of the drainage culverts in Forest Hills are corrugated metal pipes that were installed in the 1960s and 1970s. The life expectancy of these pipes is about 30 or 40 years. Most of them have been found to have the bottom inverts of the pipe rusted through.

With the bottoms rusting out and the

potential for the pipes to collapse or stop up, it was deemed advisable to replace these rusted-out drainage pipes with reinforced concrete pipes or new corrugated metal pipes before the streets are paved. So far 13 culverts have been replaced for a total cost of approximately \$115,000. The header walls for these culverts have been finished with natural stone, which is in keeping with the stone gates and entranceways that have been built over the last two years.

In order to manage the maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of the streets maintained by the City, the Board of Commissioners implemented a Long Range Paving Schedule in 2010. All streets have been inventoried and the paving conditions evaluated to develop a prioritized list for street maintenance, rehabilitation, and paving.

The Board is committed to following this schedule and will annually assess the condition of all streets in Forest Hills.



Bill Coke
Mayor



PAVING MAP
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Streets paved recently include Foxwood Road, above. Culverts are showing rust damage after forty or fifty years of use, right. At far right, culvert replacement on Tyne Blvd. preceded paving.



City officials meet with TVA

The Forest Hills Commissioners and City Attorney Matt Foster met with representatives of TVA on August 24 to discuss the impact of tree-trimming and clean-up on Forest Hills residents.

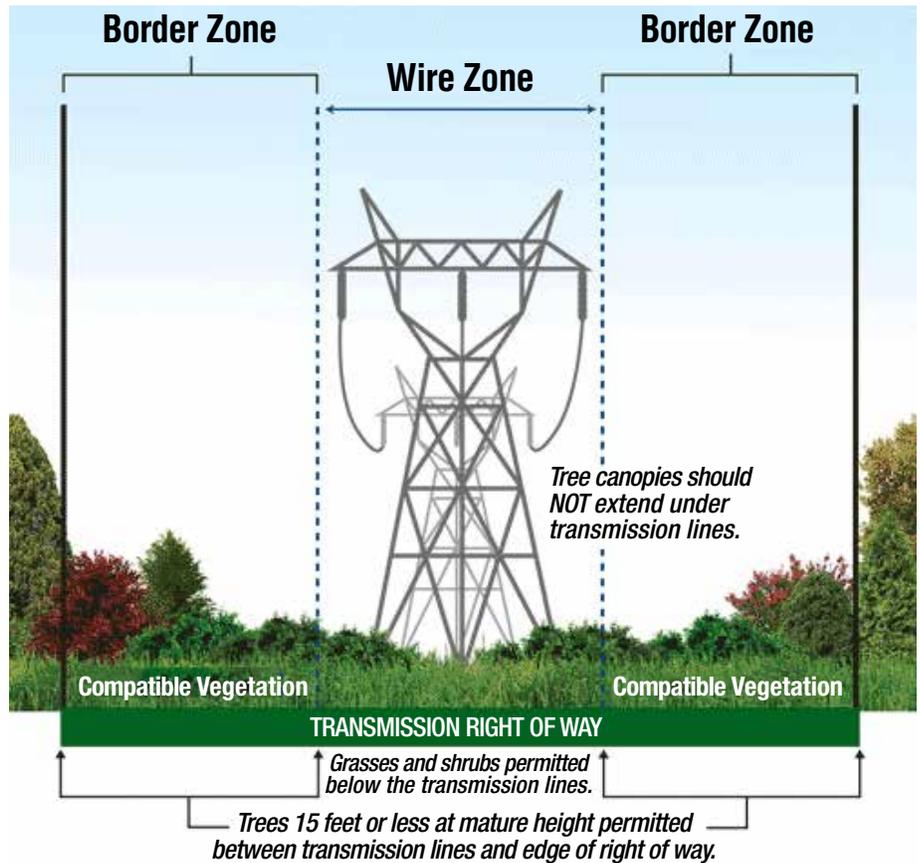
TVA's policy for managing tree growth under powerlines became more stringent as part of a national program in 2007. Before then, some trees that required frequent pruning to keep them from encroaching on border zones under the lines were allowed to remain. Now, however, not even a single tall tree is allowed in the right of way.

Soon after this policy was implemented, more aggressive tree-trimming began to preserve the "wire zone" in which only grasses and shrubs are permitted, and the "border zone" in which trees 15 feet or less at maturity are allowed. In many situations, this meant removing mature trees that had been allowed to encroach.

"Practicing a strict wire-zone/ border-zone maintenance program will greatly reduce the risk of trees contacting the transmission lines, which helps maintain transmission system reliability," a TVA fact sheet says. Further, any utility company that allows trees to encroach can be fined up to \$1,000 per day. Recently posted violations have ranged from \$14,000 to \$650,000.

TVA officials pointed out that while property owners often do own the land under powerlines, TVA holds a long-term lease on the right-of-way. TVA has the right to maintain the land within the right-of-way as it sees fit.

Residents have expressed concern that unsightly debris and stumps remain after TVA has cut trees. TVA officials stress that their goal is to clean up sites as soon as possible after trimming, although sometimes there are delays until the appropriate equipment is available to do the clean up.



Standard golf carts illegal on City streets

Driving a golf cart on a roadway in Forest Hills or anywhere in Tennessee is illegal unless the cart has been specially equipped with safety equipment.

Carts must have seat belts, turn signals, a windshield, parking brake, and other safety features. In addition, the driver must have a license or permit, and the cart must be registered with the state.



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