



Cultural and Natural Resources committee members Cindy Spengler and Sally Huston add festive bows the beasts in Bison Meadow.

## Chippers to collect Christmas trees in January

The chipper service provided by the City of Forest Hills will pick up residents' Christmas trees on its regular routes the last week of December and throughout January.

Be sure to remove all ornaments, metal, and stands from the tree before placing it as close to the street as possible. Do not place it in a ditch.

If you have leaves, you can put them by the street for chipper service. Place leaves

in plastic bags -- not paper, because the paper bags break easily. Do not rake leaves into ditches, creeks, trenches, or anywhere that water flows.

The City provides chipper service at no cost to collect debris generated during normal yard maintenance by residents themselves.



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## Residents recycle over six tons at Clean Out

Residents recycled 5,000 pounds of scrap metal, 4,256 pounds of electronics, and 3,000 pounds of donated items at the City's Fall Recycling Clean Out Day.

The Clean Out also collected 630 pounds of batteries and 36 cubic feet of medicines, plus tires, light bulbs, pallets, mattresses, and packing peanuts. One hundred seventy-five vehicles visited the site.

After three Clean Outs, the City has recycled more than 25 tons of electronics, batteries, scrap metal, and donations, plus over 1,800 tires, bulbs, pallets, and mattresses, 60 cubic feet of packing peanuts, and 46 cubic feet of medicines.



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Recycled Items To Date	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Fall 2013	Totals
Electronics recycling (lbs.)	11,096	10,393	4,256	25,745
Scrap metal/bulk items (lbs.)	4,000	6,000	5,000	15,000
Batteries (lbs.)	1,274	2,010	630	3,914
Donations: clothing, shoes, books (lbs.)	1,000	3,000	3,000	7,000
Bulbs (#)	234	560	249	1,043
Tires (#)	10	25	8	43
Pallet recycling (#)	21	11	10	42
Mattresses/box springs (#)	22	35	17	74
Packing peanuts/pellets (cu.ft.)	22	20	18	60
Medicines/lotions (cu.ft.)	—	10	36	46
Vehicles participating	275	250	175	700



## Holiday hours

The City office will close on December 24, December 25, and January 1. There may be times during the holidays when no one is in the office; please call before dropping by.

## Commissioners reschedule

The Board of Commissioners rescheduled its December meeting to December 12, meeting a week earlier because of the holidays. The Planning and Zoning boards will not meet in December.





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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**

# Zoning balances preservation, progress

As I am sure you will agree, Forest Hills is very special, with preserved character unlike any other place in Nashville. Your Commissioners and I take great pride in maintaining that character while also allowing for progress.

One of the main ways we accomplish this is through the Zoning Ordinance. Any of you who have built new or added on to your house know that we take the code very seriously. It balances the preservation of the look and feel of our neighborhoods with modern development and expansion. It also upholds the desire for open and green space. Because this is such a major part of what we do for residents, the Commissioners and staff have gone to great length to review it and make it fair and accessible to those who use it.

At the publishing of this newsletter, your Planning Commission has held a public hearing and voted to recommend the approval of the revised code. The Board of Commissioners has approved the ordinance's first reading.

The most significant changes regard the Hillside Protection (HP) District. Currently, most construction in the HP District requires a geotechnical analysis, an official landscape design, and approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board reviewed past administration of these restrictions and elected to loosen this rule with a few clarifications and exemptions. They include any interior renovation; accessory structures (except swimming pools) 650 sq. ft. or less; expansions to existing structures of 25% of impervious surface or 1,500 sq. ft. of covered floor space, whichever is less; and fences. If a construction falls into one of these categories, it is not required to fulfill the rigorous obligations of permits in the HP district, and will instead go through the normal permitting process.

A few definitions have changed to reflect changing times. The definition of impervious surface was altered to incentivize permeable surfaces and balance open space. Most other changes involved moving passages and clarifying wording. Overall, the intent was to make the code easier to understand and administer. We also feel that these amendments allow us to be good stewards of our natural resources while respecting residents' wishes to maintain and expand their dwellings.

Another recent change at City Hall is the Subdivision Regulations (Sub Regs), which guide division and consolidation of land. This includes any developments of new subdivisions that include infrastructure investment. Your Planning Commission has taken the time to review and overhaul the Sub Regs.



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Like the Zoning Code, the Sub Regs are meant to protect from unwanted development while ensuring the continuity of character. While many of changes are ministerial and modernize the process and procedures, there are some new aspects such as right-of-way dedications for future bikeway paths, revised road and drainage standards, and new timelines for completion of preliminary plats.

The application and checklists have also been revised, placing special attention on critical lots. Critical lots, where lots are located in the flood plain or the HP District, are outlined in a special section letting developers and residents know exactly what the requirements are for subdividing or consolidating. I think this document clearly and concisely communicates the Planning Commission requirements for development in the City.

Administering the Zoning Code and Sub Regs is one of the City's most important services. It is vital to keep these codes and procedures up to date so that we can serve you and the community in the best way possible.



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Eric Moyer and Amanda Deaton were married Saturday, October 5, in Shelbyville. Congratulations to the happy couple!



City Engineer Brad Bivens measures the height of Otter Creek speed tables.

## Otter Creek drivers navigate speed tables

After months of adjustments, measurements, and modifications, the speed humps on Otter Creek Road have been removed in favor of speed tables.

At the October 17 meeting, commissioners decided to match the specifications of speed tables already in place on Kingsbury Drive for speed control on Otter Creek. The Kingsbury tables measure 23 feet wide with a four-inch parabola.

City engineer Brad Bivens said the City especially appreciates the efforts of Jason Jarrett and Jarrett Builders' asphalt division in ensuring that the speed humps match the Kingsbury specifications.

### Hemingway/Everett gets stop signs

Stop signs are scheduled to be installed this month at the intersection of Hemingway and Everett Drives.

On December 6, signs indicating "Stop Sign Coming Soon" will go up around the intersection. Cones and barrels will remain in place to remind drivers to slow down.

The stop signs will be installed December 20. Additional signs indicating "Stop Signs Ahead" will be in place, and Metro Police will be present to monitor the intersection during busy hours.

### Paving season completed

The City has completed paving work until the spring.

All areas scheduled for paving in 2013 were completed except for Beddington Park and the proposed bikeway extension. These will be paved in the spring.

### Bridges pass inspection

City engineer Brad Bivens reported in November that Tennessee Department of

Transportation gave Forest Hills a good report following its inspection of bridges in the City.

TDOT examines bridges crossing Otter Creek and Richland Creek periodically to check for structural safety and the need for repairs.

## Street salting, plowing to follow priority list

In the event of winter precipitation, the City of Forest Hills' contractor, Johnson Lawn and Landscape, will begin salting and snow removal efforts on the priority streets below before picking up other streets.

### Snow removal priority list

1. Balbade Drive, Park Ridge, Chateau
2. Crater Hill Drive, Chickering Park, Ridgewood
3. Tyne Boulevard, Stuart Glen, Fredericksburg and Laurel Ridge, Robert E. Lee between Tyne and Otter Creek Road
4. Cromwell Drive
5. Kingsbury Drive
6. Chickering Lane
7. Otter Creek Road
8. Hound's Run Subdivision, Beddington Park from Granny White Pike, Estbury, Oakleigh Hill, Edenbridge Way from Otter Creek Road
9. Stanford: North, South, and Court
10. Taggartwood Drive, Cliftee Drive
11. Mary Helen Drive
12. McGrace Lane
13. Toddington Drive
14. Twinmont Court



## CPA gives City clean report in financial audit

John Poole, a certified public accountant, reported to the Board of Commissioners on November 21 that the City's financial records appear to be in good order.

The State of Tennessee requires municipalities to have an independent audit once a year. This is the first time Poole has conducted the audit for Forest Hills.

"We looked hard, this being our first year," Poole said.

The state-mandated audits look at how cities receive money and how they spend it. In the case of Forest Hills, Poole's audit confirmed that the City is receiving the money it should be getting from county and state permits and the Hall income tax. He also checked that the City is charging the correct amount for permits it issues.

Poole also examined how Forest Hills spends its money, noting that the Board of Commissioners approves an annual budget. The audit verified that funds are spent on City business and spent appropriately.

"We didn't find anything out of line," Poole said. "The City has good procedures and controls."

Poole talked about apparent fluctuations in financial reports, created because the City gets most of its revenue once a year from one source, the Hall income tax. He said the revenue appears to fluctuate because of bookkeeping adjustments made by journal entries.



**2013 AUDIT**  
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Attendees at the meeting included representatives of Friends of Warner Parks, the Land Trust for Tennessee, Metro Parks and Recreation, Tennessee Historical Commission, Tennessee Parks and Greenways, and the Tennessee State Archeologist.



A number of 14th-century relics have been discovered at Kellytown.

## Groups hear report on Kellytown

Nearly two dozen people representing government and non-profit agencies interested in historic Kellytown gathered November 14 to learn more about the 14th-century village located near the site of Forest Hills City Hall.

Tennessee Department of Transportation archeologist Gary Barker described how TDOT became involved in digging the site in 1999 before a road-expansion project. What he uncovered indicated that palisade lines with bastions enclosed a village several acres large.

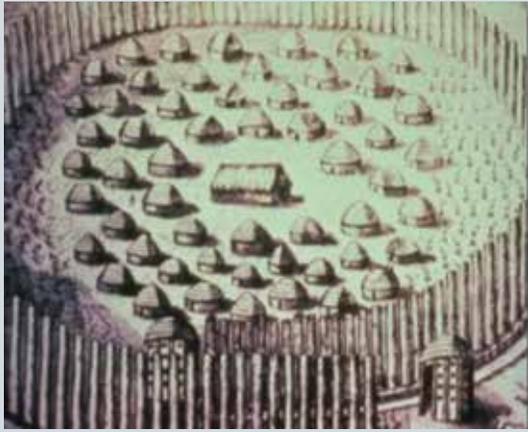
In just the small area where TDOT dug—roughly 30 feet of right-of-way along the east side of Hillsboro Pike south of Old Hickory Boulevard—he found evidence of a dozen structures

and human burial grounds. One home apparently had burned and left much of its furnishings intact, including vessels containing dried seeds and effigy bowls patterned after fish, frogs, and other forms.

He also found stones that had been transported to the village, one from Stewart County (west of Clarksville, about 80 miles from the site) and another from the Waynesboro area (about 90 miles southwest along the Natchez Trace) which he speculated were brought for special use such as grinding.

Several of the artifacts from the Mississippian Period, which lasted from about 950 to 1450 ad, are on display at Forest Hills City Hall.





### Priceless resource

Joe Hodgson of Hodgson and Douglas Landscape Architects presented conceptual drawings of ways the site could be utilized as a green space and educational site.

The drawings show the possibility of a fitness trail that could connect with trails on an undeveloped section of property owned by Congregation Micah and also with any future Brentwood greenways. Another possibility is to have greenway trails connecting the site to Brentwood or Warner Parks. Informative markers could explain how the site was used 600 or 1,000 years ago.

History and archeology students would be able to utilize this priceless resource, one of the richest known archeological sites in Middle Tennessee.

### Site needs support

Matt Foster, a real estate attorney with the firm HG<sup>3</sup>M, explained the dire need for groups, government agencies, and individuals to mobilize in support of saving the historic site. The land was bought in 2002 by development firm Regency Centers, which has twice tried to have the site's zoning changed from Residential to Commercial to allow construction of a strip mall.

Without protection, Foster said, "it's not a matter of *if* this site will be commercially developed, but when it is developed."

Supporters have formed Friends of Kellytown and made an offer to purchase the property at a cost of \$1.2 million. The Friends have until March 30, to conduct their inspections and raise the money, and to close on the property 30 days later.

Friends of Kellytown has begun a fundraising campaign. The City of Forest Hills has committed \$100,000. A significant portion of the total purchase price will have to be raised among interested groups, foundations, and individuals.

For information about making a tax-deductible donation to Friends of Kellytown, contact Matt Foster at [matt.foster@h3gm.com](mailto:matt.foster@h3gm.com).



## The Mayor's Corner

### Help the City preserve its treasured stone walls

Dotted throughout the City of Forest Hills are the remnants of historic stone walls and fences that were numerous on the farms that graced this end of Davidson County in the 19th and early 20th centuries. These walls and fences give us historic clues about the farms and the people who lived on these farms. No matter their condition, they should be treasured by all Forest Hills residents.

In 2001, Dan Allen, an archaeologist and stone conservator from Murfreesboro, was employed by the City of Forest Hills to make an inventory of the stone walls that were located on the public roads and streets in the City. In 2007, the City contracted with the Department of Geosciences at Middle Tennessee State University to map the stone fences in the City.

The reports give the history and the locations of the walls. They indicate how they were built and by whom. In most instances the walls were built by Scotch-Irish immigrants who came to Middle Tennessee in the early 1800s and who brought their wall-building

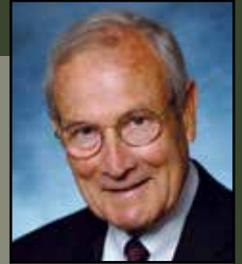
skills with them to the newly settled state.

Because these stone walls by and large are on private property, the City of Forest Hills can only hope that homeowners will read the reports. It is important to save stone walls that are known and to be on the alert to find stone walls that have not been rediscovered.

Only in the last month an important stone wall was completely destroyed at the building site of a new home on Hillsboro Pike. On the other hand, Ruth Monnig, a new resident on Ridgewood, reported that she had discovered an extensive original stone wall on their property. It is believed this wall may have been on the Chickering family farm over 150 years ago. This wall was not known when the two reports were completed.

The City of Forest Hills rebuilt an old stone wall behind the new City Hall. The City thought it was important to treasure the past while building for the future.

We encourage residents to protect these Forest Hills treasures.



**Bill Coke**  
Mayor



The stone wall at City Hall was recreated to follow the path of the original road at the intersection of Hillsboro Pike and Brentwood Lane, now Old Hickory Boulevard. Many of the stones used to rebuild it came from the earlier wall.

## Friends of Radnor Lake honors four top supporters

Friends of Radnor Lake honored four at the 13th annual Environmental Awards.

Robin Conover received the Environmental Award, Norm and Debby Miede the Blue Heron Leadership Award, and Steve Winwood the Partnership Award.

The Environmental Award recognizes notable, voluntary contributions in conserving Radnor Lake resources. Nature photographer Robin Conover has been involved with Radnor Lake for almost 20 years and a board member since 2002. She edits the newsletter and creates the annual wall calendar.

Blue Heron honorees Norm and Debby Miede were recognized for the highest level of support toward preserving Radnor Lake. Both have been active volunteers and supporters of the park. Norm heads the Barbara J. Mapp Foundation, which gave \$200,000 in grants for The Barbara J. Mapp Aviary Education Center and educational programming.

Partnership Award-winning Steve Winwood was honored for exceptional support. His 2012 benefit concert raised awareness and funds for the park. His wife, Eugenia, has been a member of the board for the past three years.



Friends of Radnor Lake board president Greer Tidwell congratulates Norm and Debby Miede, Robin Conover, and Steve Winwood, with TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau and park manager Steve Ward.



## Witness Tree added to historic registry

Tennessee Urban Forestry Council has named a Forest Hills tree to its registry of historic trees.

The Witness Tree at Richland Country Club was added as a “direct witness to a historic event or cultural movement that was significant nationally, regionally, or within the state and confirmed to date to that time.” Landscaper Parke Brown nominated the tree.

“The selection of this tree is another example of the rich history that surrounds us in Forest Hills,” said Mayor Bill Coke.

The urban forestry group recognizes noteworthy trees or groves for their significance to Tennessee communities, the state, and the nation.

The oldest tree on the property, the bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) has witnessed vast changes in Middle Tennessee, standing just one hundred yards from historic Granny White Pike. Buffalo passed the tree on the way to the Great French Lick in present-day downtown Nashville. Native American hunters used it as shelter from heat and storms centuries ago. Travelers from Nashville to Franklin including Andrew Jackson, Thomas



Nominator Parke Brown is congratulated by state urban forester Tom Simpson.

Hart Benton, and John Overton went past this tree, and in 1849 the great oak saw the construction of the old buffalo path into Granny White turnpike.

The oak witnessed perhaps its most dramatic sights on December 16, 1864 as the Confederate army retreated from the Battle of Nashville. The Battle of the Barricade pitted Union and Confederate cavalry who fought and died beneath the tree.

The Witness Tree proudly stands watch over the club at the number nine gold tee.

## Do you have a big tree?

Nashville Tree Foundation conducts an annual Big Old Tree Contest as part of its mission to identify the county’s significant trees. If you have a big tree in your yard or neighborhood, please enter it in the contest. You can enter online or on paper. Complete instructions are available at the website.



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**ENTRY FORM**  
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# State grant helps plant trees along bike path extension

A matching grant from the state will help the City of Forest Hills plant trees along the bike path extension on Granny White Pike.

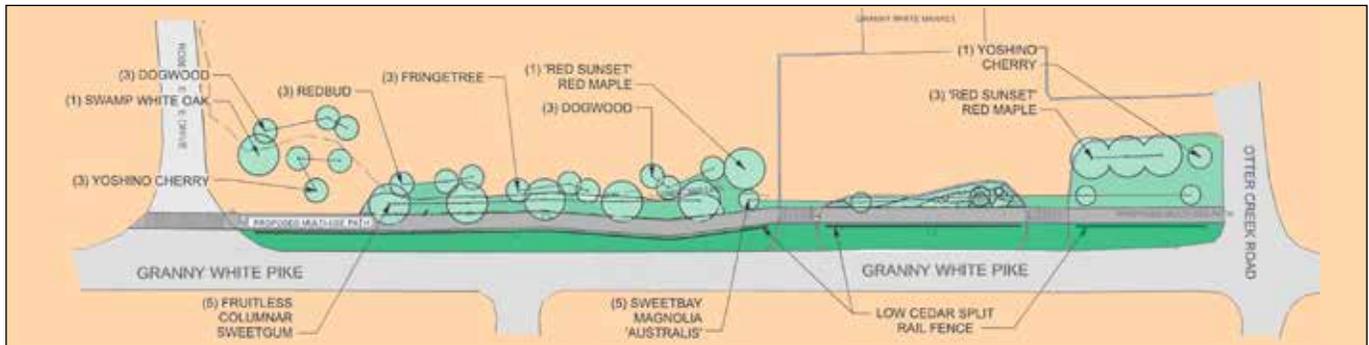
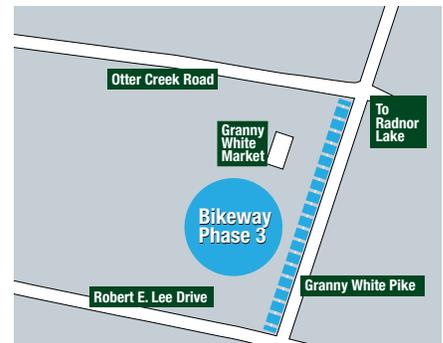
The grant of almost \$20,000 comes from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Forestry Division. The City will plant 16 Yoshino cherries, seven maples, seven flowering dogwoods, and 17 other species for a total of 78 trees.

The trees will be planted along the

multi-use pathway that will extend the City's bike path along Granny White Pike from Robert E. Lee to Otter Creek Road.

Upon completion, this project will connect the bike path's trailhead at Percy Priest Elementary School with Radnor Lake State Natural Area.

The extension is covered under the recently awarded paving contract. Further landscaping will be completed in the spring.



## Landscaping planned for PPE

The Cultural and Natural Resources committee is in the process of creating a landscaping plan to complement playground improvements at Percy Priest Elementary School.

The City of Forest Hills helped fund the improvements and supports the landscaping plan to make the area more usable and attractive to Forest Hills residents, who are welcome to use the park anytime the school is closed. (An exception may be made if

official school sports teams have reserved the area with a school administrator.)

The park is open to the public from 4:30 p.m. to sunset Monday through Friday during the school year, and 8 a.m. to sunset on weekends, holidays, summer months, and other times the school is closed.

The Board of Commissioners believes the improvements are an investment in the City, and they encourage residents to utilize the facilities.



### Permeable Paving

Using paving tiles that allow water to seep in between them is an excellent way to mitigate stormwater runoff from driveways and parking areas.

Permeable paving lets more water infiltrate near where it falls, which means less flooding downstream, fewer combined sewer overflows, and reduced pollution in the receiving water.

The gaps between pavers are often filled with grass, gravel, or sand. These gaps can become clogged with debris and require periodic maintenance, and occasionally require new filler.

Permeable paving can cost up to 50% more than conventional concrete or asphalt, but it has a 20% longer lifetime. Installation costs are similar. Bigger savings come from reduced costs for installing and maintaining stormwater infrastructure.

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

## Percy Priest golfers tee up for Tigers

By Ann Page, Co-President, Percy Priest Elementary PTO

There couldn't have been a better time to Tee it Up for Percy Priest Tigers than a beautiful 70-degree fall day.

We had our third annual golf scramble on Monday, October 28, at Brentwood Country Club. More than 70 golfers played, and whether long and straight or a cold hard shank, everyone seemed to have a great time.

We had several prizes including a Big Green Egg donated by Embers Fireplace & Grill in Cool Springs. Quizno's and Corky's in Brentwood were kind enough to see we had full bellies as well.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, golfers, and so many others, Tee It Up for Tigers raised nearly \$4,000 for Percy Priest Elementary.

We want you to take part next year. Contact me at [annrpage@gmail.com](mailto:annrpage@gmail.com) for information.

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## Let City scan your papers, documents

Forest Hills is documenting its history by gathering photographs, drawings, blueprints, plot plans, or other pertinent archival materials.

Please share your photographs, drawings, blueprints, sketches, or other documents that deal with the establishment of family farms, homes, land tracts, or cemeteries in the City.

The photos will be scanned for the archives and returned, or you may donate copies or original versions. If you can contribute or want to volunteer, contact [cityofforesthills@cityofforesthills.com](mailto:cityofforesthills@cityofforesthills.com) for details.

## ‘Home of the Star’ never really was

Probably lots of Forest Hills residents have had their homes featured in magazines over the years, but the story Mary Beth Gates tells has a slightly different twist.

Her home was featured, but it was misidentified as belonging to someone else.

Here’s what happened: Back in 1975, country music artist Johnny Paycheck lived on Tyne Boulevard in Forest Hills—next door to the house where Mary Beth later lived. One day a reporter for *Home of the Stars* magazine came out to photograph the home, and perhaps daunted by the steep driveway the two neighbors shared, apparently snapped the first house he came to and retreated back down the hill.

The only problem was, it was Mary Beth’s future home—not Johnny Paycheck’s. Nevertheless, the photograph ran in the magazine identifying the home as his, and country music fans all over the world got a look at a beautiful, inviting Tyne Boulevard home . . . just not a Home of the Star.

The previous owners of the home saved a copy of the feature and passed it along to Mary Beth when she and her husband bought it in 2000. Now they’ve just moved to

a new home on Otter Creek Road, and Mary Beth is looking forward to passing along the clipping and the story to the new owners.



Mary Beth Gates shows the magazine story.



## Historic Hillsboro Pike

J.W. Rowland, grandfather of Forest Hills resident Janie Rowland, stands on the fence surrounding his property on Hillsboro Pike, as his live-in worker Driver Joslin looks on. Rowland and his wife Ada Winsett Rowland bought fifty acres in 1927 and build their home there. Janie’s father J.W. Rowland Jr. lived on the property from age 11 until his death at 94. She and her brother still own 30 of the original 50 acres, keeping it in the family for 85 years.



## Planning Commission chair offers long-time knowledge of the City

Many Forest Hills residents gain an appreciation for the City's natural beauty after they move here as adults, but Planning Commission chair Winston Evans brings a different perspective. He lived just a couple of miles from Forest Hills from the time he was one year old.

Evans fondly remembers hiking the hills, digging for Civil War relics, even hearing a donkey bray back when Tyne Boulevard was Tyne Lane.

"I bring a vantage point of someone who has live here all my life. I saw what Nashville had before it experienced change," he said. "Vibrant growth is wonderful but we don't want to lose the factors that actually contributed to our growth and success."

That's why he considers the work of the Planning Commission to be so important.

"Our purpose is to respect property owner rights as we consider their requests, and at the same time preserve the character of neighborhoods," he said. "Balance is the key: Allow people to exercise their rights to do what they

want with their property versus protecting the character of the neighborhood."

Evans attended Robertson Academy and Montgomery Bell Academy before earning an engineering degree from Vanderbilt University and an MBA in finance from University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. After a three-year stint in investment banking in Dallas, he came home to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt Law School and never left.

After getting his law degree, Evans joined his father at the law firm Cornelius and Collins. Together they founded Evans, Jones, and Reynolds in 1986, where Winston remains today practicing business litigation, probate trust litigation and legal malpractice defense.

Evans was named to the Planning Commission in the 1990s and has served ever since.

He married his wife Kay in 1982, and they moved to Otter Creek Road in 1986. Their son Giles is a pilot in the Air Force, and their daughter Laine works for the Washington, D.C., Speakers Bureau while pursuing a graduate degree from Georgetown University.

## City hosts monthly program for breast cancer survivors

The City of Forest Hills is hosting a free monthly program for breast cancer patients and survivors.

Sponsored by the YMCA, the After Breast Cancer outreach program offers full access to the Y, a custom wellness plan, nutrition counseling, and support.

Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Forest Hills residents are welcome to participate.



## Waller named BZA alternate

David Waller has been named an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Waller, a native of Nashville, has lived in Forest Hills for 38 years.



He serves as vice chair of the Planning Commission, and was chair of the City Hall Advisory Committee, overseeing construction of the new facility in 2011.

The work of the Board of Zoning Appeals provides an important function in the City, Waller said.

"The City of Forest Hills has developed excellent zoning regulations over the years, but there are occasions when those regulations are unable to fully address every need of individual homeowners," he said. "The work of the BZA provides a small and specific forum for homeowners to appeal the strict application of our zoning regulations where those regulations could create undue hardship upon a property owner."

"BZA provides a 'real people connection' to the written regulations," he explained.

After graduating with an engineering degree from Vanderbilt, Waller began his business career in 1962 as a field engineer with W.L. Hailey, a heavy construction company that specializes in water and wastewater treatment plants, water/sewer lines, tunnels, and bridges. He ultimately served as president, chief executive officer, and chair of the Board of directors before retiring in 2005.

He and his wife Diane have five daughters (one in Nashville), one son, and 10 grandchildren.

# SAFETY TIPS

## Use caution, common sense to stay safe

An observation from the past few weeks is that residents continue to see burglary suspects pulling into neighbors' driveways and in some instances, pulling into their own driveways.

Do not hesitate to call 911 if you have had issues in your neighborhood with burglaries, you see an unknown vehicle back into the very top of a known neighbor's driveway, and then an unknown person knocks on the front door and

then goes to the side or back.

Additionally, if someone knocks on your door, acknowledge them in some fashion without opening the door. Don't let them think no one is home!

Thank you to those who have made these calls.

### Auto safety

Don't leave a vehicle unattended to warm up as weather gets cold! We often

experience an increase in motor vehicle thefts when the weather turns cold because persons leave the vehicle running, unattended, and the temptation is too much for some offenders. A reminder, this is against the law.

Bear with me as I repeat again: Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, and lock your vehicle.

Auto burglaries continue, and they continue to occur where valuables were left in the vehicle or the vehicle was unsecured. It is worth the time and effort to remove valuables.

Lock your vehicle: everywhere. Secure valuables: everywhere.  
Stay safe!



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### Shopping safety tips

- Don't carry large amounts of cash. Use plastic instead.
- Put away receipts and change immediately. Don't fumble with them while walking.
- Shield your ATM number when making transactions.
- Don't carry a wallet in your back pocket. It's too easy for a pickpocket.
- Keep purses and bags close to your chest.
- Take a load of packages to the car before you become overloaded. This makes it less likely you'll drop something by accident, as well as less likely to be a target of crooks.
- Park only in well-lit areas.
- Do not approach your car alone if you feel uneasy or see suspicious people or activity in the area.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	
December 24	CLOSED
December 25	CLOSED
January 1	CLOSED

Check the website for additional closings during the holidays.



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