



Middle Tennessee Goodwill president Matthew Bourlakas discusses the program at an open house.

Goodwill introduces home pick-up service in Forest Hills

Forest Hills residents gathered at City Hall on Thursday, July 24, to hear details, ask questions, and see first-hand how the new home collection program by Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee will work.

Now, instead of taking donations to a drop-off site, Forest Hills residents can have items picked up by Goodwill employees, who will come to your home Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pick-ups can be scheduled online or by phone, and as a courtesy a Goodwill staff member will contact you before arriving at your home.

Matthew Bourlakas, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, welcomed residents and introduced members of the Goodwill team who will be collecting donated goods in Forest Hills.

"We're excited to start this home pick-up service in Forest Hills, designed to make donating easy," he said. "We estimate that if half of the households in Forest Hills made a

donation to Goodwill once a year, we could generate enough revenue to change 64 lives in Middle Tennessee.

"If half the households donate three times a year, we can make a difference in 192 lives."

He explained about 80% of the revenue from selling donated goods is used for employment and training programs for people who have disabilities and other barriers to employment. Last year Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee assisted over 17,000 clients with employment training, and placed more than 5,600 of them in jobs.

Bourlakas added that the program exercises environmental stewardship by reducing the amount of items sent to a landfill. "If half the homes in Forest Hills made a donation once a year, that would be an estimated 40,398 pounds diverted from landfills."

He said that expensive high-end and designer items donated can be sold by online auction, fetching a significantly higher price than goods sold in Goodwill retail stores.

How home pick-up service works

- Gather your items to be donated. You can use the small blue tote bag mailed to residents for small items, and additional bags are available at City Hall.

- Contact Goodwill to schedule a pick-up. You can call 615/346-1831, or go online to giveit2goodwill.org/foresthills and click on Donate. You will receive a confirmation of your appointment by email.

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Save Kellytown reception Aug. 26

Forest Hills residents are encouraged to attend a Kellytown fundraising reception from 6 until 7:30 p.m. August 26 at the Forest Hills City Hall.

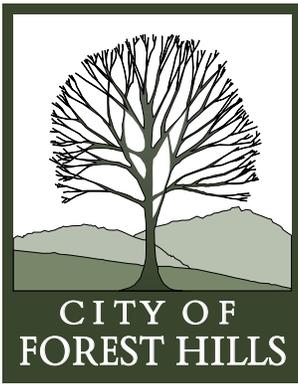
It is being hosted by the City of Forest Hills and the Friends of Kellytown. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. Guests will be shuttled from the Forest Hills Baptist Church to City Hall.

Although Kellytown is located in Metro just across from the City of Forest Hills, it is important to residents to save this one-of-a-kind archaeological site from development, to protect the land as green space for future generations, and to provide educational and recreational opportunities for this community.

Come and be a participant in this important event.



Forest Hills resident Carolyn Gustafson discusses home pick-up service with Goodwill employee Ann Snelling as mascot Goodwilly looks on.



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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

Construction rules restrict hours

As you may have noticed, or in some cases experienced, all sorts of construction projects are underway in Forest Hills. In the past three months, the City has issued 41 permits.

That means our little town has a great deal of construction activity. In effort to preserve the peace and quiet of our community, the Board of Commissioners enacted a new construction activity ordinance. As of July 5, construction can only take place on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and no Sundays or holidays.

All open permit holders have been contacted and made aware of this new law. Additionally, all contractors who receive new permits must sign a document stating they are aware of this policy.

You may report violation of this policy in one of three ways:

- Submit a time-stamped photo of construction.
- Submit a report on SeeClickFix with a photo stating the time when the picture was taken. *(See box below.)*
- Submit a photo with a signed statement of when and where it was taken.

The Commissioners gave great consideration to this ordinance and believe that it should improve the enjoyment of your homes.

**City of Forest Hills
Hours of Construction**

**Monday - Friday
7am-6pm**

**Saturday
8am-5pm**

**No Sundays
or Holidays**



From the **City Manager**

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Commissioners look at prohibiting commercial vehicles in right-of-way

Have you ever feared for your life passing a landscaping trailer or dump truck on one of Forest Hills' narrower streets? Driving around the city, this happens to me on a regular basis. Vehicles in the right-of-way are becoming a greater and greater safety concern. As a result, the Commissioners are considering an ordinance that will make parking in the right-of-way prohibited for commercial vehicles.

Of course, there will be circumstances where parking out of the right-of-way is not possible; in this case, safety measures must be taken. This includes flaggers to direct traffic, cones, and other traffic-controlling devices. The ordinance also states that no one should park in the right-of-way so as to prevent free passage of other vehicles or creates a hazard.

FEMA issues preliminary flood maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) reflecting proposed

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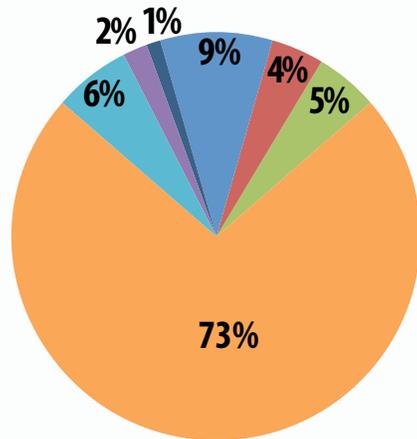
See the progress on the ditch along Hemingway!

SeeClickFix is our new work order system. Use your phone, log on at SeeClickFix.com, or call the office and we will log in your issues and get them fixed. You can watch for progress and call us when progress is not being made. Call City Hall with any questions.



City of Forest Hills Budgeted Revenue

- State Shared Revenue
- Local Option Sales
- State Street Aid
- Licenses and Permits
- Other Taxes
- Other State Shared Revenue
- Other Revenue



flood hazard determinations in Davidson County. This affects residents near Otter Creek and Richland Creek. As a courtesy, the City sent a letter to every resident who is affected by the flood plain.

The updates are based on new data from FEMA. In some cases, the flood plain and the base flood elevations have not changed; in others the flood-plain boundary has become more detailed and may leave out or add small areas. The base flood elevations have been altered slightly. Some residences that have never been in the flood plain may have been added because the study includes more of Richland Creek.

These new maps have implications for flood insurance requirements. Your home's finished floor elevation should be above the base flood elevation, preferably at least three feet. Depending on these elevations, insurance rates could change. Residents may also have to prove that while a portion of their lot is included the flood plain, their homes are not near or within the boundary.

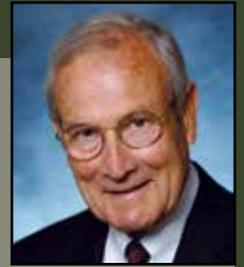
The appeal period started August 1 and lasts for 90 days. Our website includes maps and additional information about appealing. If you have questions or if you are considering an appeal, please contact the City.



Flood Maps
www.cityofforesthills.com/floodmaps.html

The Mayor's Corner

Many great people care about Forest Hills



Bill Coke
Mayor

During the past decade, Forest Hills has been fortunate to have many unpaid dedicated volunteers who care deeply that the city maintains its unique character by protecting the forests, the hills, and the open spaces.

They have spent hours on behalf of all Forest Hills residents to maintain this City as the premier place to live.

Among this group are several people who have served in leadership positions on the Board of Commissioners, including the late Mayor Charlie Evers, Vice Mayor John Lovell, Commissioner Lanson Hyde, and former Commissioner Tim Douglas.

The Planning Commission not only reviews and passes on all planned developments in Forest Hills, it also spent untold hours writing a new Comprehensive Plan and revising and strengthening the City's ordinances. Warner Bass served for many years as the chair and has recently been succeeded by the long-time vice chair, Winston Evans. Meeting monthly with him are members Em Ghianni, Jim Gardner, Jennifer Frist, Blair Myers, Clay Jackson, and vice chair David Waller. Sandy Moore served for many years and has recently retired.

Jackson also serves on the Cultural and Natural

Resources Committee and was its first chair. This committee has been responsible for all efforts to beautify Forest Hills with stone gateways into the City, new street signs, and extensive planting on Hillsboro Pike. Current members of this committee are Henry Trost as chair, Sally Huston, Kay Simmons, Frank Wade, Cindy Spengler, Angie Howard and Wade Rick.

Forest Hills also has a first-rate professional team which includes City Manager Amanda Deaton-Moyers, Administrative Assistant Cynthia Despot, City Attorney Matt Foster, and City Engineer Brad Bivens.

As I will not be running for reelection to the Board of Commissioners, I wanted to remind the residents of Forest Hills how many great people care about Forest Hills in so many ways. I not only want to thank them, but I also want to thank you, the residents of Forest Hills, for electing me to the Board of Commissioners since 1997.



First Forest Hills court convenes

Judge David McMackin presided over the City's first court on Tuesday, July 15, at City Hall.

Two cases on the docket were dismissed. A third case involving zoning ordinances was continued for 30 days.

Commissioners approved the formation of the court and hired McMackin in December 2011, but until now no case has reached the stage of requiring a hearing before the judge.

The court convenes every other month on the third Tuesday at 9 a.m., if there are cases to hear.

City Attorney Matt Foster goes over the docket with City Manager Amanda Deaton-Moyer, court clerk Cynthia Despot, and Judge David McMackin.



Bike path nears completion

Construction is nearing completion on the Granny White Pike extension of the Forest Hills bikeway.

The concept of the multi-use path is to connect a trailhead at Percy Priest Elementary School with Radnor Lake. A paved off-road path follows Otter Creek Road from the school to Robert E. Lee Drive, where the trail becomes a Class Three Bikeway, sharing the road with traffic.

The Granny White portion, a paved off-road path, runs from Robert E. Lee in front of Granny White Market to Otter Creek Road across from the entrance to Radnor Lake.

The final piece of the bikeway will be a landing pad across Otter Creek Road from the paved path, giving bikers and pedestrians a safe place to wait for clearance to cross Granny White Pike.

Planning Commissioner Ghianni appreciates City's peaceful aspects

When Planning Commission member Em Ghianni relocated to Nashville in 1972, the same qualities attracted him to his home on Andover Drive that keep him there today: the beauty and seclusion of the hilly cul-de-sac.

"We loved the dead-end because of the limited number of houses and because the steep incline of the terrain would keep out future development," he said.

He and his wife Dot, who died in 1999, moved here from Chicago when Ghianni's company, manufacturers of swimming pool water heaters, moved its headquarters to Sidco Drive. Their two sons, Tim and Eric, soon followed them to Nashville.

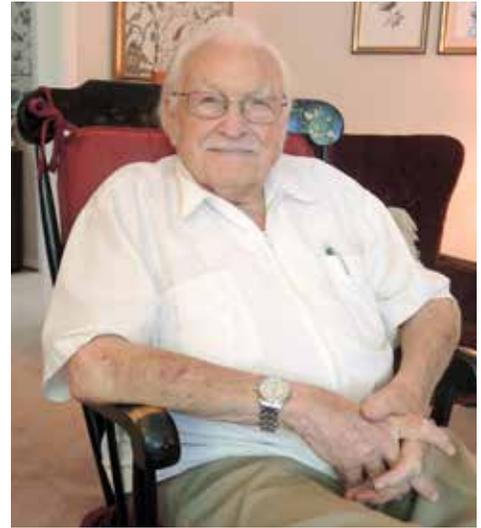
Originally from Buffalo, Em attended the University of Michigan on a football scholarship. That ended abruptly when he and a group of friends from Buffalo enlisted in the Army when Pearl Harbor was bombed.

After the end of World War II, Ghianni was recruited to play football by Michigan State University, where he received his bachelor's degree. After that he went back to University of Michigan for his master's degree.

"I'm one of the rare people who played football for both University of Michigan and Michigan State, and earned degrees from both," he said.

He lived for seven years in Grand Rapids, where he coached high school football, and in Chicago for eight years before moving to Nashville.

Ghianni joined the Planning Commission in September 1995, appointed by Mayor



Em Ghianni has lived in Forest Hills since 1972.

Charles Evers. The commission's role is important, he said, to preserve the attributes that City residents value.

"Over the years we want to maintain and enhance the park-like beauty of Forest Hills," he said.

Em is active in several organizations relating to military service: American Legion Post 5, VFW, Military Officers Association, World War II Veterans Association, and Operation Stand Down. He also serves on the boards of Nashville Rescue Mission and University Club at Vanderbilt, and is an elder and teacher at his church. He is a member of Nashville Sports Council and Downtown Kiwanis.

He especially enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren, Maria, Ann, Emily, and Joe.

Goodwill home pickup service *Continued from page 1*

- If you choose to schedule online, you'll be able to print a record of your donation, see your donation history, measure the impact of your contribution, and more.

- Uniformed employees driving a Goodwill van will come to your home within a four-hour window of the time scheduled for your pick-up. All team members servicing Forest Hills have passed drug screenings and background check.

- Items can be left outside, or employees can come inside to get them if you are at home.

- You do not have to be at home when the workers come. However, if you are not there, be sure to label clearly which items are to be taken, and do not leave the donated goods close to items you want to keep.

- All donations are 100% tax deductible.

What Goodwill accepts

Appliances	Glassware
Art	Home goods
Books	Jewelry
Clothing	Knick-knacks
Collectibles	Linens
Computer accessories	Musical instruments
Dishes	Shoes
Electronics	Sporting goods
Exercise equipment	Silverware
Furniture	Toys



Natisha Moultrie, center, community relations manager for Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, shows off the home collection van to Forest Hills residents Cathy Jackson and Florence McKeithan.

Land Trust looks at conservation in Forest Hills

The Cultural and Natural Resources Committee is working with the Land Trust for Tennessee to find ways of ensuring that Forest Hills remains an anchor of open green space for future generations.

Audra Ladd, stewardship and planning manager for the Land Trust, spoke to commissioners at the May board meeting about parcels of land in Forest Hills that are crucial to the Davidson County Open Space Plan, developed jointly by the Land Trust and Metro. She showed the board a map that identified large lots, some of which could be subdivided.

Another map showed areas that define the community character, including spaces around Percy Priest Elementary, the curve in Tyne, Laurel Ridge, and a few others. These areas have been prioritized for working toward preservation.

“Even if a property is not in a priority area, it still may be eligible for conservation easement,” Ladd said.

Forest Hills resident Kay Simmons, a member of the Cultural and Natural Resources Committee, said she became interested when they moved and saw the incredible view from her home. She wanted to protect this view and protect the land. She found that many people did not know this was a possibility through conservation easements.

“The Land Trust works with private land owners using conservation easements to protect land owners’ property and with communities, such as Forest Hills, looking to expand and enhance their public and private investments,” Simmons said. She is on the board of directors of the Land Trust for Tennessee. “The small parcels conservation goal is to partner to increase awareness of conservation tools that help individuals protect their property and protect their view-sheds for future generations of Tennesseans.”

Having a conservation easement allows property owners to restrict the development of their land in perpetuity. Owners create a conservation easement by entering into a voluntary contract with an organization such as the Land Trust for Tennessee, and in return protect the legacy of their land and derive tax benefits.

Conservation easements do not affect owners’ right to use the land as they choose for farming, timber, hunting, fishing, and recreation. Owners also retain the right to decide whether or not to allow public access to their land, and they can sell or pass the property on to heirs with the restrictions in place.

Keeping large parcels of land in Forest Hills undeveloped fits into the long-term goals of the Davidson County Open Space Plan, which envisions protected green space “anchors” in each of the four corners of the county. Ultimately, the plan calls for the four anchors to be connected with bikeways and footpaths along greenways and protected corridors.

Green space anchors for the Southwest quadrant include:

- Forest Hills woods and hilltops
- Radnor Lake State Natural Area
- Warner Parks
- Harpeth River Valley
- Natchez Trace Parkway

The next step to preserving open green spaces in Forest Hills is to contact the owners of land parcels identified as priorities and talk to them about conservation easements, Ladd said.

“Having the conversation is the most important step,” Mayor Bill Coke said. “We need to find ways to let people know that preservation of open space is important and why it is important.”

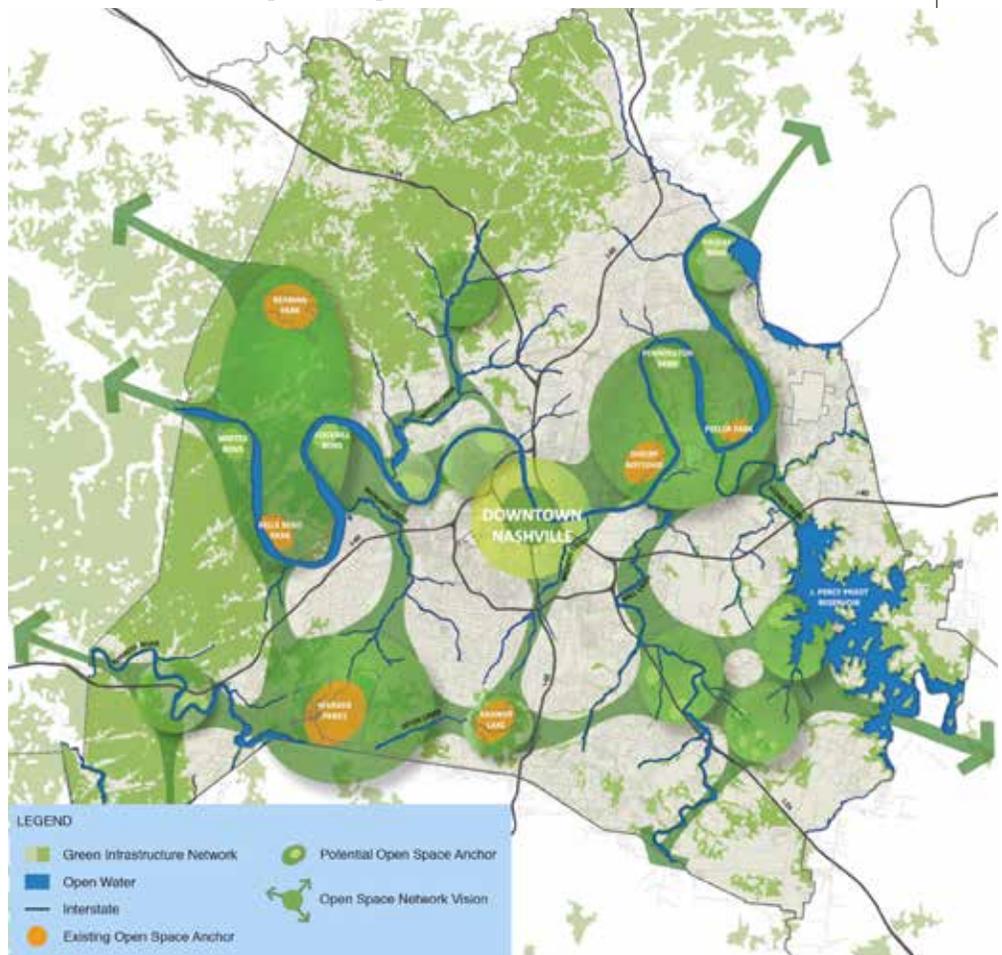
For more information about conservation easements and the Open Space Plan, visit landtrusttn.org or contact Audra Ladd at ALadd@landtrusttn.org.



Land Trust for Tennessee
www.landtrusttn.org

The Land Trust for Tennessee, a statewide non-profit, works with landowners, municipalities, businesses and State and Federal agencies to preserve the unique character of Tennessee’s natural and historic landscapes and sites for future generations.

Nashville’s Open Space vision





Share snapshots of City wildlife

One of the things that makes Forest Hills special is its natural beauty, including local wildlife. You can help document this aspect of the City by sharing your photos.

This photo of a hawk was shared by Scott Sims of Cherry Blossom Trail.

Add your entry to the Forest Hills wildlife scrapbook. Send your interesting animal snapshots to amanda.moyer@cityofforesthills.com.



Rain barrels

Rain barrels are an effective and low-cost method of managing rain running off from rooftops.

A typical residential rain barrel has a lid with an inlet for water from the downspout, a pipe for overflow, and a spigot to release water near the bottom. Many barrels have screens for controlling insects.

Domestic rain barrels provide water for landscape use or domestic supply. Larger barrels can connect to storage tanks with pumps and filtering devices. Even larger than rain barrels, cisterns can hold 10,000 gallons.

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>.

Longtime resident remembers riding ponies to Warner Park

The descendants of Jeannette Acklen Noel, granddaughter of well-known Nashvillian Adelia Acklen, have enjoyed climbing big old trees and wading the creek at the idyllic family home at the corner of Hillsboro Pike and Tyne Boulevard for generations.

Lattie Noel Brown, Jeannette's granddaughter, has lived there herself since 1974, and her own children and grandchildren, have spent countless hours playing on the wooded acreage. She can remember when Jeannette bought the house after the second World War.

"My granny bought the duplex on about three acres at 5750 Hillsboro Pike about five years after my grandfather died in World War II," Brown said. "Quite independent and an entrepreneur, she added another room to the rental side and leased it to young married couples." In 1974, Lattie and her three children—ages 3, 6 and 9—moved into the rental side of Granny's house.

Lover of horses

A lover of horses, Lattie's grandmother built a barn on the back of the property and owned as many as five horses, which she rode from Hillsboro Pike along Tyne Boulevard to Percy Warner Park.

Lattie, one of 11 grandchildren, said the three oldest girls, including herself, were nuts about horses and even pretended to be wild horses, complete with tails made from Johnson grass. She quickly ticked off the names of the ponies: Blue Blazes, Little Miss Muffett, and her horse Jericho.

"We would ride our ponies to Percy Warner Park, down Tyne and cut through yards and Chickering Lane," she recalled.



Jeannette Acklin Noel

"Our parents cautioned us not to get off our ponies if someone stopped us."

Brown remembers Jeannette Noel as a strong woman. "My grandmother was very independent and self-reliant," she said.

One time when building a fence, she dynamited the holes for the mock orange fence posts before installing them herself. Another time, she got into a friendly conversation with a neighbor about guns and shooting. Jeannette got a gun and proceeded to toss

cans in the air and hit each one.

Climbed a tree at 83

Once, when he was about four, Lattie's son Parke climbed to the top of a 50-foot magnolia tree and could not get down. His Granny Jeannette, 83 years old at the time, climbed up and brought him down safely. Jeannette was 93 when she died in 1984.

Lillian Compton, who lived at the top of the private drive next to Granny's property, took care of Granny while Lattie worked at Third National Bank. One day on the way home from work, Lattie saw a black snake in the middle of the road.

Since Granny always believed a black snake in the barn would keep rats and mice out of the horse feed, Lattie stopped, picked it up behind the neck, wrapped it around her arm, and took it to Granny, who immediately told her to take it to the barn. Lillian's lone comment: "You know, I don't think you have enough to do."

Lattie Brown retired from Nashville Bank and Trust last year, and now she can often be found watching her grandchildren play where their father, grandmother, and great-great-grandmother rode horses back in the day.

Forest Hills Commissioner election November 4

Residents will elect two Forest Hills commissioners Tuesday, November 4.

Current candidates are Vice Mayor John Lovell and Cultural and Natural Resources chair Henry Trost. Deadline to

qualify as a candidate is August 21.

Commissioner Lanson Hyde's term expires in 2016. Mayor Bill Coke is not running for reelection.

Deadline to register to vote is October 6.