



Bill Coke addresses the Kellytown fundraising event last summer, which raised several thousand dollars to support the archaeological project, a special focus for him.

## Bill Coke oversaw significant improvements to Forest Hills in his 17 years of service

The City of Forest Hills has seen a lot of changes since 1997, when Bill Coke joined the Board of Commissioners beside Mayor Charles Evers and Vice Mayor John Lovell. Many of those changes created a lasting impact to better the quality of life for City residents.

One high-profile change is City Hall. Long-time residents remember the tiny, cramped former office in Green Hills. The Board of Commissioners had known for years that the City needed a respectable, functional base of operations, when the opportunity to work with NES emerged in 2009.

“We looked at property on Granny White Pike at Old Hickory Boulevard, but

that didn’t fit for us,” Coke said. “NES had eight acres left over on this site and leased it to us for \$250 per year for 99 years. It gives us a signature in the City.”

Construction began in February 2011, and opened in December 2011. The facility includes ample office space, conference room, large meeting/boardroom, and plenty of space for expansion.

City Hall was, of course, fully wired with 21st-century technology, a big change from the situation when Bill came on board. “I’ve served with four City Managers: Amanda, Al Deck, Jim Pittman, and Tom Balthrop. The City was not computerized until after Balthrop left in 1999.”

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### Holiday Hours

**City offices will be closed:**

- Wednesday, December 24
- Thursday, December 25
- Friday, December 26
- Wednesday, December 31
- Thursday, January 1

## Chippers to collect Christmas trees

The City’s chipper service will pick up residents’ Christmas trees on its regular routes the last week of December and in January.

Remove all ornaments, metal, and stands from the tree and place it as close to the street as possible. Do not place it in a ditch.

### Leaf disposal

Put leaves for chipper service by the street in plastic bags—not paper, which breaks easily. Do not rake leaves anywhere that water flows. (See page 9.)

The City provides free chipper service to collect debris generated by normal yard maintenance by residents themselves.



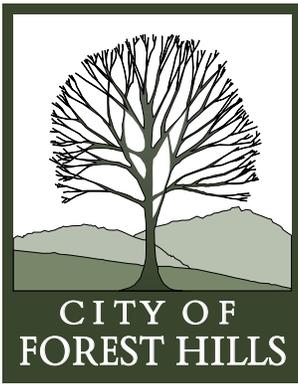
**Chipper schedule**  
cityofforesthills.com/  
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## John C. Lovell is ninth mayor of Forest Hills

Voters elected John C. Lovell and Henry A. Trost Commissioners of Forest Hills November 4. The new Board of Commissioners named John C. Lovell Mayor and Lanson Hyde III Vice Mayor at the November 20 meeting. Lovell has served as Vice Mayor since 1995.

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W 292-9925

Lanson Hyde III, Vice Mayor H 714-9699  
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#### City Attorney

Matthew Foster w 256-0500

#### City Engineer

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Winston Evans, Chair w 259-4685

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

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

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W 385-4144

Mark Richard Banks H 447-4262

#### 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**

# Know your neighbors to create safe, healthy community

Do you know your neighbors? Do you know who lives behind you, beside you, and up your street? Do they have kids? Are they kids themselves? In this day and age, it has become easy to say “I value my privacy,” erect a hedge, and lose touch with those around you. While we love both hedges and privacy in Forest Hills, we also like to encourage connection and neighborhood engagement.

Knowing your neighbors is important. You may already know this and agree, but I bring this to your attention for several reasons. First and foremost is protection and safety. When you know the people around you, you have less trouble asking for help and feel more comfortable saying when something is amiss.

One resident told me of when her teenage son was at home by himself and heard noises across the house. He quickly fled to his neighbor’s house to call his mom and the police. Had he not known the neighbor, he might not have felt comfortable leaving and may have faced the criminal himself. Neighbors watch out for each other and each other’s stuff. A simple quick email, text, or phone call about the strange, slow-moving vehicle rolling down your street could (and has) make a difference. Knowing and communicating with your neighbors makes all of us safer.

## Belonging and community

Next, knowing your neighbors creates a healthy sense of belonging and community. For example: Someone called the office about a lost dog at 8:15. By 9:15 several of us had called around the neighborhood, placed it on Facebook, and found the owner. Because of neighbors, that Yorkie is now safe, snuggling under her owner’s blankets. Halloween parties at the end of the cul-de-sac, sleep-overs for the kids, carpools across town to work or soccer practice, and so many more positive things come from getting out and engaging the people who live around you. Community is really important to a healthful lifestyle.

## Peace and tranquility

Lastly, knowing your neighbors creates expedited tranquility. For all the benefits neighbors can bring, sometimes there are disagreements. The placement of a fence, the ongoing construction, the drainage, the fallen tree on a property line, incessant barking, and a list of other issues can make enemies of those living



From the **City Manager**

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next door. Knowing your neighbors and their situations make it much easier to navigate quarrels and reduce hostilities. Compromise comes faster.

It’s never easy to tell residents when they call that “it’s a civil matter and you need to work it out with your neighbor” and then hear the response, “Well I don’t know them, and I don’t want to talk to them.”

**“It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine? I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.”**

– Mister Rogers

So let me encourage you to take a note from Mister Rogers and meet your neighbors. Get their phone numbers and emails. Like the City on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. (See box.)

Stay engaged. Knowing the people around you makes Forest Hills a safer, friendlier, and more peaceful place.

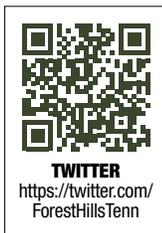
## New parking ordinance prohibits parking on the right-of-way

On August 20, the City passed an ordinance regarding parking on our streets, sidewalks, and other rights-of-way to make our City’s streets safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Generally, parking in the City right-of-way is now prohibited when traffic hazards are created or when free passage of vehicles or bicycles is limited. Additionally, parking or driving is prohibited on any planting strip, bike path, or pedestrian walkway.

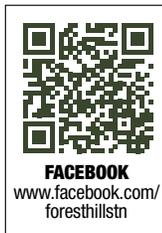
One of the biggest offenders of this issue is commercial vehicles including landscaping trailers, construction vehicles, or any vehicle used for landscaping or construction. If you have landscapers, they should be encouraged to park in the drive, not on the street, or in the grass along the street. If this is impossible

One way to stay current is to sign up for regular emails from Forest Hills at our website. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

By following you'll see a plethora of "Creatures of Forest Hills" like the picture below. Another great resource is Lost Pets of Forest Hills, started by longtime resident and animal lover Terry Bichell.



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because your driveway is steep or for some other reason, then the vehicles should have proper traffic warning/control measures such as cones, flags, signs. While your landscapers or construction crews should already be aware of this fact, please remind them of this important policy. Should you see a violation of this policy, be careful, snap a photo and send it to Forest Hills. Offenders receive a warning followed by stop-work orders or citations, whichever applies. Thank you for helping make Forest Hills safer.

### Zoning ordinance addresses definition of single family

The City is in the process of amending its Zoning Ordinance to modify the definition of single-family dwellings.

The revised ordinance addresses non-related cohabitants, helping the City maintain the residential nature of the community and protecting it from exterior effects such as parking and noise issues.

The ordinance says a "family" may be a single individual, or two or more people related to each other, or a group of people who are related and not more than one person not related to them. They may be related by blood, marriage, adoption, foster care, or law.

They are considered a family if all of them occupy the same house and function as a single household unit with common kitchen facilities. Providing unrestricted access to the entire dwelling to all occupants, sharing food and other necessities, and sharing expenses and responsibilities are indications that a group of persons is living as a single housekeeping unit.

## The Mayor's Corner

### It's time to review how far we've come



**John C. Lovell**  
Mayor

At the end of a year we all take time to reflect a bit on the past and look ahead to the future. When I think about my twenty years as Vice Mayor of the City of Forest Hills I realize how lucky I have been to have worked beside two of the most dedicated and effective Mayors any city could hope for. Under Charlie Evers and Bill Coke we have seen:

- Our cash reserves more than double.
- A Comprehensive Plan developed which incorporated residents' thoughts as to what Forest Hills should look like in years to come.
- A total revision of our Zoning Ordinances in response to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Development of green spaces (Bison Meadows, the Otter Creek bike path).
- A branding of the City with entranceways on Hillsboro Pike and monuments at strategic points along the City's perimeter.
- Construction of a City Hall that will serve residents, staff, and various commissions for decades to come.
- Improved relations with Metro.
- Establishment of our own court, which allows us to efficiently enforce our own zoning ordinances.

My goal for the near future is to take a breath and review what has been put in place to make sure things are working as we anticipated.

It has been five years since our

Comprehensive Plan and subsequent

Zoning Ordinances were written, and a scheduled review is due.

We need to keep working to improve our relations with Metro, particularly on police coverage and response times.

The majority of our revenues come from the Hall Income Tax. There is tremendous pressure in the State Legislature to revise or totally do away with this tax. We need to continue to remind our representatives of how vital this income stream is to the City.

We have done a good job of maintaining infrastructure (roads and drainage) but some of it is beginning to show its age. We have developed a long-term capital plan for our roads; we need one for stormwater drainage.

Whenever asked, residents have shown a desire for more greenways and trails throughout the City. We have a backbone of a plan in place; I would like to see us flesh out the possibilities.

Previous administrations have left behind a legacy of tremendous accomplishments. They have also assembled a dedicated and talented staff which, along with boards filled with volunteers, give their time and their wisdom to keep Forest Hills the special place it is. With their help, and with yours, I look forward to continuing this tradition.

### I like Forest Hills because ...

The City of Forest Hills is updating its website in 2015, and we want residents to tell everyone about the City.

"Visitors often come to Forest Hills for the first time on the website," said City Manager Amanda Moyer. "We thought what better way to tell everyone about how great the City than to hear from residents themselves."

Please complete the phrase "*I like Forest Hills because*" in 140 characters or less and email it to or tweet @ForestHillsTenn. Top 10 winners receive a free copy of *Historic Homes of Forest Hills*.

The website will provide more information with easier navigation and the same site experience with a mobile, tablet, or desktop browser.



Groundbreaking for the new City Hall



Stone entranceway gates

## Bill Coke oversaw significant improvements *continued from page 1*

Bill noted that the City's Cultural and Natural Resources committee (originally called Beautification Committee) has made many improvements to enhance residents' enjoyment of the outdoors and promote the City's brand. "We've used stonework for walls and markers and on bridges and culverts for a consistent look. Our distinctive street signs help brand the City."

One landmark event Bill saw was the opening of the John Lovell Bikeway, a multiuse path connecting Percy Priest Elementary School with Radnor Lake park. "I watched John Lovell work diligently to accomplish that," Coke said. "My biggest part in the achievement was in naming it after him."

Forest Hills supported several projects for the parks used most frequently by City residents, Radnor Lake State Natural Area and the Warner Parks, during Bill's years of service. The City contributed to restoration of the Warner Parks Spring House as well as donations for improvements, acquisitions, and repairs at Radnor Lake before and after May 2010 flooding.

The City also worked with Percy Priest Elementary School to develop a playground and recreation area suitable for residents to use

during hours the school is closed.

Plantings along Hillsboro Pike provide perhaps the most visible instance of City improvements during the Bill Coke years. Blooming flowers and landscaping grace both ends of the City at Old Hickory Boulevard and Harding Place, but the real beauty lies between: the cherry trees. Through an arrangement with the Japanese consulate (which has an official residence in Forest Hills) 100 Yoshino cherry trees were planted on both sides of Hillsboro Pike, providing stunning bouquets of color every spring.

History has always been close to Coke's heart, and the City has taken part in numerous efforts during the years Bill has served to document and preserve elements of its history:

- Published the book *Historic Homes of Forest Hills: An Architectural Survey* in 2001. "It is one of a kind—containing the history of the area as well as the history of Forest Hills and all of the homes listed on the National Register of Historic Places," Coke said. "To my knowledge, no other municipality has done anything like this."

- Participated in stone wall survey in 2000. The survey was conducted by the Geosciences Department at Middle Tennessee State

### Timeline of Bill Coke's service

#### 1997

- Bill Coke joins Board of Commissioners

#### 1998

- Bill Coke elected Commissioner

#### 2000

- Jim Pitman named City Manager
- Cemetery survey conducted
- Neighborhood Watch established
- City funds Percy Priest playground
- Historic Homes survey completed

#### 2001

- Historic Homes of Forest Hills published
- Stone fence survey completed

#### 2002

- Bill Coke re-elected Commissioner
- Seven homes nominated for National Register

#### 2004

- President George Bush visits Forest Hills
- Website launched
- City donates \$50,000 to Radnor Lake

#### 2005

- Bikeway opens

#### 2006

- Al Deck named City Manager
- Bill Coke re-elected Commissioner



Cherry trees on Hillsboro Pike Percy Priest Library

## From the Commissioners' resolution honoring Mayor William G. Coke

### WHEREAS:

Bill Coke and his wife, Fletch, moved into the City of Forest Hills in 1974 and have remained residents of the city since that time; and

As a resident of the city, Mr. Coke first became active in city affairs as an advocate for efforts to preserve the residential character of Forest Hills; and

Mr. Coke joined the Board of Commissioners in March 1997; and

The residents of Forest Hills elected Mr. Coke to the Board of Commissioners in November 1998, and re-elected Mr. Coke four more times; and

The Board of Commissioners elected Mr. Coke to be the Mayor of Forest Hills in 2008, re-electing him as Mayor in 2010 and 2012; and

During seventeen years of service to the City of Forest Hills as a commissioner, Mayor, and member of the Planning Commission, Mr. Coke served the residents of the city with honor and distinction; and

Mr. Coke championed historic preservation by protecting historic cemeteries and stone fences throughout the city, and assisting residents when listing homes with the national historic register; and

Mr. Coke created Friends of Kellytown and continues to work tirelessly for the protection of the Native American village located on the border of the city; and

Mr. Coke led city efforts to enhance the natural beauty of the city through his efforts to establish and grow Bison Meadows and to support Warner Parks and Radnor Lake; and

Mr. Coke supported improvements to Percy Priest Elementary School by funding library construction, playground improvements, creation of an outdoor classroom, landscaping, and numerous other projects; and

Mr. Coke's leadership and cooperation with Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County has resulted in the city's long term lease of the City Hall site, construction of a permanent home for city offices, and improved relationships between the two cities; and

Mr. Coke will be remembered by all residents of Forest Hills as a gentleman, as one who put the needs of his community before his own wishes, and as one who responded to the needs of the city's residents with honesty and goodwill.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the City of Forest Hills express its sincere gratitude to Mayor Bill Coke, for his dedicated and loyal service to the City of Forest Hills.

University. "Forest Hills was the first community in Tennessee to survey all of the stone walls within its boundaries," Bill said.

- Documented cemeteries within the City. "All 15 of the family cemeteries in Forest Hills are listed on the Davidson County Cemetery survey," he said. The information is accessible at [davidsoncocemeterysurvey.com](http://davidsoncocemeterysurvey.com).

- Led the charge to save Kellytown. "Not having commercial development there—that's the most important to remember," Coke said. "In addition, planning calls for developing parks adjacent to the City."

Forest Hills also achieved some significant civic milestones since 1997: improving relations with Metro government to better coordinate services, working out a plan to share franchise fees, establishing City Court to get legal disputes concluded expediently, and getting the City paving timeline back on schedule.

While Bill has stepped down from the Board of Commissioners, he has indicated that he will still be involved in City projects and committees.

Thanks, Bill, for all you've done.

### 2007

- Cultural and Natural Resources Master Plan released
- First Beautification Day held
- Matt Foster named City Attorney

### 2008

- Entry gateways dedicated
- Green Community Framework released
- Mayor Charles Evers retires
- Bill Coke elected Mayor

### 2009

- Entry gateways begun
- 20 cherry trees planted
- City pledges \$100,000 to Warner Parks

### 2010

- Comprehensive Plan for the City adopted
- 84 cherry trees planted
- Bill Coke re-elected Mayor
- City Hall construction begins

### 2011

- Cherry trees planted
- City donates \$100,000 to Radnor Lake
- City donates \$300,000 to Percy Priest Elementary
- City donates \$33,000 to Warner Parks
- City Hall opens
- First City Judge named

### 2012

- City Census conducted
- 200 cherry trees planted
- Bill Coke re-elected Mayor
- Recycling Clean Out begins

### 2013

- Satellite city agreement reached with Metro Nashville
- City donates \$50,000 for Percy Priest playground
- Amanda Deaton-Moyer named City Manager
- Committee formed to save Kellytown

### 2014

- Goodwill introduces home pickup
- First Forest Hills court convenes



A volunteer picks up trash at the corner of Annandale Drive and Otter Creek Road.



## Forest Hills cleans up, cleans out

Residents recycled more than six tons of electronics, scrap metal, and donated goods at the September 27 Forest Hills Recycling Clean-Out.

Some 225 vehicles visited City Hall to drop off materials, shred over three tons of documents, and turn in 16 cubic feet of expired medicines.

Since the program started in 2012, more than 1,200 vehicles have dropped off nearly 100,000 pounds of materials to be recycled.



The spring Recycling Clean-Out is set for March.

### CNR Committee holds litter pick-up

On November 8 Forest Hills residents gathered at City Hall at 8 a.m. and scattered to the Otter Creek and Tyne neighborhoods to pick up litter.

Volunteers gathered multiple bags of trash, said coordinator Sally Huston. The event was sponsored by the Cultural and Natural Resources Committee. The City provided trash bags, safety vests, and grabbers.



### Goodwill pick-up

Forest Hills resident Dolores Dennard welcomes Goodwill Industries driver Andy as he makes a front-door pick-up. Goodwill Industries has collected donations of clothing, furniture, books, toys, and other household items from over 80 homes in Forest Hills since the program began in August.



**Goodwill pickup**  
[cityofforesthills.com/  
 services\\_goodwill.html](http://cityofforesthills.com/services_goodwill.html)

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Recycled Items	Fall 2014	Spring 2014	Fall 2013	Spring 2013	Fall 2012	Totals
Electronics recycling (lbs.)	6,181	6,228	4,256	10,393	11,096	31,982
Scrap metal/bulk items (lbs.)	5,000	10,100	5,000	6,000	4,000	30,100
Batteries (lbs.)	TBA	642	630	2,010	1,274	4,556
Clothing, shoes, books (lbs.)	2,700	2,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	11,700
Paper shredding (lbs.)	6,500	6,000	na	na	na	12,500
Bulbs (#)	303	520	249	560	234	1,866
Tires (#)	9	14	8	25	10	66
Pallet recycling (#)	6	2	10	11	21	50
Mattresses (#)	14	6	17	35	22	94
Packing peanuts/pellets (cu.ft.)	20	9	18	20	22	89
Medicines/lotions (cu.ft.)	16	24	36	10	na	86
Vehicles participating	225	290	175	250	275	1,215

# Waller brings engineering skills to City projects

Longtime Planning Commission member David Waller still stays active in City business, but it's nothing compared to the schedule he had to keep from 2009 through 2011.

The City kept him pretty busy during that time, overseeing plans and construction of the new City Hall. David was recruited in June 2009 to chair the City Hall Advisory Committee, and over the next few weeks interviewed and selected an architect, construction manager, and site contractor. Then he and his committee spent untold hours in the coming months supervising and coordinating the million details that went into the successful completion of the beautiful facility in late 2011.

David first got involved with the City of Forest Hills through Bill Coke, who was a Commissioner at the time. They went to church together at Christ Church Cathedral, and Bill knew David had been involved in building projects there. "He lobbied me to join the Planning Commission, but I initially declined," David remembers.

Waller later reconsidered, and became a member of the Planning Commission in 2007. "On the Planning Commission, I try to do my part to help maintain the lifestyle of Forest Hills, compared to the sometimes excessive development we see in Metro," he said.

He took on the additional responsibilities of serving as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals in 2014. "I like serving on the BZA because the small group can deal with the unique situations that come up and find practical solutions."

## Life-long interest in construction

Waller has always been interested in construction and engineering. His father, who died young, was a contractor. His grandfather was an architect, and he had uncles who were an architect, a civil engineer, and a chemical engineer.

He joined W.L. Hailey & Company in 1962 and became its CEO in the late 1980s. The company was known for large, unusual construction projects, and that appealed to David. In all, Waller has been a part of constructing large tunnels in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia, as well as medium-sized ones in Maryland and Virginia. (See box.)



When the old Nashville trolley car company closed, David's grandfather bought this surveyor's tool and a drafting table that David still has.

## Resident since 1977

David moved to Forest Hills with wife Harriet, who died in 2008, and their three daughters ages nine to eleven in 1977 because they had outgrown their two-bedroom, one-and-a-half bath home on Tulane Court. They looked at the house sitting atop a steep hill on Kingsbury Drive in the winter time, and David jokes that they got the house because no one else was looking at it, daunted by the ice and snow.

Along the way, he made some improvements like adding a heated swimming pool, and did major renovations to the Kingsbury Drive house 10 or 12 years ago.

"I live here so that I don't have to visit someplace to have the forest," he said. "I have it in my own backyard, and I'm still eight minutes away from shopping in Brentwood or Green Hills."

David and his wife Diane, who married two years ago, like to travel and have taken two river cruises in Europe. Most recently, they took a museum tour through the south of France visiting Lyon, Dijon, and other cities, and seeing Impressionist masterpieces by Matisse, Cezanne, Gauguin, and more.

They also enjoy traveling from Florida to Seattle and points in between to visit with David's four daughters and Diane's son and daughter.

## Unique projects

Among the unique projects Waller handled during his career as an engineer:

- Created tunnels below downtown Nashville to heat and cool buildings from Nashville Thermal Transfer Plant.
- Installed a pipeline under the Cumberland River "big enough to drive a truck through" during the replacement of the hundred-year-old Woodland Street Bridge in 1966. He remembers workers finding lots of old gold and silver coins during the digging, and finally figured out that pedestrians had tossed them off the bridge for good luck.
- Conducted renovations along I-40 across the Mississippi River.
- Replaced a flume on the Ocoee River.
- Rerouted a river in West Virginia to allow construction of a dam, then restored the river to its original path.

## 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.

Add your entry to the Forest Hills wildlife scrapbook. Send your interesting animal snapshots to [amanda.moyer@cityofforesthills.com](mailto:amanda.moyer@cityofforesthills.com).



Pulling out of my driveway and I was surprised by this young owl sitting on my mailbox. Probably not as surprised as the mailman!  
—Richard Sanderson, Sherwood Drive



The City completed paving along Stanford Drive, South Stanford Court, and Kingsbury Drive in the fall.

## Plant lovers lead charge to remove pests

Gardeners and native plant lovers across the county are gearing up for the first-ever Weed Wrangle Nashville, a volunteer effort on Saturday, February 28, 2015, to rescue parks and green spaces from harmful invasive vines, trees, and flowering plants.

“The City of Forest Hills is partnering with a number of other organizations in Nashville on this invasive plants project,” said Elizabeth Lamar from the Garden Club of Nashville. “I encourage Forest Hills residents to volunteer.”

Teams of volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to noon under the oversight of Cumberland River Compact, Friends of Warner Parks, Greenways for Nashville, and the Richland Creek Watershed Association. They will remove bush honeysuckle, Chinese privet, autumn olive, English ivy, winter creeper, and other especially harmful non-native species.

Invasive/exotic plants and the pests associated with them degrade woodlands, threaten wildlife habitat, increase the risk of wildfire and alter the appearance of public spaces, Weed Wrangle Nashville organizers say. Without decisive intervention, these plants, insects, and other non-native intruders will continue to adversely impact the area’s ecosystem resources and services.

Community education events during the



### Nashville locations

- Beaman Park/Bells Bend
- Cheekwood Botanical Gardens
- Nashville Zoo at Grassmere
- Owl’s Hill Nature Sanctuary
- Radnor Lake State Natural Area
- Shelby Bottoms Greenways and Nature Park
- Other targeted areas to be determined*

week preceding Weed Wrangle Nashville include a free lecture on invasive plants at Belmont University on Wednesday, February 25, at 4 p.m. and a full-day workshop on Friday, February 27 at Cheekwood presented by Tennessee Exotic Pest Plants Council. To register for the TNEPPC conference visit [tneppc.com](http://tneppc.com).

Funding for Weed Wrangle Nashville is provided by the Garden Club of America Partners for Plants Habitat Restoration program and by the Garden Club of Nashville. For information visit [weedwranglenashville.org](http://weedwranglenashville.org) or contact [steve@ipcinc.org](mailto:steve@ipcinc.org).



## Street salting, snow plowing follows 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



# SAFETY TIPS

## New midtown precinct serves eastern Forest Hills

By Sergeant Raymond Jones

Midtown Hills is Nashville's eighth and newest police precinct, located at 1441 12th Avenue South; it serves Forest Hills residents who live east of Hillsboro Pike.

Midtown Hills is commanded by Commander Kay Lokey, a 17-year veteran. Prior to becoming commander, Kay was the director of the Police Department's Domestic Violence Division.

Sergeant Raymond Jones, a seven-year veteran, is the Community Coordinator for the Midtown Hills Precinct.

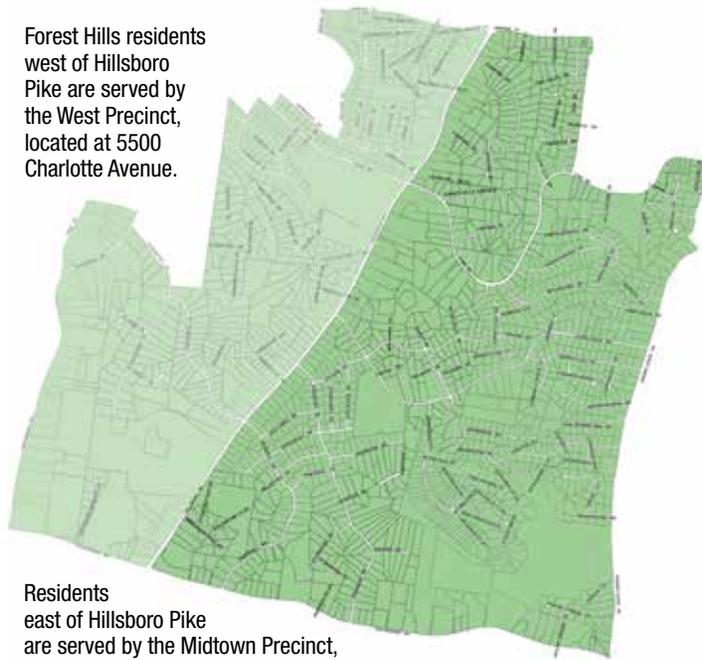
The precinct has 123 personnel assigned to Midtown Hills, who cover 47 square miles. That's nine percent of Davidson County.

Midtown Hills is a diverse precinct. We strive to build new community relationships and reinforce existing relationships, performing with the utmost integrity toward members of our community.

Midtown Hills promotes educating the community on what police services we can provide and on the importance of community involvement. Our precinct includes a community room for education events. The building is LEED- certified.

The lobby is open to the public Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It has a Medication Drop Box where citizens can discard expired medications safely.

Forest Hills residents west of Hillsboro Pike are served by the West Precinct, located at 5500 Charlotte Avenue.



Residents east of Hillsboro Pike are served by the Midtown Precinct, located at 1441 12th Avenue South.



**Sgt. Raymond Jones**  
Metro Police

615/880-1411 Midtown Hills  
615/862-8600 Non-emergency  
911 Crime in progress  
raymond.jones@nashville.gov



### Keep leaves out of drainage ditches

Do not rake loose leaves into the City's streets, ditches, culverts, or wherever water runs.

Leaves in the street are dangerously slippery when wet.

Stormwater runoff washes loose leaves into the City's drainage system, increasing water pollution, clogging culverts, and creating flooding problems.

Place your leaves in plastic bags and leave them at the edge of the street for monthly pickup. Do not use paper bags because they tear too easily.



**Chipper info**  
cityofforesthills.com/  
services\_chipper.html

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>.

## Stay smart for safety during holiday season

The police department continues to remind residents to PARK SMART during the holidays.

The Park Smart campaign strongly urges citizens to lock their automobile doors, secure any valuables, and remove their keys any time they get out of their car. Never leave items in plain sight.

In one study, more than 25% of cars stolen had the keys left in the vehicle. Convenience markets are common places for motorists to leave keys in cars and all too often are the scenes of auto theft.

Officers also direct citizens to SHOP



SMART. Do not leave purses or other valuables unattended in shopping carts, in dressing rooms, or on store shelves, even for a very short time. An unattended purse is an easy target for a thief.

Follow these simple precautions while shopping:

- Always keep purses zipped or buttoned up, and held close to your body.
- Never walk away from your purse, not even for one second.
- Don't leave any of your valuables unattended.
- Do not become distracted when shopping. Stay alert to the people and events around you.
- When possible, shop in pairs. Two pairs of eyes are better than one, and you're more likely to spot suspicious behavior.

# Follow these tips to help keep coyotes at bay

Coyote sightings are frequent in local neighborhoods. It's clear they're in Forest Hills to stay, and the only response is to try to discourage their presence.

In general, coyote population control has been ineffective. Because coyotes are able to adapt to the habitat so well, most experts predict that the coyote population will continue to grow.

Urban coyotes are not typically violent to humans, eating primarily rodents, insects, and snakes. However, they are

opportunistic: They will eat cats and small dogs if they encounter them.

Here are some tips to deal with coyotes, bobcats, and other predators.

- Your best bet is to discourage them from residing in your neighborhood. When you spot one, do everything you can to appear threatening. Make loud noises, throw rocks, shake a stick, chase it away.

- Keep your cats and small dogs indoors overnight. You are unlikely to encounter coyotes during daylight hours.

- Eliminate food sources. Do not leave food for your pets outside or in accessible garages and utility sheds. If you must feed your pets outside, take the bowl back inside with you when they finish eating. Do not leave food out for wildlife under any circumstances.

- Eliminate water sources. Water attracts snakes, birds, and rodents, and predators will be drawn there to eat them.

- Clean up areas that attract rodents. Rodents are a prime food source for predators.

- Do not discard edible garbage. Coyotes are opportunistic and will eat any table scraps.

- Secure garbage containers. Use trash barrels with lids that clamp down tight even when tipped over.

- Do not place trash cans out the night before scheduled pick-up. Placing cans out in the morning before pick-up will give coyotes less time to scavenge. They will not have cover of darkness.

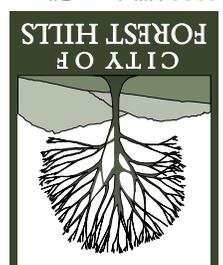
- Do not leave barbecue grill outside and uncovered. The smell of the grill and the contents of the grills drip pan attracts coyotes.

- Communicate with neighbors so that everyone cooperates in scaring off predators.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	
December 24	CLOSED
December 25	CLOSED
December 26	CLOSED
December 31	CLOSED
January 1	CLOSED

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