

Council approves Kellytown purchase

By Bill Coke

At the request of Mayor Karl Dean, on December 16 the Metro Council passed legislation to purchase the 6.72-acre site known as Kellytown for \$740,000.

"This is a historic piece of property," Mayor Dean said. "By preserving these six acres, we will honor the legacy of the Native American people."

The Kellytown site, which is located in Metro just south of Forest Hills, will now be administered by Metro Parks.

The Friends of Kellytown, a nonprofit group formed in 2013 to purchase and preserve this unique property, conducted a yearlong campaign to raise funds for this purpose. Through the generosity of institutions and individuals throughout Davidson County, \$400,000 was raised. These funds will be used to develop the site to commemorate the Mississippian village that existed here over 1,000 years ago as well as making it accessible to visitors.

The board of the Friends of Kellytown has been working closely with Tim Netsch, assistant director of Metro Parks, and with Tim Walker, executive director of the Metropolitan Historical Commission, to plan the development. All are in agreement that there must first be a comprehensive plan from which to work.

Partnering with Metro Parks and the Friends of Kellytown, the Metropolitan His-

torical Commission has applied to the Tennessee Historical Commission for a Historic Preservation Grant to cover up to 60% of the cost for a master plan for Kellytown. The Tennessee Historical Commission will award grants in the fall of 2015.



The City commissioned this conceptualization showing how the park might be developed.

The master plan will provide guidance in developing the site as a passive park with future connections to greenways and will include additional archaeological work. If the grant is awarded, the master plan process would begin immediately and would be completed in 12 months.

All of the groups involved are in agreement that there is no rush to develop the site.

"It is important to take our time and develop the site properly," said Ridley Wills III, chair of the Friends of Kellytown.



City Hall, 8:30-12:30
Bring electronics, batteries, bulbs, and donations. Dispose of medications and get sensitive documents shredded. *See page 4.*



City debuts redesigned website

Forest Hills' redesigned website offers comprehensive information about the City in a clean, easy-to-navigate design.

The site adapts to your device—whether you visit using a desktop, tablet, or phone—to ensure the same user experience across platforms.

Information has been consolidated and made easier to find. "A new feature is the Building in the City page, which consolidates forms and procedures for planning, zoning, and appeals," said City Manager Amanda Deaton-Moyer. "It includes an interactive flowchart that walks you through each procedure."

A History Overview page explores the many historical aspects of the City,

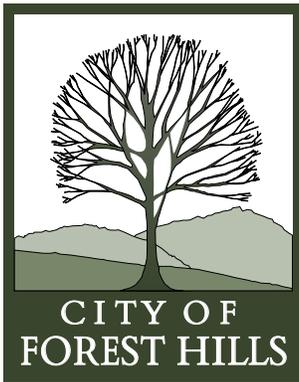
from Kellytown to historic photos and residents' favorite memories.

The Services Overview page describes all City services at a glance, including a chipper schedule lookup widget.

The new site is completely searchable, including past issues of the newsletter and minutes of the Board of Commissioners, Planning, and BZA.

We want to hear your feedback. Please contact the City Manager at amanda.moyer@cityofforesthills.com. If you have a problem, tell us the browser and device being used when the problem occurs.

The site is by Armour&Armour, which also creates this newsletter.



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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



Sign up now for Google Fiber access

Google Fiber is coming and it's coming to Forest Hills, too. So what does it mean and why is it such a big deal? Why are your friends and neighbors forcing you immediately to sign up?

(By the way if you haven't signed up yet, use this link to do it now. Reading this article can wait!)



Sign Up for Google
fiber.google.com/cities/nashville/

Currently, area providers (AT&T, Comcast, and others) use cable or DSL lines to deliver your internet access. These delivery systems are effective but comparatively slow. Those systems send/receive electrical data through cumbersome lines that meet various obstacles en route.

Fiber turns electrical signals into light and sends them across transparent glass fibers that are about the diameter of a human hair. This technology results in internet speeds that are tens if not hundreds of times faster. This speed could allow for seamless experiences watching such services as Netflix, Amazon Prime, or Hulu. The difference in download speed for daily work is simply amazing. Google Fiber has a TV option as well. Buffer times will become thing of the past.

Children today have no knowledge of the sound of dial-up internet and having to share phone lines to get on AOL to check the email once a day. Technology has improved vastly. Society slowly improved with it.



From the **City Manager**

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Google Fiber is giving Nashville and Forest Hills the chance to be on the forefront of this technology. To do so, Google will build the fiber infrastructure. Forest Hills intends to cooperate with Google fully to ensure there are no obstacles during installation, all while trying to preserve and maintain the park-like character of our City.

There was some confusion about the satellite cities being left out of the Google Fiber roll out. Our City has been working with Google and its Nashville representatives from the very start. Google remains committed to bringing fiber to all of Davidson County including Forest Hills. So, what now? The infrastructure build out will take time. Please be patient, but stay involved. Use the link above and sign up. We have been told Google will build the infrastructure according to highest level interest—so perhaps Forest Hills can be the first with Google Fiber.

Annual audit gives Forest Hills high marks

The City received a clean bill of health from auditor John Poole at his report to the Board of Commissioners on December 18.

Poole explained that the State requires cities such as Forest Hills to be audited annually. The purpose of the audit is to confirm that the City's finances are handled properly.

His audit first examines the revenues the City receives and determines whether it got all that it deserves. Then, he ensures whether

the revenues were handled as they should have been.

Specifically, the audit looks to see that City money was spent on City business, that projects were put out to bid appropriately, and that the City handles its finances using good business practices.

Poole said his audit of Forest Hills confirms that the City is doing all of those things properly.

Sign ordinance protects City's natural character

Forest Hills has a sign ordinance in place to preserve the clean and open characteristic of the community. While most signs are well-meaning or have purpose, they detract from the natural character of the City.

Permits are required for all signs except real estate, political, or security signs. This means if your contractor wants to put up a sign, you need a permit.

You need a permit if you're going to have a garage sale, estate sale, or special event. A sign can be installed no earlier than one week prior to the event and must be removed within two days after the event.

As election day approaches, political signs multiply. As with all signs, no political signs may be placed in the right-of-way. They may be installed no sooner than 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 30 days after the election.

If the sign does not relate to an election, it requires a permit.

Residences should have only one real estate sign per yard. Real estate and political signs have specific size requirements.

The City may take down any sign that does not comply with this ordinance. For more information, you may review the entire sign ordinance, Section 4.10, using this link.



Please help keep Forest Hills beautiful by following this ordinance.



Specialty license plate supports Radnor Lake

Show your support of Radnor Lake State Natural Area with a specialty license plate available from the County Clerk when you renew your vehicle registration.

The plate costs \$35 in addition to regular registration fees. A portion of the additional amount is allocated to Friends of Radnor Lake to protect, preserve, and promote the natural integrity of the natural area.

Since 2004, the specialty plate program has raised over \$400,000.

The Mayor's Corner

Talk of tax repeal comes around every spring

It's almost spring again, and with it comes the annual blooming of daffodils at the Harding Place intersection, the budding of cherry trees along Hillsboro Pike . . . and the recurring talk of repealing the Hall Tax from Capitol Hill. This talk has been going on for years but has grown louder over the past two.

Some background:

- The Hall Tax, which dates back to 1929, is a 6% tax on interest and dividends.
- The State collects the tax, keeps $\frac{5}{8}$ for itself, and returns $\frac{3}{8}$ to the city where tax payers reside.
- The total tax collected is about \$260 million per year.
- Over the past five years, Forest Hills' share has averaged \$1.18 million. This is about 50% of our total revenues.
- With no property tax and virtually no commercial businesses to generate sales tax, Forest Hills relies on the Hall Tax more than most other cities in the state.

With a tax-averse legislature, efforts to repeal the Hall Tax have escalated over the past few years. Last year outside forces, including Grover Norquist's

Americans for Tax Reform and the Koch

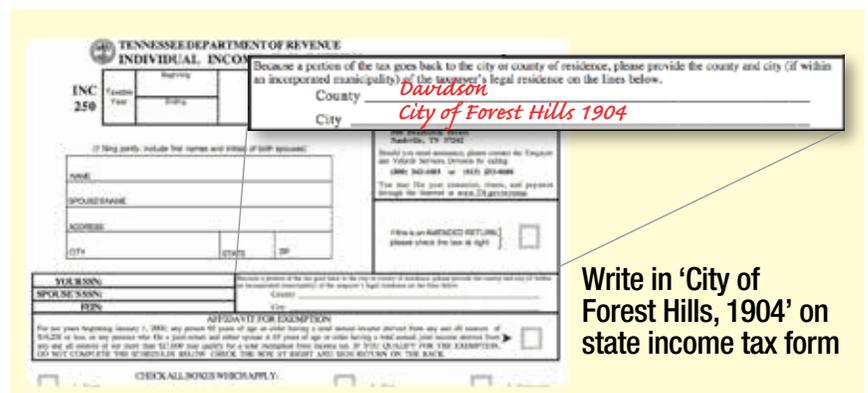
brothers' Americans for Prosperity, put tremendous pressure on Tennessee legislators to repeal it. Governor Haslam resisted efforts to do away with the tax in the 2014 legislative session and has currently taken the position that if the tax is repealed it must be accompanied with comparable cuts in spending.

Forest Hills' commissioners have recently met with our Representative, House Speaker Beth Harwell, and our State Senator Steve Dickerson, to remind them how crucial our share of the tax is to our City. Both were aware of, and sympathetic to, our situation but neither offered any assurances that the tax would remain unchanged.

Forces for and against repeal make strong arguments for their positions, and the issue is very much in flux on Capitol Hill. Your Commissioners will stay in touch with legislators and continue to advocate a resolution that serves the best interest of Forest Hills.



John C. Lovell
Mayor



Help fund Forest Hills: Write in '1904'

The only way for the City to get its fair share of Hall Tax revenues is for every affected resident to write in "City of Forest Hills, 1904" on their state income tax form.

Over the past six years money from Hall Tax has represented 51% of fund-

ing. Last year, at least 260 state income tax reports filed by City residents failed to include this crucial information.

Do your part. Don't let Forest Hills' fair share of the tax revert to Nashville. Write in "City of Forest Hills, 1904" on your state income tax report.



FOREST HILLS CITY HALL
 6300 Hillsboro Pike
 8:30-12:30
 Rain or shine

Please follow all instructions

- Bring **ONLY** recyclable items that are on this list.
- Place smaller items in puncture-resistant, heavy-duty bags no larger than 33 gallons or in cardboard boxes no larger than 30x30x30 inches.
- Tie bags closed.
- Do not overload: no heavier than 30 lbs.
- Bring bags, boxes, and items to City Hall, 6300 Hillsboro Pike.
- Enjoy your extra space!

NOT ACCEPTED

- **MOTOR VEHICLE FLUIDS**
Take to AutoZone or Pep Boys
- **MOLDED STYROFOAM**
Pellets (peanuts) only
- **PAINT** and
- **ITEMS NOT ON THIS LIST**
Take to 943A Doctor Richard G. Adams Dr.



E-WASTE

Computers, monitors, DVD players, electronics, broken small appliances, stereos

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

Working and non-working monitors and CRT/flatscreen TVs

Non-working small appliances (countertop units or smaller), microwaves, coffee makers, food processors, vacuums



BATTERIES

All types of dry-cell and vehicle batteries

All types of dry-cell batteries, disposable and rechargeable: AAA to D, 9-volt, button, power tool, laptop, cell phone, camera batteries. Carbon Zinc, Nickel-Cadmium (NiCad), Lithium, Lithium-ion (Li-ion), Mercury, Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH), Zinc Air, Silver Oxide, Lead-acid, hard-case batteries: Car, truck, motorcycle, boat, mower, RV, ATV, etc.

Tape all positive contacts on all non-alkaline batteries as required by law to prevent fire during transportation. Place in a sealed one-gallon Ziploc bag.



BULBS

All bulb types, no broken items

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

For fluorescent tubes, bring in original packaging or bind tubes in bundles of four with a rubber band at each end.

GUIDELINES: <http://www2.epa.gov/cfl/cleaning-broken-cfl>.

Broken or crushed items will not be accepted. Discard broken lamps.



SCRAP METAL

Anything metal

Tools, bikes, mowers, auto parts, grills, exercise equipment.



BULK ITEMS

Large appliances, tires, mattresses, box springs

All large appliances including washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves.

Automobile and motorcycle tires.

Mattresses and box springs.



REUSABLE ITEMS

Wire hangers, packing peanuts, wood pallets

Packing peanuts only; no molded Styrofoam. Bag any color or type of packing peanut with no other items; tie bag tight.

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

Any size unbroken pallets are accepted.



DONATIONS

Clothing, household items, furniture, books, appliances, linens, shoes, jewelry, accessories

Gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, shoes/boots, housewares, appliances, antiques, furniture, paintings, linens, books, musical instruments, tools, seasonal items, etc. Full list: giveit2goodwill.org/donate

Goodwill is unable to repair broken items.



MEDICATIONS

Over-the-counter and prescription drugs

Keep medications in original packaging if possible. Cross out name and address, but do not cross out name of medication.

Prescription medications, all over-the-counter medications, pet medications, medicated ointment, lotions, or drops, liquid medications in leak-proof containers, inhalers, pills in any packaging, including glass, plastic containers, plastic bags, glass, foil

NOT ACCEPTED: Illegal drugs and narcotics, needles/sharps or syringes with needles, blood sugar equipment, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products (lotions, shampoos, etc.)



DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Paper and photos in untied garbage bag or open box

Shred on the Run will shred documents onsite, then take them for recycling. Bring documents such as old credit card statements, old checks, tax returns, and anything that could be used to steal your identity.

NOT ACCEPTED: Binders, newspaper, hardback books



Spring cleaning has never been easier

There's something about warm weather and bright sunshine flowing through winter-stained windows that makes minds turn to thoughts of spring cleaning.

This year, in Forest Hills spring cleaning has never been easier, thanks to the home collection program of Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee. With just one phone call or visit to a webpage, a friendly and courteous representative of Goodwill will come to your home, gather all your discarded items, and load them on the easily identifiable Goodwill truck for transport back to the sorting center.

For many Forest Hills residents, that represents an easier option than loading items—often heavy or bulky—into their vehicle and driving to a designated drop-off site.

Since the Goodwill home collection began in Forest Hills in September, team members have made pick-ups at 108 homes.

The value of the donated items is around \$5,000, money that stays

in Middle Tennessee to promote employment and training programs for people who have disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Donating goods to Goodwill also achieves environmental benefits, as the items contributed are diverted from being thrown away and ending up in a landfill.

An important note about preparing your donated items: Do not commingle usable goods with trash, and do not donate dirty items.

Home collections

- Schedule a pickup by calling 615/346-1831 or at <http://giveit2goodwill.org/foresthills/>
- A uniformed attendant will visit your home Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- As a courtesy a Goodwill staff member will call you before the attendant arrives at your home.
- All donations are 100% tax deductible. Save your donation receipts.

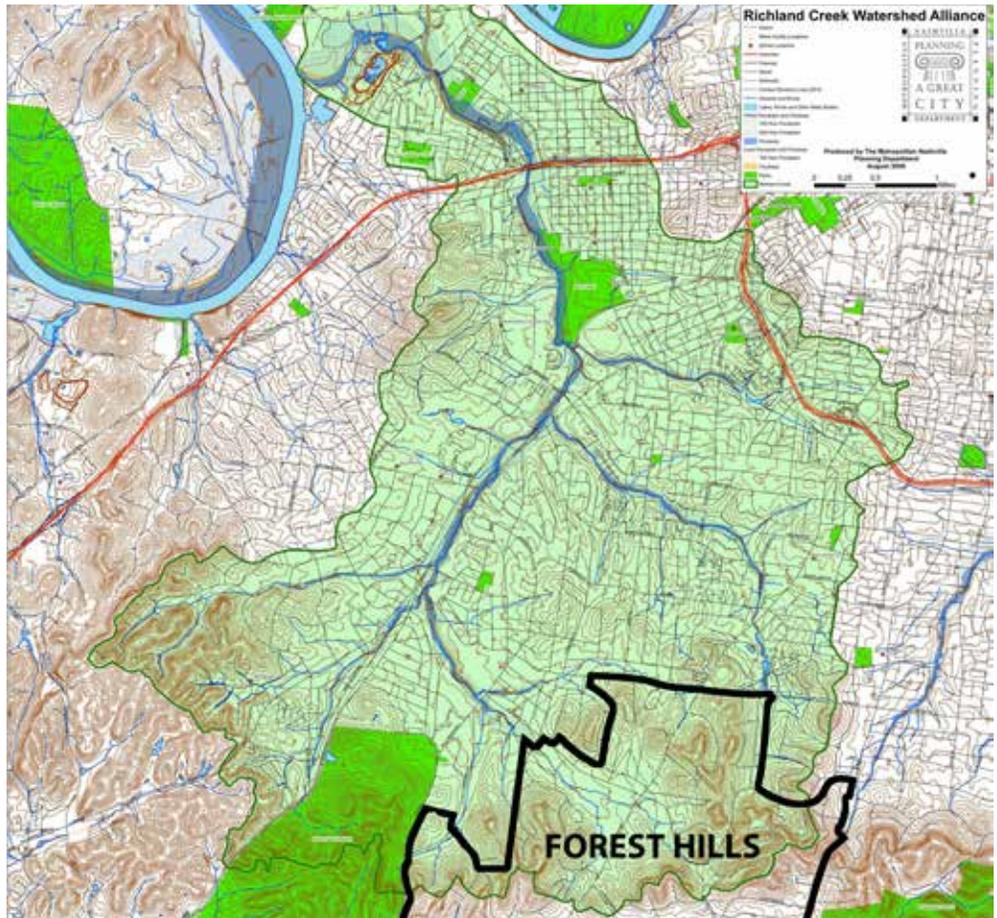
Share snapshots of City wildlife

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 scrapbook. Send your interesting snapshots to amanda.moyer@cityofforesthills.com.



Stanford Drive resident Geoffrey Brittingham snapped this photo of a honey mushroom, *armillaria tabescens*, in August.



Watershed group works to clean streams

Clean flowing streams are an important part of the character of Middle Tennessee. In Forest Hills, many local streams and tributaries flow into Richland Creek.

Richland Creek Watershed Alliance, a community-supported stream conservation group, works to preserve and restore the deli-

cate ecosystem of the waterway. The Richland Creek watershed covers a large quadrant of southern Nashville, including Forest Hills north of Otter Creek.

A watershed is an area of land that drains rainwater to a single water source, pulled by gravity to its destination both above and below ground. The topography of the land determines the path the water follows.

Protecting the water quality of Richland Creek and other watersheds is important because various forms of pollution, including runoff and erosion, can interfere with water quality. Richland Creek Watershed Alliance coordinates events to keep the stream and its tributaries in good shape. The Alliance will hold its second annual Stream-a-Thon on May 5 to raise funds to save Richland Creek, supporting programs to plant trees, clean up streams, protect habitats, and increase stream conservation awareness. If you'd like to help, go to the volunteer page at richlandcreek.org.

The Stream-a-Thon is a part of the Big Payback, a community-wide, 24-hour online giving challenge hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.



A worker from the Parke Company lays dry-stack stone to expand the rock wall that runs along the hill beside the City Hall driveway. The wall follows the contour of the old Brentwood Pike, now Old Hickory Boulevard.

Broken-down bridge brought Clay Jackson to volunteer for City

Clay Jackson, Planning Commission member and former chair of the Cultural and Natural Resources Committee, began his volunteer work on behalf of the City of Forest Hills back in 2005 when he attended a Board of Commissioners meeting to talk about a bridge in need of repair on Tyne Boulevard.

"I asked, can't we do something besides replacing the concrete, something more attractive?" he said. That was the beginning of the Cultural and Natural Resources Committee.

"Bill Coke, who was a Commissioner then, formed the committee and put me on it," Clay remembers. "Sally Huston, one of the first members of the committee, was a tremendous help. "She drove the strategic planning process and succeeded me as head of the committee."

Other original committee members were Collie Daily, Carroll Kimball, Richard Patton, Bailey Robinson III, and Frank Wade, guided by Joe Hodgson.

One of the first projects of the CNR committee was replacing street signs to promote the City of Forest Hills brand, an effort that could be undertaken quickly to create an immediate impression. The stone gateways, a more complicated long-term project, came next. However, few efforts have had more visual impact than the Yoshino cherry trees.

"Bill Coke and I called on Hiroshi Sato, consul general of Japan residing in Nashville," he said. "To kick off a salute to Japanese-American friendships the consulate was planting cherry trees in Nashville. Since he lives in Forest Hills, we asked him to plant trees here." The result is a stunning display of blossoms every spring along Hillsboro Pike.



"Forest Hills is a great place to live and raise a family," Clay said. "That's why the work of the CNR Committee is so important. We want to enhance the attractiveness of community and add to the quality of life."

Jackson grew up on in Forest Hills on Harding Place and lived there until about the fifth grade, when his family moved to the Hillwood area. After graduating from Washington and Lee University, mutual friends arranged a date for him with Cathy Tyne, and he came back to Forest Hills when he and Cathy married 36 years ago.

"Cathy and I have lived at Longleat for 34 years," Clay said. "She grew up in Forest Hills on top of Crater Hill, and as a little girl she lived at Longleat for a time." That's where they raised their son Clay, an executive with a travel and tourism analytics firm who lives in Nashville with his wife Minnette.

The historic farm at the corner of Hillsboro Pike and Tyne Boulevard celebrated its one-hundredth anniversary last year. Cathy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Tyne, bought the farmland in 1914. In 1930, they rede-

signed and enlarged the original home and called it Longleat.

Jackson has noticed a few changes in the years he's lived in Forest Hills. "The biggest change: lots of growth and increased traffic," he said. "I see a growing desire to live here, because of its proximity to parks and downtown, and excellent schools like Percy Priest Elementary—where my good friend Frank Wade (and neighbor growing up) was in the first class."

Jackson is senior vice president and regional president for BB&T Insurance Services. He was president of Cooper Love and Jackson, a family firm founded in 1885, when it was acquired by BB&T in 2003.

In addition to his current work on the CNR Committee and the Planning Commission, Clay served on the Comprehensive Planning Committee overseeing construction of City Hall and on the board of Friends of Kellytown. In his spare time he likes to golf, and he is active in Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and his alma maters Montgomery Bell Academy and Washington and Lee University.

Drainage work continues

The City has undertaken several drainage projects this season, including replacing concrete pipes in some areas.

- Cromwell Drive: Restructured ditch for better flow.
 - Fredericksburg Drive at Tyne Boulevard: Headwall on Tyne repaired due to sinking caused by trees growing through pipes.
 - Kingsbury: Restructured ditch.
 - Montcrest: Replaced concrete pipe to prevent roadway failure.
- Work also has been done on Priest Road and the Chickering area.



SAFETY TIPS

Heads up to avoid bike/car collisions

Soon the weather will be warm and more bicyclists will be on the streets.

Sometimes we fail to remember that bicyclists have just as much right to be on a roadway as a vehicle does. In fact, there is a law that prohibits passing a bicyclist unless you have at least three feet between you and the bicyclist. If there is a car traveling the other direction and you are unable to create three feet of distance, you must remain in your lane until you are able to pass safely and legally. Not only do motorists need to be cognizant of rights of bicyclists, but bicyclists need to be aware that along with this right also come

SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS

- Ride on the right hand side of the road *with* the flow of traffic.
- Watch for turning traffic.
- Be predictable and visible.
- Wear brightly colored or fluorescent clothing during the day.
- At night, wear retro-reflective tape or markings on clothing and equipment.
- At night, use a front light and a red reflector/flashing rear light.
- Always wear a helmet.

the rules and responsibilities of traveling on a roadway and abiding by the laws.

Reducing the number of bicyclist injuries takes actions by both motorists and bicyclists. I have listed recommendations that if implemented will make our city a safer place for bicyclists.

The majority of bicycle/vehicle collisions happen at intersections when a motorist is turning left or right and fails to see a cyclist, so make sure at intersections you look not only for vehicles but pedestrians and bicyclists as well.

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Pass bicyclists with care.
- Watch for cyclists at all times.
- Allow at least three feet clearance when passing a bicyclist.
- Look for bicyclists before opening a car door or pulling out of a parking space.
- When making a turn, be especially watchful for bicyclists.

Not only do motorists need to be more aware of their surroundings but bicyclists do as well. Bicyclists, knowing that intersections have the most crashes, slow your speed and



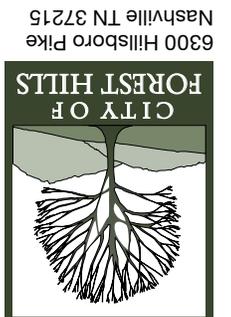
Sgt. Raymond Jones
Metro Police

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911 Crime in progress
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take a look too, even if you do have the right of way.

Please take extra precautions as you travel and make 2015 another year where we have zero bicycle fatalities.

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