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Community Builds Cedar Hill Playground

During the **five-day building blitz**

known as Cedar Hill Playground Community Build Week, an estimated 1,260 volunteers came together in support of the project to construct the new neighborhood playground.

The Cedar Hill Playground Rebuild Steering Committee members would like to express their appreciation to everyone who helped make the project a success.

City Manager Mark Watson added, "This project took a tremendous amount of hard work, but I am so proud of our citizens and employees who invested their time and talent to rebuilding the playground."

To view photos of Community Build Week, please visit the Cedar Hill Playground on Flickr® at www.flickr.com/photos/cedarhillpark. A time lapse video of the is also available on the project website, www.cortn.org/cedarhillpark.



(pictured right) Cedar Hill Project Coordinator and Parks Supervisor Jon Hetrick poses with wife Shelaine and their children, Laurel and Hunter, next to the iconic dragon from the original Cedar Hill Park Playground.

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City Manager's Report



With today's prices for gold hovering at more than \$1,500 an ounce, it is important to take care of your valuables. Avoid being a victim and know how you may safely dispose of gold.

With the economic challenges we are experiencing, ads promising to buy unwanted jewelry or coins can be very alluring. However, Oak Ridge citizens and businesses need to be aware of Tennessee Laws that govern such transactions.

- Any person or business purchasing or dealing in precious metals such as gold for resale—either in its original form or as scrap—is required to register with the chief of police and sheriff of the city and county in which they conduct business.

- Any person or business engaging in these transactions must keep the items intact for 30 days from the date of purchase.

- Buyers cannot purchase items from anyone under the age of 18, and detailed records of all transactions must be kept. These records include information about the items purchased, as well as detailed descriptions of the seller.

- A log containing these records must be delivered to the sheriff and the chief of police of each county or municipality in which the business is conducted by twelve o'clock noon of the day following the date of the transaction.

• These laws apply not only to jewelry stores and pawn shops that buy gold, but also to transient buyers who set up at temporary locations. Requirements are also applicable to buyers who come into a person's home and purchase gold, as well as to those who "host" sales as fundraisers.

In addition, you can help secure your valuables at home by doing simple things such as keeping exterior lights on at night, and keeping your cars, doors and windows locked. Joining your neighborhood watch group is a great way to work with your neighbors to help keep each other safe.

For more information about selling precious metals, joining a neighborhood watch group or preventing crime, contact the Oak Ridge Police Department. Don't sell yourself short when it comes to selling and protecting your valuables.

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Buyers and Sellers Beware: Gold Transactions Must Follow the Law

By: Mark S. Watson, City Manager

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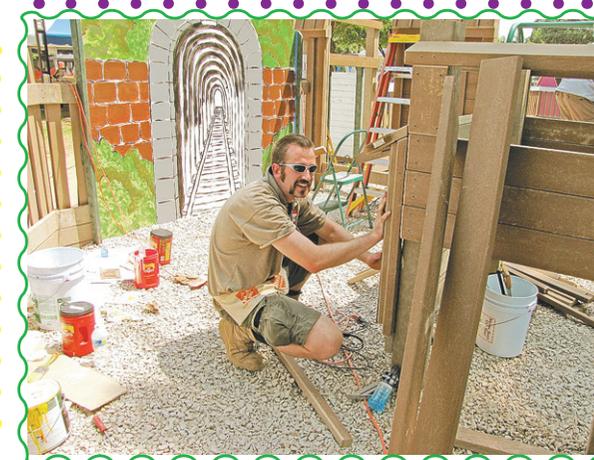
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Scenes from Cedar Hill Playground Community Build Week

“Famous Faces” Will Attend the Secret City Festival’s WWII Reenactment

There are a few

changes to this year’s World War II Reenactment that should get visitors to the 9th Annual Secret City Festival excited. The festival takes place at A.K. Bissell Park on June 17 – 18. In previous years, the WWII Reenactment has taken place twice on Saturday, with approximately 200 reenactors from both sides of the conflict, lots of black powder, loud booms, and action.

This year, the reenactment of the Invasion of Normandy, will take place once, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. But the battle will be louder and bigger than ever.

One of the goals of the reenactors who come to the Secret City Festival each year is to teach visitors what it was like for the men and women of the military to live on the battlefield during WWII. Each individual camp site will host a unique series of displays and interactive demonstrations that will show how soldiers from both sides of the conflict solved the same problems. The reenactors

will contrast U.S. Army Airborne troops with the German Fallschirmjager corps. While both groups were airborne trained and certified, they used vastly different equipment and techniques. Spectators will get a chance to see first hand how their resources and strategies differed. Attendees will also have the chance to compare and contrast the standard infantry resources on each side by comparing German Wehrmacht soldiers with American Infantrymen and demonstrating different gear and tactics.

In addition, heavy equipment will be on site, including more than a dozen vehicles. These can be seen up close during the living history portion of the event, and in action during the public battle reenactment taking place on Saturday. Not one, but two American M5 Stuart tanks will battle a German Stug III assault gun in a realistic WWII period tank battle. That battle will include pyrotechnics set up by Pryo Shows.

Another new addition to this year’s event is the inclusion of a number of celebrity impersonators.

No 1940’s event would be complete without the inclusion of popular icons like Betty Grable, WWII’s #1 Pin-Up Girl, and Rita Hayworth, Hollywood’s ultimate glamour queen.

According to Keith Rutherford, the WWII Reenactment coordinator, having impersonators make the living history portion of the reenactment even more interesting.

“These stars are as much a part of the WWII years as the boys overseas and war rationing stateside,” Rutherford explained. “Visitors won’t want to miss their chance to have their photo taken with any and all of the Hollywood legends who’ll be attending. Other celebrities in attendance include Clark Gable, Ava Garner and Vivian Leigh.”



Pavilion Schedule for 2011 Secret City Festival

Friday Line-Up

11:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
Noon	Sixer Six Band
1 p.m.	K-9 Search on Site
2 p.m.	Kynlie Freeman-Rising Country Star
2:30 p.m.	National Fitness Center—come exercise & energize
3 p.m.	Bruce Sarafian—World Record Juggler
4 p.m.	National Fitness Center—come exercise & energize
4:30 p.m.	Bruce Sarafian—World Record Juggler
5 p.m.	Exodus Ministries Band
6 p.m.	TTJC Karate Demo Team

Saturday Line-Up

10 a.m.	Knox Pipes & Drums
11 a.m.	Middle Eastern Dancers
11:30 a.m.	Bruce Sarafian—World Record Juggler
Noon	Oak Ridge Community Band
1 p.m.	Claxton Country Squares—Dancing
1:30 p.m.	Middle Eastern Dancers
2:15 p.m.	VIP Band—Contemporary Christian
3 p.m.	Bruce Sarafian—World Record Juggler
4 p.m.	Cas Walker Ciderville Farm and Home Show—Bluegrass & Country

COROH to Exhibit at Secret City Festival

The Center for Oak Ridge Oral History (COROH) is gearing up for the Secret City Festival! Oak Ridge Public Library staff and a COROH representative will be available to answer questions about the oral history project at both the Civic Center and in the lobby of the Library during the festival. Former Manhattan Project workers and Oak Ridge residents are encouraged to stop by the booths for information about COROH and provide contact information if they would like to participate. Visitors to the booth in the Civic Center can view a short film about K-25 and explore other historical resources at the kiosk. An example of an oral history transcript will be available for reading as well.

In addition to transcripts from the Oak Ridge Public Library collection and the Oak Ridge Heritage & Preservation Association, transcripts of video interviews produced for COROH will soon be accessible in print at the Oak Ridge Public Library and online. The oral histories cover a wide



range of subjects, including science, life in early Oak Ridge, and local politics, including integration.

COROH continues to accept candidates for oral history interviews and would like to encourage everyone who lived in the Oak Ridge area before, during, and following the Manhattan Project to consider donating their oral history.

For more information about COROH or to become a candidate for an oral history interview, please contact:

The Center for Oak Ridge Oral History
Oak Ridge Public Library
1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike
(865) 425-3455
Email: coroh@corn.org

Secret City Festival Luncheon Honors Sponsors

The City of Oak Ridge, B&W Y12 and AT&T recently hosted a luncheon to honor the sponsors of the 9th Annual Secret City Festival.

More than 100 attendees enjoyed a great meal served up at the location of one of the festival sponsors, Flatwater Grill.

Mayor Pro Tem Jane Miller, who chairs the Festival's Sponsorship Committee, served as emcee at the event. City Manager Mark Watson and B&W Y12 President Darrel Kohlhorst honored each of the sponsors with awards for their contributions to the annual community celebration.

A special "thank you" to all the sponsors—the Secret City Festival could not take place



(pictured above) Ted Sherry, Y-12 Site Manager and Amy Fitzgerald, City Staff, enjoy the Sponsors luncheon

without the generosity of our community partners.

(pictured below) Secret City Festival Sponsor Luncheon at Flatwater Grill to recognize all 2011 festival sponsors.



Mayor's Message



Oak Ridge Welcomes New Faces

By: Mayor Tom Beehan

Oak Ridge is fortunate to host employers who are frequently relocating the best and the brightest of their workforce to our community. This summer is no exception.

We welcome Paul Golan as the Acting Manager of the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office. Paul assumed the Manager's position upon Gerald Boyd's retirement in April, and will serve a dual role as he continues

to manage the DOE Site Office at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory in Menlo Park, CA. He is a senior executive with a broad range of experience across the DOE complex. Paul is an avid cyclist, so you may see him riding his bike around town.

We also look forward to working with Leo Sain, President and Project Manager for URS/CH2M Oak Ridge (UCOR), the team recently selected by DOE to carry out the cleanup at the East Tennessee Technology Park. Leo is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and has a wealth of experience in dealing with environmental management issues.

Finally, Jim Akagi, will soon begin his tenure as the City's new Chief of Police. Jim was selected from a pool of highly qualified candidates and brings an exceptional set of skills to his position. The community is excited about his arrival, and we welcome Jim and his family to Oak Ridge.



(pictured above) Jim Akagi, Oak Ridge's new Chief of Police

Recycler of the Year



Rita Moore was presented with the *Number One Residential Recycler in Oak Ridge* award at the May 9, 2011 City Council meeting. Rita recycled 2,124 pounds or 1.062 tons between March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

Congratulations to Rita for diverting so much material from our landfill!

(pictured right) Gary Cinder, Public Works Director; Rita Moore, Number One Residential Recycler in Oak Ridge award recipient; and Douglas McGill, Divisional Municipal Marketing Manager of Waste Connections.



Council News

United States Senator Bob Corker Visits Oak Ridge



Oak Ridge City Council recently hosted A Conversation With U.S. Senator Bob Corker to discuss The Commitment to American Prosperity Act, which would cap federal spending over a ten year period.

Mayor Pro Tem Presents “Oak Ridge Overview” to Kiwanis Club of Oak Ridge

On May 10, 2011, the Kiwanis Club of Oak Ridge held a luncheon program at Ryan’s Steakhouse that featured Mayor Pro Tem Jane Miller as guest speaker.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller participated in an “Oak Ridge Overview,” a program where speakers provide a variety of information about Oak Ridge. Topics included the area’s history, current activities, financial information, positive events and trends, areas and issues needing attention, and plans for the future.



(pictured right)
Kiwanis President
Ron Wiggs
presenting a
certificate to Oak
Ridge Mayor Pro
Tem Jane Miller
after her ‘Oak
Ridge Overview’
program.

Mayor Beehan Elected to Leadership of Energy Communities

Mayor Tom Beehan was recently elected Vice Chairman of the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) Board of Directors.

The ECA is the national organization of local governments that host or are adjacent to Department of Energy (DOE) facilities. The City of Oak Ridge is a charter member of ECA, which was founded almost twenty years ago in Washington, DC. Anderson County is also an active member of the organization.

ECA’s mission is to bring together local government officials in DOE communities in order to share information, establish policy positions, and advocate community interests.

The ECA sponsors a national conference each year, and also educates members through a variety of DOE site tours and “peer exchange” meetings on timely issues. Over the past few years, the City of Oak Ridge has hosted ECA meetings on topics ranging from economic development and reindustrialization, to heritage tourism and historic preservation.

In addition to Mayor Beehan, the other ECA executive officers are:

- Bob Thompson, Councilmember, Richland, Washington
- Chuck Smith, Councilmember, Aiken County, South Carolina
- Fran Berting, County Councilor, Los Alamos, New Mexico
- Seth Beal, Commissioner, Butte County, Idaho

For more information visit www.energyca.org.



City of Oak Ridge's Residential Utility Deposit Changes

The City of Oak Ridge has implemented an important procedure to accompany the new Residential Deposit Program called the Residential Deposit *Reduction* Program.

The new Residential Deposit Program was implemented in March of 2011. The City has always required deposits in order for a resident to receive utilities, but the new program has an adjusted deposit rate of \$320 for water, sewer, and electric. This adjustment came as a result of the continued losses sustained by the City whenever a resident leaves without settling their utility debt(s). The past deposit rate did not provide sufficient protection to the city and its ratepayers against such losses. The new deposits are one of a series of steps being taken to help protect Oak Ridge utility customers against increasing utility rates due to bad debts.

The Residential Deposit Reduction is a new feature that accompanies the deposit program. The premise is simple. A new customer provides identifying information of all adults living at that residence and the City uses that information to verify the identity of those requesting service, as well determine if there are any outstanding debts with other utility providers. Based on the information provided, the computer system makes an assessment that may reduce the deposit or even eliminate it.

The Reduction Program provides a means of reducing the utility deposit for customers without placing undue risk on other customers.

Please refer to the Q & A section for additional information about the Residential Deposit Reduction Program. Residents may also contact the Utility Business Office at (865) 425-3400.

Residential Deposit Reduction Q & A

Question: How does the Deposit Reduction Program work?

Answer: The customer provides information to the utility staff for all adult living in the residence, including their social security numbers. This information is securely transmitted to a third party who evaluates the payment history, credit score and other information to determine if it is possible to reduce deposits.

Question: Will the assessment affect my credit rating?

Answer: No. Although the system accesses your credit rating, it does not apply for credit. In the industry, this is called a "soft touch." This type of credit check does not impact your credit.

Question: What kind of information is returned about me?

Answer: The system returns information necessary to verify your identity (name and address associated with the social security number), information on utilities to whom you may owe money and a risk assessment. The system does not reveal your credit score or debtors (except for overdue utility accounts).

Question: What does the City do with this information?

Answer: The information is used to verify the identity of those requesting service, and to see if the customer's deposit can be reduced. The information is not kept or housed in Oak Ridge.

**East Tennis Courts 1-6
at the Oak Ridge High School
will be closed for
resurfacing and lining starting
Wednesday, June 1 through Monday, June 27.
This work is weather dependent.
Contact Recreation Parks Department
at (865) 425-3450 for more information.**

**Fall Softball Organizational Meeting
July 6 at 6 p.m. in the Club Room**

Early Softball Registration Ends July 25

Late Softball Registration Ends July 29

**Men's Fall Softball Begins August 15 at
Yearwood and Jefferson**

**Co-ed Fall Softball Begins August 16 at
Yearwood and Jefferson**

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