



Karen Edwards & Asst. Superintendent Ken Green examine the landscaping poster to be used at this year's Secret City Festival.

## Oak Ridge Class of 1967

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# Class of 1967 Exceeds the \$10,000 Mark in the High School Landscaping Fund Drive!

Fundraiser Continues During The Oak Ridge Secret City Festival.

Contributions welcomed from everyone!

OAK RIDGE, TN --The Oak Ridge High School Class of 1967 has announced that they have exceeded the \$10,000 milestone in their effort to raise money for landscaping at the newly-renovated Oak Ridge High School. Since February, the group has raised a total of \$10,530 dollars for the project.

"It is super that we went over \$10,000," said fundraiser Chairperson Karen Edwards. ""We want to thank everyone who so generously donated money to the landscaping fund. This project can really help create a green environment for our children at the school."

"Yet, while it has been great to see the contributions so far, we still have a ways to go to completely landscape the High School. "

Landscaping funds for the Oak Ridge High School were eliminated as part of a school system cost-savings initiative. When members of the Class of 1967 heard about the landscaping shortfall earlier this year, they decided to start a fundraiser to try and help.

The Oak Ridge High School is currently undergoing an extensive 50-million-dollar renovation.

The landscaping fundraiser will run through this coming Saturday, June 16, 2007.

The organizers are currently meeting with school officials to determine the best use for the landscaping money that has been raised so far. The number one priority is to buy 15 new Oak Trees for the school's front ellipse. Next in priority is the purchase of 3 flowering trees and shrubbery for the school's flag plaza followed by the purchase of benches and landscaping for the outside amphitheater.

Interested individuals can send contributions to the landscaping fund at:

ORHS Class of 1967

40th Reunion Project

c/o Karen Edwards

254 Babbs Road

Lenoir City, TN 37771

Contributions can also be made on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16, 2007 at the Class of 1967 display in this year's Heritage Exhibit in the A, B, and C room of the Civic Center.

The Class of 1967 will also be accepting bids at the Heritage Exhibit for two bricks from the now-demolished "E" Building (one of the round ones) from the high school.

"Why not bring the family to see this year's Oak Ridge Heritage Exhibit at the Civic Center--- and while you are there, contribute towards the landscaping project? We welcome contributions from everyone, whether you are a member of the Class of 1967 or not. Every dollar helps buy trees, shrubbery, and other important greenery for our beautiful school," said Ms. Edwards.

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