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MAYOR ISSUES ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EXECUTIVE ORDER

Mayor Karl Dean announced the appointment of a Green Ribbon Committee and an environmental sustainability manager to further develop and implement environmental policy for Metro Government.

The appointments were made through Executive Order. The committee will be chaired by President of Lipscomb University Randy Lowry and Chairman of Ingram Industries Inc. John Ingram. Jenna Smith, a long-time Metro employee, will serve as the environmental sustainability manager in the Mayor's Office.

This is important for the livability of our city for current residents and for our future economic growth. Businesses and individuals are attracted to cities with strong environmental practices and transportation options," Mayor Dean said.

"Jenna and all of the members of the Green Ribbon Committee bring to the table unique expertise in these areas. I look forward to working with each of them."

The Green Ribbon Committee will seek community input as it develops actions for improving environmental practices throughout Nashville. Starting today, Nashville residents can share their ideas through an online survey at www.nashville.gov/mayor/green_ribbon.

Lowry and Ingram will lead the committee's efforts. Lowry, in addition to serving

as president of Lipscomb, is the founder of Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law. He also is an annual visiting professor at the Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School, a nationally recognized leader in environmental law and policy programs.

"I am honored to be working with this new forward thinking group as we develop a plan for the city to put sustainability into practice. These issues impact the way all of us live, work and do business. I am happy to be involved in this community process," Lowry said.

"Nashville needs to be a leading city for sustainable living with clean air, clean water and plenty of preserved open space." Mayor Karl Dean said.



In addition to serving as chairman of Ingram Industries Inc. Board of Directors, Ingram is chairman of the Ingram Content Companies and a member of the Ingram Micro Board of Directors.

Both Ingram and Lowry also are members of the Nashville's Agenda Steering Committee, which led a citywide effort last year that identified, among other issues, the need to make Nashville a "greener" city.

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Smith will serve as staff support for the committee and ensure policies resulting from their recommendations are implemented with measured results throughout Metro Government.

Smith has been a Metro employee since 1992, most recently overseeing waste and recycling policies for Public Works. She has worked to expand recycling throughout Davidson County, including Metro schools.

The appointments follow several environmental initiatives already underway by Dean. In conjunction with Earth Day in April, the mayor announced the expansion of Metro's in-house recycling program, funding for Metro employees to ride MTA, thermostat and no-idling policies, and a policy to replace all incandescent light bulbs in Metro facilities with compact fluorescent bulbs.

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New Metro Brush Collection Dates Effective July 1 *MPW announces route schedules for litter, mowing and alley cleaning*

Budget reductions will result in fewer rotations for Metro brush collection service beginning July 1, Metro Public Works (MPW) officials said today.

MPW will continue to collect all 12 brush routes, however the frequency of rotations will be three times each year instead of five. "Nashville residents **will** get their brush picked up, but the reality of our budget situation means we won't be able to continue the five rotations or accommodate special requests, except in emergencies, such as storm and weather-related incidents," MPW Director Billy Lynch said. "We urge all residents to plan their brush-cutting and tree-trimming activities according to the dates when Metro brush crews will be collecting in their areas."

In addition, residents will be able to bring their brush for free to the Bordeaux Mulch Facility on County Hospital Road or the Omohundro Convenience Center off Lebanon Road, Lynch added.

The new brush collection dates are posted online at www.nashville.gov/pw, and residents can also sign up online to receive email reminders for brush pickup in their areas. Signs with the revised collection dates will be posted at Metro's Recycle Convenience Centers and Recycling Drop-Off Sites. MPW also plans to work with Metro Water Services and Nashville Electric Service to include notices in monthly billing statements to their customers.

The frequency of other MPW services, such as litter pickup, alley cleaning and right-of-way mowing, will also be affected, Lynch advised. Due to reductions in maintenance crew employees, MPW will have to strictly adhere to its route system of providing these services four times a year.

"We have restructured our remaining maintenance crews to be able to continue litter pickup and alley cleaning, and Sheriff Daron Hall has agreed to provide inmate crews to help with mowing," Lynch said. "But residents should understand that our ability to respond to requests off the route schedule has significantly diminished."

MPW and Metro Beautification and Environment staff will be stepping up efforts to coordinate more volunteer litter patrols and neighborhood cleanups, and are working with state officials to organize more crews of community service workers to help supplement the department's right-of-way maintenance efforts, Lynch added.



This is an example of the correct way to leave your brush for brush pickup.

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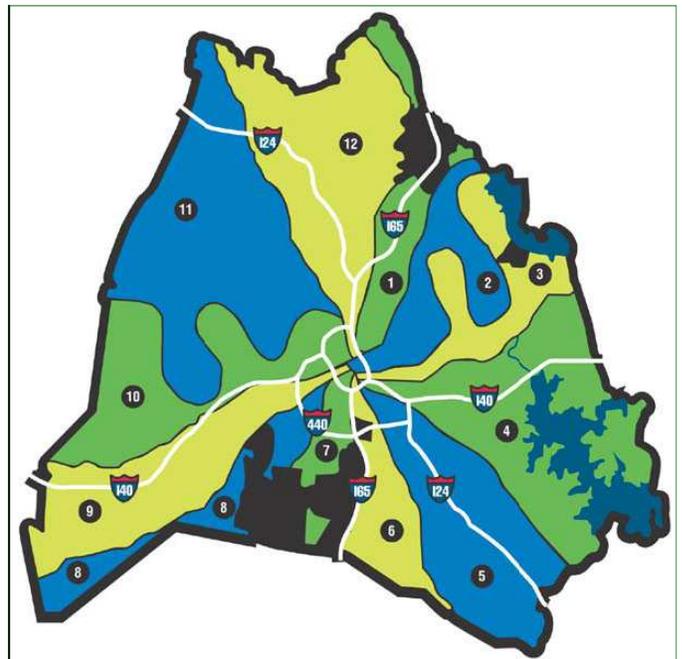
The department’s website features a “[Search for Your Public Works Services](#)” link that allows residents to find dates and route schedules for all MPW services by typing in their street address. MPW Customer Service representatives are available at 862-8750 to answer questions and provide other assistance.



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Public Works Brush Pick-Up Schedules

Area 1 :	July 1, 2008	Nov. 1, 2008	Mar. 1, 2009
Area 2 :	July 12, 2008	Nov. 12, 2008	Mar. 12, 2009
Area 3 :	July 23, 2008	Nov. 23, 2008	Mar. 23, 2009
Area 4 :	Aug. 1, 2008	Dec. 1, 2008	April 1, 2009
Area 5 :	Aug. 12, 2008	Dec. 12, 2008	April 12, 2009
Area 6 :	Aug. 23, 2008	Dec. 23, 2008	April 23, 2009
Area 7 :	Sept. 1, 2008	Jan. 1, 2009	May 1, 2009
Area 8 :	Sept 12, 2008	Jan. 12, 2009	May 12, 2009
Area 9 :	Sept 23, 2008	Jan. 3, 2009	May 23, 2009
Area 10 :	Oct. 1, 2008	Feb. 1, 2009	June 1, 2009
Area 11 :	Oct. 12, 2008	Feb. 11, 2009	June 11, 2009
Area 12 :	Oct. 23, 2008	Feb. 21, 2009	June 21, 2009



Premises Identification A Matter of Life and Death

In an emergency, seconds count. When emergency responders are in route to an emergency, the last thing they want to do is to have to hunt for the address of the victim they are trying to assist. But that is exactly what happens when property owners fail to post address numbers on their property.

The Property Standards Code requires that for residential property, the property address be displayed on the building using numbers and/or letters at least three inches in height. The numbers can also be affixed to the mailbox if the mailbox is next to the street. The numbers must be displayed on a contrasting background. This greatly improves the visibility to the numbers.

Some residents paint their numbers on the curb, but this does not satisfy the Code requirement unless the numbers are also posted in accordance with the code. This location is also difficult for emergency responders to read, especially at night.

Black numbers against a white reflective background work best. The numbers should be clearly visible from the street and should not be obscured by vegetation growing in front of the numbers. The codes requires that they be plainly ‘visible and legible’ from the street.



Water Report - June 2008

Metro Water Services has released its 2008 Consumer Confidence Report to its customers, informing them that their water meets or exceeds all of the United States Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) health standards as well as all state and federal requirements.

The report, which was mailed to all homes and businesses having accounts with Metro Water Services, is a response to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, which requires all public water systems to report the analyses of their drinking water and source water.

The Consumer Confidence Report provides customers and the community with scientific data confirming the safety and quality of the water supplied by the two Metro Water Services water treatment plants, Omohundro and K.R. Harrington. The report includes information on all of the components of the city's drinking water that the department monitors on a regular basis. In addition, it includes information on the state of Nashville's source water, the Cumberland River and important telephone numbers.

Metro Water Services provides fresh drinking water to more than 170,000 individual water accounts.

The Consumer Confidence Report is posted on the Metro Water Services Website at <http://www.nashville.gov/water/qualityrpt.htm>. Additional copies of the report can be obtained by contacting Sonia Harvat at (615) 862-4494



Metro joins Google "Cities in 3D" Program

A cooperative agreement between Google™ and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County will add another dimension to the economic development tools that Metro uses to help expanding and relocating companies find the sites they need.

Through Google's "Cities in 3D" initiative, Metro Government can now publish, in an easily accessible online form, three-dimensional renderings of buildings countywide, giving businesses another source of local information about Nashville and Davidson County.

"Having 'Nashville in 3D' available via Google Earth will provide a convenient, cutting-edge showcase for all our city has to offer, including our neighborhoods, business districts, and recreational, cultural, and entertainment amenities. This is a tool that will undoubtedly contribute to our economic development success."

"We are pleased to see Nashville and Davidson County choose to contribute 3D data as part of the Cities in 3D Partner Program," said J.L. Needham, Manager of Public Sector Content Partnerships at Google. "The Cities in 3D Program represents a continuation of our efforts to engage with content providers, including government agencies, and provide them with tools for making the information they produce more accessible to Internet users."

Metro Government currently uses computerized mapping to help businesses identify potential sites which

meet their size, zoning, and access requirements. Providing 3D data gives businesses another means to evaluate potential sites on which to expand. Countywide coverage also provides prospective home buyers a great way to visualize a neighborhood's built environment.

Planners and potential investors will be able to superimpose proposed buildings into the existing skyline, examine current buildings, and analyze both existing and potential structures over an area of more than 500 square miles.

"Nashville's vibrant economy and its reputation for hospitality, creativity and livability are attracting an unprecedented level of interest from families and individuals looking for the ideal place to live and work, and from investors and businesses looking to relocate or expand their operations." Paul Ney, Director of the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development

The Metro Planning Department began experimenting with 3D models in the central business district several years ago as downtown development escalated. That modeling

proved to be a valuable planning tool, as planners evaluated the visual impact new construction would have on the existing skyline. The new partnership with Google makes the 3D renderings available online via the 3D buildings layer in Google Earth™, making Nashville and Davidson County an even more welcoming environment for business investment.

EARLY VOTING LOCATION SCHEDULE

The Davidson County Election Commission is recruiting conscientious persons, dedicated to protecting the electoral process to work as poll officials on Election Day, both in August and in November. Operating fair and honest elections is our goal and to do so requires the labor of over 1000 citizens just like you - citizens with families, jobs and other responsibilities in life.

These citizens serve as poll officials on Election Day. While they are compensated, it is not the pay that motivates them. They do these jobs because they believe in fair elections and want to protect their privilege to vote. Election laws are becoming more and more complex, so having skilled poll workers has become even more critical.

If you are a registered and active voter in Davidson County and want to be involved, become a poll official! We will train

you to do one of the five different jobs required at the polls. When Election Day comes, you'll work a long day. You'll be tired at the end, but you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you did your part to ensure that Davidson County has fair and honest elections. After all, that is the basis of the governmental systems of our county, our state and our country.

Five officials are typically assigned to each precinct. This can vary depending on the number of registered voters in a precinct. The law dictates there is to be 50/50 representation of Democrats and Republicans in each precinct. The person designated as the Judge Operator is to be of the opposing party of the Officer. The two (2) Precinct Registrar are also to be of opposing parties.

For more information, please call 862-8800.

EARLY VOTING LOCATION SCHEDULE

DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
METRO OFFICE BUILDING (next to Howard Office Building)
800 2ND AVENUE SOUTH

DATES AND TIMES

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008 9:00 A.M. TO 12 NOON
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING EARLY VOTING SITES WILL BE OPEN
FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) DAYS

JULY 29, 2008 THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2008

DATES AND TIMES

BELLE MEADE CITY HALL, 4705 HARDING ROAD
BORDEAUX LIBRARY, 4000 CLARKSVILLE PIKE
EDMONDSON PIKE LIBRARY, 5501 EDMONDSON PIKE
MADISON LIBRARY, 610 GALLATIN PIKE SOUTH
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THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

TO FIND YOUR VOTING LOCATION FOR ELECTION DAY, AUGUST 7, 2008, VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT www.nashville.gov/vote AND CLICK "WHERE I VOTE" BUTTON.

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION: (615) 862-8800

FAX NUMBER: (615) 862-8810

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION: (615) 862-8815

FAX NUMBER: (615) 880-1729



SUMMER GRILLING SAFETY

With warm weather fast approaching everyone will be looking forward to doing more outdoor grilling. Tennessee State Fire Marshal Leslie Newman wants to remind Tennesseans that being safe while cooking outdoors is just as important as practicing fire safety while cooking indoors.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), gas and charcoal grills cause an average of 900 home structure fires and 3,500 home outdoor fires each year. Half of all gas and charcoal grill fires begin on an exterior balcony or un-enclosed porch, so it is important to grill outside, well away from your home.

SAFETY TIPS FOR OUTDOOR GRILLING:

- Position the grill away from siding, deck railings, overhanging eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area; declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill.
- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when handling food.
- Periodically remove grease buildup in trays to prevent ignition by a hot grill.

Gas grills have a higher fire risk than charcoal grills. Leaks and breaks in the gas cylinder or hose are the leading cause, accounting for nearly half of gas grill fires. Placing combustibles too close to heat and leaving cooking unattended are two

other leading causes.

GAS GRILL SAFETY TIPS:

- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by bubbling.
- If you determine your grill has a gas leak: Turn off the valve on the tank and have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Use only gas cylinders with an overfill protection device (OPD). OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel. OPDs shut off the flow of gas before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up/
- Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturers' instructions on how to set up the grill and maintain it.
- Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.



2008 Emergency Preparedness Survey for Davidson County, TN

Emergencies can and do happen any time, at any location, and can affect only a few people, or mass populations. Nashville/Davidson County is not exempt from any emergency. It could happen here. This is why your local government is continuing to take the proactive approach with emergency preparedness and directly asking its citizens that either work or live in Davidson County for their input. This is your chance to join the over 2,200 people who participated in the survey last year – and your opinion will make a difference.

In its second year, this survey will be used to determine the preparedness level of the citizens and to assist local government officials in better preparing and reaching out to its citizens based on the results of this survey. These results will be made available to the general public during National Preparedness Month, September 2008, on the internet www.nashville.gov/oem.

This survey is completely voluntary. There is no specific group of Davidson County citizens being asked to complete this survey, and is open to anyone who works or lives within Davidson County, TN. Surveys can be completed either **on-line** at www.nashville.gov/oem, or paper copies can be returned by faxing to 615-862-8534 or by mailing to Heidi Jordan, 2060 15th Avenue South, Nashville, TN, 37212.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact Heidi Jordan at 615-880-2950, or by emailing Heidi.Jordan@nashville.gov.

Thank you for taking the time to help your local government help you!

Employee Highlights

Mary Baggett is an Office Support Representative III assigned to the Property Standards Division with the Codes Department. Her duties include processing requests for service from our citizens and other Metro departments. Mary coordinates the newsletters that are sent to our Neighborhoods and Professional contacts, as well as working with the Neighborhoods registered with the NOTICE program and helping to process requests for service from neighborhood groups. She has also worked in the Document Imaging Office as well as the Administrative Office of Codes. Before coming to Codes, she was employed by the Department of Public Works and was involved in the creation of the Metro ADA Office. Mary has been with Metro Government for 8 years, 7 of them with the Codes Administration.



Prior to coming to Metro, Mary worked for the State of Tennessee - first with the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and then TDOT as the assistant to the Public Information Officer, being one of the key employees in the inception of the HELP trucks seen on the road every day.

Mary is the youngest of four children, with one sister, one living brother and the eldest brother deceased. Her late father, Tommy Chapman, was the Vice-President and Field Superintendent for RC Mathews Contractors for many years until his death in 1981. Many of his works can be seen all throughout Nashville, including MetroCenter and Belle Meade Towers, as well as many more recognizable structures. She is no stranger to the construction world in Nashville.

Mary is married to Paul, who also works with the Metro Government in the Information Systems Department and they have 4 children, Nathan, April, John and Samantha, ages 24, 18, 15 and 9. They attend the Church of the Advent – Episcopal and she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She is also a graduate of Goodpasture Christian School. Her hobbies include reading, sewing, cooking, studying history and spending time with her children.

Save The Date - October 18th 12th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament

The 12th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 18th at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course. This year will again be a 4 person scramble with teams made up on a blind-draw. The \$60 entry fee includes greens fee, cart, great lunch, & more prizes.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 8:00 a.m. Various sponsorships will be available.

Last year's tournament, through the support of 128 golfers and 99 sponsors, resulted in a record \$24,000 being donated to three local charities through the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

We look forward to this year's event and to surpassing last year's donations to the local charities.

Below: Golfers begin to "saddle-up" as they get ready for the Shotgun Start.



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Terry Cobb and **Bill Penn** welcome your feedback on our e-newsletter. Please send your comments to [Bill Penn](mailto:Bill.Penn@metro-nashville.gov), Assistant Director, Property Standards Div , 862-6590



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Pass the word about our newsletter! We would be honored if you would share our newsletter with your colleagues and co-workers. If anyone would like to sign up to receive it themselves, they just need to send us their email, and we will be happy to "Pass It On" to them.



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