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Photo courtesy Gary Layda

In warm appreciation of our association,
this year the Codes and Building Safety Staff wish to
extend our very best wishes
for a happy holiday season
and a very prosperous New year.

Mayor and Governor Jointly Announce New Medical Mart Project

Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, along with Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen and Tennessee Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matt Kisber as well as senior executives of Market Center Management Company (MCMC) of Dallas, Texas in recently announced plans to locate the world's first medical trade center on the site of the current Nashville Convention Center at 601 Commerce Street.

"This project will create a large number of new jobs in our city right when we need them most," said Mayor Dean. "In addition to building on Nashville's preeminence in the health care industry, the reuse of the Convention Center and the proposed improvements to the center's physical structure will be a significant contribution to our vital and robust downtown."



Mayor Dean explains the significance of the proposed Medical Mart on Nashville's future. Governor Phil Bredesen also shared his enthusiastic support of the project at the announcement on November 30, 2009.

Photo by Gary Layada

With the announcement, Nashville's leadership role in the medical world became very clear.

"This announcement means Tennessee will be home to an important new concept in the marketing and procurement of medical equipment, technology and services," said Gov. Bredesen. "The health care industry is a significant economic engine for our state and this project expands that footprint, representing a major investment in our state's health care economy."

The project will be titled the Nashville Medical Trade Center and is slated to be developed on the site of the existing Nashville Convention Center. Market Center Management Company will immediately begin work on pre-leasing the proposed trade center's permanent exhibition space. Development is contingent on MCMC pre-leasing a significant amount of exhibit space and securing financing, as well as the approval of a new convention center by the Nashville Metropolitan Council. Developers estimate the cost of the project to be in the neighborhood of \$250 million and estimate it will create approximately 2,700 new jobs.

"As Governor Bredesen and I have traveled around the world, Tennessee's expertise in health care services, medical devices and medical research and development is well known," said

Commissioner Kisber. "The successful completion of this project will only add to Nashville and to Tennessee's strong reputation as a center of excellence in health care."

"We believe Nashville is the perfect U.S. location for this international project," said Bill Winsor, CEO of MCMC, which is owned by Dallas-based Crow Holdings. "We're calling the Nashville Medical Trade Center a global health care marketplace because we envision health care providers from around the world coming to the city to learn about the latest medical technology and services."

Market Center Management officials plan to construct a 12-story tower above the existing convention center with more than 1.5 million square feet of exhibit space, including permanent exhibit space for more than 600 medical equipment companies, display space for temporary trade shows and a medical education and symposium center. In all, the project would bring the total available space at the Nashville Medical Trade Center to approximately 2 million square feet. The company is also exploring a possible public interaction center facing Broadway, such as a museum or a broadcast center devoted to health care issues.

The developer has chosen Dr. David Osborn, PhD, formerly of the Health Care Solutions Group as the company's senior advisor for the project.

"The Nashville Medical Trade Center is an incredible innovation in the push to take cost, complexity and time out of the procurement process for health care providers," said Dr. Osborn. "We believe physicians, health care administrators and care givers of all kinds will come to Nashville to evaluate first hand the latest technologies available to provide the highest quality care to patients."

Osborn says if a decision is made on a new convention center in Nashville by early next year, construction on the Medical Trade Center could begin as early as the summer of 2010.



Artist rendering of proposed Medical Mart on the current Nashville Convention Center site downtown.



Reducing Holiday Waste Tip # 1: To help prevent waste from cutting down and disposing of live trees, you can buy a potted tree and plant it after the holidays.

22nd Annual Ann Chapman Holiday Lights Competition

A Metro Nashville Tradition for Celebrating the Season!

Join us for one of Nashville's best holiday traditions! The Annual Ann Chapman Holiday Lights Competition is sponsored by Mayor Karl Dean, Metro Public Works, Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, Nashville Electric Service and NewsChannel 5.

The contest is open to all Davidson County residents. This year's competition encourages entrants to use recycling themes/recycled materials, to consider energy conservation, and to incorporate nature themes in their lighting designs. For more information, please visit Metro Beautification's webpage at: www.nashville.gov/beautification.

We've provided a list of this year's entries across the county. Grab the family and enjoy the wonderful expressions of holiday spirit in lights!



Regional Winner— Randall & Brenda James
5630 Clarksville Highway Photo by Gary Layada



Regional Winner— Jacqueline Rogers
1800 Turner Street Photo by Gary Layada



Regional Winner— Charly & Wendy Woodall
2705 Lincoya Drive Photo by Gary Layada

ALICE ANN CHAPMAN HOLIDAY LIGHTS ENTRIES 2009

3	* Randall & Brenda James *	5630 Clarksville Hwy Joelton, TN 37080
4	Steven & Theresa Capley	702 Ronnie Rd Madison, TN 37115
5	Don Tyler	301 Grace St Nashville, TN 37207
5	D. J. Robertson	909 Manila Av, Nashville, TN 37206
6	Don Stone	505 Forrest Av Nashville, TN 37206
7	Harold & Floy McKay	209 McKennell Dr Nashville, TN 37206
8	Brian Cherry	1208 Greenland Av Nashville, TN 37216
8	Mark Collino	524 Lemont Dr Nashville, TN 37216
8	Nathan, Linda & Ezekiel McDaniel	209 Capitol View Av Nashville, TN 37207
11	Kerry & Sandra Richardson	418 Rayon Dr Old Hickory, TN 37138
11	* Jacqueline Rogers *	1800 Turner St Old Hickory, TN 37138
11	Nina & Jerry Patton	304 Rising Sun Lane Old Hickory, TN 37138
13	David & Jennifer DeDominicis	800 Ragsdale Ct Nashville, TN 37214
13	Tommy & Nancy Jackson	721 Patricia Dr Nashville, TN 37217
15	* Charly & Wendy Woodall *	2705 Lincoya Dr Nashville, TN 37214
15	Edward Craft	608 Hibbits Ct Nashville, TN 3714
15	John Fleming	2316 Maplecrest Dr Nashville, TN 37214
16	Alberta Fedun	1982 Gatlin Dr Nashville, TN 37210
16	Jerry & Marie Raines	155 Tallwood Dr Nashville, TN 37211

District winners are highlighted in "Green" and Regional winners are identified with an asterisk.

ALICE ANN CHAPMAN HOLIDAY LIGHTS ENTRIES—2009

16	Rodonna & Mike Robinson	2701 Live Oak Rd Nashville, TN 37210
20	Kelly & Bryan Ray	5816 Robertson Av Nashville, TN 37209
20	William & Frances Hopkins	6451 Thunderbird Dr Nashville, TN 37209
20	Victor & Brenda Weatherby	6222 Henry Ford Dr Nashville, TN 37209
20	Chad Shelton	6011 Pennsylvania Av Nashville, TN 37209
23	Zak, Ellie & Caroline Keiper	1113 Sparta Rd Nashville, TN 37205
26	James, Mary & Josh Proctor	420 Benita Dr Nashville, TN 37211
27	Dan Eden	5115 Briarwood Dr Nashville, TN 37211
28	Steve Warner	3724 Bakertown Rd Nashville, TN 37211
29	David M. Satterfield	2928 Kinwood Dr Antioch, TN 37013
31	* C. D. Wright *	207 Trotwood Dr Brentwood, TN 37027
31	Chris Mercado	2045 Stanford Village Dr Antioch, TN 37013
31	Buford Benson	6575 Holt Rd Nashville, TN 37211
31	Steve Pugh	4064 Barnes Cove Dr Antioch, TN 37013
31	A & N Kish	8690 Gauphin Pl Nashville, TN 37211
32	Brandon & Megan Gill	3513 Pinwheel Dr Antioch, TN 37013
32	Rob Robinson	4220 Maxwell Rd Antioch, TN 37013
33	Sonny & Felica Highers	6205 Paddington Way Antioch, TN 37013
33	Joel Vangrinsven	2012 Bakers Grove Ln Heritage, TN 37076
33	Bear Hancock & Ray Vitelli	4309 Cambridge Dr Antioch, TN 37013
34	Randy Moore	5820 Fredericksburg Dr Nashville, TN 37215
34	Kevin Olson	4518 Harpeth Hills Dr Nashville, TN 37215
35	* Joseph Dillon *	7349 Olmstead Dr Nashville, TN 37221

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Regional Winner— C. D. Wright
207 Trotwood Drive Photo by Gary Layada



Regional Winner— Joseph Dillon
7349 Olmstead Drive Photo by Gary Layada

Holiday Light Safety—Holiday Lights Are Not Permanent Wiring

We all love color and beauty of holiday light displays, but did you know that they cannot be left up after the holidays? Holiday lights rated for outdoor use are designed for temporary use, not for permanent display outdoors. Conventional holiday lights we find in residential applications are not made of materials that allow them to be left outdoors year round.

When used according to the manufactures direction, these decorations will over time degrade and deteriorate, creating a potential electrical and fire hazard. Lights left out year round will deteriorate much faster. It may be difficult to spot a potential problem until it is too late.



Reducing Holiday Waste Tip # 2: Send recycled-content greeting cards to reduce the amount of virgin paper used during the holidays. Remember to recycle any paper cards you receive. You can also try sending electronic greeting cards to reduce paper waste.

In order to protect yourself and your property, it's important to remove your holiday lighting as soon as possible. Use care in attaching and removing the lights in order to avoid damaging the wiring. It's important to inspect your lights each year before you put them up for frayed or broken wires, loose connections, and other defects that would interfere with the safe operation of the lights.

Always follow the manufactures recommendations. Avoid stringing too many lights strings together, and if you must use an extension cord, make sure it is rated for the amperage your lights require. A few simple steps can help keep your holiday season safe.

Third-Party Feasibility Study Confirms Demand and Affordability of New Downtown Convention Center

HVS, a global consulting and services firm for the hospitality and leisure industries, presented the results of a feasibility study conducted for Music City Center to the Metro Council and Convention Center Authority in late November.

The analysis was done independently of other project consultants to provide third-party verification of demand for a new downtown convention center in Nashville and the revenues available to fund the project.

The analysis determined that Music City Center will attract an estimated 270 events with a total 546,500 people in attendance, over double the 218,583 people that attended events at the current Nashville Convention Center in fiscal year 2009. The analysis also forecasts that the six sources of capital funding for the project, all visitor-related taxes and fees, will generate total revenue of \$34.6 million in 2013, \$50.9 million in 2018, and \$59.2 million in 2023.



Winter Home Maintenance Tips

Get your home ready for Old Man Winter

Now that the weather has started to turn colder, it's time to make an inspection of our home to be sure there are not any repairs that need to be made that will help us live comfortably during the coming winter months. People often neglect these items, focusing more on the yard and other exterior portions of the home, but there are some items that, if left undone, can lead to more costly repairs and could make for some cold winter nights.

One of the first areas to take a look at is your roof. Are there damaged or missing shingles? Look for signs of wear in the peaks and valleys of your roof where leaves and other debris tend to accumulate. Also make sure your roof flashing is intact. Water is your roof's worst enemy and it is critical to keep water from penetrating your roof deck. While you up on the roof, also take a look at any vent openings, chimneys and your gutters. Often gutters get clogged with leaves and this does two things. It forces the excess water up over the gutters, which defeats their purpose and you run the risk of gutters stressed by the excess weight of water and leaves tearing away from your home.

Make a thorough inspection of every window and door frame. You don't want any cracks or openings between the door or window and the exterior wall. Now would be a good time to apply a good silicon caulk to seal any small gaps. You should also inspect each door and window unit for proper operation. Are the weather seals intact? Now would be the time to repair or replace them to help eliminate air leaks into the home.

While you are at it, also look at the homes exterior walls and overhangs. Are there areas that have exposed wood were the

paint has weathered. Are there signs of rotted wood or damaged exterior trim? Any wall or exterior surface not protected from the elements is an invitation to disaster. Again, water is the enemy and every exterior surface, no matter how small must be protected. Part of your winter yard maintenance should include trimming back those shrubs and

Have your HVAC system checked. The dead of winter is not the time to find out your furnace is dirty. A dirty unit will not function properly and could be putting high levels of carbon monoxide into your room air. All units should get at least two inspections and cleanings a year, but this is especially true for units that burn fuel to provide heat. These are susceptible to carbon soot deposits and that build up can cause the unit to emit excess carbon monoxide. Having the unit checked now can save you from having to endure a few cold nights since most units tend to fail when the weather outside is at its worse and it may take several days to get a repairman out to fix the problem.

Check your outside hose bibs for leaks. These should also be protected from cold weather and freezing. Some folks like to leave the hose connected. Make sure the hose has been completely drained before freezing weather hits to prevent damage to the hose and a possible water leak.

Just a few simple chores can prepare your home for winter weather and can prevent more costly repairs. And remember, if you should have to have roof work done that will involve more than 25% of the roof surface, you will need to have your roofing contractor obtain a permit.

A Season for Sharing in Fire Safety

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

- **Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house.** A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.
- **Selecting a Tree for the Holiday:** Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.
- **Caring for Your Tree:** Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- **Disposing of Your Tree:** Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Holiday Lights

- **Maintain Your Holiday:** Lights Inspect holiday lights each

year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

- **Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets:** Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended Holiday Decorations

- **Use Only Nonflammable:** Decorations All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- **Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace:** It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.
- **Artificial Christmas Trees:** If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Candle Care

- **Avoid Using Lit Candles:** If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.
- **Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree:** Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches. Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

Metro Collects more than 46-Thousand Pounds of Food for Second Harvest

Mayor Karl Dean held a two-week, Metro Government-wide food drive to help stock the shelves of Second Harvest Food Bank for the holiday season. The food drive is part of Nashville's participation in the Cities of Service, a national coalition of city mayors committed to filling needs in their communities by encouraging volunteerism. The mayor has challenged area businesses and other organizations to hold their own food drives. The most-needed items include canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats, canned or dried beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta, and peanut butter



Mayor Dean thanks Metro employees for their generous support of the Second Harvest Food Bank. Photo by Gary Layda.



Reducing Holiday Waste Tip # 3: Wrap gifts in recycled or used wrapping paper or funny papers. Also remember to save or recycle used wrapping paper. Give gifts that don't require much packaging, such as concert tickets or gift certificates.

Around Metro

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November 19, 2009 – March 5, 2010

Opening Reception
Thursday, November 19, 2009
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gallery hours Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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CPSC Issues Safety Tips for Turkey Fryers

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has again issued safety tips for preventing fires and burns when using turkey fryers. Since 1998, CPSC has reports of 75 incidents that involved fires, flames, or burns associated with turkey fryers. Here are some of the hazard scenarios:

- House fires associated with turkey fryers leading to injuries and property damage.
- Ignition of oil used with turkey fryers. This was often related to oil reaching excess temperatures or oil contacting the open flame of the fryer.
- Splashing of hot oil causing burns.

The majority of reported incidents occurred while the oil was being heated, prior to adding the turkey. For this reason, it is very important consumers monitor the temperature of the oil closely. If **any smoke at all** is noticed coming from a heating pot of oil, the burner should be turned off immediately because the oil is overheated.

There is a risk of injury resulting from splashing due to the cooking of partially frozen meats. Thoroughly thaw and dry ALL meats before cooking in hot oil. One reported burn incident occurred when partially frozen chicken wings were added to hot oil in a turkey fryer.

CPSC staff is working with industry and voluntary standards organizations to improve the safety standard for turkey fryers.

CPSC staff recommends consumers who choose to fry turkeys follow the following safety guidelines:

- Keep fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn gas supply OFF.
- If a fire occurs, immediately call 911. DO NOT attempt to extinguish fire with water.

For safest operation, CPSC staff recommends that consumers follow these guidelines as they prepare to use a turkey fryer:

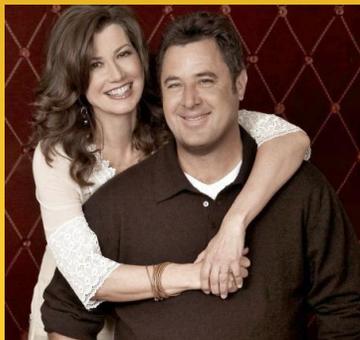
- Make sure there is at least 2 feet of space between the liquid propane tank and fryer burner.
- Place the liquid propane gas tank and fryer so that any wind blows the heat of the fryer away from the gas tank.
- Center the pot over the burner on the cooker.
- Completely thaw (USDA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds) and dry turkey before cooking. Partially frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter when added to the oil.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions to determine the proper amount of oil to add.

NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

'Tis the Season:
A Holiday Concert with Amy Grant and Vince Gill
Benefiting Nashville public Library

**December 17th | 7:30 p.m. | Downtown Nashville
Library**



CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING LIVE TREES

Metro to provide multiple sites for convenient drop-off service

Department of Codes & Building Safety

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Mayor - Karl F. Dean

Director - Terrence Cobb
Asst. Director - Bill Penn
Office Hours: Mon-Fri / 7:30-4:00



Davidson County residents can recycle their live Christmas trees at one of 10 Metro sites again this holiday season. Metro Public Works will collect them for mulching at the city's Bordeaux Mulch Facility.

All trees must be free of lights, ornaments, icicles, all tinsel and garland. No flocked trees can be accepted.

WHO: Metro Parks & Recreation and Metro Public Works departments

WHAT: Christmas Tree Drop-off Program

WHEN: December 28, 2009 to February 16, 2010

WHERE: Any one of the following Metro Parks:

Cane Ridge, Cedar Hill, Edwin Warner, Elmington, Joelton, Richland, Sevier, Two Rivers and Whitfield; or
Una Recreation Center, 136 Una Recreation Road

Recycling Christmas trees into mulch, rather than dumping them in the trash, in an alley or other seemingly deserted area, keeps them out of landfills and helps save Metro the cost of disposal fees, Public Works Director Billy Lynch said.

Between 12,000 and 15,000 Christmas trees are recycled each year at Metro sites.

Residents can also take their live trees to the Bordeaux facility, which is open Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call 862-8750 or visit www.nashville.gov/Recycle.



For information regarding accessibility, please contact Manley Biggers at (615) 862-6521 or fax (615) 862-6499.

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