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Owners of flood-damaged single family residential properties may be able to receive their flood repair permits online, with no visit to the Codes department required.

[Apply for Single Family Residential Flood Repair Permits](#)

Piedmont Natural Gas Opens New Operations Center in Donelson

The new Piedmont Natural Gas Tennessee Operations Center, located in Century City, is the Company's latest state-of-the-art, LEED-certified facility and represents the Company's continuing commitment to building and operating environmentally sustainable facilities within its service areas. The building, for which a final LEED-certification level is still being determined, has earned enough points at this time to qualify for a Gold rating.



Piedmont Natural Gas' new facility was built in order to provide better service and maintenance to its approximately 170,000 Metropolitan Nashville customers. Built to capitalize on industry best practices, the form, material choices and site placement for the facility were based on the science of filtration and sustainable design. The concept of "Filtration" is used throughout the 44,000-square-foot building, from circulation patterns to the solar screening devices and reflects a high priority on energy efficiency. The innovative design utilized for the facility will further serve as an educational tool and model for future projects in other communities served by Piedmont Natural Gas.

The new facility consists of offices, training areas and warehouse space situated on 13 acres out of an overall 31-acre site. Eighteen acres on the site are permanently set aside as an open space with Sims Branch, an urban wetland, and an unnamed tributary making up the eastern boundary of the property. The grounds of the facility also offer a pedestrian trail and bridges, observation decks with informational signs and a water-controlling device to help manage the ecosystem. The preservation of the wetland area and consideration of the tributaries and their ecosystems were major factors in the site design strategy.



Roof top solar hot water heating panels are used to supplement the domestic hot water system while skylights provide natural light to the building's interior.

Piedmont Natural Gas New Operations Center

The center itself includes a large multi-functional assembly room and commercial kitchen and has a large service yard that houses raw materials storage in covered and protected bunkers. Also on site are a vehicle wash station, natural gas fueling connections for natural gas vehicles, and additional storage for maintenance materials and equipment.

Some of the more unique aspects of Piedmont's new facility include:

A steel frame building structure with internal steel cross bracing, all of which are manufactured with recycled content. The building envelope consists of insulated metal panels, which are cradle-to-cradle certified and offer a high insulation value while minimizing the materials used in the exterior wall assembly. The building's aluminum storefront and curtain wall window systems also contain a high degree of recycled content.



Self-contained photovoltaic panels and attached battery cabinets light the employee and visitor parking lot designed to reduce the facilities carbon footprint by using free solar energy to light the exterior spaces of the facility.

Primary roof material of white thermoplastic polyolefin, which is high in solar reflectivity. This reduces the heat island effect, which can raise the localized temperature and intensify air pollution on the site. A portion of the roof is a "Green Roof," featuring a vegetated area with heat-absorbing plants, shrubs and small trees that cool the air and provide insulating benefits and aesthetic appeal.

Landscaping that utilizes native plant species with high drought tolerances. These plants attract native wildlife, reduce water demand for irrigation and help minimize environmental impacts from fertilizers and pesticides. Harvested rain and naturally occurring spring water is collected and stored in twin 30,000-gallon below-grade cisterns to irrigate the landscaping.

Exterior site lighting designed to reduce light pollution by preventing light trespass beyond the property boundary lines. The interior lighting fixtures were also designed to prevent light from travelling outside the building.

Maximum use of natural light inside the building to reduce the dependency on artificial lights. On the east side of the center, there is a permanent shading canopy structure with sensor-operated, motorized solar shade screens to control glare. The sensors are integrated into the Building Automation System and can adjust the shade screens during the day to optimize the performance of the mechanical and electrical systems. *This is one of the first systems of its kind to be installed and will be a benchmark for the industry.* The individual interior offices are also illuminated with natural light using roof-top tubular skylights that funnel light into these core areas.

Plumbing fixtures designed to consume very little water and to reduce water costs. Water use at the Operations Center is projected to be 95,275 gallons of water per year and represents a total water savings of 34 percent per year when compared to typical office building standards for facilities of similar size and function.

An HVAC system that is a central, variable-volume air-handling system using chilled water for cooling and hot water for heating. The system is designed to maximize occupant comfort and minimize energy usage. A 100 percent economizer takes advantage of natural cooling when weather permits, while Demand Control Ventilation monitors CO₂ inside the building and adjusts the volume of outside air to maintain good air quality. No ozone depleting Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC's) are used as coolants in the mechanical systems. The domestic hot water system is supplemented with a solar hot water system.



Detail of the "Green Roof" that features a vegetated area with heat absorbing plants, shrubs and small trees that will cool the air and provide insulating benefits and aesthetic appeal.

Going Green Energy Saving Tip



Learn about your home's energy use and save money.

We'll even send you a free energy conservation kit!

Just complete our [online energy e-Valuation](#) and TVA will send you an energy conservation kit filled with items to help you save energy and reduce your electric bill. You'll also receive a customized energy report to help you understand where your home is wasting energy - and how you can fix those expensive leaks.

The energy conservation kit includes two compact fluorescent light bulbs, outlet and light switch gaskets, filter whistle, two faucet aerators, hot water temperature gauge, home thermometer, and "How to Save" brochure.

This offer is open to residents of the Tennessee Valley served by TVA and local distributors of TVA power. Complete the evaluation and you will receive your kit in approximately 4-6 weeks. Limit one kit per household.

A mail-in home e-Valuation can also be [ordered here](#).



Metro Water Services Releases Its 2010 Water Quality Report

Report gives Summary of over 117,000 water quality tests conducted in 2009

Metro Water Services is pleased to deliver the 2010 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 has been mailed to all homes and businesses having accounts with Metro Water Services in response to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, which requires all public water systems to deliver a brief annual water quality report to their customers. The annual report is referred to as a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

Metro Water Services monitors for approximately 105 regulated and unregulated contaminants in drinking water. Monitoring water quality ensures that disinfection and treatment effectively preserve public health and that Nashville's water complies with all applicable drinking water regulations. We collect samples from the Cumberland River, the distribution system, and customers' taps for regulatory compliance.



The Consumer Confidence Report confirms the safety and quality of the water supplied by the two Metro Water Services water treatment plants, Omo-hundo and K.R. Harrington. The report describes our compliance with drinking water regulations, testing conducted on the water, substances detected and the levels of those substances. In addition, it includes information on the state of Nashville's source water, the Cumberland River and important telephone numbers.

Customers who receive Metro Water Services bills will receive a copy of the report in the mail. Customers who don't receive water bills, such as apartment dwellers, can view the report on our 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 WATER SERVICES LAUNCHES NEW RAIN BARREL INITIATIVE

Rain barrels have become increasingly popular in Nashville. One sign of their popularity is the range of rain barrel styles available around town at home improvement stores, garden centers, and other retail locations.

Now, customers can purchase not only rain barrels, but also delivery and installation services online at www.nashville.gov/water/education/rainbarrel.asp.

Two styles of rain barrels are available, a basic model and a more decorative model. The Rain Station (\$88) has a 60-gallon capacity and uses a diverter to connect to the homeowner's downspout. The 55-gallon RainTainer (\$99) includes a planter top with wick and a flexible hose attachment. Both models have spigots for filling a watering can or bucket and a connection for a garden or soaker hose.

Customers have the opportunity through this new program to purchase a delivery option (\$20 in Davidson County; \$0.69/mile outside of Davidson County) and installation service (\$38). Rain barrels can also be purchased online



and picked up at no extra charge. Customers who already own a rain barrel or purchase one from another retail site can purchase the installation service separately.

This program offers a convenient, one-stop purchasing opportunity. Having delivery and installation services available allows residents unable to transport and/or install the rain barrel to enjoy the benefits of rainwater collection.

A rain barrel is a simple and inexpensive way to catch and store rainwater as it flows from a building's roof into the gutters and downspouts. For every inch of rainfall that falls on a 1,000 square foot roof you can expect to collect approximately 600 gallons of rain water.

This stored water then becomes a great alternative to tap water and can be used to water gardens, trees, and container plants. This is good for the environment and saves money. In addition, a garden or soaker hose can be attached to a rain barrel to direct rainwater away from the foundation of the house.

Mayor Announces 'We Are Home' Rebuilding Assistance Program for Nashville Flood Victims

\$7 million allocated to date to help rebuild homes through public-private partnership

Mayor Karl Dean announced the launch of a local rebuilding assistance program called We Are Home, which is intended to provide additional funding to help Nashville residents repair their flooded homes when FEMA and SBA are not enough.

"The federal government was swift to respond to this disaster and has been a constant presence in our recovery efforts since," Dean said. "But the reality is many Nashville homeowners' needs are beyond the limitations of the available federal disaster assistance. We Are Home is a true public-private partnership that will funnel cash donations to the area of greatest need – helping Nashvillians get back in their homes.

"Helping these homeowners is not only the right thing to do for them, it is the right thing to do for our city. For Nashville to remain the vibrant, economic engine that it is, we have to ensure that all of our neighborhoods recover from this flood."

We Are Home is a joint effort of Nashville's private and public sectors, including The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, financial institutions, nonprofit organizations and Metro Government. The Housing Fund, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization projects, is administering the program with support from the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency and the Mayor's Flood Recovery Team.

"In the weeks since the flood we have talked to many homeowners who have repair costs well beyond the disaster assistance provided by FEMA and SBA. Through We Are Home all sectors of the community are coming together to help close this gap and get Nashville families back into their homes," said Loretta Owens, executive director of The Housing Fund.

To date, \$7 million has been allocated to support We Are Home, which includes \$5.1 million reallocated by the Metro Council from two federal grant programs, \$1 million from Regions Bank and \$900,000 from two equal grants from The Community Foundation's Metro Nashville Disaster Response Fund and its Tennessee Emergency Response Fund. The goal is to identify a total of \$50 million – combination of federal grants, citizen donations and private sector contributions – in order to meet all of the anticipated financing needs of Nashville residents.

"As our community moves from stabilization to restoration, from triage to healing, The Community Foundation knows that rebuilding lives, rebuilding homes and rebuilding livelihoods are of paramount importance. To make the precious gifts we have received go as far as possible toward accomplishing these goals, The Community Foundation searches for critical intervention points where we can leverage the funds entrusted to us to make the biggest possible impact on this community's future," said Ellen Lehman, president of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. "We are pleased to partner with the Mayor's Office and The Housing Fund in helping hundreds and hundreds of Nashvil-



lians restore their homes. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect the continuing generosity of so many donors with the long-term needs of our neighbors and know that much remains to be done."

Homeowners that apply will be offered assistance through a three-tiered approach that takes into account their individual financial situation and home repair needs:

- First, a 4 percent interest loan will be offered based the individual's ability to repay with terms ranging from five to 20 years.
- Second, if repair funds are needed beyond an owner's ability to repay a loan, they will be eligible for a grant up to \$10,000.
- Third, if a gap remains after the grant, an owner will be eligible for a 0 percent interest Due-On-Sale loan up to \$20,000.
- The Due-On-Sale loan does not require a monthly payment. Instead, the loan is repaid when the property is sold.

Reconstruction projects that require additional resources beyond these three funding sources will be referred to volunteer rebuilding agencies for assistance, including Hands On Nashville, Habitat for Humanity and various faith-based partners.

Interested homeowners should call (615) 862-6523 to setup an appointment to meet with a housing counselor and fill out an application. Appointments will begin Wednesday, July 7. The We Are Home office is located at 300 11th Ave. S. in the former Velocity sales center. MarketStreet Enterprises provided the office space for the program rent free.

Homeowners will have the opportunity to work with their existing licensed contractors, so long as established contracting procedures are followed. We Are Home is not able to reimburse homeowners for work already completed or for work to portions of their home not impacted by the flood.

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee continues to accept donations to support ongoing flood recovery efforts in Davidson County and the other 39 counties of Middle Tennessee. The Metro Nashville Disaster Response Fund targets aid to nonprofits serving the needs of Nashville's response. The Tennessee Emergency Response Fund's work addresses the wide range of differing needs in all the Middle Tennessee counties The Community Foundation serves. All grants are made to nonprofits, including churches, and are to be used to help rebuild the lives of those affected by disaster. These funds and their grants are in place to serve through the many stages of disaster (response, relief, recovery, and restoration) and remain flexible to respond to emerging and evolving needs. Donations can be made to the disaster response funds at The Community Foundation online by visiting www.cfmt.org.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL



Join Mayor Karl Dean for this free community celebration, as we welcome the beginning of a new school year.

Entertainment

School Supplies

Educational Activities

**Sunday,
August 8, 2010**

2:00–5:00 p.m.

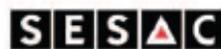
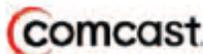
BRIDGESTONE ARENA

Bring a canned item to the event for Second Harvest Food Bank!

Most needed items are canned meat, peanut butter, canned fruit, mac and cheese, canned beans, rice and cereal.



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Musicians Corner

Centennial Park

Saturdays, July 10 - October 16

Nashville's newest free concert series is called Musicians Corner. Much like London's infamous Speakers Corner, Musicians Corner is place for Music City and visitors to engage in the community and enjoy some free music. These concerts will be held in Centennial Park's southwest corner facing West End Avenue.

Each Saturday from 3 to 6pm, you'll hear music from a variety of genres in what is called a "musical melting pot." Who knows? You might even be surprised by some of the guest appearances!

Admission and parking are free. There will also be food, beverage and even artisan vendors onsite.



TENNESSEE JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY'S CONCERT ON THE LAWN BELLE MEADE PLANTATION JUNE-AUGUST

Every summer, the Tennessee Jazz & Blues Society hosts a jazz concert series on the lawn of Belle Meade Plantation. It makes for a great Sunday outing. Bring a blanket and picnic basket and chill out to some great music from some of Music City's best jazz musicians in a beautiful Nashville setting. Take a look at the schedule below and make your way out to Belle Meade for a great summer concert.



All concerts begin at 6pm on the lawn near the Carriage House. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers for a picnic!

Gates open at 5pm. General admission is \$20 per person for non-members; \$10 for members.

For more information, see jazzblues.org.



Get ready for a birthday party, Opry-style! One-of-a-kind cakes and special shows are on tap as the show that made country music famous celebrates its 85th birthday throughout the summer and fall with country music's most popular artists and biggest fans.

Please visit our web site for a complete list of events and programs scheduled to celebrate this red letter event!

Visit www.Opry.com for more information.

METRO ARTS

Metro Nashville Arts Commission

Metro Arts Gallery Presents



The Metro Nashville Arts Commission announced the opening of a new exhibition of local artists as part of its "Metro Arts Gallery" series.

The art works of Taylor Jorjorian and Barbara Stokes will be featured in an exhibition that starts on July 15, 2010 and runs until November 5, 2010.

Both artists were on hand to meet the public at a reception held on July 15th in the Metro Arts Commission office located in the Metro Office

Building. This exhibit was funded in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

Gallery Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Location: 800 2nd Avenue South, 4th Floor

Nashville Neighborhoods to Participate in 16th Annual Night Out Against Crime Tuesday Aug. 3

Neighborhoods throughout Nashville are hosting celebrations to promote community involvement in crime prevention activities.

On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, Nashville will celebrate its 16th year of participating in the **National Night Out Against Crime**. This event is hosted nationally by the National Association of Town Watches.

Please join the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhoods Resource Center for an informational meeting about Nashville's NNOAC on Thursday, June 24 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the Fifty Forward Knowles Senior Center, 174 Rains Avenue.

NNOAC has been extraordinarily successful in promoting involvement in crime and drug prevention activities, strengthening police-community relations, and encouraging neighborhood camaraderie as part of the fight for safer streets.

Since 1984, "National Night Out - America's Night Out Against Crime" has grown to involve over 30 million people from more than 9,000 communities.

All Neighborhood Watches, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations are invited to host and/or participate in Night Out events.



Commander Bob Nash of the East Police Precinct and Billy Fields with the Codes Department made presentations to neighborhood groups celebrating Night Out Against Crime last year.

Mayor Forms Early Childhood Development Advisory Council

Mayor Karl Dean today announced the formation of an Advisory Council on Early Childhood Development and Early Education to assess existing programs and services in Metro Nashville and make recommendations on ways to increase their accessibility and success.

"My No. 1 priority as mayor is to ensure all of our children have the chance to succeed in life and school, and setting our children up for success has to start long before they step foot in a kindergarten classroom," Dean said. "Nashville has high-quality early education programs, and with Gov. Bredesen's focus on pre-K over the last several years, this is an area where the entire state has seen improvement.

"But for the first time, this advisory council will take a close look at the broader issue of early childhood development in Nashville, including public awareness of the importance and availability of programs and services, and find ways in which our city can improve."

Vice Mayor Diane Neighbors has been appointed to lead the 15-member advisory council as chair. Other members reflect a cross-section of citizens committed to the wellbeing of Nashville's children and youth.

"The early years of a child's life can determine which direction their lives will take and significantly shape their future development," Neighbors said. "I am delighted that Mayor Dean has appointed the Early Childhood Development Advisory Council and I am honored to serve as chair. It is imperative that we look at the total development of the child – physical, emotional, social, and cognitive – in order to ensure their future success in school and in life."

Research has found that as much as half of the achievement gap that exists in the third grade between disadvantaged children and their peers is already evident when they start school. And reading comprehension at the end of the third grade is a strong indicator of a child's likelihood of reaching high school graduation.

The Mayor's Early Childhood Development Advisory Council will focus their work in three key areas: public access to programs and services, public awareness, and economic impact of high quality programs and services, which includes examining the cost of remedial work for children up to the third grade who lacked access to early education programs.

Structured similarly to the Mayor's Advisory Council on Special Education, this group will report its work to the mayor at six-month intervals, with a full assessment and report with recommendations every 12 months.

Sales Tax Holiday



This year's tax-free holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. on **Friday, August 6th and ends Sunday, August 8th at 11:59 p.m.** During this time, Tennesseans can enjoy tax-free purchases on certain clothing, school and art supplies and computers. For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, visit www.tntaxholiday.com.

Save The Date—October 2nd Codes Announces Annual Golf Tournament

The 14th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 2, 2010 at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course.

Last year's tournament, through the support of 128 golfers and 99 sponsors, resulted in \$23,000 being donated to local charities through the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

This year, all proceeds will again go to the MECCC for the benefit of local charities, Easter seals Camp Programs and the Harris-Hillman School.



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PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCES FLOOD DEBRIS GUIDELINES FOR METRO RESIDENTS

As thousands of Davidson County citizens begin cleaning up from the weekend's historic flooding, Metro Public Works has issued the following preliminary guidelines for residents who need to place debris curbside for collection:

All items and materials **MUST** be separated into four different piles, and placed at the curb or street-side for collection. If the debris is not separated, it will not be collected.

1. White goods and metals (appliances, etc.)
2. Construction and demolition debris (lumber, windows, etc.)
3. Vegetation (brush, limbs and all other yard waste)
4. Household trash and garbage (including carpet)

Items should **NOT** be placed in public alleys. Alleys need to remain clear for emergency crews and trash collection services.

While Public Works is still finalizing a comprehensive plan and schedule for debris collection, residents can go ahead and place items out for collection.

All debris and flood-damaged items should be placed at the curb/street side for collection. Davidson County residents **SHOULD NOT** bring these items to Metro Convenience Centers for disposal. For additional information, residents should call Customer Service at 862-8750



For information regarding accessibility, please contact Manley Biggers at (615) 862-6521 or fax (615) 862-6499. He can also be reached at manley.biggers@nashville.gov



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