

Metro Codes

E—News For Neighborhoods

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County



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Smart911 Service Launched in Nashville



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](#)

Smart 911

Help 9-1-1 Protect Your Family.

Share critical information before an emergency so 9-1-1 call-takers have it during one.



The Nashville Emergency Communications Center and Rave Mobile Safety, a leading provider of software safety solutions, recently launched new software called Smart911 in the Nashville area. Smart911 is a free service that helps citizens communicate more effectively during emergencies. Smart911 improves the flow of information about you and members of your family, including children, the elderly and pets, to emergency responders when you need it the most!

The software provides citizens with the ability to enter information that they want to make available to 9-1-1 call takers through a secure web site at www.Smart911.com. Information can include children's photos, medical conditions, home addresses of mobile phone callers, disabilities or other rescue-related information. Smart911 then delivers this information automatically with any 9-1-1 call placed within Davidson County to the call taker's work station at the Emergency Communications Center.

Smart911 allows you to store critical care and emergency rescue information with Smart911 in advance of any emergency. The information is collected on the Smart911 website. If you make a 9-1-1 call from a Smart911 registered phone, the technology automatically makes your information available to the 9-1-1 call-taker. Until that time, the information entered is kept completely private and secure. It is only viewable by emergency personnel when the registered user calls 9-1-1, and then only for the amount of time necessary to address the emergency. In other words, Smart911 hold

the registered users profile in escrow until an emergency call is made from his/her phone.

Available in Nashville/Davidson County

At this time, Smart911 is only available in Nashville/Davidson County. If you live and/or work in Davidson County, you will benefit from this service! If you are in Nashville, have an emergency and call 9-1-1 from a registered phone, your information will be available to the 9-1-1 call taker.

Sharing Information

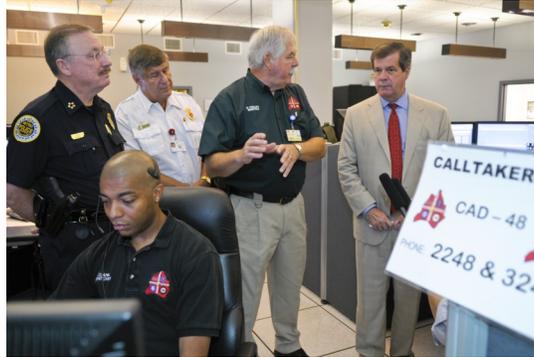
You have the option to choose what information you want to share: personal information, household details, medical information, special needs and much more. To review a complete list of options, visit <http://info.smart911.com/citizen/sharing-data>.

Frequently Asked Questions

We want to make sure all of your questions are answered about the Smart911 service. The Smart911 web site has a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions at <http://info.smart911.com/citizen/faq>.

Registration

The registration process is quick and easy...just four simple steps! After completing the steps, you will have a chance to add optional information or edit the information you have provided. You must complete every step or the service will not work until you have added and confirmed a phone number. <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>



Mayor Karl Dean receives an overview of the new Smart 911 system from Duane Phillips, Director of the Emergency Communications Center. Next to Director Phillips is Nashville Fire Dept. Lt. Richard Lampkin and Metro Police Chief Steve Anderson. Seated is ECC Dispatcher Lorenzo Clark.

Construction Update—Music City Center



Construction is under way on Nashville's new convention center, Music City Center. Plans call for the facility to be built out at approximately 1.2 million square feet and feature a 350,000-square-foot exhibit hall acoustically designed to double as a concert hall, more than 50 meeting rooms, two ballrooms and approximately 36 loading docks for the ultimate in flexibility and ease. The center is scheduled for completion in 2013, and convention planners are already reserving their dates."

Nashville Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out Against Crime Event

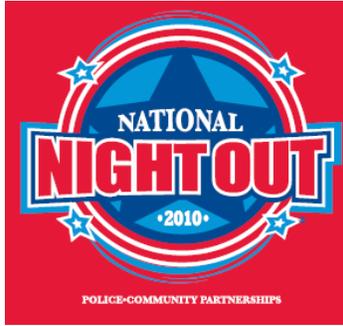
Celebrations mark Nashville's 16th year to participate in this national event

Neighborhoods all across Nashville participated in the 'National Night Out 2010' event, with this year's activities marking the 16th year of participating in the National Night Out Against Crime (NNOAC).

This event is hosted nationally by the National Association of Town Watches. As part of this year's event, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhoods Resource Center held an informational meeting about Nashville's NNOAC on Thursday, June 24 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.



Assistant Director of Codes Bill Penn, joined members of the Renraw neighborhood association gathered at the Auto Diesel College for their night out against crime celebration.



The Cleveland Park Neighborhood celebrated the event at the Cleveland Park Community Center. In the photo on the left, this little lady enjoys a tasty snow cone. At left is Assistant Director of Codes Bill Penn discussing neighborhood issues with Ruby Baker, president of Bordeaux Hills Residential Neighborhood Association.



Going Green Energy Saving Tips



- Caulk and weather-strip around windows and doors to stop air leaks
- Seal gaps in floors and walls around pipes and electrical wiring
- Change air filters monthly
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents – they use 75% less energy and last 10 times longer
- Install aerating, low-flow faucets and showerheads
- Fix any leaky faucets – one drop per second can add up to 165 gallons a month
- Tune-up your heating and cooling system annually to keep it running as efficiently as possible
- Have your ductwork inspected and repair any leaks
- Add insulation to your attic, crawl space and any accessible exterior walls
- Wrap your water heater with insulation or install an insulating blanket
- Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when replacing large or small appliances
- Use power strips for home electronics and turn off power strips when equipment is not in use
- Replace worn-out seals on your refrigerator and freezer
- Perform a do-it-yourself home energy audit. Online and paper versions are available.
- Reduce hot water use by taking shorter showers and using cold water for the rinse cycle in your washer
- Turn off lights, televisions and other appliances when not in use
- Clean refrigerator coils regularly to keep compressor running efficiently
- Set the refrigerator temperature at 36° to 39° F and freezer at 0° to 5° F
- Use the microwave when possible – it cooks faster and doesn't create as much heat as a stove burner
- Air-dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's heat drying option
- Run your dishwasher and clothes washer only when full
- Match the size of your pot or pan to the size of the burner
- Make sure your dryer's outside vent is clear and clean the lint filter after every load

Mayor Announces Plan to Develop Center for Victims of Family Violence

Master Plan Establishes 14 Desired Outcomes for All of Nashville's Children and Youth

Mayor Karl Dean announced that his office will lead the development of a center to provide coordinated services for victims of family violence from multiple government and nonprofit agencies in Nashville.

The goal of the Nashville Family Connections Center (NFCC) will be to reduce the number of children and youth exposed to family violence. According to the Kids County Data Center, physical child abuse in Davidson County is 2.5 times the national average, and child sexual abuse is almost four times higher than the national average.

"Children who are abused or exposed to domestic violence are much more likely to participate in criminal behavior themselves," Dean said. "This center will allow us to intervene early and effectively and as a result, reduce the cyclical pattern of family violence in our community."

The creation of NFCC is one of many strategies in the Children and Youth Master Plan, which was unveiled today by a 52-member taskforce appointed by Dean in January. The master plan outlines a framework for coordinating community efforts to ensure the well being of every young person in Nashville from birth to adulthood.

The Children and Youth Master Plan calls for NFCC to be modeled after the Family Justice Center approach, which is defined in federal law and involves the co-location of staff members from multiple agencies. The concept is similar to the Metro Student Attendance Center, which Dean helped establish as a partnership between Juvenile Court, Metro Police and Metro Nashville Public Schools in 2008 to address the issue of truancy. During the Attendance Center's second year of operation, truancy at Metro high schools dropped 17.2 percent over the previous year and 13.8 percent at middle schools.

NFCC will focus on family violence as a whole, including domestic violence, child abuse, delinquency prevention, intervention, and family support services. At a minimum, NFCC will include representation from Metro Nashville Police, Davidson County District

Attorney's Office, the Tennessee Department of Children Services, Juvenile Court, Metro Social Services and nonprofit advocacy organizations.

All of the proposed strategies in the master plan correlate with one of 14 "desired outcomes" for Nashville's children and youth. The outcomes, and the strategies to achieve them, were determined through a six-month planning process led by five working committees focused on health, safety, out of school time, education lifecycle, and mobility and stability. The planning process included 10 community input meetings and two surveys – one for youth and one for adults.



MLK Magnet School Student Jairus Cater presents the Children and Youth Master Plan to Mayor Karl Dean, along with his fellow taskforce co-chairs Councilman-At-Large Ronnie Steine and Renata Soto, Executive Director of Conexion Americas

"The intent of the master plan was to look beyond what takes place in the classroom from kindergarten to 12th grade and examine the many community and home life factors that impact our children's overall well-being and success," Dean said. "I appreciate the hard work and long hours that went into the plan's development, especially the leadership of the three co-chairs. For the long-term viability of our city, we must work together as a larger community to ensure that all of our children have the necessary resources to thrive both in and outside of school."

Dean announced today that the Mayor's Office of Children and Youth will oversee the implementation of the master plan with support from a small advisory council of community leaders. MOCY will be responsible for prioritizing the strategies in the plan and establishing performance measures so the effectiveness of strategies can be gauged as they are implemented.

A full copy of the Children and Youth Master Plan is available online at <http://www.nashville.gov/mocy/index.asp>.

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Flood Damage Alert!

Did your property suffer flood damage during the May flood? If so, were your damages severe enough to require a building permit for the repairs?

If you obtained a building permit for repairs, it is critical that you call for the required inspections associated with that permit. Codes will not automatically come out to the property to check your progress. As you complete the various stages of your repairs, please call our building division to schedule your inspections.

If you have hired a contractor, that contractor should be doing that for you as part of the job. If you have not yet had an inspection, get with your contractor. If you as the property owner are doing the work then you must call for the inspections. Please call 862-6550 to setup your inspections or to see if your contractor has scheduled them.



NASHVILLE'S ASSET

Mayor Karl Dean and Director of Metro Schools Dr. Jesse Register today launched a multi-year plan to transform the way Nashville recruits, develops and retains public school educators with the goal of every Metro school having the most highly-effective teachers and principals.



The plan, entitled ASSET (Achieving Student Success through Effective Teaching), calls for a two-phase approach to make Metro Schools a magnet for attracting and retaining the country's most talented educators. The three recommendations in Phase 1 focus on increasing professional development and leadership training opportunities for Metro's current teachers and principals. Improving the current professional learning culture in Metro Schools will increase the district's ability to attract and retain effective educators, which is the focus of the second phase of recommendations.

During a press event held today in conjunction with the Nashville Chamber's Education 2020 and Mayor's Speaker Series at the Downtown Hilton, Dean and Register announced that implementation of the first phase will begin immediately and last over the next 12 to 18 months. Also, the recommendations for Phase 2, which are only preliminary, will be further developed during this time

"For our students to have a chance to succeed in life, and for our city to continue to be a place where families and businesses want to come, we have to get public education right," Dean said. "A teacher is the single most influential factor in a student's academic success. I am proud of the work we've done with Teach

Mayor, Director of Schools Launch Plan to Attract, Retain Effective Teachers

ASSET to set course for MNPS to have the country's most talented educators

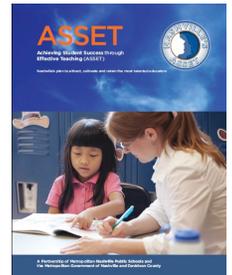
For America and The New Teacher Project. But I never intended for our work on reforming teacher recruitment and development to stop there. ASSET not only addresses recruitment of effective teachers, but development of the talent already in our school system. This plan, along with the work the State is doing to create a new system for teacher evaluations, is going to take the quality of teaching in Nashville to a new level."

"In Metro Nashville Schools we want a great teacher in every classroom, every year. ASSET is a roadmap for how we will develop and support our teachers and our principals," Register said. "Our schools are not the easiest place to teach, but Metro Nashville Public Schools will be the district where outstanding teachers can be challenged, recognized, developed and rewarded for excellence."

ASSET was developed through a year-long process that kicked off in August 2009 at a Teacher Compensation Forum co-hosted by Dean and Register that was aimed at examining effective strategies and models tied to teacher pay. However, ASSET recognizes that effective educators are not attracted, cultivated or retained based on compensation alone. The plan outlines a comprehensive approach to teacher recruitment and development.

Development of the plan was facilitated by Seattle, Wash.-based Education First Consulting and supported by funds from the Mayor's Education First Fund at the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

More information, including a full copy of the ASSET report, can be found online at www.mnps.org.



Codes Director Terry Cobb receives AIA Award



August 6, 2010 -- In this photo, American Institute of Architects Tennessee President, Warren N. Goodwin, FAIA (Right), presents Metro Codes Director, Terry Cobb, with an "Award of Excellence" at the President's Luncheon during AIA's Annual Convention in Murfreesboro, TN.

The Tennessee Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) met in Murfreesboro earlier this month for their annual convention. The theme of this year's convention was AIA Architect: **The Complete Package**.

With a focus on Change, Courage, Adaptability, Toolkits, and Design Excellence, the convention purpose was to highlight the qualities that will sustain the profession in these uneven days.

The convention also recognized the indomitable spirit of AIA members and shine a light on some of the stars in the profession—those like Lake|Flato partner Matthew Morris; UT's Tricia Stuth + Ted Shelton; Danny Wicke from Auburn's Rural Studio; Merrill Elam; Todd Walker and Barry Yoakum, from archimania.

It was also an opportunity to meet Tennessee's future design leaders, tour the Tennessee Resi-

dence and Conservatory, Middle Tennessee Medical Center and MTSU campus.

One of the highlights of the program was the awards ceremony during the President's Luncheon. Terry Cobb, Director of Codes & Building Safety for Metro Nashville received an Award of Excellence. The award was presented by AIA Tennessee's President Warren N. Goodwin, FAIA.

Other AIA "Award of Excellence" recipients included:

Kem Hinton, FAIA, Nashville, TN
Jeanne Meyers, Assoc. AIA, Memphis, TN
John McRae, FAIA, Dean of the College of Architecture, University of Tennessee
Gary Everton, FAIA, Nashville, TN
Crispin Mathias-Fisher, Assoc. AIA, Nashville, TN
Peter Heimbach, AIA, Johnson City, TN

Community News



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Market House ReOpening Has Begun!

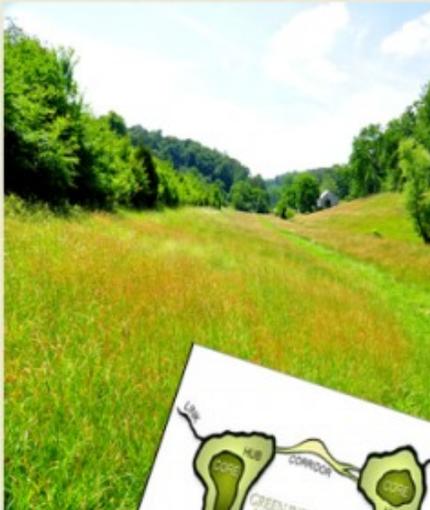
The Nashville Farmers Market is thrilled to announce that after an incredible ReGrandOpening Celebration with Mayor Karl Dean, the NFM Market House merchants return to being open for business.



The International Market is still restoring and is currently slated to reopen Sept. 1st -more info to come. Enjoy lunch and shopping at [B&C Market BBQ](#), [Swagruha Indian Restaurant](#), Chicago Gyro & Salad Bar, Howell's Farm Store, [Fleur de Lis Flavors](#), Nooley's, Farmers' Deli & Grill, El Burrito, & [Jamaicaway](#).

For a free and quick ride to the NFM, take the [Music City Circulator](#). Come and visit these fine local restaurants & shops who need YOUR support to truly recover from the flood.

And be sure to Friend us on [Facebook](#) & sign up for our [e-letter](#) for the latest updates!



Nashville: *Naturally*

Creating, Enhancing, and Preserving the Places that Matter

You are invited to a special event on **September 15th** at the **Nashville Farmers Market**. Come give your input on the future of Nashville's natural and cultural resources.

WHAT:

The Mayor's Office, The Land Trust for Tennessee and The Conservation Fund invite you to a 'market place of ideas'. We will share the preliminary recommendations (and some really cool maps) for how Davidson County can become "the greenest in the Southeast".

WE NEED YOUR VOTE to help prioritize and localize these recommendations. Pick up your voting packet at the registration table and then cast your votes by visiting the six booths. Come for 30 minutes or the whole day!

WHEN:

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 from 10 am to 3pm with brief presentations about the project on the hour. The Mayor will speak at 1pm.

WHERE:

The Markethouse at the Nashville Farmers Market (come grab lunch and shop) 800 Rosa Parks Blvd., Nashville, TN www.nashvillefarmersmarket.org

Help Spread The Word!
Forward this to your friends, neighbors and colleagues.

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

For more information go to nashvilleopenspace.wordpress.com or call (615) 244-5263 and speak with Audra Ladd at The Land Trust for Tennessee

New Commissioner for Beautification District 30 Organizes Graffiti Cleanup Project

August 14, 2010 was a first for David Birdsong. It was his first project as the District 30 Beautification Commissioner and he and his volunteers had a fun morning. With short notice he was able to get 4 volunteers to help with a privacy fence that borders Bart Drive in District 30. It was covered with gang tags and has been an eyesore for quite a while. At least for now, it is no longer an eyesore. "We not only covered the tagging but also painted 80%-90% of the entire fence and also did some repair work to the gate into the back yard. We would have done the entire fence but 5 gallons will only go so far. We had a number of the local residents stop and thank us for painting the fence," said Birdsong. The house is vacant so there was no one else to do this.



From left are Commissioner David Birdsong, Judy Beerman, Jennifer Moyers, Jeff Sexton and David Bass.

Special thanks go out to Judy Beerman, Jennifer Moyers, Jeff Sexton and David Bass for spending a hot August morning lending their skills to help make District 30 a bit more presentable. There were quite a few others who, because of the short notice were unable to lend a hand

with this project but offered their services for future projects.

ABC Supplies is also deserving of thanks for donating some paint rollers and pads, paint pans, cleanup rags and brushes.

Councilman Jim Hodge was able to get the paint donated by the local Porter Paint store.

"We also had some supplies from the Metro Beautification Commission and Russell Brecheen was kind enough to go pick them up and bring them to me," Birdsong said.

David expressed his thanks to all involved in the project and thanked everyone who has con-

tacted him offering to help with other projects.

When asked how he felt about the level of support on this first event, he said "It is great to begin to see and meet people who are interested in making and keeping District 30 one of the neatest and cleanest areas of Nashville. I



These pictures represent the before, during and after shots of the fine efforts by the volunteers

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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