From Burnout to Restoration Success Story
Looking at the home on the front page of this newsletter, it is amazing that anyone could salvage this building. This is exactly what John Eldridge of E-3 Construction did. The property at 760 Roycroft Place was slated for demolition. It had suffered a major fire in January of this year and the previous owners did not have the means to repair the property.

The new owners, E-3 Construction, purchased the property in June and asked the Codes department to allow them permission to rehab the dwelling. Admittedly, we [Codes] were skeptical about the likelihood of this particular property being saved. “We get requests from owners all the time who want to salvage severely damaged buildings,” Ron Mitchell, Property Standards Chief said. “We have to weigh the plan presented by the owner against the feasibility of the proposed repair project. And we also have to consider the safety of the surrounding structures and the impact the building has on the community should the repairs not be made.”

The department also gets requests from real estate investors who purchase properties on speculation and desire to leave the buildings in their current state until market conditions make repairs financially viable. “Boarding a property like this would not be an acceptable solution, Bill Penn, Assistant Director with Codes said. “Unless the owner can demonstrate their ability to make the investment necessary to recover the dwelling or structure within a reasonable timeframe, we have to push for demolition.”

The Property Standards division has worked with E-3 Construction on other projects in the past, and it was that close working relationship that allowed the department to downgrade the case to repair. The department had also been asked by the Metro Historic Zoning Commission to stay our demolition order because they felt the building was a contributing structure. It’s preservation would help maintain the character of the neighborhood and would enhance property values of surrounding dwellings.

With the downturn in the economy, many homes in this condition would have been demolished or worse, abandoned by their owners. Fortunately, a responsible developer took a risky property and transformed it into an affordable, high quality property.

What was once the eyesore of the neighborhood has now been transformed into one of its brightest stars. Completely renovated inside and out, this property set to provide years of enjoyment for the new owners.
Mayor Karl Dean dedicated the 17.5-acre Richard H. Fulton Campus as Richard Fulton looks on at right. Photo—Gary Layda

Mayor dedicates Richard H. Fulton Campus
Six-building campus includes environmental features

Mayor Karl Dean dedicated the 17.5-acre Richard H. Fulton Campus, a complex of six buildings designed as a healthy and environmentally-sustainable workplace that provides a central location for the public to access a variety of Metro services.

The campus includes the Howard Office Building and Lindsley Hall, both of which were renovated and received LEED Silver certification, as well as the Metro Office Building, the Fulton Campus Employee Parking Garage, the Metro Fire Department Headquarters and the Nashville Children’s Theatre.

“When it comes to making Nashville a healthier, more active and greener city, Metro Government must lead by example,” Dean said. “This campus shows leadership on the environment and health. It is only fitting that it is named after one of Nashville’s great leaders.”

During the dedication ceremony, Dean unveiled a stone and bronze monument honoring Fulton. Fulton was the second mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville. Fulton was elected in 1975 and served three terms until 1987.

Dean also led a tour of the campus that highlighted the 30-kilowatt array of solar panels on the roof of the Howard Office Building and the electric car-charging stations in the parking garage.

The effort to unify the complex of old and new buildings south of downtown began in 2006 with renovations at the Metro Office Building. As part of the renovations at the Howard Office Building, the Assessor of Property and Metro Trustee were moved from their locations on Second Avenue North and the Davidson County Clerk’s office returned from MetroCenter. The parking garage and fire department headquarters are new buildings, and the renovated Nashville Children’s Theatre opened in 2007.

Sustainable design standards were included throughout the campus. Existing buildings are being reused instead of developing open space elsewhere in the city. Energy-efficient white roofs reflect heat away from buildings. Native plants and other pervious surfaces in the parking areas reduce water consumption and keep stormwater out of the sewer system.

Energy-efficient lighting and natural lighting were incorporated into designs, and Energy Star and highly energy-efficient HVAC, electronics and appliances were installed. The use of recycled and regional materials was incorporated when possible. In the Howard Office Building, partitions in restrooms were made from recycled milk cartons.

Healthy workplace features include bicycle racks, healthy options in vending machines and a fitness facility in the Howard Office Building. Representatives from the departments located on the Richard H. Fulton Campus have formed a Work Well Committee to take steps to promote healthy eating and active living on campus.

Richard H. Fulton Campus Facts

Howard Office Building—Built in 1939 and renovated in 2010. The Assessor of Property, Finance Department, Davidson County Clerk, ITS Department and Metro Trustee are located in the building.

Certified LEED Silver by the U.S. Green Building Council. Sustainability features include a 30-kilowatt array of solar panels on the roof, bamboo flooring, energy-efficient lighting, HVAC, electronics and appliances, and 50 percent water reduction due to high-efficiency water fixtures. During renovation, 75 percent of building waste was diverted from landfills and recycled.

Lindsley Hall—Built in 1853 and renovated in 2010. It contains the offices of General Services, the Sports Authority and Finance Procurement.

Certified LEED Silver for “Commercial Interiors,” the first government building in Tennessee on the National Register of Historic Places to achieve such certification. Other features include floors refinished with stain made from soybeans and paints and finishes with no volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Metro Office Building—Built in 1919 and renovated in 2006. The offices of the Arts Commission, Election Commission, Human Relations Commission, Codes Administration, Planning Department and Water Services are located in the building.

Retro-fitted with a raised-floor system for air flow, and it includes a green roof garden and vending machines that are stocked with healthy snacks.
Metro Codes Promotes Jeff Barnes to Electrical Inspection Chief

On October 3 Electrical Inspector Jeff Barnes was promoted to the position of Electrical Inspection Chief. James “Cotton” Murray, the previous Chief, retired earlier this year. Jeff has been a Codes Electrical Inspector for 17 years and is certified by the International Code Council as an Electrical Code Official and Mechanical Code Official.

He and Claire, his wife of 34 years, have 2 sons, Ryan and Zack, and one dog, Bogey. Jeff’s hobbies include golf and pistol shooting and vacationing in Florida.

Jeff has lived in Nashville since his early childhood and is a graduate of Hume Fogg. Prior to coming to Codes he worked for 15 years with McCullough Electric.

Basic Fall Maintenance Tips

Now that fall has arrived, it’s time to prepare your home for the coming winter months. We’ve compiled a “to-do” list that should help get your home ready for winter weather:

- **Gutters and Downspouts**: Check all of your gutters and downspouts to make sure they are properly connected and that they are not clogged with debris. If you don’t have leaf screens installed, consider doing so, especially if you have lots of trees nearby. In Metro, gutters are not required, but if they are present, they must be correctly installed and complete.

- **Windows and Doors**: Check the seal around all windows and doors. Look for cracks in the caulking and for signs of joints coming loose.

- **Roof Deck**: Check the entire surface of your roof for loose, missing or damaged shingles. These situations allow for water to infiltrate the roof and can cause major problems and damage to the interior. And don’t neglect checking the underside of the roof deck in the attic, as small leaks may not be apparent on the outside. Also examine all the flashing, especially that around chimneys. In Metro, you cannot have more than three layers of shingles on a home. And a permit is required if more than 25% of the roof is repaired.

- **Heating System**: Invest in a home heating system check-up. Better to find potential problems now before you need the heat. And don’t forget to change your filter regularly according to the filter manufactures instructions.

- **Smoke Detectors**: Check every smoke and carbon monoxide detector in the home. This should be done on a monthly basis. Also take a look at the fire extinguisher in the kitchen (every kitchen should have one)! If it is out of date, get a replacement and properly dispose of the old unit.

- **Sump Pump**: A lot more folks are checking their sump pumps since the flood, but I can’t reiterate how important this is. Fall and the start of winter can be wet in Tennessee and you want to keep the basement high and dry. Check the basement for dampness, this could be a sign of a leak or of a clogged drain.

- **Fireplaces and Woodstoves**: If you have these and use them as a heat source, have them checked and serviced by a professional before their first use each heating season. On old fireplaces that are not being used to heat the home, make sure they are properly sealed to prevent warm air from going up the chimney and out the roof.

- **Plumbing and Waterlines**: Make sure all exposed water lines in the home are well insulated, especially those in unheated crawl spaces and basements. All plumbing fixtures should be checked for leaks.

We have only provided a few tips but you should give you home and yard area a thorough inspection looking for signs of damage. Fall is a good time to fertilize and over-seed your lawn. And try planting bulbs this year to enjoy this Spring!
Since 2007, owners of residential rental property have been required to register their property with the Department of Codes & Building Safety’s Property Standards division.

A notice to register is being sent to all registered owners of property in Davidson County. The program requires the owners to submit information about their rental units. The bill requires owners to provide:

- Their full contact information – Name, physical address with contact telephone number (post Office boxes are not acceptable)
- The number of units per property (duplex/triplex, etc.)
- The name and contact information for the management company handling the leasing and maintenance of the units (if applicable)
- Contact information for the new owners if the property has been sold since the last registration.

This information will be maintained in a database and will only be used in the event there is a codes violation at the property which requires correction. Often times the contact information on file with the tax assessors office lists the property owner’s address as that of the rental unit. That means any notices we send out may not reach the owner in a timely manner and could result in the owner being summoned to environmental court.

The state mandated a registration fee of $10.00. This fee is to be paid by each landlord/residential property owner.

Each landlord or property owner is required to pay a single fee for all rental property owned in the County. An owner who owns a single duplex or triplex would only have to pay $10.00 for that property. If more than one property is owned, the fee is still only $10.00 for that landlord/owner. The fee is paid annually. The registration fee is due by December 1st.

Owners of residential rental property should contact the Property Standards Office to register at 862-6590. The registration fee should be made out to “The Department of Codes and Building Safety.”

Mayor Karl Dean issued a new challenge to all Nashvillians – walk or run with him at a 5K event on Sunday, November 13, 2011.

The “Mayor’s Challenge” included a free nine-week training program, conducted at area Metro Parks and community centers and at YMCA centers across the city.

More than 5,000 people joined Mayor Dean at Public Square Park outside the historic Metro Courthouse. Individuals and teams took part in the Mayor’s Challenge, including a team representing the Department of Codes & Building Safety.
Three Metro Park facilities are beautifully depicted in the first of a series of vintage nostalgic prints created by the Anderson Design Group. Three individual prints of McCabe Golf Course, Two Rivers Mansion and Shelby Park are on sale through the end of December at a discount price of $24.99, which is $5.00 off the regular price of $29.99.

The prints arrived just in time for the gift giving season. They are the perfect present for a business or colleague.

All prints can be purchased at Metro Parks’ Reservation Center, located at 2565 Park Plaza. Prints depicting individual park or property can also be purchased at that location.


For more information on purchasing the prints, call (615) 862-8400.

One of the first questions visitors and newcomers to Nashville have is “Why does Nashville have a replica of the ancient Parthenon?” This building, so beloved by the city, has a fascinating history. It’s hard to imagine Nashville without the Parthenon, but there were many years when its future was uncertain.

A new installation about the Parthenon explores its fascinating origin story, as the Fine Arts Building for the 1897 Tennessee Centennial Exposition, held in what is now Centennial Park to celebrate Tennessee’s hundredth year as a state. The exhibition delves into the Centennial Exposition (similar to a World’s Fair), exploring how Nashville presented itself to a national audience a generation after the Civil War.

After the Exposition ended, the Parthenon was in danger of being torn down. Nashvillians, enamored with the idea of their city’s nickname “The Athens of the South” made permanent in building form, clamored for it to remain. For over twenty years, the plaster and wood Parthenon stood in Centennial Park, until it was rebuilt out of concrete in the 1920s.

In 1931, renovation was complete, and the Parthenon has been open ever since, honoring the city’s legacy as a center of learning—much like ancient Athens—as well as the building’s origins as the Fine Arts Building, with its art galleries on the lower level.

The exhibition features many rare and seldom exhibited objects, artifacts, and souvenirs from the Centennial Exposition and the Parthenon over the past 115 years. Local lawyer, collector, historian, and ninth-generation Nashvillian David Ewing has loaned his entire collection of Exposition and Parthenon memorabilia, amassed over the past twenty years, to the Parthenon for this exhibition.

The exhibition will also feature props from the film Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, part of which was filmed in Centennial Park in 2009. In the movie, the main characters make a trip to Nashville to retrieve a pearl from inside Nashville’s Parthenon. Through a generous loan from the 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, several items from the movie, including a script and a pearl, will be on view for several months.

The new installation will be open to the public on November 8, 2011.
Metro Arts Calls for Submissions
Art’s Commission solicits bids for public art to commemorate the May 2010 flood

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (hereinafter Metro) through the Metro Nashville Arts Commission (MNAC) Public Art Committee (PAC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications/SOQ (submissions) from interested and qualified Respondents (artists) to create community gathering places.

Watermarks’ consists of six locations in or near flood-impacted neighborhoods in the following Nashville locations:

1. West Park (Delray)
2. Antioch Community Center (Antioch)
3. Hartman Park (Bordeaux)
4. Harpeth Knoll Park (Bellevue)
5. Shelby Park (East Nashville)
6. Two Rivers Park (Pennington Bend)

The RFQ/Regional Call to Artists will result in the selection of one artist per site, who will each receive a commission of $1,000 for travel to visit the project site, interaction with community members, development of final proposals and making a presentation to the community.

There are six art project opportunities, one at each site. Artists will be required to interact with the affected community to create a reflective place that honors the spirit of Nashville’s communities during this historic event. Each place could consist of one or more items, including benches, backdrops and natural features—culminating as the artwork.

The six projects are open to professional artists working in all mediums, who reside within 250 miles of Nashville, including: Atlanta, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Bowling Green, Paducah, Louisville, Huntsville and Birmingham.

Ballpark Evaluation Study Narrows Sites to Three
Mayor says three locations present unique opportunities, with East Bank providing greatest economic impact potential

Mayor Karl Dean today released a baseball stadium site evaluation study that narrows potential locations for a new minor-league ballpark in Nashville to three: the East Bank of the Cumberland River, Sulphur Dell located near Germantown and the North Gulch area north of Charlotte Avenue.

The study by sports consulting firm Populous describes the three sites as “exciting options” for a new ballpark. The study calls the East Bank the site “that can produce impact on a grand scale.” It also says that development there “creates a new front door to downtown Nashville.”

The study says a ballpark in the North Gulch could build on the energy of ongoing Gulch development and could act as a gateway from West Nashville on Charlotte Avenue. The Sulphur Dell site, the historic location of professional baseball in Nashville, would be an opportunity to tie into two greenway systems and could boost development along Jefferson Street, the report says.

“All three sites present unique opportunities to enhance our city in different ways,” Dean said. “Both the North Gulch and the Sulphur Dell locations would build on the growth and reinvestment of important urban neighborhoods. I am especially intrigued by the East Bank site because it offers opportunity for more than just a baseball stadium. It could be the catalyst for a complete transformation of one of the last undeveloped, highly visible sections of our city’s skyline.”

The report notes that the trend in most cities for financing a minor-league baseball stadium is through a public-private partnership.

“The study is the first step in a long process,” Dean said. “We are still a long way from a financing structure and an agreement with the Nashville Sounds. As the report points out, next steps include market and financial feasibility studies and further study of property acquisition. Additionally, there has to be a significant financial contribution by the Sounds.”

The former Thermal Transfer Plant near Riverfront Park, the Opryland/Music Valley area, the North Gulch south of Charlotte Avenue and the East Bank north of the Jefferson Street Bridge were also studied, as was renovating Greer Stadium. Greer has been home to minor-league baseball in Nashville since 1978.
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**2011 – 2012 Brush Collection Schedule**

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You may also sign-up to receive e-mail reminders when brush collection will begin in your area.

For information on how and where to place your brush for collection visit: [www.nashville.gov/brush](http://www.nashville.gov/brush)

Print this page and post on your refrigerator or bulletin board in your home or office.
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

- **Christmas Tree Fire Hazards:** Movie segments demonstrating how fast a live Christmas tree can become fully engulfed in flames. 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.
15th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament
Sets a Record for Number of Golfers!

On Saturday, October 1st, Metro Codes held their 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course, that is part of the Metro Parks system.

This years tournament set several records for the Department. There were 128 golfers and 150 sponsors for the event that raised $37,000 for local charities.

The $37,000 dollars was raised to support the Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC) - for the benefit of the Easter’ Seals Summer Camp programs and the Harris-Hillman School.

This beat the previous record of $28,000 set in 2010.

Save the Date: Next years’ tournament will be held at Ted Rhodes on Saturday, October 6, 2012.