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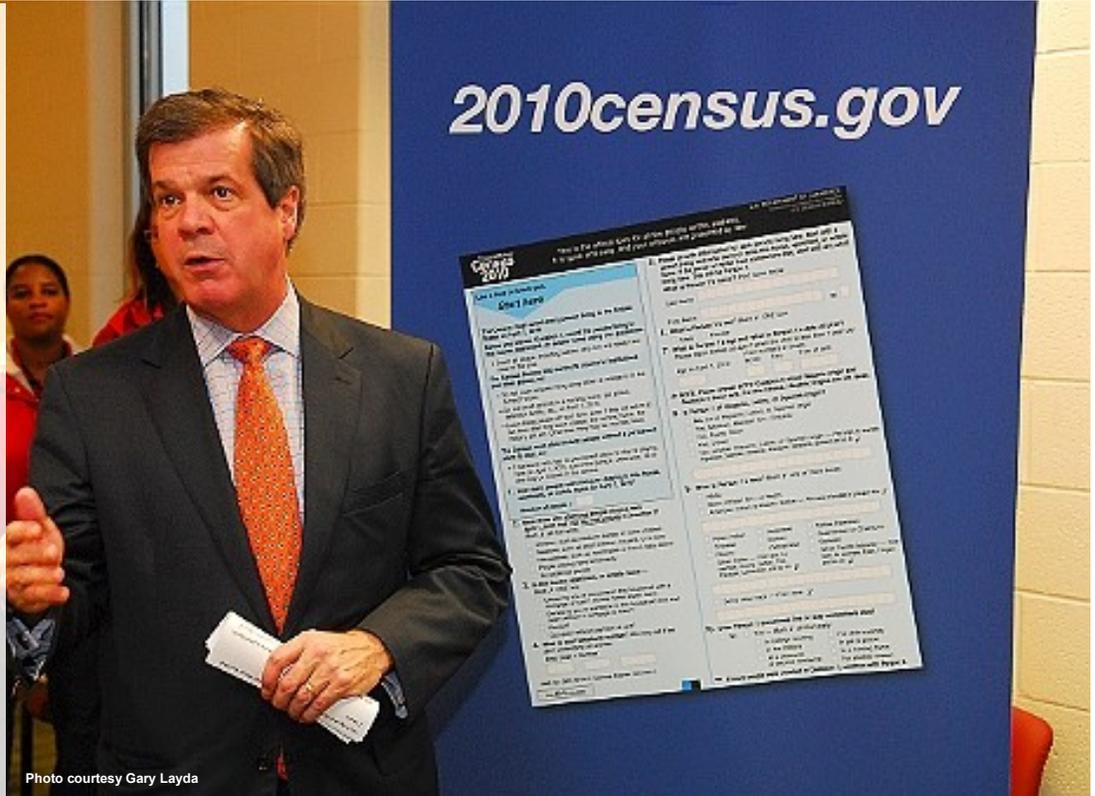


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## Nashville Kicks Off 2010 Census Effort

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Nashville Mayor Karl Dean kicked off the local "Complete Count" effort for the 2010 Census campaign locally as more than 40 gathered at Coleman Park Community Center.



The 2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour, a part of the largest civic outreach and awareness campaign in U.S. history, stopped in our community, one of 800 events nationwide. The goal is to motivate America's growing and increasingly diverse population to complete and mail back the 10-question census form when it arrives in mailboxes March 15-17.

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census form will be one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.

Attendees had an opportunity to learn about the 2010 Census and understand the benefits a complete count can bring to Nashville-Davidson County. In addition, each person could view a sample 2010 Census form and learn how the collected information is used while contributing stories and photos to the Portrait of America project to explain why "I count!".

Nationwide, the van-trailer will travel a total of 1,547 days and more than 150,000 miles across with its 13 road tour vehicle fleet providing the public with an educational, engaging and interactive experience that brings the 2010 Census to life.

Sample page of the 2010 Census form. To view the complete form, follow the link on the form.

In addition, the U.S. Census Bureau has unveiled its national advertising campaign for the 2010 Census, which seeks to boost the national mail-back participation rate by increasing awareness and educating the public about the importance of participating in the once-a-decade headcount.

The \$133 million campaign builds on the success of the 2000 Census efforts, where the Census Bureau used paid

advertising for the first time and reversed a three-decade decline in public response rates by mail.

"One of the primary goals for our advertising and outreach campaign is to increase the number of people who mail back their forms when they arrive in March," Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves said during a presentation at the Ronald Reagan Building. "For each percentage point increase in the national mail-back response rate, the Census Bureau saves taxpayers about \$80 to \$90 million in costs associated with having to send census takers to nonresponding households for in-person interviews."



Mayor Karl Dean with Renata Soto, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Conxion Americas and David C. Duncan, Nashville Census Office Manager.

With ads produced in an unprecedented 28 languages, the 2010 Census advertising campaign will reach the average person 42 times with messages around the importance of participating in the census. More than half of the budgeted advertising will be targeted to media consumed by minority and ethnic audiences.

From Super Bowl XLIV and the 2010 Winter Olympics, to popular prime-time shows, the 2010 Census advertising campaign represents the most extensive and diverse outreach campaign in U.S. history. The advertising rollout also included updates on other outreach efforts, such as the Census in Schools program, "Portrait of America" Road Tour, and the national and regional partnership programs targeted at reaching hard-to-count populations.

Other key elements of the 2010 Census Integrated Communications Campaign include:

- A national road tour with 13 vehicles traveling to key events across the country, such as NASCAR races, the Super Bowl, parades and more.
- A 2010 Census Web site, located at [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov) with in-depth information on the 2010 Census, plus a social media component.
- "Teach Census" Week in schools nationwide in February, part of the Census in Schools program.
- Public service announcements airing nationwide.

The "Take 10" program to encourage every resident to take 10 minutes to fill out their form in an effort to increase mail response rates in March and April.

Outreach activities launched by national and local corporate, foundation, government and nonprofit organizations.

"The 2010 Census is important, easy and safe," Groves said. "When the forms begin arriving in March, we urge everyone to take a few minutes to fill them out and mail them back."

## Protect Your Home from Far Away Thieves

Last month we talked about house stealing that can occur from far away, outlaws selling stolen homes, or using hijacked homes as collateral to get new loans. The same unscrupulous minds are at work when it comes to rental houses. Landlords and tenants should be wary because rental scams are on the rise as criminals move in to take advantage of the volatile housing market.

This first came to my attention through personal experience. I was looking for a house to rent, and like many people these days, I went to Craigslist.com to search. I found a nice size house in a neighborhood that would be convenient to work, shopping and other frequent activities. The pictures showed an attractive, clean house, inside and out. And the rent was an exceptional deal!

I immediately sent an email to the address listed (there was no contact phone number). Meanwhile, I went to Google maps, typed in the address, and selected “street view.” Voila! There was the house, just as pictured in the ad, in a well manicured neighborhood.

I then switched Google maps to “real estate.” This feature shows all the MLS listings for houses. The same house was listed for sale. Odd, I thought. I went to the listing, and called the real estate agent. The agent was not aware the house was listed for rent and said he would call the owners to see if perhaps they had listed it for rent. The next day, I received an email reply from the person on Craigslist. In poor English, they claimed to be the owner that had been transferred overseas. I was advised that I could go look in the windows of the house, and if I liked it, to send them a sizable deposit and they would then send me the keys. I realized then that the infamous Nigerian scammers had hit Craigslist. I immediately reported them to Craigslist and the realtor.

Here are some of the ploys used by scammers to steal rent money:

- **Nigerian Rental Scams.** This scam targets both property owners and renters. One flavor of this scam involves a crook finding a photo of a property, its address and then posting them on Craigslist or other online rental websites hoping someone will be willing to wire them the first and last month’s rent, security deposits, and assorted fees (sound familiar?). The ad will be so enticing that the potential renters will think they’re getting a bargain.
- A variation of this scam is the classic Nigerian 419 scam. Someone will answer an online posting for a property and ask to pay by Western Union. If the landlord takes the bait, the renter will “accidentally” pay too much. The renter will apologize and ask for the extra funds to be sent back to them. If the landlord doesn’t wait for the payment to clear the bank and sends the money, they’re out whatever they send.

- Renting with the intent of renting to others. A scam artist rents a property so they can show it to other prospective renters. They’ll collect first and last month’s rent, security deposits and any fees or charges they can squeeze out of their victims before skipping town with the loot. There have been reports of a single property being rented to dozens of people before the crook vanished with their money.
- Renting on behalf of the owner. This is similar to the previous scam, except the scam artist claims to be helping someone else rent the property. They might be sick, or overseas, or just too busy for whatever reason. Once the scammer collects first and last months rent, deposits and fees, they skip town. The renter then discovers the home wasn’t for rent. The owners or renters may have been away for business or pleasure, it’s a vacation home, or it could be a foreclosed property. Either way you’re out the money if you fall for it.

The FBI has recently released a warning regarding rental scams. They recommend these tips:

- Only deal with landlords or renters who are local;
- Be suspicious if you’re asked to only use a wire transfer service;
- Beware of e-mail correspondence from the “landlord” that’s written in poor or broken English;
- Research the average rental rates in that area and be suspicious if the rate is significantly lower;
- Don’t give out personal information, like social security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

Landlords can get hurt in these deals as well as renters. If you are a landlord, follow these tips to help protect yourself:

- Keep a watchful eye on your home. If you don’t live nearby, consider hiring a home watch service to periodically check the home for odd activity.
- Change the locks frequently if you rent the property often. If your previous tenants kept a copy of the keys, they have access to the home!
- Ask potential tenants for references and follow up by checking them.
- Verify your tenant’s employment by contacting their employer.
- Run a credit check on potential tenants.
- Don’t let a tenant pay more than you asked for then demand a refund.

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Sources: [fraudguides.com](http://fraudguides.com) and [fbi.gov](http://fbi.gov)

## Take Mayor Karl Dean's Environmental Pledge

Five simple things that each of us can do, starting today. We are going to feature one of the Mayor’s pledge points each month in our newsletter. Whether we live in an apartment or home, these small choices can help create a healthier, cleaner and safer environment for everyone. For more information about the Environmental Pledge, go to: <http://www.nashville.gov/green/forms/pledge.aspx>



**AIR**

**I PLEDGE** to replace at least one car trip a week with walking, bicycling, carpooling or public transport.  
**I CAN** decrease carbon dioxide emissions by 1,000 pounds.  
**TOGETHER** all Nashvillians can eliminate more than 290,000 tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent to removing 5,800 cars from the road every year.

## Ceiling Fan Installation and Usage Tips

Ceiling fan performance and energy savings rely heavily on the proper installation and use of the ceiling fan.

Here are a few tips, from the United States Department of Energy, to ensure quality and product performance. Remember: consumers should read and understand manufacturer instructions before attempting to install a ceiling fan.

### Choosing the Appropriate UL-Rated Electrical Box

Make sure that you use the appropriate UL-listed metal box, marked "For Use With Ceiling Fans." This outlet box is mounted above the ceiling and also is the point where the fan is attached. This box houses all wiring needed to operate and connect the ceiling fan. If you are replacing a ceiling fixture, most likely you will need to replace the electrical box.

### Mounting the Ceiling Fan

If possible, the ceiling fan should be anchored to a ceiling joist. In the case that the joist is not located in the center of the room, a special ceiling fan mounting bracket with spiked ends should be installed between joists. Keep in mind that ceiling fans can weigh as much as 50 pounds!

### Balancing a Wobbly Fan

All fan blades should be balanced prior to shipment; however, if the fan is wobbly after installation, there are ways to fix it. First,



make sure that all connections are properly aligned and tightly fastened. Check the alignment of the blades by holding a yardstick vertically along the edges; you may be able to gently bend a misaligned blade holder back into proper place. If all blades are aligned, a balancing kit can then be used to pinpoint the culprit. These kits are either provided within product packaging (e.g., balancing clips and blade weights) or can be sent by the manufacturer free of charge.

### Turn Off When not in the Room

Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. If the room is unoccupied, turn off the ceiling fan to save energy.

### Using the Ceiling Fan Year Round

In the summer, use the ceiling fan in the counterclockwise direction. While standing directly under the ceiling fan you should feel a cool breeze. The airflow produced creates a wind-chill effect, making you "feel" cooler. In the winter, reverse the motor and operate the ceiling fan at low speed in the clockwise direction. This produces a gentle updraft, which forces warm air near the ceiling down into the occupied space. Remember to adjust your thermostat when using your ceiling fan — additional energy and dollar savings could be realized with this simple step!

## A Report to the Citizens

Fiscal Year 2009

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

### A Message from the Mayor

My Fellow Citizens:

It is an honor to present to you the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County's 2009 Report to the Citizens for the fiscal year 2009 beginning July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

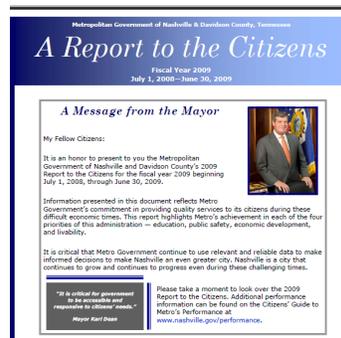
**"It is critical for government to be accessible and responsive to citizens' needs."**

Mayor Karl Dean



Information presented in this document reflects Metro Government's commitment in providing quality services to its citizens during these difficult economic times. This report highlights Metro's achievement in each of the four priorities of this administration — education, public safety, economic development, and livability.

It is critical that Metro Government continue to use relevant and reliable data to make informed decisions to make Nashville an even greater city. Nashville is a city that continues to grow and continues to progress even during these challenging times.



The complete report is available on the web at [www.nashville.gov/finance/docs/strategicmgt/cqmp/perf\\_report\\_fy09.pdf](http://www.nashville.gov/finance/docs/strategicmgt/cqmp/perf_report_fy09.pdf)

Please take a moment to look over the 2009 Report to the Citizens. Additional performance information can be found on the Citizen's Guide to Metro's Performance at [www.nashville.gov/performance](http://www.nashville.gov/performance).



## Codes Makes MECC Contribution

Mayor Karl Dean accepts \$23,000 check from Carla Langley-Smith and Terry Cobb as a part of Codes & Building Safety 2009 contribution to the Metropolitan Employees Combined Charities Campaign.

## Nashville to Launch 'Adopt A Meter' Program To Benefit Homelessness

Mayor Karl Dean today announced the launch of the Adopt A Meter program in Nashville, an innovative awareness campaign that places specially marked refurbished parking meters throughout the city where people can deposit change and dollar bills that will benefit the city's homeless outreach efforts.

The program is being coordinated by the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission with assistance from Public Works. The Homelessness Commission is seeking private donations to cover the cost of the signage and the program startup. Sponsoring businesses will have their logo displayed on a meter.

"Homelessness is not a government issue. It is not a nonprofit issue. Homelessness is a community issue," Dean said. "The Adopt A Meter program is a way for citizens to channel funding directly toward the outreach efforts that benefit homeless individuals and families in our city."

The City of Denver implemented a similar meter program in 2007 and now has 86 meters displayed that generate more than \$100,000 annually. The meters have effectively educated the public about the need to support the city's solutions to end homelessness and have reduced the occurrence of panhandling downtown.

Howard Gentry, CEO of the Nashville Chamber Public Benefit Foundation and a member of the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission, said Mayor Karl Dean approached the Commission after a Chamber-sponsored leadership trip to Denver last spring.

"Several business leaders expressed their interest in getting involved in homelessness initiatives after they saw Denver's programs," Gentry said. "The Adopt A Meter program is a great way to start because it is financed through sponsorships from local businesses."

Donations deposited in the meters will benefit the city's homeless outreach programs. This fundraising strategy will be coordinated by the Key Alliance, an initiative of the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission that brings together nonprofit, faith

-based, government, and for-profit organizations to create more low-income housing opportunities for the homeless.

"Nashville currently has six full-time outreach workers assisting the roughly 4,000 individuals and families who are homeless on any given night," Clifton Harris, director of the Metropolitan Homelessness Commission, said. "Street outreach workers are essential to building relationships with homeless individuals and families, and connecting them to services that remove barriers to housing."

Harris explained that Housing First, which is permanent housing coupled with intensive case management, is the solution to homelessness.

"However, without the outreach programs needed we are unable to reach the most vulnerable individuals and families in our midst," Harris said. "Through the Adopt A Meter program the entire Nashville community will be able to help us move toward our goal of ending chronic homelessness and reducing overall homelessness in Nashville."

Meters in Nashville will be placed in prominent city locations that have a high volume of pedestrian traffic. The Key Alliance is working closely with Public Works to designate the sites. Public Works has donated 30 meters to start the program. The meters will be installed as the Homelessness Commission receives sponsorships for them.



Photo courtesy of Mayor's Office

Southwest Airlines is the first to take part in "Adopt a Meter," a new program that uses old parking meters to raise donations for the homeless.

## Cities of Service and Rockefeller Foundation Award First-Ever Leadership Grant to Nashville on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

### *Grant to Fund Chief Service Officer Position to Lead Local Efforts to Increase Volunteerism*

Cities of Service and the Rockefeller Foundation has announced the winners of the first-ever Cities of Service Leadership grants. As one of the 10 winning cities, Nashville will receive the \$200,000 two-year grant, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, to hire a Chief Service Officer dedicated to developing and implementing a citywide plan to increase volunteerism.

"I first learned of this funding opportunity when I joined Mayor Bloomberg in New York in September for the formation of Cities of Service. These are tight times for city budgets. This grant will allow us to have dedicated staff for developing service opportunities, something we wouldn't have been able to do otherwise. I look forward to engaging our citizens to in our cities greatest needs and priorities, especially education," Nashville Mayor Karl Dean said.

Cities of Service is a bipartisan coalition of mayors from across the country, representing more than 38 million Americans in 80 cities, dedicated to engaging more Americans in service and channeling volunteers toward each city's most pressing challenges.

Each of the winners displayed a strong commitment to service and outlined thoughtful, thorough, and creative approaches to expanding local opportunities for volunteers to make an impact in their city. Of the ten grant recipients, five are founding members of the Cities of Service coalition, including Nashville.

"I can think of no better way to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, co-founder of Cities of Service. "His words – as eloquent as you will ever find - were about more than our highest aspirations. They were also a call to action. That is something that mayors know well. We are the ones who confront challenges, day in and day out, and we have quickly learned that service is an important tool that we can use to solve local problems. These grants will quickly allow mayors to expand their local service opportunities and deepen their impact."

The Cities of Service Leadership grants will allow each city to hire a Chief Service Officer, a senior-ranking official who will develop and implement a citywide service plan by June 1, 2010. To do so, each Chief Service Officer will convene a strategic committee of service experts and stakeholders, conduct an assessment of existing service levels, and identify collaborative partnerships to deepen the effects of local volunteerism. By December 1, 2010, recipient cities must submit a progress report tracking the results of the comprehensive service plan and launch a website that allows both volunteers to search for service opportunities and service organizations seeking to engage citizens.

A selection committee – made up of the Rockefeller Foundation, national service experts, and city representatives – awarded the grants based upon the ability of the applicant to outline how they would: conduct an assessment of existing service levels; produce a coordinated citywide plan to increase service; engage local universities; and appoint a Chief Service Officer who would report directly to the mayor or another high-ranking official in the administration. Applications were limited to members of the coalition in cities that have more than 100,000 residents, according to the 2000 census, and have at least one community college or

four-year public or private university. In total, 50 cities applied for a leadership grant.



**Mayor Dean Joins NYC Mayor Bloomberg and Others to Launch "Cities of Service"**

Mayor Dean joined New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg on September 10 along with mayors from 16 cities across the country to launch Cities of Service, a bipartisan coalition of mayors representing more than 20 million Americans, who will work together to engage their citizens in volunteer service. The founding mayors met for a half-day summit at Gracie Mansion where they signed a Declaration of Service, a commitment to finding new ways to tap the power of volunteers to address each city's most pressing challenges.

### About Cities of Service

Founded in New York City on September 10, 2009 with 17 initial member cities, Cities of Service is a bipartisan coalition of mayors who have answered the historic Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act's call to action. Cities – often at the front lines of our nation's most pressing challenges - are perfectly positioned to work together to engage millions more volunteers in service and develop strategies to increase the amount and impact of local service efforts. All coalition members have signed a "Declaration of Service," committing to work together to lead a multi-year effort to expand community service and volunteerism by:

- Developing a comprehensive service plan and a coordinated strategy focused on matching volunteers and established community partners to the areas of greatest local need;
- Working with other mayors and elected officials to advance strategies and best practices that accelerate the service movement and produce measurable results;
- Encouraging other mayors to join this national effort to engage our citizens; and
- Ensuring that the voice of cities is heard in federal legislative, policy, and program discussions related to service, which will help the country achieve the ambitious goals of the Serve America Act.

The coalition has rapidly grown since its inception in September and now has 80 Mayors, representing more than 38 million Americans in 80 cities across the nation. The coalition includes seven of the 10 largest cities in the country and 28 of the top 50.

More information about the coalition can be found at [www.citiesofservice.org](http://www.citiesofservice.org).

## East Nashville Named One of South's Best Comeback Neighborhoods

The East Nashville neighborhood was named one of the 10 best comeback neighborhoods in the South, according to the January issue of Southern Living magazine.

Southern Living scoured the South to find neighborhoods that were once down on their luck but are now resurging with community pride. It's where revival isn't just about fixing up old houses, it's about working together to rebuild traditions and save the soul of a place, according to the magazine.

"These stories are the essence of the South," Editor-in-Chief Eleanor Griffin writes in her editor's letter. The "10 communities...are reborn with the feels-like-a-small-town lifestyle we Southerners cherish."

"In choosing the neighborhoods, Southern Living considered civic pride backed up with community action. What makes our choices special are the owner's drive to work beyond the walls of their homes to improve public parks, support local shops, and each other," according to Southern Living Building Editor Rex Perry. "We considered the comeback story—how far down did the neighborhoods fall, and how far has it come back."

"Our top choices recognize the importance of local amenities, walkable neighborhoods, and streetscapes with character. Finally, we looked at neighborhood green spaces," he said.



Wide sidewalks and streets lined with turn of the century houses add charm and character to the Nashville's East Nashville community.

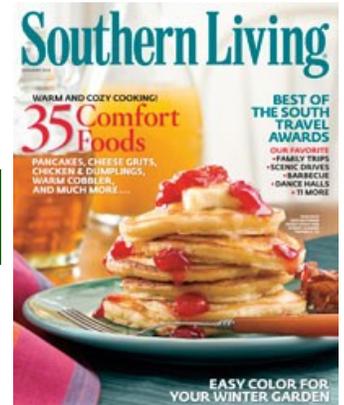
"After 10-plus years of a slow and steady rise, the neighborhood managed to keep its eclectic, artsy vibe while welcoming a diverse mix of newcomers," according to the magazine.

"Of all the great things happening here, when I see young moms pushing strollers down the sidewalks, I know this place is back," Wonders on Woodland shop owner Debbie Goodwyn told Southern Living.

According to Southern Living the Top 10 Comeback Neighborhoods are:

1. Springfield, Jacksonville, FL
2. North Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN
3. Wilmore/South End, Charlotte, NC
4. Crescent Hill, Louisville, KY
5. Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD
6. Historic Fairmount, Fort Worth, TX
7. Phelps Grove, Springfield, MO
8. Viola, Greenville, SC
9. East Nashville, Nashville, TN
10. Holy Cross, New Orleans, LA

The full story appears in the January edition of Southern Living Magazine.



## Mayor Announces Support for Governor's Plan To Compete For "Race To The Top" Funds

"I strongly support Governor Bredesen's call for a special session of the legislature next week, and I join him in urging our state legislators to take the necessary action to make Tennessee competitive for 'Race to the Top' funds.

"President Obama has created a historic opportunity to reform public education in our country. As the mayor of the only school district in state of Tennessee to be in 'Restructuring I' under No Child Left Behind, I feel a tremendous sense of urgency for education reform. It's our students who will reap the consequences if we simply keep doing things the way they've always been done.

"Since taking office, we've brought two national nonprofit organizations focused on education reform to Nashville to work in our schools – Teach for America and The New Teacher Project. With The New Teacher Project embedded in our schools' human resources department, our district stands at the threshold of completely changing the way it recruits and retains its teachers. In December, I announced the launch of the Center for Charter

School Excellence in Tennessee, which will recruit and support high quality charter school operators in Nashville, and eventually the state. And I'm working with Director of Metro Schools Dr. Jesse Register on an effort to transform the traditional teacher compensation model in Nashville.

"Governor Bredesen has always been a strong advocate for public education, and has made great strides, most recently with the implementation of the Tennessee Diploma Project. This next step – changing the way we evaluate our teachers – is right in line with my areas of focus. While others talk about reform, Governor Bredesen is on the frontline pushing for the changes this state needs in order to raise the bar.

"I too plan to remain on the frontlines, as I did with the recent charter school legislation, and advocate for the needed changes that will place Nashville and this state in a position for long-term success."

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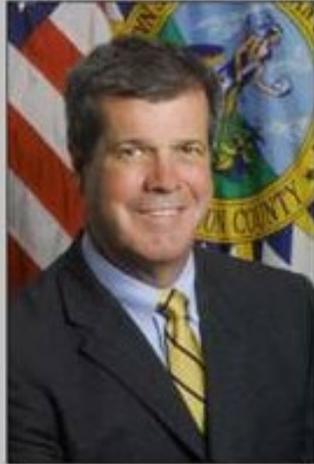
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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM LECTURE (open to public, free admission)**

TSU's Avon Williams Campus Auditorium  
 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N & Charlotte Ave (downtown)  
*Free visitor parking in the main parking lot*

For additional information, please contact Brenda Collier  
 at [bcollier@tnstate.edu](mailto:bcollier@tnstate.edu) or (615) 963-7268



## Nashville Storm Spotter class schedule



The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management is teaming up with the National Weather Service again this year and hosting several Storm Spotter classes in the Nashville area. Each class includes the basic and advanced storm spotter material.

Spotter classes are free of charge and will be held in the Emergency Operations Center.

The schedule is as follows:

- Tues., February 16 from 7-9 p.m.
- Mon., February 22 from 6-8 p.m.
- Thurs., February 25 from 9-11 a.m.
- Sat., March 6 from 9-11 a.m.
- Wed., March 10 from 2-4 p.m.

Limited space is available and pre-registration is required for each class. Please visit our web site at [www.nashville.gov/oem](http://www.nashville.gov/oem) for more information.

## CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING OLD CHRISTMAS 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 old 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](http://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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