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Mayor Celebrates Groundbreaking for New Public Health Center

Modern Facility to Open in Late 2013

Mayor Karl Dean today celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Lentz Public Health Center, which will be constructed at the corner of 26th Avenue North and Charlotte Avenue through an agreement with Nashville-based HCA.

Under the agreement, HCA will develop a new main public health facility for Metro on HCA property on Charlotte Avenue, and the city will give HCA ownership of Metro's current Lentz Public Health Center property, which is located at 311 23rd Avenue North. The new facility is scheduled to open in late 2013.

"Our work with HCA on this project is a public-private partnership that gives TriStar Centennial Medical Center flexibility to grow to meet its future needs and our residents the kind of modern public health center they deserve," Dean said. "Not only will our new health center continue to be a central location for critical services like immunizations, but it will also include a community kitchen where families can learn healthy ways to cook."

The three-story, 106,800-square-foot building will serve both as a clinic and administrative office for the Metro Public Health Department, just as the current facility does. It is being built with environmental features to attain LEED Silver Certification, including energy-efficient lighting, rain-water harvesting for irrigation and public transportation access.

In addition to including a demonstration kitchen where residents can attend nutrition classes, the new facility will include a 2,300-square-foot multipurpose room available for community use. As part of the agreement, HCA will construct the new public health center at a cost not to exceed \$28.5 million. HCA will finance the project during construction and supervise the construction process. Metro will continue to operate its public health operations out of the current Lentz center until construction is completed.

"We are so pleased to play a role in providing Metro and the people of Nashville a new, state-of-the-art public health facility," said Steve Corbeil, president of HCA's TriStar Health. "HCA has a long history of managing major construction projects of hospitals and health facilities. We are pleased to share this expertise with Metro



Mayor Karl Dean gives opening remarks at celebration hosted to break ground on the new Lentz Public Health Center.

Photo courtesy—Gary Layda

to help meet the health needs of the communities we serve."

The new building on Charlotte Avenue will be located just two blocks from the 28th Avenue Connector, a new road under construction to connect 28th Avenue in North Nashville to West End. Both the new Lentz building and 28th Avenue Connector are expected to help revitalize Charlotte Avenue and generate new economic development opportunities.

The current Lentz Public Health Center was built in 1958 and was expanded in 1978. It has never been renovated to meet the modern needs of providing public health services. It was named after Dr. John J. Lentz, who served as health director in Nashville and Davidson County from 1920 to 1964.



An artists rendering of the new facility.

"Over 50 years ago, Dr. Lentz said that public health programs need to change, adapt and anticipate the needs of the community," said Dr. Bill Paul, Metro's Director of Health. "Today, the health department continues that legacy. We provide a wide range of services to protect and improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in Nashville, and we continue to adapt and look forward. This new building will support our health department for decades to come as a vital community resource and a change agent for a healthier Nashville."

Public health services offered at the new center will include immunizations for children and adults; nutrition services for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program; family planning services; a children's dental health clinic; and birth and death certificate services. It will also house the Food Protection Services program, which conducts restaurant and grocery store inspections, along with a Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic and a Tuberculosis Clinic.

Mayor Launches “Share A Book” Program

Campaign to encourage families to read to young children



Mayor Karl Dean announced the launch of a citywide focus on literacy with a multi-faceted reading campaign to encourage families to read to young children, promote adult literacy, educate residents about the Nashville Public Library system and promote volunteer opportunities to help spread literacy in the community. The “Share A

Book” Reading Campaign kick off event was held on May 19 at the main Nashville Public Library downtown.

Some 12 percent of adult Davidson County residents lack basic reading and comprehension skills, according to a 2010 study. A 2007 report by Reach Out and Read said less than half of young children in Tennessee are read to daily. National studies show children who enter kindergarten without pre-reading skills never catch up.

“Reading is the basic building block for all other learning,” Dean said. “Just like we have worked to make healthy living part of the Nashville culture, I want our city to focus on reading and literacy. This is a social, educational and economic development issue.”

More information about the reading campaign is at : www.shareabook.nashville.gov and the “Share A Book” Facebook page.



Mayor Dean shares a book with students

Photo courtesy—Gary Layda

EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE SET TO HONOR MAYOR KARL DEAN AT 2012 NASHVILLIAN OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION



Mayor Karl Dean
Photos—Gary Layda

Easter Seals Tennessee President and CEO, Rita Baumgartner; Board Chair, Bill Andrews; and Master of Ceremonies, Neil Orne will present the 2012 *Nashvillian of the Year Award* to **Mayor Karl Dean** at the 2012 *Nashvillian of the Year Celebration* benefiting *Easter Seals Tennessee* held on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. In addition to Dean’s honor, **Terry Cobb**, Director of the Department of Codes & Building Safety for Nashville and Davidson County, will be presented with the *Buddy Killen Memorial Volunteer Service Award* given to a deserving Easter Seals Tennessee volunteer in memory of longtime Easter Seals Tennessee Board Member and Chair Buddy Killen. Proceeds from the annual *Nashvillian of the Year Celebration* benefit Easter Seals Tennessee, a statewide charitable organization dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities live with greater independence.



Terry Cobb—Codes Director

2012 *Nashvillian of the Year* Honoree Karl Dean is the sixth mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County who was elected on Sept. 11, 2007 and was re-elected on Aug. 4, 2012 with nearly 80 percent of the vote. During his time in office, Mayor Dean has invested in schools, public safety and economic development – the three areas he considers most important to greater Nashville’s overall continued success. The Mayor also works diligently on issues related to

the city’s environment and health in an effort to maintain and improve each Nashvillian’s high quality of life.

Since 1993, the *Nashvillian of the Year* award has been given to Nashville’s notable leaders who best exemplify the qualities of leadership that ensure that Nashville continues to be a better place to live. Annually, past honorees select the recipient of the *Nashvillian of the Year* award using criteria including individual contributions to the community, philanthropic causes, and business leadership. Past recipients include: *E.W. “Bud” Wendell, Burton Hummell, General William G. Moore, Jr., Owen G. Shell, Jr., Cal Turner, Jr., Samuel H. Howard, Craig L. Leipold, Governor Phil Bredesen, Jack Vaughn, Amy Grant, Aubrey B. Harwell, Jr., Kitty Moon Emery, Clayton McWhorter, John Seigenthaler, Judy Liff Barker, Howard Gentry, Buddy Killen, Orrin Ingram, Richard Eskind, Mike Curb, Monroe Carell, Nelson Andrews, Dr. Bob Fisher, and Steve Turner.*

Easter Seals Tennessee is a Nashville-headquartered community-based, non-profit health and human services agency dedicated to providing exceptional services to ensure that all people throughout the state of Tennessee with disabilities and/or special needs, and their families, have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities. Established more than 85 years ago, the Easter Seals national organization assists more than one million individuals and their families annually at more than 550 Easter Seals services sites across the country.

For more information about the 2012 *Nashvillian of the Year* Celebration benefiting Easter Seals Tennessee, please contact Harrison Perry, director of development and marketing, at 615.292.6640 ext 110 or hperry@eastersealstn.com or www.eastersealstn.com.

Codes Department Exceeds Collection Goal For Removal of Illegal Signs

Record number of illegal signs are removed from the Public right of way

During last years budget hearing, the issue of illegal signage in Nashville was a hotly debated topic. During a press conference arranged to cover the proceedings, several members of council questioned the efforts of the Codes department to address the problem with illegal signs.

Codes Director Terry Cobb pointed out that his department was just one of several Metro departments with the responsibility and the authority to remove illegal signs from the public right of way. Public Works, NES, and the Metro Police department all have the same responsibility as Codes to enforce the sign regulations.

It was during that meeting that Mr. Cobb expressed his commitment to increase his departments level of enforcement of the sign code. Less than 4,000 signs had been removed from the right of way last fiscal year. He pledged to remove 10,000 signs during this fiscal year.

As of June 1, 2012, the Codes department has removed over 11, 575 illegal signs from the public way. All of the Codes inspectors from the Property Standards and Building Divisions participated in this years effort. The Property Standards Division has also issued over 865 abate notices to property owners violating the sign regulations.

Codes has worked cooperatively with Public Works and NES to have signs removed from utility poles that are placed at a height beyond the normal reach of our inspectors. This is a tactic that a number of violators



are using in an effort to thwart our enforcement efforts.

We have also made use of a change in the Code that allows us to hold entertainment venues and others who benefit from activities advertised by signs placed illegally on the right of way or on utility poles. In the past, entertainment venues would try to avoid prosecution by claiming the “band” put up the signs without their knowledge. The new provision allows us to hold them equally responsible.

Another tool that Codes is exploring is the use of a new software program that makes “robo” calls to sign violators. The system will repeatedly call the violators contact number with a warning that the calls will not stop until they remove all of their illegal signs and show proof that they have done so. This system has proved effective in other jurisdictions to reduce illegal sign violations.

“Three Metro departments (Codes, Public Works/Traffic & Parking, and Metro Police) plus NES have the authority to either prosecute such sign violations or to physically remove signs which are illegally posted on public property.”

**Terry Cobb, Director,
Codes & Building Safety**

Metro Sign Code

Key Points

The following are some of the important points to remember concerning signs in Davidson County:

- It is illegal to place any sign on the public right of way. Signs should be a minimum of 10 feet from the public way onto private property.
- Signs cannot be placed on public or private property without the permission of the property owner.
- It is illegal to attach a sign of any kind to a utility pole, signal box or other public structure.
- Banners are allowed under certain conditions and they require a permit.
- Signs advertising real estate for sale or lease can only be on the property being sold or leased. Directional signs off the property are not allowed.
- Commercial signs require a permit in most cases. Signs that are energized (lighted) always require a permit, even if repairs are made to an existing sign.
- Wind signs (flags, balloons and pennants) are not allowed.



Music City Center Update

Construction continues to move at an accelerated pace as the convention centers nears completion. The aerial photographs below show the center from various angles, giving the viewer a birds-eye view of the massive scale and dramatic artistry of the project. Other highlights include:

- Final rough-ins for all bathrooms will wrap up.
- Millwork for the third floor meeting rooms arrives on site.
- Installation of curtain wall on the north side of the Demonbreun belly wall completes.
- Also finishing is the erection of miscellaneous metal in the grand ballroom.
- Concrete hardscape will complete on the north side of the building, between 6th and 7th Avenues in the VIP drop off area.
- All metal panels will be installed on the west side of the roof 'drum,' the guitar-shaped high roof.



This photo from the north elevation gives a hint of what a showcase for the city the Music City Center will be on completion. This shot shows the completed "Green Roof."

Photo: Aerialinnovations



Shot from the 5th Avenue elevation of the building, viewers can see the 'sunroom' and roof filling out.

Photo: Aerialinnovations

First Lady Chrissy Haslam and her staff took advantage of a beautiful summer day to visit the site last Friday, hosted by Project Manager Kristen Heggie. Ms. Haslam is fourth from right.

Photo: Music City Center



Lunch and Lecture Series

Lawn Care for Home Owners



Does the saying, "the grass is always greener..." come to mind when you glance at your neighbor's yard. Here's your chance to learn the basics of lawn care. Using Cheekwood's turf management program as a model, Drew Sullivan from Dickens Turf and Landscape Supply will explain how to cultivate a thriving lawn. This lecture will 'cover a lot of ground', including turf types, mowing, aerating, watering, fertilizing, weeding, and insect and disease control.

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Report a Codes Violation Online

Don't forget, Codes has the capability of receiving requests for service via the internet. Just go to Nashville.gov and, from the Codes Administration webpage, just select the link:



Report a Code Violation



Duffy Hoffman, third generation craftsman and owner of P and R Inc., will instruct a workshop on preserving wood windows, July 15-20, 2012. Participants will follow the sash restoration process from removal of the window, to paint removal, repair, use of epoxies, Dutchman repair, glazing and re-installation. The pros and cons of window weatherization, including the energy savings of storm windows will also be discussed. Cost of the workshop is \$750, which includes tuition, meals, lodging, student materials and safety glasses. For more information, visit www.pinemountainsettlementschool.com/workshops.php?view=details&id=118.

Since 2002, Pine Mountain Settlement School has offered hands-on field schools that emphasize practical preservation techniques that anyone should be able to master. Founded in 1913 as a boarding school for mountain children and as a settlement serving the community through economic, health and cultural initiatives, the school continues to provide instruction in environmental education and traditional arts and culture. More than 3,000 students visit this National Historic Landmark each year to participate in day or week-long programs. Pine Mountain Settlement School is a non-profit institution.



presented by  Piedmont Natural Gas
Energy that shows.

This year the Music City Hot Chicken Festival is partnering with Nashville Originals and its membership of local restaurateurs to present Hot Chicken Days: 30 Ways to Feel the Burn.

The promotion promises to turn up the heat from June 4 to July 4 when more than 30 area res-

taurants will be featuring their own creative take on our city's unique dish all leading up to the July 4 Hot Chicken Festival

presented by Piedmont Natural Gas.

"Hot Chicken is a great local culinary tradition, and as Nashville's locally owned restaurants we were glad for the opportunity to collectively celebrate this great dish," said Laura Hill, Nashville Originals executive director.

For a list of local restaurants participating in the "30 Days of Hot Chicken" celebration, just click the Hot Chicken logo on the left!



Free music in Nashville's Centennial Park on Saturdays in May, June, September and October from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Musicians Corner is a central point, free and open to all, where Music City gathers to perform and enjoy its music. Music in all forms.



Music to entertain us, build bridges within our community, welcome our visitors and connect us with the world.

Nashville has long been recognized as a mecca for nimble pickers, sharp-eyed storytellers and big-voiced dreamers; but many will attest that it isn't just the talent and vision of Music City artists that makes the town so unique - it's Nashville's sense of community. Inspired by "Speakers Corner" in London and Nashville's hunger for free outdoor summer music programming, the 2012 season promises to be entertaining and compelling, as each week musical performers and special guests illustrate the diversity, passion, and fellowship of Music City.

Local charity partners, local food vendors, and eco-friendly proponents will augment the pastiche of musical performances to create a community gathering space in Centennial Park. Musicians Corner is located in Centennial Park on 2600 West End

Avenue in Nashville, TN. Events take place in the front of the park across from the Holiday Inn and McDonalds.

Night Markets return for the 2012 season! Join us for this third Friday event. This first one in June will be the very first time the ENTIRE Market will be open for Night Market & will be our biggest one yet. Our farm side will be overflowing with delicious local produce, meats, cheeses, and more.



Our Market House restaurants and shops will be open special hours and with special menus. Our Market House merchants who normally can come only Saturdays will be bringing it Friday for you. Our Flea

Market side will be open to regular merchants special guests this evening.

Our Grow Local Kitchen will also be making its first official Night Market debut! Music by CMA Artist, Frank Ortega, adult beverage sales and so much more.

Get ready to shop, sip, and sample the best of what local has to offer--come Grow Local with us as we kick off Night Market 2012!

Summer Time is Grilling Time!

Basic tips to keep the grilling season safe

Summer isn't summer without the smell of barbeque meat on the grill. What ever your favorite food, it almost always tastes better grilled. With the July 4th holiday just around the corner, there are some important precautions one should take when firing up the Barbie!

First, make sure the grill is well away from anything combustible, especially flammable liquids, plastic or paper. Many feet of vinyl siding have been ruined after an afternoon on grilling. Grills and other heat producing devices (turkey fryers, gas grills, etc.) should be kept at least fifteen feet away from combustible materials.

We've seen all manner of combustible stored on the lower shelf of gas and charcoal grills. Always follow the manufactures directions.

Keep pets and children away from hot grills. Charcoal can reach a temperature of 1,000 degrees, plenty hot enough to inflict third degree burns. Never try to re-light a slow starting charcoal fire by squirting starter fluid on partially lit coals. The flame can travel up the spray and to the container making for a deadly situation.

If you start your charcoal on the grill, never close the grill lid. You should wait until the coals have "ashed over" before closing the lid. This will prevent a flash fire when the lid is raised giving the coals that have been started with starter fluid extra fuel (air). Waiting for the coals to become completely hot will also ensure all of the starter fluid has been burned off.

When starting a gas or propane grill, always keep the lid open when lighting the grill. Once the burners are completely lit, it's safe to close the lid. If the burners go out, turn off the gas before opening the lid and wait a few minutes before relighting.

Deep frying can be a great way to cook poultry and fish. These units can also be very dangerous. Be careful to not overfill the cooking pot with oil. You need to take into account the volume of the food. Be sure to leave room for the oil to boil up without boiling out of the pot. The oil will cause a fire if it comes into contact with the burner.

Keep the grill clean. Avoid allowing grease to build up on the grates and on the grills interior. This can cause a grease fire. Never use water to put out a grease fire. Water will cause the fire to

flame up. Use a fire extinguisher or baking soda for small fires.

It's a good idea to keep a spray bottle of water nearby. It comes in handy for small flare-ups and it doesn't hurt the food. A fire extinguisher should always be close by in case a serious fire erupts. You should now how to operate the device. If it fails or malfunctions, call 911 immediately.

Never leave a grill or deep fryer unattended. This is especially true for gas fryers. One minute the oil is below the rim, the next, its bubbling over the top. More than half of home grill structure fires begin on either a courtyard terrace or patio, or an exterior balcony or open porch.

Grilling produces a deadly gas called carbon monoxide. You cannot use a gas or charcoal grill indoors. Even outside, avoid grilling in enclosed areas or in areas where the smoke could be drawn into a living space.

Following just a few basic safety tips can help make your cookout a safe and enjoyable experience.



The interior and exterior of this Franklin home were damaged in March 2008 after a gas grill ignited the wooden deck it was on and flames spread to the home.



Calling All Grillmiesters



Have a great recipe for ribs or brisket? We'd love to hear about it. Know how to make a killer pork or beef rub, share it with us. You can never have too many grilled meat recipes. And nothing beats a home-made meat rub. Send us an email at:

bill.penn@nashville.gov.

16th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament Planned
Save the Date: This years' tournament will be held at Ted Rhodes
on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

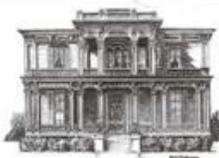
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