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Mayor Leads Community Celebration at Opening of 28th Avenue Connector

Inaugural Bridge Crossing Includes Walkers, Bicyclists, City Bus

Mayor Karl Dean led the grand opening of the 28th Avenue Connector, which unites parts of West End with North Nashville, during a community celebration. The Connector is a new one-third mile road that connects 28th Avenue in North Nashville to 31st Avenue in West Nashville with a bridge spanning the CSX railroad that runs behind Centennial Park.

“The 28th Avenue Connector is an important new road for our city,” Dean said. “The bridge reconnects two vital parts of Nashville, which will accelerate economic activity around that area. I am proud that the Connector is pedestrian and bike friendly, includes bus stops and incorporates public art into its design. Commuters, college students, visitors and residents will quickly appreciate the convenience of this new road.”

The Connector creates a better line of traffic for several key destinations, including universities and hospitals. It will serve the new University Connector cross-town bus route that connects six universities, including TSU, Meharry Medical College, Fisk University, Vanderbilt University, Belmont University and Lipscomb University, as well as important healthcare centers like HCA, Centennial Medical Center and Vanderbilt.

An inaugural bridge crossing was led by Mayor Dean and the marching band from Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School. The procession included walkers, bicyclists and a city bus to illustrate how the Connector is a “complete street” in that it allows for all forms of transportation with sidewalks, bike lanes and bus stops. Six new bus shelters, solar LED lighting, a high efficiency irrigation system and other green, complete street design components are included in the Connector.

Public art projects were funded by Metro’s Percent for Art program. They include:



Mayor Karl Dean gives the opening address inaugurating the newly completed 28th Avenue Connector Photo—Gary Layda

- *Thread*, by artist David Dahlquist, which is incorporated into the bridge and is made up of more than 150 steel panels symbolizing quilt squares, patterns, threads and knots. The artwork was inspired by quilt squares created during community workshops at Hadley Park Community Center in 2011. A stainless steel “thread” weaves through the artwork and across the bridge symbolically connecting two formerly separated neighborhoods and cultural areas.

- *Needle*, also by Dahlquist, which is featured in the two transit shelters nearest Centennial Park. It complements the bridge artwork by incorporating knot and thread symbols, as well as a large sewing needle.

- *Magnolia Shelters*, by artist Kevin Berry, which are four transit shelters with design inspired by iconic elements found in both Centennial and Hadley parks to symbolize how the Connector unites two unique and diverse communities. The transit shelter canopy symbolizes the massive roof structure covering the performance pavilion at Hadley Park, and the columns are reminiscent of the fluted columns supporting the roof of the Parthenon at Centennial Park. The shelter’s shade screens and cast concrete bench celebrate the beauty of the magnolia trees in the community.

The \$18 million project was included in the 2011 fiscal year capital spending plan. Construction by Bell & Associates began in May, 2011. The Connector project team was led by Metro Public Works Engineering Division. Other team members included Metro Water Services, Metro Arts Commission, Metro Parks & Recreation, Metro Transit Authority, Gresham Smith & Partners, Littlejohn Engineering Associates, Hawkins Partners and CDM Smith.



Mayor Dean leads a procession of the first pedestrians to cross the new 28th Avenue Connector. Photo—Gary Layda

Fall Lawn Equipment Maintenance Tips

Practical ways to prepare your home and lawn gear for winter

Fall is that time of the year we start to put away the lawn care tools and prepare for winter. Before you put those tools away, there are a few maintenance steps you should take to make sure everything will be in tip-top condition and ready for use when Spring arrives next year.

Lawnmower

Before you put the lawnmower up for the winter, it is a good idea to drain the gas tank. The easiest way to do this is to run it until it runs out of gas. Next, if you have not done so this mowing season, replace the sparkplug. Before you put in the new plug, spray some WD40 into the chamber. This will keep moisture from forming inside the engine. It's also a good time to change the engine oil and filter. That way, all you have to do is add fuel and you are ready to go. Make sure the mower deck is cleaned, especially underneath. Once the lower deck is cleaned, spray the deck with WD40 or a Teflon spray. This will help keep grass clippings from sticking to it and will protect the deck from rust.

Leaf blower/Vac

The same points apply to the leaf blower. If your blower is a combination blower / vacuum, you should check the mulch blade for damage. Examine the intake chamber to make sure debris has not become lodged inside.

Chainsaw

If you have trees around your dwelling, having a chainsaw

may be an asset. To keep it in tip top condition, it's a good idea to check the saw chain for sharpness and proper tension. The saw bar should also be checked for nicks and warping.

String Trimmer (weed eater)

Check the air cleaner and replace if it is really soiled. Also, drain any fuel from the tank, or add fuel stabilizer if you plan to leave fuel in the machine over the winter. Make sure the head has been thoroughly cleaned. It's a good idea to add fresh string so its ready to go when you need it.

If possible, use or properly dispose of any gasoline you may not need over the winter. If you must keep gasoline for extended periods, you may want to have a bottle of fuel stabilizer on hand. It's a good idea to thoroughly clean all of your garden tools. Once you have them cleaned of dirt and grime, coat them with a light coat of oil.

Take an inventory of the contents of your garage. Old paint insecticides, lubricants and other hazardous chemicals need to be disposed of properly. Metro has a free household hazardous waste collection point at the East Center.



East Center

943A Doctor Richard G. Adams Drive
Nashville, TN 37207
(615) 862-8631

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 7:30am-5:00pm and Sun. Noon-4:00pm



Music City Center Update



This beautiful shot by Mt. Juliet photographer Bruce Crain shows not only the MCC, but the new roundabout, that is now open.

Mayor Announces Nashville to Host 2013 Southern Obesity Summit

Event is the Largest Regional Obesity Prevention Event in the Country

Mayor Karl Dean today announced that Nashville will host the 7th Annual Southern Obesity Summit in fall, 2013. He made the announcement at the 6th Annual Southern Obesity Summit, which is being held in Charlotte, N.C. The event is the largest regional obesity prevention event in the country, drawing hundreds of participants from 16 Southern states.

“Nashville and the entire Southeast is the battleground for this issue of obesity,” Dean said. “It is clear to me that the fight over a country regaining its health is going to occur in the South. I am proud Nashville will host the Southern Obesity Summit next year as we work together to find ways to help people live healthier, active lives.”

During the summit, participants discuss effective and emerging obesity prevention and reduction practices in the region. Youth participants also play a major role, sharing ideas on effective strategies and providing their perspective on obesity prevention. “We are thrilled to be going to Nashville in 2013 for the Southern Obesity Summit,” said Camille Miller CEO of the Texas Health Institute, the summit co-host. “Mayor Dean’s great work to make Nashville an exercise-friendly city and his challenge to get people walking make it a perfect place to bring together leadership from across the South and continue to strategize on obesity prevention.”

Mayor Dean has made promoting healthy, active living a major focus. Last year, he challenged and inspired Nashville residents to get more physically active through two highly-successful healthy living campaigns: Walk 100 Miles with the Mayor and the Mayor’s Challenge 5K Walk/Run, which together engaged more than 10,000 Nashvillians. Both initiatives are back this year. Walk 100 is currently underway and the Second Annual Mayor’s Challenge 5K will be Nov. 18. Last spring’s Mayor’s Field Day, which drew more than 3,300 participants, will return next spring.

Mayor Dean also continues to invest in creating more healthy and livable communities through improvements to parks, greenways, bikeways, sidewalks, complete streets and health facilities. Since taking office, he has allocated, and the Metro Council has approved, the expenditure of more than \$130 million on health-related infrastructure.

Nashville’s commitment to become more active and live healthier has attracted national attention. HBO’s documentary series *The Weight of the Nation* released this past spring spotlighted the first Walk 100 Miles initiative, the city’s health-friendly infrastructure and other efforts to curb obesity and encourage exercise.

Attendees at the Southern Obesity Summit include policymakers, leaders from community-based organizations, federal and state government officials, health care providers, youth and members from national and state associations

States participating in the Southern Obesity Summit are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Southern Obesity Summit began with seed capital from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as a spinoff project of the Southern Rural Access Program, a seven-year initiative to improve access to care. The Southern Rural Access Program’s National Advisory Committee was led by Dr. Regina Benjamin, the current Surgeon General of the United States. The Texas Health Institute and Arkansas Center for Health Improvement partnered to put on the inaugural Southern Obesity Summit in Little Rock in 2007. Birmingham, Ala., hosted the summit in 2008; Austin, Texas, in 2009; Atlanta, Ga., in 2010; New Orleans, La., in 2011; and Charlotte, N.C., in 2012.



Arts. Everywhere.

Artober Nashville is a month-long celebration of arts and culture in Nashville, designed to inform and inspire the community’s awareness of and participation in the array of activities during the month of October. It is held in conjunction with National Arts and Humanities Month, designated by Americans for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The goal for Artober Nashville is for every Nashvillian to experience the arts. The Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission and NowPlayingNashville partner with dozens of arts and cultural



organizations throughout Nashville to highlight the depth and breadth of arts activities with official Artober Nashville events. The celebration includes all arts and cultural activities, including visual and performing arts, music, craft, film and commercial businesses that may present arts activities.

Enjoy an Artober Nashville signature event during the month. Purchase an Artober VIP Pass.

Find out more about the Yelp Check-In Challenge.

Connect with Artober Nashville on Facebook and Twitter to share updates and events with friends and family!

2nd Annual Metro Employees Arts Show

Show highlights artwork from Metro employees

The 2nd Annual Metro Employees Arts Show kicked off with an artwork sale and a healthy lunch. Sales and proceeds will benefit the 2012 Metro Employees Consolidated Charities Campaign (MECCC).

This exhibit showcases the creative talent of Metro employees, and is also a demonstration of their generosity. The exhibit is hosted in the Metro Arts Gallery on the 4th floor of the Metro Office Building in the Fulton Campus. Artwork will be on display December 20, 2012.



Landlord Registration Renewal Notices To Go Out With Tax Bills in October

It's that time of the year again. Time to register your residential rental property with the Codes Department.

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 (No PO Box)
- The number of units per property (duplex/triplex, etc.)
- Name and contact information for their manager or registered agent who can act on their behalf

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 31st.

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".



Residential Landlord Registration

Tennessee Code Annotated Title 66, Chapter 28-107 requires each landlord of one (1) or more dwelling units to furnish contact information with the agency or department of local government responsible for enforcing building codes in the jurisdiction where the dwelling units are located.

The Department of Codes & Building Safety is the agency responsible for collecting all registration information. This contact information is used in the event the Codes Department has to contact the owner to correct any Codes violation at their rental property. All landlords should register with the Codes Department by December 31, of each year. Registration includes completing the form and remitting an annual fee of \$10. The expanded form can be found on our website along with additional information at:

http://www.nashville.gov/codes/Landlord_Reg_Prog.asp. Note: If you own more than one property, the fee is still \$10.00. Registration fee is paid Annually.

Owners of rental property or their agents should complete the form and mail it with the required \$10.00 to:

**DEPARTMENT OF CODES & BUILDING SAFETY
ATTN: LANDLORD REGISTRATION PROGRAM
P.O. BOX 198300
NASHVILLE, TN 37219-6300**

**DO NOT enclose this payment with your
property tax payment!
QUESTIONS? CALL (615) 862-6590**

Mayor Breaks Ground for New Community Center in Joelton

99-Acre Paradise Ridge Park Also Includes Walking Trails, Basketball Court



Mayor Dean at ground breaking ceremony at Paradise Ridge Community Center.

Photo—Gary Layda

Mayor Karl Dean and Metro Parks led a group of state and local officials in a ceremonial ground-breaking to kick off construction of a new community center in the Joelton area. The community center is part of the new 99-acre Paradise Ridge Park at 3000 Morgan Road.

The 9,000-square-foot Paradise Ridge Community Center will include a gymnasium, meeting room, kitchen and fitness area. A nearby picnic shelter and playground have been completed. Additional site improvements will include a paved half-mile walking trail, basketball court and multi-use sports field enhancements. The park and community center are scheduled to open in Spring, 2013.

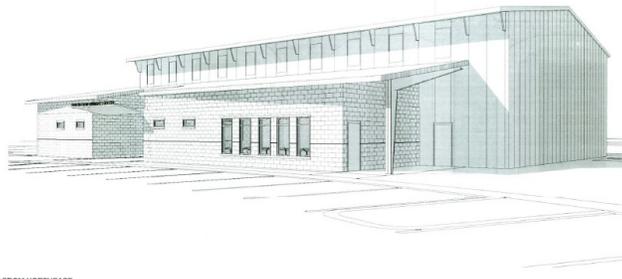
“Joelton residents have waited a long time for this community center and park, and I’m pleased the

city is finally able to make these facilities a reality,” Mayor Karl Dean said. “I’ve been encouraging residents to get outdoors and be active in our fight against obesity, and expanding our park system makes it even easier for residents to lead healthier lives.”

Mayor Dean provided funding to complete construction of Paradise Ridge Park and its community center in all three of his capital spending plans. Total cost of the project is \$2.3 million, including two grants totaling \$348,500 from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

The site was formerly the home of a state rehabilitation center for youth in the 1950s. Old buildings were demolished to clear the property, and construction of the community center is scheduled to begin in the next few months. Metro is leasing the property from the state.

“Paradise Ridge Park offers residents a scenic setting to spend time outdoors and enjoy the natural beauty of this part of Davidson County,” said Tommy Lynch, director of Metro Parks. “Along with park amenities that encourage recreation and fitness, the community center will provide much-needed meeting space for people to gather.”



② PERSPECTIVE FROM NORTHEAST

Perspective rendering of the new Paradise Community Center in Joelton.

Drawing courtesy — EOA Architects

Public meetings were held last year, and input from those meetings helped park planners refine designs for the park and community center.



funding available to provide free lead abatement to qualifying property owners. To qualify you should have children younger than six that live in the house or children who spend a minimum of 20 hours a week in the house; your home was built before 1978 and your family meets the low income requirement.

If you think you may qualify or know of someone who might, contact 615-601-1786 or complete the online application found at <http://rebuildingtogethernashville.org/homeowner-application>. The application will be given to Rebuilding Together’s house selection committee that will schedule a time to come by and visit your home and evaluate your needs. Its Board of Directors will then make decisions based on funding and need.

Lead Abatement Assistance Available

Rebuilding Together currently has

Rebuilding Together is the nation’s leading nonprofit working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities. Our network of more than 200 affiliates provides free rehabilitation and critical repairs to the homes of low-income Americans. Visit www.rebuildingtogether.org for more information about the national organization.

What We Do

Rebuilding Together believes in a safe and healthy home for every person. This means that we believe disabled and aging homeowners should be able to remain in their homes for as long as possible. We believe that homeowners displaced by natural disaster will get back into safe housing with help from the community. We believe that our nation’s veterans with disabilities deserve safe and accessible homes. Rebuilding Together believes we can preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize communities by providing free home modifications and repairs, making homes safer, more accessible, and more energy efficient.

The 2012 Ann Chapman Holiday Lights: A Metro Nashville Tradition for Celebrating the Season



It's the 25th year of the competition and the Metro Beautification and Environment Commission would like as many Nashville residents as possible to join in the celebration.

The event is open to all residents of Davidson County and sponsored by Mayor Karl Dean, Metro Beautification & Environment, Metro Public Works, NewsChannel 5 and Nashville Electric Service.



[2012 Holiday Lights Guidelines and Entry Form](#)

The deadline to enter is **Wednesday, November 21**, and judging begins on December 3. Winners will be selected in each of the 35 Councilmanic Districts, and the County Wide Winner will be announced live on NewsChannel 5's 6:00 p.m. newscast on Friday, December 14.

[View the 2011 Regional Holiday Lights Winners!](#)

Residents are judged according to their designs, originality

and use of environmental elements such as LED lighting, recycling and/or nature themes, or including recycled items in their display.

Five regional winners are selected from the Council District winners and are highlighted each evening on NewsChannel 5 leading up to the Friday night live announcement of the overall County Wide Winner.



2011 County-wide Winner
Brandon and Megan Gill, 3513 Pinwheel Dr, Antioch



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