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Centers, Satellite Locations to Serve 5,000 Nashvillians

Mayor Karl Dean today opened the Nashville Financial Empowerment Center at the Foster Street Center in east Nashville and at the Casa Azafran Community Center in south Nashville, where free one-on-one financial counseling will be provided to city residents. Nashville is one of five U.S. cities to launch the program thanks to a \$2 million grant from the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund. The CFE Fund is funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayors project, which aims to spread proven and promising ideas among cities.

"The Nashville Financial Empowerment Center is the first major public-private partnership in Metro history to integrate free professional financial counseling into existing public programs," Mayor Dean said. "I am proud that Nashville was selected to be part of this innovative, nationwide program, which will help boost the economic security of 5,000 Nashvillians over the next three years."

At the two Nashville Centers, plus several satellite locations citywide, counselors will provide guidance on issues such as prioritizing, managing and paying down debts, opening safe and affordable bank accounts, building healthy credit and creating budgeting and payment plans that facilitate savings.

The Nashville Financial Empowerment Center is a program of the Mayor's Office in partnership with the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville. Under the three-year grant, the city will coordinate the program, and United Way will operate the Center. Client success will be tracked to clearly demonstrate improved economic outcomes for participants.

Mayor Dean was joined by United Way leaders and others to cut the ribbon at the Foster Street Center earlier today. The Nashville Financial Empowerment Center builds on Mayor Dean's Poverty Reduction Initiative and the Bank On Music City program, which is a community partnership also led by United Way with local banks, credit unions, government and community organizations to connect individuals with safe and affordable bank accounts.

The leadership of the Poverty Reduction Initiative and partners at the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville were instrumental in winning the grant. Their proposal, along with Nashville's strong partnerships between non-profits and the city, helped Nashville stand out.

"Our goal isn't simply to move people from program to program, but literally to create a pathway to financial stability and ultimately, independence, creating a new future for individuals, families and our community," said Eric Dewey, President &



Mayor Dean opens the Nashville financial Empowerment Center with Eric Dewey, President & CEO, United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, and Margaret Dolan, 2013 Strategy Chair, United Way board of Trustees. Photo Gary Layda

CEO of United Way of Metropolitan Nashville.

Financial counseling will be integrated into existing municipal and nonprofit services, such as GED education programs, Head Start centers, homelessness prevention programs and other public benefits programs in order to maximize impact. Partners, including Conexion Americas, MDHA, Metro Social Services, United Way's Family Resource Centers, MAXIMUS, the Nashville Career Advancement Center and the Metro Action Commission, will house counselors and direct clients to the pro-

gram. Nashvillians can make an appointment directly by calling the United Way 2-1-1 Helpline, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In January 2013, Bloomberg Philanthropies awarded a total of \$16.2 million in grants to the five cities, which also include Denver, Colo.; Lansing, Mich.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and San Antonio, Texas. The Centers expect to serve more than 30,000 people over three years.

The goal is to replicate New York's 30 Financial Empowerment Centers, which have helped more than 19,000 New Yorkers reduce their debt by more than \$9 million and save nearly \$1 million since 2008. This is the single most ambitious philanthropic investment in financial empowerment ever made. By investing in these five cities, Bloomberg Philanthropies seeks to further demonstrate the effectiveness of the model, making a powerful case for even more cities around the country to begin taking up this important work.

The effort's origins go back to 2008, when New York City piloted Financial Empowerment Centers as part of a broad effort to test and refine new approaches to alleviating poverty. While initially privately funded, the Centers became publicly funded after their data-proven impact.

Find the Nashville Financial Empowerment Center at fec.nashville.gov, on Facebook at Nashville Financial Empowerment Center or on Twitter @FEC_Nashville. To learn more about the CFE Fund, visit <http://www.cfefund.org/>. Join the conversation on Twitter using #FinancialEmpowerment.

Simple Steps to Being a Good Neighbor

Drive through any residential neighborhood in Nashville and you are likely to see loose trash along the side of the road or in yards and especially in drainage ditches. You are likely to see drainage ditches that have been allowed to become overgrown, and piles of brush and junk stacked at the curb when it will be weeks or months before Metro makes it's next pickup rotation.

These are just a few examples of residents who are not being "responsible" good neighbors. A lot of people are getting the message about junk cars, parking on the grass, and the maintenance of their homes. But, we are still having a problem with litter and high grass, especially in the area just off the right of way in front of peoples homes.

Per the Solid Waste Code and pursuant to BL2010-718, Section 10.20.110 applies to all property, both General Service District (GSD) and the Urban Service District (USD) which requires that all trash carts be removed from the roadside after the trash has been collected. Trash carts left anywhere near the curb are unsightly and have to potential of being blown or knocked into the roadway. A good neighbor will remove the cart from the front of their property to comply with the law.

Drainage ditches are a common feature in Nashville. And it's become all to common to see them overgrown and full of loose

trash and debris. This makes for an "ugly" situation in front of the home and it interferes with the proper operation of the drainage ditch. And the bad part of that is, it usually effects folks down (or in rare case, those up) stream. Those of us who live on streets that connect to the bus lines know all about the results of the foot traffic to and from the bus stop. There is the persistent trail of food wrappers, cups, and other loose trash that gets discarded along the roadside. This trash ends up either in our yards or in our drainage ditches. Responsible neighbors don't lament the trifling behavior of others, they regularly remove this trash as it occurs.

If you are like me, picking up trash after others is a real sore point with me. I could no more toss a cup or food wrapper on the ground as I could bring myself to toss trash out my car window. I have to face the fact that there are folks out there who think that behavior is OK, so I find myself picking up someone else's trash.

We all know Metro has had to cut budgets and that has meant a reduction in services. Metro Storm Water and Public Works need our help to maintain the drainage ditches in from of our homes. Don't let them fill up with trash and debris, and make cutting and weed eating them a part of your regular lawn maintenance program. It will improve the performance of the drainage feature and it will enhance the appearance of your yard.

Codes Question

"What are the rules on yard sales and consignment sales?"

Under Title 17 (Zoning) of the Metroploitan Code, a garage or "yard sale" is allowed and is considered an accessory use on residential property. In order to comply with the law, the following requirements must be met:

- Garage sale must be held or conducted in or upon real property, which the person or persons holding or conducting the same occupy as his or her residence(s).
- Personal property belonging to someone else, may be sold provided homeowner or occupant receives no fee or a percentage of the proceeds as compensation for selling the items or for the use of residence.
- Within any calendar year, a maximum of two garage sale events shall occur per residence. An event is defined as a garage sale that may occur for one day, two days and at most three days per an event.
- A consignment sale shall be prohibited, or any other offer for sale in connection with which any owner or occupant of real property undertakes to sell personal property, as an agent of another.

Signs advertising the event can only be placed on the property where the sale is to occur, not on utility poles or other areas.

Title 17 of the Zoning Code also authorizes consignment sales. These activities are "permitted with conditions" on residential property, provided the following conditions are met:

- Consignment sale must be held or conducted in or upon real property, and must be accessory to the principal use of the land.
- Lot Area. A minimum lot size of three acres shall be required for any consignment sale.
- Within any calendar year, a maximum of two consignment sale events shall occur per lot. An event is defined as a consignment sale that may occur for one day, two days and at most three days per an event.
- Parking. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided to reduce traffic congestion and the blocking of driveways to other private or public properties.

An auction of a decedent's personal estate and/or real property conducted by a licensed auctioneer shall not be counted as a consignment sale.

Alarm Registration Renewals Due By April 1st

Expires April 1, 2013

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Nashvillians in Davidson County are required by the metro false alarm ordinance to register operational burglar or fire alarms in their homes and businesses with the Metropolitan Clerk's Office. Cost of an annual permit for a home alarm system is \$20 and for a business or non-residential property is \$50. Permits expire annually and must be renewed by April 1st of each year.

Photo courtesy Gary Layda

2012 permit holders will receive a reminder in the mail in February to renew their permits by April 1, 2013. The only exemptions are motor vehicle alarms, self-contained smoke detectors, and medical-alert systems. If a citizen has never registered their alarm, they are encouraged to do so. They will not be penalized. The form to register alarms can be found on the Metropolitan Clerk's Office website. Not having a current permit could result in a fine and court costs totaling \$106.50.

In 2012, the MNPD responded to 3,888 false alarm calls resulting in the issuance of 562 citations (475 for no alarm permit). There was an increase of 536 false alarm calls from 2011 to 2012.

The metro government alarm permit staff can be reached at 615-862-6779, email at alarms@nashville.gov, and website <http://www.nashville.gov/Metro-Clerk/Alarm-Registration.aspx>

Etruscan Echoes: The Paintings of Tanya Tewell - Through June 1, 2013

The Parthenon Museum continues to explore contemporary interpretations of classical themes with an exhibition of paintings by artist Tanya Tewell. A professor of Art at Middle Tennessee State University,



Tewell divides her time between Tennessee and Tuscania, Italy. While abroad, the artist has visited Etruscan tombs and ancient sites, which have become the inspiration for her new work. Tewell found herself strongly attracted to the degrading patina of the frescos that decorate the tombs at these sites, and her work evokes the tones and textures of these aged wall paintings. She has also had a long-time interest in cultural mythology and her paintings are greatly influenced by dream images and magic realism.

Through her intense and evocative paintings, Tewell presents the story of the many unnamed Etruscan characters that haunt the tombs; the sorceress, the matriarch, the wounded pilgrim, and more. Through their stories Tewell attempts to relate humanity's endless struggle with the cycle of life, change, spirituality, magic, and death.



Music City Center Update



Referred to as the "piece de resistance," the Grand Ballroom is nearly complete. Now with carpet, finished stage doors, and LED lighting highlighting said doors, it's a really magnificent room.

Photo / text—Music City Center

Scholars Academy Accepts Applications

Applications are now being accepted for the Mayor's 2013 Summer Scholars Academy!

Students who are currently in the 8th or 9th grade are encouraged to apply, especially if they plan to attend, or live near, Cane Ridge, Glenclyff, Maplewood, or Pearl-Cohn high schools.

The Mayor's Scholars Academy is a free summer program to prepare students to succeed in high school and beyond, and to have fun doing so. Transportation, meals, and weekly field trips are all provided at no cost.

See the [STUDENT APPLICATION](#) for more information and how to apply.

Program dates:
June 3 – 28, 2013
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

For more information e-mail [Ashley Daugherty](#) or call (615) 880-3673.

Metro Arts Gallery - Retro Metro Exhibit Open

Retro Metro

Exhibit Dates: March 15 – April 26, 2013
Reception & Gallery Talk: March 15, 2-4 p.m.

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the consolidation of the City of Nashville and Davidson County governments the Metro Arts Gallery is hosting **Retro Metro**, an exhibition of ephemera from arts and cultural organizations that were in existence at the time of the merger.

Playbills, posters, photographs and other memorabilia from the vaults of [Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art](#), [Circle Players](#), [Country Music Hall of Fame](#), [Nashville Public Library](#), [Nashville Public Television](#), and the [Nashville Symphony](#) will capture a glimpse of Nashville's arts and culture scene in 1962-63.

The show will open on March 15 with a gallery chat and community discussion led by Metro Arts executive director Jennifer Cole, Anne Brown ([The Arts Company](#)) and Paul Polycarpou ([Nashville Arts Magazine](#)) who will discuss the history of arts and culture in Nashville and its future potential.

The show runs from March 15th to April 26th in the Metro Arts Gallery located on the 4th floor of the Metro Office Building at 800 2nd Ave South.

New Preservation Permit Application Deadline

Starting with the March MHZC meeting, Preservation Permit applications now have new submission deadlines.

Over the last few years the historic overlays have increased as the number of staff has decreased. This along with an improving economy has meant an increase in permit applications. The earlier deadline will allow for more thorough and timely staff review of applications.

MHZC staff's role is to provide applicants with feedback on meeting the design guidelines and to provide the Commission with an analysis of how the project meets those design guidelines. Many applicants choose to make alterations to their initial plans based on staff recommendations, both to improve the chances of approval and to be sure that their project is communicated accurately to the Commission. Since revisions have become common place, the MHZC now has a deadline for revised plans as well.

The end result of these deadlines will allow staff to provide more comprehensive feedback, allow the applicant more time to revise drawings if they wish to, and provide the Commission with the most accurate information possible.

APPLICATION DEADLINE	DEADLINE FOR REVISIONS	MEETING DATE
April 1, noon	April 4	April 17
April 29, noon	May 2	May 15
June 3, noon	June 6	June 19
July 1, noon	July 3	July 17
August 5, noon	August 8	August 21
August 30, noon (Offices closed 9/2)	September 5	September 18
September 30, noon	October 3	October 16
November 4, noon	November 7	November 20
December 2, noon	December 5	December 18

METRO TO EXPAND, UPGRADE TORNADO WARNING SIREN SYSTEM

20 New Sirens, Plus a New Sound

Metro Government is expanding and upgrading its Tornado Warning Siren System by adding 20 new sirens and changing the sound of all the sirens. The number of siren sites will increase from 73 to 93 across Davidson County, and the sound of all the sirens will change from its current electronic tones to a mechanically generated tone similar in sound to an old-fashioned air-raid warning, which will be easier to hear and will travel farther.

Construction of the new sites and upgrading of the system is set to begin in late February. Installation of the 20 new siren locations is expected to be completed by March 7. The upgrade of the existing system is estimated for completion by the end of April. With the approach of the spring severe weather season, the entire system will continue to remain in operation at all times, if needed.

“This improved and expanded weather siren system will help keep Davidson County residents safe during tornado season,” Mayor Karl Dean said. “Sirens are crucial to alert people outdoors that they need to take cover. Most importantly, we want everyone to be aware of the new sound the system will use, which will reach farther and should be easier for people to hear.”

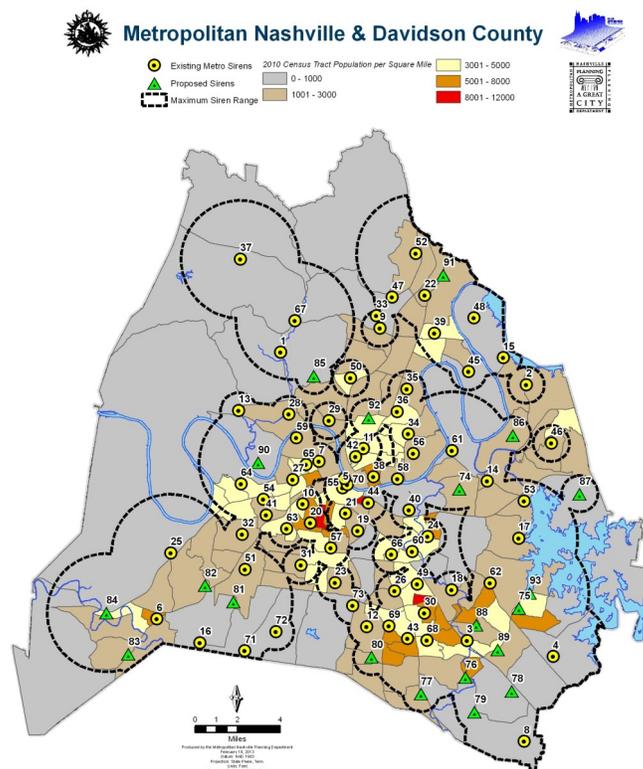
In 2002, Metro received grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build an Outdoor Weather Warning Siren System. The grant specified the individual siren locations be based on the 2000 Census

data and outdoor population expectations. The 2013 upgrade of the system combines the same methodology and the latest 2010 Census data to recommend new locations, as the system is expanded to cover additional areas of the county. A list of the locations for the new and existing sites is attached to this release. As with the present siren locations, the new sites were identified, selected and recommended by the Metropolitan Planning Commission staff.

The purpose of the tornado warning siren system is to provide emergency weather alerts to those in outdoor settings when a tornado warning

had been issued anywhere in Davidson County. It is not a substitute for people utilizing a home weather radio or monitoring local media coverage of severe weather. As in the past, the entire system will be activated and will repeat the siren warnings for three minutes every 10 minutes whenever a tornado warning is issued in any part of Davidson County by the National Weather Service.

The estimated cost of the system expansion and upgrade is \$2 million, with funds coming from a capital bond program proposed by Mayor Dean and approved by the Metro Council in 2012.





NASHVILLE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

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April 1, 2013: the 50th anniversary of the official inauguration of Metropolitan government as the new Mayor, Vice Mayor and 40-member Council took of- fice, consolidating the old city and county govern- ments.

On this site, you can also learn how local schools, civic clubs, neighborhood organizations, the faith community and individuals like you can play a role and get involved.



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