



# Metro Codes

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Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

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## BIRTHDAY PARTY

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2013. PUBLIC COURT HOUSE SQUARE 12-3PM FREE**

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## Metro Celebrates 50 Years of Metropolitan Government



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## Celebrate Metro 50th Anniversary

*Grand celebration at Metro Historic Courthouse Public Square*

Mayor Karl Dean and Metro@50 co-chairs George Cate, Sen. Thelma Harper and John Seigenthaler invite the public to a citywide birthday party from noon to 3 p.m. on April 6 at the Metro Historic Courthouse Public Square. The party is the culmination of a nine-month celebration and education campaign.

The free, family-friendly event will include:

Musical performances from historic and contemporary multi-genre artists, featuring:

- Sam Bush
- Del McCoury
- Night Train All-Stars Presented by Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- Nashville Symphony Ensemble
- Barbershop Harmony Society Music City Chorus
- Rebecca Lynn Howard

Exhibits on the history and future of Nashville during the past 50 years from members like:

- Country Music Association
- Country Music Television
- Historic Nashville
- Metro Historical Commission
- Metro Arts Commission
- NashvilleNext
- Nashville Public Library and Metro Archives
- Parthenon and Centennial Park
- Ryman Auditorium
- Tennessee Preservation Trust

Food from local restaurants and food trucks, including:

- Bongo Java Coffee
- Hoss Loaded Burgers
- Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams
- Jim N' Nicks BBQ
- Jonbalaya
- Kohana Japanese
- Las Paletas
- Pied Piper Creamery
- Popcorn Village
- Riff's Fine Street Food
- Retro Sno
- Smoke et al
- Plus, a local beers area managed by Mercy Lounge

Exhibits from local shops, vendors and artisans, including:

- Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- Belcourt Theatre
- Bookman / Bookwoman
- Friendly Arctic Shirts and Posters
- Loveless Cafe
- Nashville Artisans from the Tennessee Association of Craft Artists
- Pancake Pantry

In addition there will be a Kidsville, a kids area with great activities and a Dogville, a dog-friendly area with activities for dogs and their owners from the Nashville Humane Association and Bonaparte's Retreat.

## Sheryl Crow to Headline Music City Center Grand Opening Concert

*May 19-20 Festivities Include Star-Studded Nashville Lineup, Free Open House*

Mayor Karl Dean today announced that Grammy-winning artist and Nashville resident **Sheryl Crow** will headline the Music City Center grand opening and free outdoor concert on Monday, May 20. Festivities are open to the public during the two-day celebration taking place on Sunday, May 19 and Monday, May 20.

The Monday, May 20 concert will highlight the multiple genres of music represented in Nashville, including pop, gospel, country and bluegrass. The concert also will feature performances by **The Time Jumpers**, the Grammy-nominated bluegrass act featuring **Vince Gill**; Grammy-nominated Fisk Jubilee Singers; and recent Grammy performer **Mikky Ekko**, a singer/songwriter who was most recently featured in Rihanna's chart-topping duet "Stay."

"I can't think of a more fitting way to open the Music City Center than with a diverse lineup of great music representing the best of what Music City has to offer," Mayor Dean said.

The concert will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, May 20. The star-studded lineup will be followed by a fireworks display produced by Pyro Shows.



Singer / song writer Sheryl Crow

Photo —Music City Center

"The opening of the Music City Center is an important milestone in the city's history, and I am honored to have been asked to perform," Crow said. "Nashville is home to some of the world's best musicians and songwriters, and that creativity is one of the many reasons why I live here."

Mayor Dean will present his State of Metro address at the Music City Center at 10 a.m. on May 20 as part of the grand opening festivities. A free open house will take place both Sunday and Monday.

The grand opening is being organized by the Mayor's Office, the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp. and the Nashville Convention Center Authority.

## Quick Tips for Preparing Your Home For Spring

Spring time is a wonderful season. Everything around us seems to be waking up. As we enjoy nature's bounty, we should also take this time as a signal to do some home maintenance.

- April and May tend to be wet. Now is a good time to have a good look at your roof, eaves and gutters. Check for loose or missing shingles, detached downspouts and clogged gutters. You also check for bird nests in your gutters.
- If your home is covered in siding, check to make sure it is not damaged, and that it is firmly attached. Be sure to check each wall from top to bottom.
- For homes covered in paneling, brick or stone, look for gaps or cracks, especially in mortar joints.
- Examine all window and door frames for damaged caulk. All the seams should be sealed, repair any gaps.
- Have the HVAC system checked and cleaned. The coils of the unit outside may be clogged with leaves and other debris, which will severely degrade the unit's performance.
- Take a look at your lawn care equipment. Gas mowers and blowers, and other machines should be topped off with fresh oil and fuel. Now is a good time to check the lawn mower blade for damage and sharpness.
- Examine any concrete or asphalt surfaces (decks, driveways, etc.) for cracks and other damage.
- Check the basement for wetness and standing water. If you have a sump pump, check it for proper operation.
- Make a thorough inspection of your deck. Repair any loose, rotted, or damaged boards. Pay particular attention to the part of the deck that attaches to the house. For wood decks, consider applying a coat of stain or wood sealer.
- Drain your hot water heater. Use the drain spigot at the bottom of the unit to drain out any sediment that has built up.

You should allocate at least a day or two to go through this list. There are other items that bear checking and more comprehensive lists can be found online.

### Inoperable and Unlicensed Motor Vehicles

*Unightly and hazardous, they degrade the appearance of a neighborhood*

The Codes Department receives Requests for Service (RFS) to abate vehicle violations on a daily basis. Vehicle violations include vehicles that are inoperable, unlicensed, and vehicles parked on the grass.

Vehicles parked on private property must meet three conditions:

- They must be parked on a hard surface, either asphalt, concrete or gravel
- They must be registered and have a current license plate affixed to the vehicle
- They must be fully operational and not in a state of disrepair or disassembly

There is an exception to the vehicle parking regulation. If a vehicle has a handicapped placard or license plate on the vehicle, then that vehicle can be parked in the yard.

It is also a violation to have a vehicle

on the property that is in a state of major disassembly. Major auto repairs on residential property can only be done inside a garage. Anyone operating a repair business in a residential zone would also be in violation of the law.

If you suspect a vehicle is in violation, take the following steps:

- When reporting a vehicle violation, be sure to give us a complete address of where the violation is located
- Remember that a vehicle with a handicapped tag or placard can be parked on the grass
- If you observe an abandoned vehicle being used for illegal activity, notify Metro Police immediately as well as Codes

### Our Readers Ask:

Q: "Can I have a hobby car?"

A: A hobby car is generally defined as a motor vehicle that is in disrepair. It may run, but it has some deficiency that prevents the vehicle from passing the Federal emissions inspection, and the vehicle does not have a current metal license plate.

Any vehicle that is not able to operate on the city streets under its own power and does not have a current license plate is in violation of the Property Standards Code, section 16.24.330 (K).

If a vehicle is being restored or repaired, whether for a hobby or any other purpose, that vehicle must be stored in a garage or other building or structure designed to house a motor vehicle. Carports, tents or car covers are not acceptable storage locations if the vehicle is not operational and/or licensed.

It should also be noted that vehicles with an antique license plate must still meet the same criteria for a vehicle stored on residential property in that the vehicle has to be fully operational and the license plate must be current.

For more information call us at 862-6590.

## Buffalo Island Clean Up Day a Success



Volunteers turned out on March 16th for the Buffalo Island cleanup. If you haven't seen them, the Buffalo Island is at the gateway to Dickerson Road. These wonderful, life sized bronze sculptures were unveiled in 2009. What is now Dickerson Road used to be a Buffalo trail.

The eight life-sized bison statues are part of the new street scape project on Dickerson Road.

Riding herd over the March cleanup are Deb Varallo, Tom Kline, Dave Buckles, Shea Martin, Tina Douglas, Marty Lang, and Michael Douglas.



The second annual Mayor's Field Day with the Tennessee Titans is right around the corner. Join us at LP Field on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 9 a.m. Activities will last until noon.

Check out how fellow Nashvillians enjoyed a little healthy competition and a lot of healthy living at the Mayor's Field Day 2012.

Nashville Mayor Karl Dean has challenged and inspired Nashville residents to get more physically active through several highly-successful healthy living campaigns, including "Walk 100 Miles with the Mayor" and the "Mayor's Challenge 5K Walk/Run". "Mayor's Field Day with the Tennessee Titans" was created as a new event in 2012.

Mayor's Field Day was created as an event specifically geared towards Nashville's youth. Tennessee has the nation's fourth-highest childhood obesity rate. The numbers are equally distressing in Nashville where 38.1 percent of our youth are either obese or overweight.

Mayor's Field Day is designed for families and individuals of diverse fitness levels. Participants are engaged in a relaxed, tournament-type event designed around learning new, fun, kid-friendly ways to be active. Attendees will enjoy creative games, a fitness fair and the chance to meet and interact with Tennessee Titans players and T-Rac.



## Music City Center Update

### Two Members of the Property Standards Family Take Early Retirement



Keith Miles captured the detail work involved in finishing the dome lights in the grand lobby ceiling. Just 41 more days to completion!!

Photo / text—Music City Center



Two of the Property Standards division staff members have retired as part of the Metro Buy-out program. Susan Davenport was a n Office Support Representative III who provided administrative support to our Flex Inspection Team. Susan had been with the department for sixteen years.

During her tenure, she has also worked in the Administrative Office, the Zoning and Plans Review section and for a time, was the departments switchboard operator.

Scotty Chaffin was a Property Standards Inspector who was assigned to the Red Inspection Team. Scotty had been with the department for ten years. As a "Red Team" member, Scotty provided inspection services that included the enforcement of the Metro Property Standards and Zoning Codes.

Scotty was also an inspector with our Urban Forestry section.

## Metro Historic Zoning Commission to Host Preservation Awards Program

*This years celebration marks the 38th year for the event*

### 2013 Preservation Awards

Mark your calendar and make plans to join the Historical Commission and friends for the 38th Annual Preservation Awards program on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. The annual event, held each May during National Preservation Month, will return to the Nashville Public Library Conference Center, 615 Church Street. The theme for National Preservation Month 2013 is "See it. Save it. Celebrate it." We can't wait for you to see some amazing preservation projects and *celebrate* some of Nashville's *saved* treasures.



Our judging team will visit all nominated properties on Tuesday, April 16th. Nominees, look for scheduling information from us in the next few days.

To learn more about the awards program, visit [Preservation Awards](#). For more information about National Preservation Month, check out the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)



### Cheekwood In Bloom

*Over 55,000 Tulips add to the Spring Spectacular!*

Spring is one of the best times to visit Cheekwood and take a front-row seat for the new season's arrival. As the days warm in mid-March, waves of color begin to emerge across our grounds and gardens, starting with hyacinths, daffodils, and magnolias that soon give way to iris, dogwoods, and viburnums.



our gardens. Featuring stunning tulips of every hue bursting from our garden, over 250 varieties of daffodils, bright pops of dogwood color, classic magnolias, vibrant iris, stunning viburnums and so much more Celebrate spring at Cheekwood for a bright view sure to lift any winter fog!

There will be so much to see and do during *Cheekwood in Bloom*, and you won't want to miss the fun. Mark your calendar and plan to visit us this spring!

For more information go to: [www.cheekwood.org](http://www.cheekwood.org) .

This year's spring blooms will deliver a massive dose of one of spring's classics: the bright, crisp lines of over 55,000 tulips in



### The 2013 FILM FESTIVAL: APRIL 18—25

#### THE 44TH ANNUAL NAFF

The Nashville Film Festival is proud to bring the world to Nashville through a celebration of the diversity of the human spirit expressed through the art of film. In year-round programs, NaFF helps build a more informed, collaborative and alive community.

Founded in 1969 by Mary Jane Coleman, NaFF was originally known as the Sinking Creek Film Celebration. Nearly 20 years

later it was renamed as the Nashville Independent Film Festival and, later, the Nashville Film Festival in 2003. It was voted one of "25 film festivals worth the entry fee" by MovieMaker Magazine and highlighted as *One of the Best Film Festival Prizes* by Film Festival Today. Brooks Institute named it one of the *top 5 film festivals in the U.S.*

The festival will be held at the Green Hills Regal Cinema 16. The event will feature 200 films in 8 days. The NaFF is an Academy Qualifying Event, winning short films get automatic consideration for an Oscar.

For more information and tickets, go to: <http://www.nashvillefilmfestival.org>.



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

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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