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Mayor Announces Agreement with State, Sounds and Private Developer for Ballpark Project at Sulphur Dell

Mayor Karl Dean today announced that agreements have been reached with the State of Tennessee, the Nashville Sounds and a leading multi-family developer for a significant public-private partnership that will allow Metro to build a new minor league ballpark at Sulphur Dell in the Jefferson Street/Germantown area.

"I've said all along that this proposal would need to make financial sense for the city and that the Sounds would need to have some skin in the game, and I'm proud this agreement meets those goals," Mayor Dean said. "This investment north of downtown returns baseball to its historic home in Sulphur Dell and will spur further redevelopment of the Jefferson Street area. I want to thank all our partners in this deal, including Gov. Bill Haslam, the State Building Commission members and their staffs. Minor-league baseball offers affordable family fun, and I look forward to discussions in the coming weeks about this important and exciting part of the Nashville sports mix."

Details of the proposal and a financing plan were presented to members of the Nashville Sports Authority and Metro Council during two information sessions on Monday, Nov. 11th.

The plan includes agreements with the State of Tennessee, which owns property at the proposed location; the Nashville Sounds, which would lease the ballpark from Metro; and Embrey Development Corp., a multi-family developer that has agreed to swap property at the proposed location with Metro.

"The proposed ballpark's location in north Nashville would greatly enhance the Bicentennial Mall area and future plans for

state projects there," Gov. Haslam said. "This state, local and private partnership is good news for our capital city."

In order for the ballpark to open in time for the 2015 season, Metro is working toward finalizing all property and financing agreements before the end of the year. The project requires approval from the Nashville Sports Authority, the Metro Council and the State Building Commission.

"We love being a part of the Nashville community and thank Mayor Dean and Gov. Haslam for providing leadership on this exciting ballpark proposal," said Frank Ward, co-owner of the Nashville Sounds. "Greer Stadium has far outlived its useful life, and we can't wait to give Nashvillians a top-notch experience at Sulphur

Dell. Our investments, plus those of all our partners, will truly transform this area of North Nashville, and we are thankful for this opportunity. Let's play ball!"

The proposed ballpark complex would be located on property that is currently undeveloped and sits between Jackson Street and Harrison Street, as well as Third Avenue North and Fifth Avenue North.

The ballpark would have a recessed field and offer sweeping views of downtown. It would hold 10,000 people, with 8,500 fixed seats. A new 1,000-space car lot would be constructed just south of the ballpark, and a new greenway would offer easy pedestrian access and give the ballpark a park-like feel.



Artist rendering of the proposed new home of the Nashville Sounds.

Sulphur Dell Ballpark Proposal Overview

- The project is a nearly \$150 million public-private investment in the Jefferson Street/Germantown area.
- The proposal includes agreements with the State of Tennessee, the Nashville Sounds and Embrey Development Corp., a leading multi-family developer.
- A majority of the investment is private, including more than \$50 million by the Nashville Sounds for a multi-family/retail development and \$37 million by Embrey for a multi-family development. Metro's participation in the total investment would be \$65 million.
- The deal allows the public investment in the ballpark campus to largely pay for itself using five sources of revenue and eliminating some existing budget allocations.
- The deal is a multi-party transaction with approvals yet to be sought from the Metro Council, the Nashville Sports Authority and the State Building Commission.
- Metro is seeking to finalize all property and financing agreements before the end of the year in order for the ballpark to open in time for the 2015 season. First reading with the Metro Council is scheduled for Nov. 19.
- The proposal paves the way for baseball to return to its historic home at Sulphur Dell, the original home of professional baseball in Nashville. Sulphur Dell was home to several minor league teams and the Negro League's Elite Giants.
- The ballpark will link downtown with the Jefferson Street/Germantown area and offer sweeping views of downtown. A new greenway will offer easy pedestrian access and enhance the ballpark's park-like feel.

Thanksgiving Cooking Safety Tips

Don't Let Your holiday Go Up In Smoke!

Most folks are already planning their Thanksgiving holiday celebrations. Everyone will want to get involved in the preparations, even the children. Besides all of the decorations there will be lots of food. At the top of the menu is turkey, and one of the more popular ways to cook the turkey is to deep fry it. Every year dozens of people are injured, some severely because of fires caused by improper use of turkey deep fryers or grills. The National Fire protection Association offers the following safety tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

The NFPA does not recommend people use the typical turkey frying appliances available in retail stores because of the fire hazard they present. There are several oil-less units that offer the homeowner a safer alternative. It is recommended that they have their turkey prepared by a commercial vendor who specializes in this type of cooking.

When you are decorating that thanksgiving table, remember to think safety is you plan on using candles or other lighted accessories. Make sure the decoration is kept clear of other flammable materials and these items should never be left unattended.

[Download these NFPA safety tips on Thanksgiving.](#) (PDF, 868 KB)

NASHVILLE NEIGHBORHOODS CELEBRATION

The Codes Department was one of 25 vendors who participated in the first Nashville Neighborhoods Celebration hosted by the Neighborhoods Resource Center. The event, held on Saturday, October 19th in Nashville's Germantown, drew over 300 participants.

Some of the attractions included:

- Live entertainment sponsored by Nashville electric featuring Neighborhood Bands and Local Artists
- A Neighborhood Chili Cook Off
- An information Bazaar
- A Family Fun Zone and,
- A Youth Zone created by Teens for Teens

The goal of the event was to bring neighbors together for a day of information sharing and family fun. In addition to the Chili Cook Off, there were grilled hamburgers and hotdogs to go along with the excellent musical entertainment.

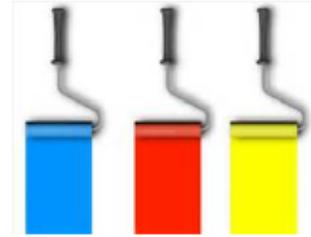
annual event.

About the Neighborhoods Resource Center

The Neighborhoods Resource Center works with neighbors and communities to facilitate community-driven change. They are a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving Metropolitan Nashville / Davidson County.

Since 1997, they have worked with neighbors and communities to build stronger neighborhoods. We offer three services: neighborhood and community organizing, training and leadership development, and information services. For additional information, please visit our website at www.tnrc.net.

Metro Water, 911, MDHA, and other Metro agencies took part in this inaugural event that the Resource Center plans to make an



Upcoming Latex Paint Disposal Policy Change

Effective January 1, 2014: Metro Nashville Public Works will no longer accept LATEX (water-based) paint at the household hazardous waste collection facility (East Recycling Convenience Center) located at 943A Dr. Richard G. Adams Dr., Nashville, TN 37207.

Today's latex (water-based) paint has a very low level of toxicity and is not considered hazardous waste. Disposing of it is costly, therefore, we ask people with unwanted latex paint to use other options to dispose of it. So save yourself a trip to the HHW collection facility! Here are some easy, safe ways to dispose of unwanted latex paint:

- ❖ **Figure out what kind of paint you have** – If your paint is latex, it will have the words “latex”, “water-based”, or “acrylic” on the can. Non-latex (oil-based) paint will say “oil based” or “alkyd” and will still be accepted at the HHW collection facility (address above).
- ❖ **Use it up, or offer it to someone else** – One gallon of paint should cover 250 – 350 square feet of surface, so try to buy the right amount. You may want to save any extra for future touch-ups or uses which do not require a different color. If you just don't want it, offer the paint to a neighbor or organization which might put it to good use.
- ❖ **Proper paint storage** – If you have extra paint you would like to store, stretch plastic wrap tightly over the opening of the paint can before securing the lid. Properly stored paint should last years in a room with a moderate temperature.
- ❖ **Dry it out** – If you or anyone else cannot find a good use for your latex paint, here is how to properly dispose of it - Never pour paint in a storm drain, sink, or toilet.
 - If there is one inch or less paint in the can, you can simply let the paint dry by removing the lid and placing the can in a well ventilated area, out of reach of pets and children.
 - If there is more than one inch of paint in the can, you can dry it by adding shredded paper, sawdust, mulch, kitty litter, or a commercial paint hardener to the paint and stirring it. Once the paint is dry, you can place the can in your regular trash container.

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit <http://www.nashville.gov/Public-Works/Neighborhood-Services/Special-Hazardous-Waste.aspx>, call (615) 880-1000 or email us at customercare@nashville.gov.



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VOLUNTEER TO HELP FAMILIES WITH KIDS LEARN HOW TO PREPARE A HEALTHY MEAL AT THE UNITED WAY FAMILY TEACHING KITCHEN



Volunteer Dates Available: November 15 • December 9

United Way's Women United in Giving is partnering with the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Metro Parks & Recreation, and the Nashville Public Library in a critical study to prevent childhood obesity. Join us in helping families in at-risk neighborhoods develop healthy lifestyles by vol-

unteering, advocating, and giving to the Family Teaching Kitchen initiative.

Here are ways that you can help:

Teaching Kitchen Set-Up

Family Teaching Kitchens offer families an opportunity to learn how to prepare a healthy meal and give families the chance to try something new! Volunteers are needed to help with set up. Set up includes putting together take home bags for participants, getting the tables and chairs in place, setting the table and setting up demo stations. We also want the room to look inviting and fun, so we'll be blowing up balloons and hanging our banners!

Time required for activity: 2 hours

Volunteers needed: Minimum 5, Maximum 10

Teaching Kitchen Support

Do you enjoy cooking, being a good hostess and entertaining? Volunteers are needed to help during the Teaching Kitchen. Opportunities include leading a demonstration table, greeting guests and checking guests in as they arrive, helping families get drinks and food, encouraging positive conversation during meal time and of course, cleaning up our mess! You're guaranteed to learn something new!

Time required for activity: 2 ½ hours

Volunteers needed: Minimum 5, Maximum 10

Centennial Sportsplex: *A Christmas Parade on Ice*

Join us for our annual ice show presented by the Music City Figure Skating Club. This year's show, *A Christmas Parade On Ice*, is directed by Robert Mauti and features Alicia Hsu and Jonathan Cassar.

Alicia Hsu, a Belmont student and biology major, who plans to pursue a career in medicine upon graduation, defended her national title at the 2012 United States Collegiate Figure Skating Championships in South Dennis, Massachusetts. Alicia ended up placing 10th out of 31 senior ladies. Hsu received a

gold medal and a \$5,000 scholarship for winning last year's event.

Jonathan Cassar is an American figure skater who has competed at the senior U.S. Championships six times. Cassar is known for his excellent inside spread eagles, which are included as a feature in his programs.

Cassar started to skate at age 8 because his father played hockey at the Detroit Skating Club. He twice competed at the U.S. Championships as a junior. Cassar majored in dance at Oakland University in Michigan.

A Christmas Parade On Ice

Sunday, December 15, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Tickets:

\$10.00 at the door beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Presented by
Music City Figure Skating Club

Directed by
Robert Mauti

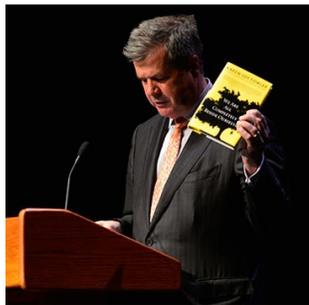
Featuring
Alicia Hsu
Jonathan Cassar



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Mayor Announces “We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves” As Next Citywide Read

“New York Times” Bestselling Author Karen Joy Fowler to Speak in April



Mayor Karl Dean announces the next book in the Citywide Program,

Mayor Karl Dean announced today that the next selection for Nashville Reads is “We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves” by New York Times bestselling author Karen Joy Fowler.

This is the third book selection for Nashville Reads, a citywide reading campaign to encourage Nashvillians to read the same book at the same time to create a shared experience of reading in the city. Previous selections included Margaret Atwood’s *The Handmaid’s Tale*

in 2012 and Yann Martel’s *Life of Pi* in 2013.

“This book is a great fit for our citywide read; it appeals to a wide range of readers and will spark connection and discussion,” Mayor Dean said. “I’m confident that adults will find it an engaging read, simultaneously humorous and tragic, thought-provoking but fast-paced. Karen Joy Fowler is a smart, special author, and I encourage Nashvillians to take advantage of her free public appearance here next spring.”

The reading campaign will take place from February to April and include diverse events around the city, capped off with a free public lecture in April featuring Fowler. Nashville Public Library has added several more print and digital copies of the book to its collection. Visit www.nashvillereads.org for more information and to sign up on an email list.

The announcement took place at Salon@615, which was at Ingram Hall at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt and featured acclaimed novelist and essayist Ann Patchett. Patchett is an admirer of “We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves” and its author.

“At first it seems like it’s going to be one of those smart, wacky books about families, but it just keeps getting deeper and dark-

er and more complicated, turning in ways I never saw coming - and still managing to make me laugh,” Patchett said. “If you missed the front page rave review in the New York Times by Barbara Kingsolver, well, good. Don’t read the reviews on this one. Don’t read the flap copy. Just read the book and let yourself be surprised. It really is a magnificent piece of work.”

Karen Joy Fowler is the author of six novels and three short story collections. “The Jane Austen Book Club” spent thirteen weeks on the New York Times bestsellers list and was a New York Times Notable Book. Fowler’s previous novel, “Sister Noon,” was a finalist for the 2001 PEN/Faulkner Award for fiction. Her debut novel, “Sarah Canary,” was a New York Times Notable Book, as was her second novel, “The Sweetheart Season.”

In addition, “Sarah Canary” won the Commonwealth medal for best first novel by a Californian, and was listed for the Irish Times International Fiction Prize as well as the Bay Area Book Reviewers Prize. Fowler’s short story collection “Black Glass” won the World Fantasy Award in 1999, and her collection “What I Didn’t See” won the World Fantasy Award in 2011. Fowler and her husband, who have two grown children and five grandchildren, live in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Nashville Reads is a way of bringing the entire city together to read great literature, in an attempt to broaden the literary horizons of the city and open up a forum for discussion. It is a program of the Nashville Public Library and is supported by many community institutions. Nashville Reads is a partnership between the Office of Mayor Karl Dean, Parnassus Books, Humanities Tennessee and the Nashville Public Library Foundation.

Salon@615 is an ongoing partnership between Nashville Public Library, Nashville Public Library Foundation, Parnassus Books and Humanities Tennessee designed to nurture and celebrate the literary life of Nashville by presenting bestselling authors for talks and book signings.

Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting to Kick Off 61st Annual Nashville Christmas Parade

Join the real Nashville Mayor Karl Dean and Mayor Teddy Conrad (Eric Close) from the TV show “Nashville” at the city’s tree lighting on the Public Square, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Parade starts at 7 p.m.

The 61st annual Piedmont Natural Gas Nashville



Christmas Parade is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. following The Mayor’s Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The parade has been a staple in Middle Tennessee’s holiday festivities since 1952.

More information on the parade can be found on [our Facebook page](#).

ABC’s “Nashville” Actor Eric Close Named Grand Marshal of 61st Annual Piedmont Natural Gas Nashville Christmas Parade
[Click here for more information.](#)

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Please consider entering Metro Beautification’s “Holiday Lights” contest! It’s easy!
In November, just complete our simple entry form and YOU could be one of our 2013 winners!



2013 ANN CHAPMAN HOLIDAY LIGHTS ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number (s) _____

Email _____

Please share the story or a brief history of your Holiday Lights. Also describe any environmental elements.

Competition is open to all Davidson County residents. Past district and regional winners are eligible to participate.

All entries must be returned (mail, fax or email) by Wednesday, November 20, 2013 to:

2013 Ann Chapman Holiday Lights
Metro Beautification and Environment Commission
Metro Public Works Department
750 South 5th Street, Nashville, TN 37206
Fax: 615-862-8799
Email: karin.whitehead@nashville.gov



The 26th Annual Metro Holiday Lights Competition and Tour
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