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Photo courtesy Gary Layda

*In this season of gratitude, we give special thanks for your friendship and your support*

*Best wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving holiday*

## Chicago Environmental Commissioner Brings “Green” Message To Nashville

Suzanne Malec-McKenna believes in the old axiom about failure...if you do it wrong, just try again.

Malec-McKenna, commissioner of Chicago’s Environment Department, presented her views on sustainability and greening of cities as a guest of the Nashville Civic Design Center. While appearing at David Lipscomb University, she was very straightforward in her approach to making life better in America’s cities and towns.

“How do we live life in our communities and achieve a high quality of life for all,” was her question for the day. “So much of what we do is trial and error. You just have to keep trying.”

Malec-McKenna said she shies away from the “S word”.

“Sustainability is a word I don’t use often because it sounds so overwhelming. I believe it is about balance and leverage,” Malec-McKenna said.

She said the environmental action steps which Nashville is following are similar to those which are followed in Chicago.

“We started with trees then medians then traffic calming in neighborhoods. We moved to green roads and beyond. It has been a surprise to many people how simple it has been.”

Malec-McKenna has served for nearly 14 years in the Department of Environment most recently as Deputy Commissioner of Natural Resources and Water Quality. Prior to joining City gov-

ernment she worked as an Urban Forestry Manager for the Openlands Project.

“Suzanne has worked tirelessly in her previous role to protect and preserve our green spaces, water and other natural resources,” said Chicago Mayor Daley. “As we move forward, I am confident that Suzanne will continue the work that has put Chicago well on its way to being the most environmentally-friendly city in the nation.”

The Lipscomb University Institute for Sustainable Practice hosted this breakfast for community leaders including members of Mayor Dean’s Green Ribbon Committee.

Founded in 2000, the Nashville Civic Design Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to “elevate the quality of Nashville’s built environment and to promote public participation in the creation of a more beautiful and functional city for all.”



Photo courtesy Craig Owensby—Metro Planning Department

## Metro Codes Director Moderator of International Code Council’s Code Development Hearings

The International Code Council (ICC) is a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention. ICC develops the codes and standards used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools.

The International Codes, or I-Codes, published by ICC, provide minimum safeguards for people at home, at school and in the workplace. The I-Codes are a complete set of comprehensive, coordinated building safety and fire prevention codes. Building codes benefit public safety and support the industry’s need for one set of codes without regional limitations.

Fifty states and the District of Columbia have adopted the I-Codes at the state or jurisdictional level. Federal agencies including the Architect of the Capitol, General Services Administration, National Park Service, Department of State, U.S. Forest Service and the Veterans Administration also enforce the I-Codes.

The Department of Defense references the International Building Code for constructing military facilities, including those that house U.S. troops, domestically and abroad. Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands enforce one or more of the I-Codes.

The State of Tennessee as well as the Metropolitan Govern-



Codes Director, Terrence Cobb recently served as a Moderator of International Code Council’s Code Development Hearings in Baltimore, MD. Cobb served to moderate the continued development of the International Fire Code, the International Energy Conservation Code and the International Building Code. New editions of the International Codes are published on a 3 year cycle. The Code Development Hearings are held annually between code editions for members of the ICC to consider the pro’s and con’s of proposed revisions to the International Codes in open public hearings

ment have adopted and use the International Codes to govern fire safety, commercial and residential building construction, plumbing and mechanical installations, as well as energy conservation.

## MAYOR, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS UNVEIL DESIGNS FOR NORTH NASHVILLE STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

*Gateway to Heritage' master plan and schematic designs created by former Tennessee Titan Eddie George's landscape architecture firm*

City and state leaders today unveiled the master plan and schematic designs for an extensive streetscape improvement project known as Gateway to Heritage that extends along the Interstate 40 corridor from 28th Avenue to Jefferson Street in North Nashville.

Mayor Karl Dean was joined at the event by TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely, Sen. Thelma Harper, Metro Councilman at Large Jerry Maynard, District 21 Councilwoman Edith Langster, Director of Metro Public Works Billy Lynch, Sharon Hurt, executive director of the Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership (JUMP), and other community leaders.



From left, Councilman Jerry Maynard, Sharon Hurt from JUMP, former TN Titan Eddie George, Representative Brenda Gilmore, Mayor Karl Dean, Senator Thelma Harper, and Council Lady Edith Langster.

“The Gateway to Heritage streetscape improvement project is the definition of community collaboration,” Dean said. “This collaboration is notable and exciting because that’s how communities are changed. Government can’t do it alone. And represented in this partnership are all the entities that make our city strong – our Metro and State governments, businesses, nonprofits and our educational institutions. This project is a direct investment in North Nashville – an investment that we hope will spur new economic development for this community and for our city as a

whole.”

Former Tennessee Titan Eddie George, whose landscape architecture firm EDGE was selected as the design consultant on the project, led the unveiling.

The master plan for Gateway to Heritage details new landscaping, directional signage and the development of a gathering place under the Jefferson Street I-40 underpass called Heritage Park.

“EDGE is excited to be a part of the ‘Gateway to Heritage’ and creating an environment that the community can be proud of,” George said. “We are committed to designing a successful place that will promote healthy lifestyles and is truly sustainable – economically, socially, and environmentally. We are confident that the proposed improvements will serve as a new gateway to historic Jefferson Street and will act as a social and economic catalyst for the area.”

Phase I of the project will be funded by a \$608,000 federal grant administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation with a required \$152,000 match from Metro. Metro Public Works applied for the grant in partnership with JUMP. Additional phases of the project will also be supported by federal grants, including funds awarded to Tennessee State University by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Recovery Act funds awarded to the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency.



Artists rendering of proposed Gateway To Heritage Streetscape Design

## Belmont Tops Out New Health Sciences Building

Nearly one year after breaking ground, Belmont University today celebrated the “topping out” its new \$30 million health sciences building, which will serve as the future home for the School of Pharmacy, a Belmont program which welcomed its second class this fall. The building, which has an anticipated completion date of June 2010, will also house the School of Physical Therapy and will include expansion space for the Schools of Nursing and Occupational Therapy as well as the Social Work and Psychology programs.



Artists rendering of the new Health Sciences building at Belmont University. Photo courtesy Belmont University.

Belmont’s School of Pharmacy, which will graduate its first class in spring 2012, will help alleviate the significant shortfall of qualified pharmacists needed both in the state and country at large. The School of Pharmacy seeks to become a nationally-recognized practice and leadership center with a four-pillared approach that will afford students additional focus areas of management, informatics, pharmacotherapy or missions.

State-of-the-art facilities, challenging medical-model curriculum and varied clinical education sites all contribute to making Belmont’s Doctorate of Physical

Belmont President Dr. Bob Fisher said, “In addition to providing a time to celebrate and thank all the workers behind this immense project, a topping out is also a time to look forward to when this structure is complete. This building will be a model, 21<sup>st</sup> century academic facility, providing a venue where our students and faculty resources can intersect in service to help meet the medical needs of our community and our world.”

Designed by Earl Swensson Associates with construction by R.C. Mathews, the 90,000-square-foot building will continue the innovation for which Belmont University has become known, containing top-notch laboratories. The facility will emphasize integrated, “hands on” experiential learning components including a licensed, state-of-the-art campus pharmacy which will provide services to students, faculty and staff while also serving as a training site for student pharmacists. Of special note are the simulation labs, where students and community clinicians can practice skills either on actors who simulate patients or on high tech manikins; this simulation suite is interdisciplinary, and programs will be encouraged to work in simulated scenarios that involve several health disciplines. In addition, faculty will have sophisticated research labs set aside for research studies, and students will be able to assist in these studies.

Dr. Jack Williams, dean of Belmont’s College of Health Sciences and Nursing, said, “Together with the Gordon E. Inman Center, this new structure will unite Belmont’s health science studies in one strategic location on campus. By completing and enhancing our health sciences complex, the university is providing inter-professional education opportunities for all of our health science students and preparing them to be both competent and compassionate practitioners.”

In addition to the educational influence, the building’s innovations also serve to complement Belmont’s efforts toward environmental sustainability. For starters, the building’s four-level underground parking garage reduces the structural footprint, saving four acres of land that would have been lost to surface parking. The building’s total footprint, including the garage, is less than an acre. Another significant “green” feature is the 20,000 gallon water storage tank, which will have the ability to capture excess ground and storm water that would otherwise be pumped into the storm system. The collected water will be recycled and used to irrigate the campus. The new building will also feature a green roof which at this time is planned to mimic a cedar glade with a wide variety of plant life.

Therapy (DPT) one of the premier programs in the country. The PT curriculum emphasizes both research and business, and students are given opportunities to practice at clinical sites locally and internationally. The School of Physical Therapy is currently located on the campus’ south side, near the corner of Delmar and 15th Avenues. Moving to the new building in 2010 will augment the School’s connection with Belmont’s other health programs.

The Gordon E. Inman Center, currently the main health sciences building on Belmont’s campus, officially opened at Belmont in June 2006 after 20 months of construction. The \$22.5 million facility now houses Belmont’s nursing, social work and occupational therapy programs as well as several general education classes and community conference space. Together with the Inman Center, this new structure will provide a consolidation of all the university’s health science studies—pharmacy, nursing, social work, occupational therapy and physical therapy—on the campus’s northeast corner. For more information, visit [www.belmont.edu](http://www.belmont.edu).

### Employee Highlights *Karin Whitehead*

Karin Whitehead likes to meet people which makes her a perfect fit in the permit issuance division at Codes and Building Safety.

Among her responsibilities are issuing trade permits, answer customer questions as well as providing information services to the public.

Before joining the Codes and Building Safety Department, Ms. Whitehead spent 30 years with Macy’s in their human resources division.

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and cooking as well as exercising. And, she really enjoys trips to the beach.

A native of Nashville, she attended St. Ann’s School as well as St. Bernard High School. She has two grown sons.



**Metro Development Agencies Meet at Historic 8th Avenue Reservoir**

Metro development agencies were hosted for a meeting by Water Services Director Scott Potter and his staff atop the 8th Avenue Reservoir. The group which meets weekly to discuss a variety of topics related to development issues in Davidson County, included from left, Mark Macy, Public Works; Marty Szeigis, Mayor's Office; Planning Director Rick Bernhardt, Water Services Director, Scott Potter; Toby Compton, Mayor's Office; Nick Thompson, NES; Billy Fields, Metro Codes and Building Safety, John Kennedy and Sue Amos, Metro Water, Ann Hammond, Metro Water Services and Codes and Building Safety Director Terry Cobb.



**Premises Identification**

*Can Customers Find Your Business Address?  
When Seconds Count—Can Emergency Responders Find Your Business?*

All buildings and structures within Davidson County are required to have approved address numbers posted and visible from the street, according to the Metro Property Standards Code.

Specifically, the Metropolitan Code of Laws requires:

- Multi-family and commercial numbers shall be a minimum of 6" in size.
- All numbers are to be posted on a contrasting background and be plainly 'visible and legible' from the street.
- Residential numbers shall be a minimum of 3" in size.
- Residences may have their numbers attached to the mailbox, if the mailbox is next to the street.

In addition to being required by code to follow these rules, there are other reasons why all citizens would want to follow this law. First, having a clearly marked street address means protection in Case of Emergency. If you need 911 services, fire, law enforcement and EMS will be able to find you faster.

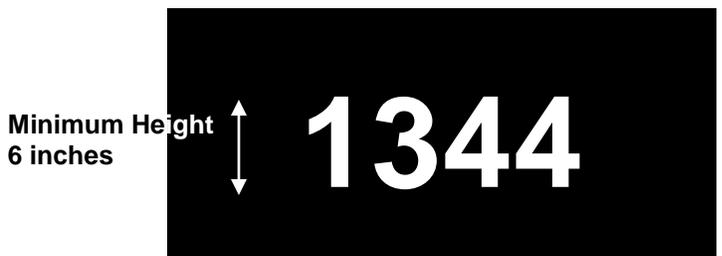
" A well marked and Identifiable addresses save important time in an emergency. When someone has a fire or medical emergency, getting to the location promptly and safely is critical," according to Deputy Chief Danny Yates. A visitor, child or an injured person may be unable to give clear directions. You must remember, seconds count in an emergency!

Second, you need to have the identification for utility services because telephone, Nashville Electric Service, and cable companies rely on an address to start a new service or respond to a maintenance problem.

And, finally, the United States Postal Service (as do the private delivery and parcel services) needs the address to be visible in order for you to get you mail, packages and other deliveries require an address. By having that address clearly shown will ensure prompt delivery.

It is important to check your address for obstruction by paint or shrubbery. Remember, if you can't see your address, neither can your customers or emergency responders!

**Commercial—Multi-family Unit  
Premises Identification Example**



**Contrasting Background**

### 13th Annual Codes Charity Golf Tournament a Success

*Codes Raises \$23,000 for Area Non-profits*

The 13th Annual Metro Codes Charity Golf Tournament, in October, at the Ted Rhodes Golf Course raised \$23,000 for local non-profits.

"We are very proud of the efforts of so many of the codes and building staff and our many friends who made this tournament such a great success over the years," Terry Cobb, Codes and Building Safety director said. "Through their unselfish work and giving so much of themselves to the effort, we have once again been able to help those who have great needs."

As in previous years, all proceeds will again go to the Metro Employees Combined Charities Campaign to benefit local non-profits. Easter Seals Camp, Miriam's promise and the Harris-Hillman School were chosen this year to receive the funds.



**Codes Director Terry Cobb visits with Easter Seals Camper Shamar Philips and her mother Loretta.**

Cobb believes one man has made a tremendous contribution to the effort. Cobb said Tournament Director Jim Winchester, retired partner at Mid South Electrical and Mechanical, helps keep the tournament running because of his compassion and concern for others.

"Jim works year round to make sure we can meet the our goals for the tournament. He believes in helping people and we are so very grateful to have him lead the effort," Cobb said.

As a department, Codes and Building Safety will contribute more than \$34,000 to MECCEC with funds from the tournament as well as contributions from staff members.



**Volunteer Jim Winchester visits with Easter Seals Camper Shamar Philips.**



**Shamar with putting contest winners Mike Cook with the LaVergne Co-Op and Bill Conrad, owner of Conrad Construction.**



**This years tournament volunteers included, from left Christine Gibson, Cindy Stewart, Kathy Hatch, Carla Langley-Smith, Margo Penick.**

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**13th Annual Codes Charity Golf Tournament**

