



A Newsletter from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development

A Great Transformation

by Anjenet Brown, Code Enforcement Inspector



“Building Better Neighborhoods... Block By Block”

COMMON GROUND



In early February 2007 Neighborhood Services received a call from a Chattanooga police officer regarding a few problem properties. The Chattanooga Police Department had been called out several times to three rooming houses at 701, 703, and 705 Greenwood Avenue in Highland Park. After making an initial inspection to one of the houses, code enforcement inspector Anjenet Brown decided that an Environmental Team needed to inspect all three structures.

An Environmental Team (or E-Team)

The remodeling took nearly a year, but the wait was worth it.

is assigned to inspect problem properties that present multiple violations falling under several city departments’ responsibility, and therefore needs to be addressed jointly among the departments. A standard E-Team consists

of: a code enforcement inspector; an electrical inspector; fire marshal; plumbing inspector and building inspector.

Upon inspecting the 3 rooming houses, the E-Team found many life-threatening violations. There were no smoke alarms or fire

extinguishers installed at *continued on page 2*

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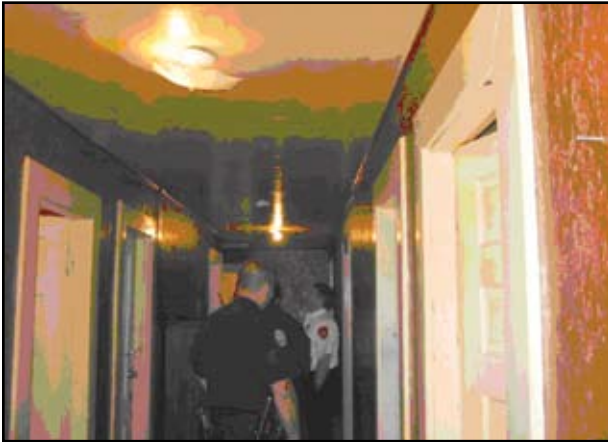
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Before: The central hallway with plywood walls, dim lighting and door after padlocked door. This single family home had been divided into an eight room rooming house



Before: One of the 8x10 foot rooms

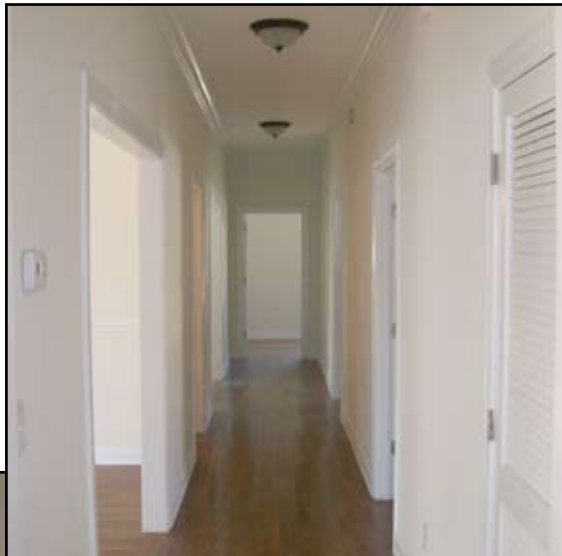
any of the properties. The electrical systems were outdated and badly maintained. On average, there was only one bathroom for seven rooms. The central hallway was dark and lined with padlocked doors. The rooms, rented to residents by the week, were 8 feet by 10 feet or smaller and separated by one half inch plywood. Due to the dangerous conditions found, the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development condemned all three properties.

Not long after, the owner of the houses decided to sell them and Crane Enterprises quickly started remodeling two of the houses. One of the home remodels is complete, and the transformation is amazing. Corey Crane, owner of Crane Enterprises, describes the work done as a complete interior demolition. New wiring and plumbing were installed. A

kitchen and new bathrooms were added. The walls, floors, trim and fixtures were completely replaced. On the outside, new doors, windows, siding and roof.

The remodeling took nearly a year, but the wait was worth it. The dark and dangerous rooming house is now a bright and clean three-bedroom two-bath home. The first home is for sale and the remodeling of the second home is almost complete.

The renovation of these homes will have a significant impact on this city block as well as the entire neighborhood. Not only are property values raised, but crime is lowered and new families will move in to regenerate an older neighborhood. This is a great transformation and a happy ending for this neighborhood!

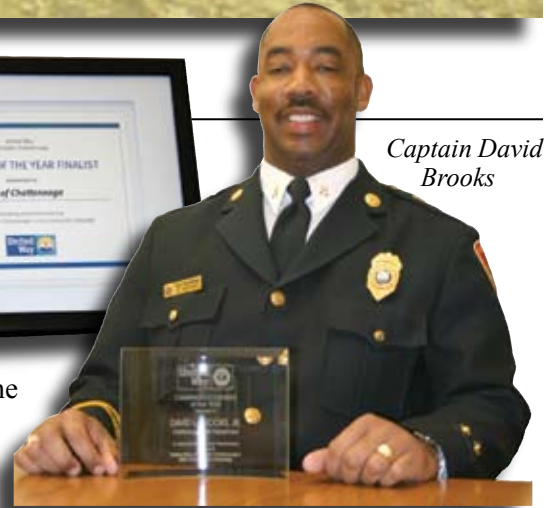


After: A completely new house, inside and out. The hallway restored, beautiful new floors, walls, trim and fixtures, and a beautiful, bright new kitchen.



United Way Recognition

United Way of Greater Chattanooga recognized the City of Chattanooga as a “Company of the Year Finalist” for its efforts in the 2007 Community Campaign. Beverly P. Johnson served as Unit Chair for the city, assisted by representatives from each city department. Employees contributed \$114,753 in 2007 compared to \$101,039 in 2006, representing a 13% increase. Under the leadership of Captain David Brooks, Assistant Fire Marshall, the Fire Department is primarily responsible for the City’s increased contribution. Captain Brooks was recognized by United Way for his outstanding volunteer efforts. Congratulations to Captain Brooks and all City of Chattanooga employees for a terrific fundraising effort!



Captain David Brooks



Introducing Councilwoman Carol Berz

Meet the new District 6 representative Councilwoman Carol Berz. Dr Berz is the Chief Executive Officer of Private Dispute Resolution Services, LLC, a mediation services and training organization headquartered in

downtown Chattanooga. A civil and family mediator, Dr. Berz also does extensive teaching in both the private and public sectors in the areas of mediation, mediation advocacy, mediation ethics and employment and labor/management matters relative to the costs of corporate conflict. She is a Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work, with extensive post-doctoral training in mediation, law and conflict management system design.

Dr. Berz’s membership affiliations are numerous,

among which are the Association for Conflict Resolution in Washington, D.C.; Chair of the Certification Task Force and the Awards Committee; a member of the Finance and Human Resource Committees; the National Association of Social Workers; the American Bar Association and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Dr. Berz studied liberal arts at Emory University and human service administration at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Her master’s degree in social policy was completed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; her law degree at the Nashville School of Law; and her doctorate in social policy at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in cooperation with Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

These are but a few of her accomplishments. We look forward to the great things Councilwoman Berz will accomplish for District 6.

A Letter from the Administrator

For the first time in several years, the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development has published an annual report. A complete copy of the report, which covers fiscal year 2007 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007), will be distributed to presidents of neighborhood associations registered with the department. The report is also available to the general public on our website at www.chattanooga.gov.

I am especially proud of the staff’s accomplishments over the past fiscal year. They have performed incredibly in their respective professional roles as they try to make a positive impact in all our neighborhoods by providing funding for community development projects, neighborhood relations activities, and balanced code enforcement while also being

sensitive to the plight of our less fortunate citizens. Our city has had many successful accomplishments in the past fiscal year. Our commitment is to continue “*Building Better Neighborhoods... Block by Block.*”

If you have questions about any of our programs, please call us at (423) 425-3700. We look forward to hearing from you .



Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

Neighborly News from...

Sweet Diversity

A Dessert Reception

*Celebrating Culture
Celebrating Community
In Our Neighborhood*

Thursday, May 15, 2008

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Southside Recreation Center

1151 West 40th St.

Office of Multicultural Affairs

Sweet Diversity - A Dessert Reception

Sweet Diversity is a multicultural community experience featuring crafts, entertainers and desserts from a variety of cultures in District 7. This event is sponsored by the City of Chattanooga Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) in partnership with District 7 City Councilman Manuel Rico, and the Department of Education, Arts and Culture. Sweet Diversity is free and open to the public.

Everyone is invited to sample the delicious, multicultural desserts coming straight from the cultural kitchens of District 7. Participants are invited to bring a dessert that represents their unique cultural heritage along with a recipe card for sharing. Attendees will be treated to spectacular performing and visual arts from various cultures in the area. For more information call Nicole Gwyn at the OMA at (423) 643-6706.

Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC)

Recently Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC) hosted a Parliamentary Procedures Forum that was very successful. We greatly express appreciation to Juliette Thornton for her presentation. We plan to present another session in the near future.

CNAC announces the formation of a Chattanooga Email Mass Alert System where all neighborhoods can be notified of scams occurring in their communities, crime bulletins, and other beneficial information. Individuals and neighborhood associations who want to be included in this

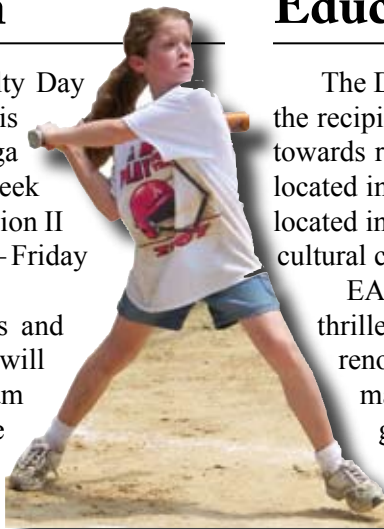
project should notify us at cnac@bellsouth.net.

CNAC is involved with neighborhoods regarding zoning issues, animal control issues, tenants rights and the formulation of various boards. Several other programs are coming soon. Come and visit our meetings and see what is happening, join us and be a part of the solution! Invite us to your meeting and include us in your common concerns and issues that involve all neighborhoods. CNAC meets at 6:00 p. m. the 4th Monday of each month at the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, 1270 Market Street.

Parks and Recreation

A New Summer All Sports Specialty Day Camp for children ages 6 through 12 is being offered at the East Chattanooga Recreation Center. There will be 2 two-week sessions: Session I - June 2nd-13th; Session II - June 16th-27th. Sessions are Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M

Professional athletes, local coaches and parks and recreation professionals will teach the basic techniques, promote team building and sportsmanship, and provide a fun tournament experience. Soccer, football, basketball, baseball, softball, golf, tennis, volleyball, badminton, track and field, as well as Olympic sports will be featured. The cost is \$50.00 per session. To register, contact John Allen at (423) 643-6069 or Ron Drake at (423) 697-1281.



Education, Arts & Culture

The Department of Education, Arts & Culture (EAC) is the recipient of a \$25,000 state grant which will contribute towards renovations of the second floor at Heritage House located in East Brainerd. Heritage House, built in 1963, is located in Heritage Park and is the city's exclusive arts and cultural civic center.

EAC Administrator Missy Crutchfield says, "I am thrilled to receive this grant that will allow EAC to begin renovating the 2nd floor of Heritage House; thereby making it usable for a variety of uses – art classes, gallery spaces, meeting rooms for community events, etc. I want to thank Representative Vince Dean and his staff for their diligence in championing this effort. Mayor Littlefield and Councilman Benson have also been extremely supportive of Heritage House and its importance in the East Brainerd community."

Neighborly News from...

M.L. King Neighborhood Association *by Dennis Tate, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator*

District 8

The Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, under the leadership of Craig Fortier, recently completed the installation of decorative and functional trash receptacles in their community thanks to funding assistance from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development's Neighborhood Partners Program.

These receptacles enhance the community's aesthetics with the convenience of a place to put trash. Additionally, by crafting the project and being mindful of other nearby enhancement projects, notably Fort Wood, these receptacles provide a visual continuity of resurgence in our urban design and amenities. Finally, and perhaps most significantly, these receptacles provided the opportunity for these motivated neighborhood leaders to work together from concept to installation.

Members of MLK Neighborhood Association show off their hard work installing the new trash receptacles.



Churchville Neighborhood Association

District 9

Congratulations to Tara L. Hewlett, the newly elected president of the Churchville Neighborhood Association. The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development is especially proud of Tara since she is a recent graduate of our Neighborhood Leadership Institute.

Tara previously served 3 years as secretary of the Churchville Neighborhood Association.



Her goals as president are to continue revitalization efforts already put into place to improve the neighborhood and reduce crime.

"We, here in Churchville, are a diverse group of residents with many abilities and talents" says Tara. She encourages everyone in the neighborhood to come to the association meetings to meet with her and discuss any ideas and concerns.

County Commissioner Warren Mackey swears in the new slate of officers for the Churchville Neighborhood Association. L to R: Commissioner Warren Mackey; Willie Mack Edwards, Chaplain; Phillis White, vice president; Elaine Watkins, secretary; Charlotte Anderson, treasurer; Tara L. Hewlett, president



Neighborly News from...

Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association *by Karen Clay, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator*



L to R: Ron Hughes, board member; Alex McKeel, vice president; Joe Manning, past president; Kim Tucker, secretary; Jimmy Long, facilities manager; Susan Dailey, treasurer; Charlie Galvin, president

District 1

Located seven minutes from downtown Chattanooga, on the eastside of the Tennessee River, Lookout Mountain, is the Lookout Valley Community. Since the first settlers moved into the area around the late 1790's, the community has grown to over 5,000 residents. Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association came about from the former Lookout Valley Citizens Committee that was established in the late 1980s. In 2001, concerned citizens reorganized and changed the name to the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association. The association holds meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the John A. Patten Recreation Center, 3202 Kelley's Ferry Road.

The community of Lookout Valley is as diverse at the geography of the area. With this in mind, the association regularly invite guests and speakers to address issues related to seniors, veterans, youth and other segments of the community. In the seven years since the group has re-established itself, they have sponsored many programs that have helped the community. To that end, one of the goals of the association is to unite and build a stronger and better community.

The association is also proud of the many successful educational and safety programs that it sponsors. Currently, the Lookout Valley Playground Committee is working to raise money to build a community playground. The association's goal is to have the funding raised and the playground completed by the end of the school year.

Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association sponsors and hosts a number of annual events and programs including the Community Pride Day, "Teacher of the Year" nominated by a students of Lookout Valley Elementary, Middle and High Schools, golf tournament, Patriotic Celebration in July, Kids Costume Contest held in October and the Christmas Parade held in December.

Lupton City Neighborhood Association *by Debbie Johnson, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator*

District 2

In November 2006, Lupton City residents came together to organize the Lupton City Neighborhood Association. Since that time, they have made great strides in their community.

The association has partnered with Brooks Memorial United Methodist Church in several community functions such as an appreciation breakfast for local firefighters and fund raising dinners for disadvantaged families. The association hosted the 2007 National Night Out Kick Off event, has had numerous neighborhood cleanups throughout the year and had a ton of fun!

For 2008, developing new partnerships and energizing existing partnerships is part of the strategy to be responsive to the community. As with all neighborhood organizations, their mission is to be inclusive of all the residents, thereby making their community the best it can be.

Lupton City Neighborhood Association holds meetings at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Brooks Memorial Methodist Church.



L to R: Charles Harris; Suzanne Harris, treasurer; Patti Mitchell, Amanda Bennett, secretary; Taylor McDonald, president; Elaine Bradway; Scott Louisell, vice president

Community Development's Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009

The City of Chattanooga, as a HUD Entitlement Community, had the following funds available for allocation for local eligible projects: Community Development Block Grant -\$1,716,636; HOME Investment Partnership -\$1,073,368; American Dream Downpayment Initiative -\$8,690; Emergency Shelter Grant -\$85,036 and Program Income from previously funded projects -\$1,217,769, for a total of \$4,133,730. The total requests for funding from local organizations was \$10,091,103.

The Action Plan outlines programs and projects funded this fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The projects with detailed information can be found on the city's website at <http://www.chattanooga.gov>.

The following projects were approved for funding by the City Council on March 4, 2008:

Office of Community Development	\$ 562,837
Chattanooga Homeless Coalition	59,000
28th District CDC.....	364,000
Chattanooga Housing Authority	200,000
Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise	1,374,368
City of Chattanooga – Neighborhood Services	50,000
City of Chattanooga – Public Works	663,441
Community Kitchen	15,000
Front Porch Alliance.....	50,000
Interfaith Homeless Network	6,000
Chattanooga Room in the Inn.....	17,500
Orange Grove Center.....	100,000
Partnership for Families, Children & Adults	42,284
S.E TN Human Resource Agency	29,300
Debt Service – Hope VI	600,000
Grand Total	\$4,133,730

Citizens wishing to comment regarding these projects and contents of the Action Plan may do so in writing to: Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development, City Hall, Room 201, 101 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. Written comments must be received by May 2, 2008.

To secure a copy of the Action Plan or the Executive Summary after April 2, 2008, citizens should contact the office at 757-5133, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A nominal fee will be charged for the cost of duplication.

Neighborhood Talk

A weekly radio show from the
Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development

Tuesday Mornings 9:00-9:30 a.m.
WNOO 1260 AM

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April/May Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Division	Description
April 2008			
3 Thu	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	12:00P	■	The Power of One Luncheon
	5:30P	■	Mayor's Neighborhood Meeting - District 1
	6:00P	■	Glenwood Neighborhood Watch Meeting
	6:00P	■	Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association Meeting
7 Mon	7:00P	■	Community Association of Historic St. Elmo Meeting
	7:00P	■	Murray Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
8 Tue	6:00P	■	Sector 2 Community Policing Interactive Committee (CPIC)
	6:00P	■	Bustown Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Lupton City Neighborhood Association Meeting
9 Wed	6:00P	■	Glass Farms Neighborhood Association Meeting
	10:00A	■	Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting
	11:00A	■	East Lake Senior Citizens Meeting
10 Thu	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:30P	■	Clifton Hills Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting
	7:00P	■	Cedar Hill Improvement League Meeting
12 Sat	9:00A	■	Lookout Valley Golf Tournament
14 Mon	2:00P	■	Churchville Neighborhood Association Meeting
	1:00P	■	Regional Planning Agency Meeting
15 Tue	6:00P	■	Hamilton Acres Neighborhood Association
	6:00P	■	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Watch Meeting
17 Thu	6:00P	■	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Association Meeting
	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	■	Menlo Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	East Lake Community Council Meeting
	7:00P	■	Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
21 Mon	6:00P	■	Avondale Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	North Brainerd Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Washington Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	South Chattanooga Association of Neighbors Meeting
22 Tue	4:00P	■	Community Anti-Drug Coalition Across Hamilton County
23 Wed	10:00A	■	Demolition Hearings
	11:30A	■	Court Watch Partners
24 Thu	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	5:30P	■	South Broad Redevelopment Group, Inc. Meeting
	6:00P - 7:00P	■	Glenwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
28 Mon	7:00P	■	Ridgedale Neighborhood Association Meeting
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■ Neighborhood Relations
 ■ Code Enforcement
 ■ Neighborhood Association
 ■ Other

2008 Curbside Recycling Dates

Area 1: East of Highway 153 and West of Interstate 75

April 9	July 9	October 8
May 7	August 6	November 5
June 4	September 3	December 3

Area 2: East of Interstate 75, West of Highway 153, and East of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonnie Oaks Drive

April 16	July 16	October 15
May 14	August 13	November 12
June 11	September 10	December 10

Area 3: West of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonnie Oaks Drive, West of Highway 153, and South of the Tennessee River

April 23	July 23	October 22
May 21	August 20	November 19
June 18	September 17	December 17

Area 4: North of the Tennessee River and West of Highway 153

April 30	July 30	October 29
May 28	August 27	November 26
June 25	September 24	December 31