



A Newsletter from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development



“Building Better Neighborhoods... Block By Block”

COMMON GROUND



Mayor Ron Littlefield

A Letter from the Mayor

Recycling Made Easy

You may have noticed some changes taking place within the City of Chattanooga’s recycling program. We are proud to announce the expansion of both operating days and hours at our Recycling Convenience Centers (recycling drop-off centers) as well as the addition of a new Recycling Convenience Center in Lookout Valley. These positive changes make it easier for the citizens of Chattanooga to recycle. We are dedicated to making recycling as convenient as possible while maintaining the integrity of the program. In 1987, Chattanooga was burying about 2000 tons of garbage everyday. Thanks to our aggressive efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle, we now bury less than 500 tons per day. Still, further reducing the amount of materials that end up in our landfill is a critical goal of our recycling program and with your help, *continued on page 2*

Codes vs. Zoning

Very often our code inspectors encounter violations that actually fall under zoning ordinances. We receive a nuisance complaint for litter, abandoned vehicles or housing that turns out to be a zoning issue. Many people may not be aware they are in violation of the zoning ordinances, while others simply think they can get away with it. If we answer a complaint that turns out to be an illegal business, the complaint is referred to Public Works Department Land Development Office.



A garage operating illegally in a residential zone

A recurring issue is people being cited for operating a business in a residential zone even though the city issued them a business license. A few of them operate *continued on page 3*

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A Letter from the Mayor *(continued from page 1)*

we are making strides in accomplishing that goal. We are experiencing an overwhelming increase in the amount of materials being recycled and will continue to expand the recycling program as we strive to meet these needs and make our program even better.

On September 1, we extended the Recycling Convenience Center operational days to seven days a week to better serve the community. In addition, the operating hours have been adjusted to later in the evening to meet the demand for those who work during the day. We did this in response to demands for more hours of operation and an increase in convenience center usage. The new hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On September 14, we celebrated the grand opening of the newest Recycling Convenience Center located at 3202 Kelly's Ferry Road in Lookout Valley. The addition of the John A. Patten Recycling Convenience Center brings to four, the total number of Recycling Convenience Centers now open seven days per week in the City of Chattanooga.

Curbside recycling is a convenient way for households to recycle several items by simply placing those recyclables



Councilman Manuel Rico, Mayor Ron Littlefield, Rocky the Recycling Racoon and Councilwoman Linda Bennett at the grand opening of the John A. Patten Recycling Convenience Center



Convenience Center Locations:

Warner Park Recycle Center
1250 East Third St.

Access Road at DuPont Parkway
with the

Residential Refuse Collection Center

John A. Patten Recreation Center
3202 Kelly's Ferry Rd.

East Brainerd Baseball Complex
end of Batter's Place Road

on their curb once a month. The recyclables are then taken to the Recycling Center to be sorted. Any questions you may have about curbside recycling can be answered by visiting www.recycleright.org or www.chattanooga.gov or by simply calling 311.

If you are currently taking advantage of the recycling program, thank you. If not, we encourage you to visit a Recycling Convenience Center and/or participate in monthly curbside pickup. Either way

you contribute to the overall recycling efforts of the City of Chattanooga and your participation is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ron Littlefield, Mayor

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Codes vs. Zoning *continued*

(continued from page 1) without a business license. If you are planning to start a business, it is your responsibility to ensure that the business is located in an area that is zoned appropriately. According to Sharon Morris, Business Tax Supervisor for the City of Chattanooga, “While the State of Tennessee says we may not refuse to issue a license to any applicant (for any reason, including zoning), we do have a statement on the license that reads: *This license does not permit operation unless properly zoned and/or in compliance with all other applicable laws/rules.* Also, we supply the inspection office with a weekly report of all business licenses that we have issued for a week in the event that they want to pursue improperly zoned businesses.”

There are several types of businesses that typically are in violation of the zoning ordinances. Richard Hutsell, Zoning Official for the Land Development Office says “the most common violations are automobile related repair or sales, and single family dwellings converted into multi-family dwellings.” Another common violation is daycare operation.

Most often, Neighborhood Services code inspectors will receive a complaint about inoperable vehicles that turns out to be an automobile repair business operating in a residential area. They may have been issued a license to operate that business, but obviously, the neighbors are not happy about it.

A Letter from the Administrator

We appreciate the great response we have had to *Common Ground* newsletter. We are committed to bringing you timely information relevant to all Chattanooga neighborhoods. Our publication schedule has changed from monthly to bi-monthly. You will notice this issue is for October and November - the next issue will be distributed in December.

National Night Out (NNO) was a great success this year - see the photos on page 7. Our Neighborhood Relations Coordinators and many of our staff visited several sites where NNO events were being held. Kudos to all of you that participated to make your neighborhoods a stronger, safer place to live and play!

Our 9th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference is this month, and we look forward to seeing our neighborhood leaders present to learn new ways to affect change in their



This single family dwelling was illegally converted to a boarding house. Plywood and doors were constructed to divide larger rooms into 10 small rooms large enough for little more than a mattress.

Other complaints may be for housing code violations. We may be called to inspect a residence in an area zoned R-1 for single family dwellings, to discover that it has been subdivided into apartments. Again, this is a zoning violation, and will be referred to Public Works.

If you have questions about the City of Chattanooga Zoning Ordinance, call 311 and they will connect you with the appropriate contacts in Public Works. You can find the complete Zoning Ordinance at www.chattanooga.gov.



communities. We are also expecting many code professionals from across the region to attend and earn Continuing Education Units to supplement their careers.

Chattanooga’s fabulous fall weather brings a multitude of events and activities. We have highlighted a few in this newsletter. I encourage you to go out and spend some time with your neighbors, old and new. Good neighbors make strong neighborhoods. Together we can “Build Better Neighborhoods... Block By Block”.

Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

National Night Out 2007

Chattanooga neighborhoods across the city participated in National Night Out on August 7th. This nationwide event promotes crime and drug prevention awareness, partnerships with community and police, and sends a message to criminals that the neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The event is coordinated by the Chattanooga Police Crime Prevention Unit with the assistance of their Neighborhood Relations partners in the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development.



Mayor Littlefield kicks off National Night Out in Lupton City.

Right: Crowds gather for the kick-off event. Lupton City was chosen for the kick-off because they are a new neighborhood association.



Right: The DUI simulator course was a popular attraction at the kick-off. Participants wore special goggles and tried to maneuver a course in the golf cart



Below: Officer Diaz speaks to residents at the Hamilton Acres NNO event



Below: Clifton Hills participants enjoy refreshments at their night out



Neighborly News from...

Parks and Recreation Department

Fall & Holiday family activities at the city's neighborhood recreation centers: Join the fun, get involved with your community, and come on over!

Avondale

- Halloween Party - October 31st, 5:30-8:00, Ages 12 & under
- Harvest Dance - Senior Activities Luncheon - early November (Call Ms. Lexine at 697-1277)
- Youth Holiday Crafts - Saturdays 2:00-4:00 November & December

Brainerd

- Halloween Excitement - Ages 12 & Under, Oct. 31st, 6-8 pm
- Therapeutic Recreation Division: Halloween Masquerade Costume Party -Friday, October 26th, 6:30-8:30 pm

Eastdale - Call center for times

- Halloween Crafts & Activities - Oct 29th & 30th
- "Eastdalegiving" Dinner & Basketball Tournament - Nov. 20th & 21st

Glenwood

- Glenwood Community Fall Festival - October 26th, 5:00-8:00pm
- "Deck the Halls" Holiday Tree Lighting & Community Celebration - Tues. Nov. 27th 4:00-6:00pm

John A. Patten

- Halloween Costume Party - Oct.27th, 12:00-4:00 Ages 12 & under

Sheila M. Jennings (Westside Center)

- "Back 2 the Westside" Reunion Festival - Saturday, October 6th, 11am-4pm (Call Mike Todd at 756-3541)
- Westside Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Friday, Nov.16th, 6:00pm



Kids and counselors join the fun at Frances B. Wyatt Center Fall Break Camp October 8 - 12

Shepherd

- Co-sponsored by Shepherd Community Action Council
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 22nd, 11:00am with meals taken to elderly shut-ins

South Chattanooga

- Halloween "Spooktacular" - Oct. 30th, Ages 10 & under, 5:00-7:00pm

Tyner/East Brainerd

- Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament - Ages 12 & up, & Family Fun
- Call Mr. Al at 855-2664 for exact time



Coming Soon!

The New Quick Reference Directory

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development has created a Chattanooga Area Quick Reference Directory. It will be available in English and Spanish, and lists important phone numbers for residents and newcomers to Chattanooga alike.

Listings include quick dial numbers (such as 311 for City of Chattanooga Services), utilities, transportation, business and development resources, city, county, state and federal government numbers as well as crisis hotlines. It has been designed in a format that will be easy to use and can be kept on your desk, refrigerator or just store it on your computer.

The directory will be available for pick up at our City Hall office, 101 East 11th Street, Suite 200, or you can go to the Neighborhood Services link at www.chattanooga.gov to download a copy.

Neighborly News from...

Department of Education, Arts & Culture

Fall Programming

As fall and the holidays approach, the Education, Arts & Culture's (EAC) civic facilities are rising to the occasion by offering innovative and creative programs. Eastgate Senior Activity Center and North River Civic Center's programs are offered to adults during the day and Heritage House, the city's only art and civic center, offers programs throughout the week to both children and adults.

Both the Tivoli Theatre and Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium are booked with a variety of productions that everyone will enjoy. To find out more regarding this fall's programs and productions, visit www.chattanooga.gov and click on the Education, Arts & Culture icon.

Chattanooga Lookouts Hosts Education, Arts & Culture Essay Contest Winners

The Department of Education, Arts & Culture (EAC) hosted an essay contest at ten of the city's recreation centers this summer. The title of the contest was, "Lookout Heroes – Here I Come;" however, the children (ages 9-12) could write about any person they felt was a hero to them.

Members from the Chattanooga Writers Guild (Ed Lindberg, Lantz Powell, Ray Zimmerman, Joyce Walters, Bill Choate and Marcia Brantley) spent an afternoon judging over 100 entries, which were poignant and moving. EAC Director of Development & Marketing Laurie Shipley said, "I didn't know what to expect; however, what was received was far more than I ever dreamed. Several of the essays were so personal they brought tears to my eyes."

Ten winners were selected, one from each recreation center, and were treated, courtesy of Frank Burke and the Chattanooga Lookouts, to a ceremonial first pitch, and 4



Essay contest winners from l to r: Jaimee Stallings; Breanna Russell; Marisa Goodwin; Amber Choice; Tasheuna Adams

box seat tickets. 200 general admission tickets were also given to EAC to pass out to the ten participating recreation centers. The winners were: Tasheuna Adams; Kennedy Bullock; Amber Choice; Hannah Davidson; Chris Ferguson; Marisa Goodwin; Breanna Russell; Lydashia Smith; Jaimee Stallings and Malcolm Watkins.

Neighborhood Associations

East Lake Seniors

On September 12, the East Lake Seniors celebrated Western Days at their monthly meeting. The agenda included a musician who performed music from the 1800's and early 1900's and provided a historical perspective on the instruments of the era. Good old fashioned barbeque was served up for the lunch meeting. The membership had a great time with their "pardners".

Left: Doug Carson entertained with the history of the banjo.

Right: Doug Carson with Margaret Turner, President of East Lake Seniors, and her husband Ronnie Turner dressed up for Western Days



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October/November Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Division	Description
October 2007			
1 Mon	5:30P - 8:00P	■	Neighborhood Leadership Institute: Session 8
	6:00P	■	East Lake Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	Community Association of Historic St. Elmo Meeting
4 Thu	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	■	Missionary Ridge N'hood Assn Meeting
	6:00P	■	Glenwood Neighborhood Watch Meeting
	7:00P	■	Lookout Valley N'hood Assn Meeting
6 Sat	11:30A - 8:00P	■	Glenwood Jazz Festival
8 Mon	1:00P	■	Regional Planning Agency Meeting
9 Tue	6:00P	■	Sector 2 Community Policing Interactive Committee (CPIC)
	6:00P	■	Glass Farms Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Bushtown Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Lupton City Neighborhood Association Meeting
10 Wed	10:00A	■	Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting
	11:00A	■	East Lake Senior Citizens Meeting
11 Thu	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	■	Clifton Hills Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting
	7:00P	■	Cedar Hill Improvement League Meeting
13 Sat	2:00P	■	Churchville Neighborhood Association Meeting
15 Mon	6:00P	■	Avondale Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	North Brainerd Neighborhood Association Meeting
16 Tue	6:00P	■	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Watch Meeting
17 Wed	8:00A	■	9th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference
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	6:00P	■	Menlo Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	East Lake Community Council Meeting
	7:00P	■	Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
19 Fri	8:00A	■	9th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference
22 Mon		■	Night Court
	6:00P	■	Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC)
24 Wed	10:00A	■	Demolition Hearings
	11:30A	■	Court Watch Partners
25 Thu	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	5:30P	■	South Broad Redevelopment Group, Inc. Meeting
	6:00P - 7:00P	■	Glenwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
29 Mon	7:00P	■	Ridgedale Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:30P	■	Sylvan Drive Neighborhood Association

■	Neighborhood Relations
■	Code Enforcement
■	Neighborhood Association
■	Other

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Visit our Calendar of Events at <http://www.chattanooga.gov>

Mayor's Neighborhood Meetings

District 1 & 2.... 5:30pm, October 18, 2007

Councilwomen Robinson and Bennett
Northside Presbyterian Church
923 Mississippi Avenue

District 6 5:30pm, November 1, 2007

Brainerd Baptist Church
4011 Austin Street

District 4 7:00pm, December 6, 2007

Councilman Benson
Concord Baptist Church
7025 East Brainerd Road

The 9th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference

October 17-19, 2007

Chattanooga Convention Center

presented by the

Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development

NOTICE

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development will begin its annual Allocation Process on November 1, 2007 for fiscal year 2008-2009 funding cycle. Workshops will be held in the First Floor Conference Room at the Development Resource Center, located at 1250 Market Street. Nonprofit organizations that have a worthwhile project and wish to apply and or to know more about the application process to receive HUD federal funding are encouraged to attend one of these sessions:

HOME Investment Act 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CDBG and ESG 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Applications will be distributed at the Workshops and will be available in the Community Development office during regular business hours beginning November 2, 2007.

A Technical Assistance Workshop will be conducted on December 6, 2007 at the DRC, First Floor Conference Room, 1250 Market Street.

Applications are due on December 14, 2007

For additional Information, please call 757-5133

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