



A Newsletter from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development



"Building Better Neighborhoods... Block By Block"

COMMON GROUND



Preserving the Past

A lot can happen in 10 years. Just 10 years ago, the newly created Department of Neighborhood Services became an effective resource for the citizens who needed a forum for problem-solving, information exchanging, developing partnerships, and developing neighborhood leaders. On another level, celebration was in order. Our city was

in the midst of downtown renaissance and the revival of our neighborhoods. The result was the 1st Annual Neighborhoods Conference July 1998.

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development invites you to the 10th Annual Neighborhoods Conference October 9-10 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. This year's conference theme is "Preserving the Past ... Building the Future." We recognize that all community successes are achieved through a shared commitment among the residents, neighborhood associations, community partners and government. Together, we not only have successfully preserved our community assets; we also can expect greater progress as we work for the future.

With more than 15 different workshops, this year's conference promises to be packed



Building the Future

with information, tools and resources.

- Did you know that incidences of crime and fear can diminish through property design and planning measures? Find out more in the workshop "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design."
- Made a pledge to become more environmentally conscious? Attend "Green Up Chattanooga!"

- Want the inside scoop on how your neighborhood can have more positive stories in the media? Hear it from three local media personalities in "Neighborhood Stories."
- Would you benefit from hearing the highlights and benchmarks of a few neighborhoods and leaders involved in community building efforts for at least ten years or more? Then you certainly would not want to miss "Power of Ten." In addition to these educational opportunities you can look to exhibitors, networking and making connections that can extend well beyond the day and a half event.

The conference promises to be filled with energy and excitement, includes lunch on both days and is free to the first 250 registrants. You must register by calling 425-3700 or online at www.chattanooga.gov. **Registration deadline is Friday, October 3, 2008.** Let's celebrate!

by Vanessa A. Jackson, Neighborhood Program Specialist

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I Didn't Comply... What Next?

by Doris Parham, Code Enforcement Inspector Supervisor

With every code violation letter sent out by the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development, abatement of the violation by the property owner is our goal. Compliance defined means "to acquiesce to a demand or request." When compliance is achieved within the time frame specified by the inspector, our job is done and the file is closed.

When compliance is not accomplished then a more detailed process is instituted to correct the violation. After all attempts have been exhausted to have the violation abated, a court citation is issued to the offending property owner. An appearance in Environmental Court is mandated.

The day before the scheduled court appearance a re-inspection of the property is done and photos of the offense(s) are taken to present as evidence to the judge. Testimony is given by the inspector detailing the violation and what action must be taken to correct the problem. The property

owner is given equal time to explain why the abatement was not achieved.

The court renders a decision based on the evidence. This may be: a) property owner given more time to correct the violation; b) find the property owner guilty and charge a fine and/or court costs, noting that additional citations may be issued for every day the property is in violation; or c) city abates the violation, with the cost placed as a municipal lien on the property.

Cases cited to court can be costly to both the property owner and the city. Dialogue with the inspector prior to court citations is paramount. The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development is here to assist property owners in achieving compliance with violations so that all citizens can live in a safe environment, free of life safety hazards, vermin, litter and overgrowth. Call us at 425-3700 for more information or if you have any questions.

World Changers- Making Wonderful Changes All Over Town

by Vanessa A. Jackson, Neighborhood Program Specialist

This past July, World Changers, a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Church, visited Chattanooga for the sixth consecutive summer, providing free home repair work to qualifying residents throughout Chattanooga's neighborhoods. This year's project was a great success! But don't just take our word for it. Here are just a few of the many testimonials we received:



World Changers volunteers having a great time fixing up Chattanooga homes

"...I've never met a group of teens or adults that were so cheerful. The teens and the adult crew chiefs worked together so well. It seemed as though they wanted to help me in every way imaginable. The day that they worked on my roof the heat index was 100 degrees but I never heard anybody complain!" *Barbara W., East Chattanooga*

"... I could not have asked for a better job or a better group of volunteers. They were so friendly and well-behaved. In fact, I really hated to see them leave at the end of the week. The work they provided to my home is beautiful. Thank you to everyone responsible for bringing this program to Chattanooga!" *Paul H., Eastdale*

"...You could just see the joy in their eyes as they sacrificed to help someone that they didn't know. I really appreciate what World Changers did for my mother. I could not have afforded to buy my mom a roof right now. This is one less thing for her to worry about."

Chandra M., daughter of Shirley W., Glenwood

"...I enjoy sitting on my new porch drinking ice tea every night. Thanks to World Changers, I have the most beautiful house in Glenwood!" *Carolyn L., Glenwood*

"...World Changers was nothing short of a blessing. They've got my house looking great! They painted my house, the porch furniture, and repaired my windows seals. On top of that, I enjoyed having prayer with them every morning. The experience was just wonderful!"

Inez L., Alton Park

A Letter from the Mayor

In 2004, Chattanooga was challenged to raise the standard of care given to unwanted and abandoned animals in the city. This challenge was embraced, and the result is the new McKamey Animal Care and Adoption Center. In partnership with the Animal Care Trust, the new center opened on July 1, 2008, and has been very busy since. In their first month of operation, they accepted 783 animals – 433 cats and 350 dogs. Around 184 animals were adopted in July.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the McKamey Center, anyone wanting to relinquish an animal is required to call and arrange an appointment. Appointments are very important because they allow staff members the necessary time to provide the animal with the very best care and individual attention which is critical for the successful adjustment of the animal to the center. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

On average, 25 animals are processed each day. When an animal is received into the facility, he or she is held for a mandatory 48 hours in order to assess behavior and medical condition. After receiving a clean bill of health, the animal is then placed in the adoption area.

If you are adopting an animal from McKamey, counselors will work with you to help find the perfect pet as well as

answer your questions about the responsibilities of pet ownership. You also will have an opportunity to meet and visit with your potential new companion in person.

Because adopting an animal is a family decision, McKamey urges you to bring your whole family, including current resident dogs (if you are adopting a dog), to meet your potential companion. Please leave your resident cats safely at home.

Remember, McKamey is here to provide comprehensive services for adoption, animal population control, education and animal rescue. I encourage you to learn more about the McKamey Animal Care and Adoption Center. Proactively addressing the needs of our community is a goal that has been accomplished with the new McKamey Center.

We should all be proud of this new facility and the progressive way in which we are addressing animal care in Chattanooga.

The McKamey Animal Center is located at 4500 N. Access Road and serves the City of Chattanooga. Call the McKamey Center directly at 305-6500 or simply call 311 (425-6311). You can also visit www.mckameyanimalcenter.org.



Mayor Ron Littlefield

The adoption fee includes a spay or neuter surgery, rabies vaccination, FVRCP vaccine, flea control, FeLV and FIV test, dewormer, vet check, and microchip with 1 year of service



Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

A Letter from the Administrator

When we contracted with a consulting firm to study vacant and derelict properties in the city, they took note of the number of churches in every neighborhood in our town. One of their recommendations was to get more churches involved in assisting the elderly and

low-income residents with fixing their properties. We have seen the difference World Changers can make in two weeks, and on page 6 the difference one church youth group can make in one day.

Let this be a call to all the church groups in the city – just a little help can bring about big change in your neighborhood. Repair a porch, paint a house or clean up a yard. The rewards are many.

I personally want to invite everyone that is involved or want to be involved in their neighborhood to attend our annual Neighborhoods Conference October 9-10 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. It will be packed with workshops on how to motivate your community, get assistance from City government and generally improve your neighborhoods. The conference is free for the first 250 registrants, so register early. Call us at 425-3700 or come by our office for registration information. You may also find a registration form on our website at www.chattanooga.gov. Lets “Preserve the Past and Build the Future!”

National Night Out



L to R: Molly's Meadow president Linda Matthews; Eric Jenkins from Target stores; Jennifer Smith, secretary/treasurer and Officer Jennifer Davis, Chattanooga Police Department Crime Prevention Unit

Neighborhoods throughout the City of Chattanooga came out August 5 to participate in the 25th Annual National Night Out. This annual event provides an opportunity for the City of Chattanooga to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting partnerships against crime. Neighborhoods across the USA once again were celebrating and giving crime a going away party!

Molly's Meadow Homeowners Association hosted this year's National Night Out Kick Off event for Chattanooga. Linda Matthews, president of the association remarked on how honored their community was to host the kick off.

Target was a national sponsor of event with the local Target retail stores providing support to the Molly's Meadow National Night Out kick off. Many other local businesses provided support to participating neighborhoods throughout Chattanooga. The event is

coordinated by the Chattanooga Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit with assistance provided by the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development's Neighborhood Relations Specialists.

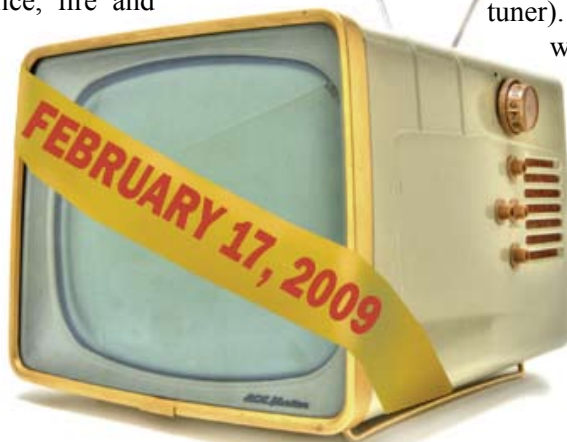
Digital TV Transition

What is the Digital TV (DTV) Transition?

Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. After February 17, 2009, full-power TV stations will broadcast only in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

Why are Broadcast Stations Switching to Digital?

Federal law requires the switch which will: free up the airwaves for police, fire and emergency rescue communications; allow broadcasters to offer programming with better picture and sound quality; offer more programming choices; and allow for advanced wireless services for consumers.



What Should I do to be Ready?

You have three choices:

1. Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box. Digital-to-analog converter boxes are in stores and have a one-time cost of \$40-\$70. To help you pay for the boxes, the U.S. Government is offering two \$40 coupons per household. (Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing). For more information on the coupons, visit www.DTV2009.gov, or call 888-388-2009 (voice) or 877-530-2634 (TTY).

2. Buy a digital television (a TV with a built-in digital tuner). You do not need a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television. You only need a digital TV.

3. Subscribe to a paid TV service. If your TV set receives local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, it is already prepared for the DTV transition. Cable companies are not required to transition any of their channels to digital. However, if you have an analog TV that does not receive local stations through your paid provider, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to watch digital broadcasts on that television.

Neighborly News from...

Orchard Knob Neighborhood Watch *by Karen D. Clay, Neighborhood Relations Specialist*

Orchard Knob, one of the city's oldest communities, is located within City Council District 9 nestled between the Churchville and Bushtown communities. Presently, there is only one street in the community that serves as a strong reminder of the past - East 5th Street. This street still has retired educators, administrators, and other civic leaders that hold a close connection to the community of the past. The association formally meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Carver Recreation Center. Orchard Knob is a very productive association that strives to include all the residents of the community.

In the past three years there has been a drive to reclaim, renovate and restore the glorious hopes of the past. This effort is occurring slowly but is happening. The community is excited about the new Orchard Knob Elementary School. Some of the activities the association is involved in are: Community Pride and Clean-up Day, National Night Out, Christmas Party, Blues Festival, "Poetry

On Oak," hosted by LaFrederick Thirkhill, Legacy Awards, issued to senior members of the community, and block parties.

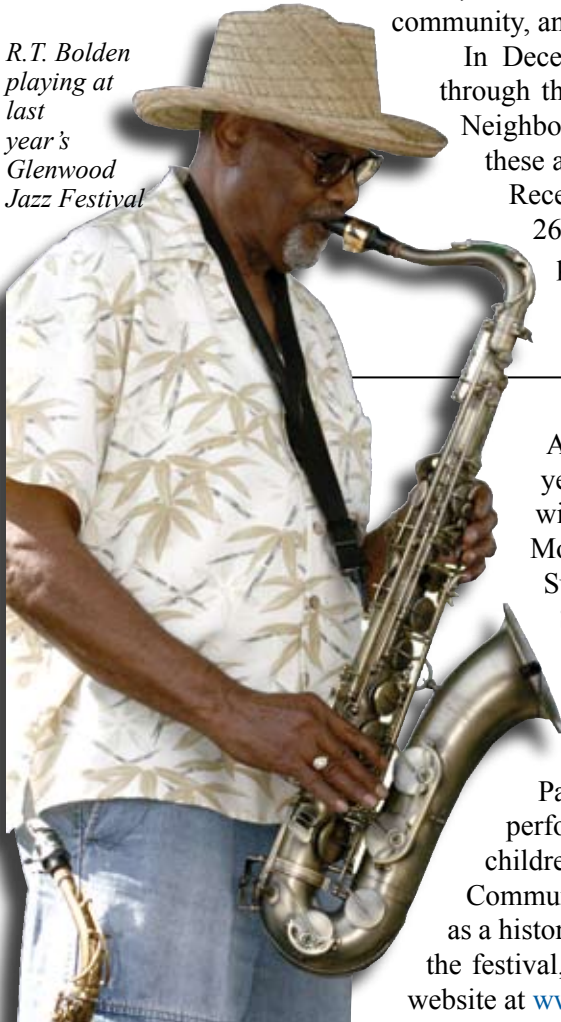
In December 2007, Orchard Knob Neighborhood Watch was awarded funding through the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development's Neighborhood Partners Program to implement neighborhood banners. Look for these attractive banners showing their community pride all around Orchard Knob.

Recently, Orchard Knob held its first Blues on the Knob concert Saturday, July, 26. The event was a great success with lots of food, fun, blues music and poetry on Oak Street.



The first annual Blues on the Knob with music provided by The Joe Johnson Band, featuring Deacon Blues

*R.T. Bolden
playing at
last
year's
Glenwood
Jazz Festival*



Glenwood Jazz Festival

The Glenwood Neighborhood Association is happy to announce the 2nd Annual Glenwood Jazz Festival Saturday, October 4 from noon – 9 p.m. Last year's very successful festival featured various local jazz artists with worldwide acclaim, such as James Ward, Benji, LaFredrick Thirkill and Company, Monday Night Big Band, Mid South Concert Band, Jim Crumble and Friends, Suzanne Carter, Landaus Batts, Dexter Bell, Marquis Dotson, Ed Smith, Paul Stone and Ogya World Music Band with Kofi Mawuko. This year's line-up will be equally as impressive.

The festival will take place the first Saturday in October on the vacant lot located just behind Parkridge Hospital on 5th Street, between Derby and Lyerly. This location is provided by Glenwood's corporate partner Parkridge Medical Center. In addition to professionally staged musicians' performances, there will be food vendors, a health fair and activities in the children's area. As part of Glenwood's four-year strategic plan developed with Community Impact this festival is produced to help raise awareness of the community as a historical jewel in Chattanooga. Mission accomplished! For more information on the festival, pictures of last year's festival, or to find out how you can help, visit the website at www.historicglenwood.com or call Ricardo Morris at 883-0178.

Neighborly News from...

Good Samaritans



Ray Russell, Youth Minister at Rossville Church of Christ saw a news story about an elderly lady in need of help with trash and debris that had been dumped onto her property by unknown parties. Mr. Russell volunteered his youth group to spend the majority of Friday, July 25 removing the trash and debris from the premises. Thanks, good Samaritans!

Neighborhood Partners Program

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development announces the availability of funding to neighborhood based organizations located within the city limits who will implement projects that focus on neighborhood development, safety and beautification efforts. Proposed projects must demonstrate civic participation and create community-based solutions that will substantially improve Chattanooga neighborhoods as well as nurture relationships among neighbors. Project period is January 1 — December 1, 2009.

Applicants must attend one technical assistance workshop to be eligible to apply for funding.

- Thursday, September 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon **or**
- Thursday, September 25, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Application deadline is **Friday, October 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.** Please visit the City's [website](#) to download the guidelines and application, or contact Tony Sammons at 425-3700 for additional information.

Renewal Community Office

A series of free one-hour, “Lunch & Learn” workshops will highlight \$12 million in federal tax savings to be awarded this year for newly constructed or extensively renovated commercial buildings in the Renewal Community.

Workshops will take place at noon in the Development Resource Center, 1250 Market Street, Room 1-A on September 23, September 30, October 14 and October 28. Featured topics include green building design, downtown area incentives, employee tax credits, small business loans, and incentives for major employers. They are targeted to property owners, investors, business owners, real estate professionals, architects, lawyers, finance professionals and others involved in developing commercial buildings that create new jobs for Chattanoogaans. During the workshop, participants will learn if they're eligible for the tax savings and how they can take advantage of it.

Building projects must be located in the Renewal Community. To determine if your building project is located in the Renewal Community or to register for one of these workshops, contact Maria Noel at 425-3776 or noel_m@theenterprisectr.org. Lunch and workshop materials will be provided.

Parks and Recreation



Congratulations to Elaine Adams, the City's Therapeutic Recreation Services Coordinator, who will represent the City of Chattanooga and the Parks and Recreation Department as one of 15 recreation professionals selected to attend the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, this September.

Ms. Adams has brought on the United States Olympic Committee Paralympics and the BLAZESports Club as partners to help foster Olympic sports for individuals with physical disabilities locally. Paralympics Academies were held in Chattanooga for power wheelchair soccer, tennis, and basketball. We're so proud of you, Elaine!

Neighborly News from...

PUBLIC NOTICE

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) FY 2007-2008

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development, acting on behalf of the City of Chattanooga, is responsible for the administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In accordance with the Citizens Participation requirements of Section 104 (a)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and with HUD regulations 24 CFR 91, the City hereby makes available to the public the Consolidate Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2007-2008 program year. Citizens wishing to review the Performance Report may do so at the following location:

Neighborhood Services and
Community Development Office
101 East 11th Street
Suite 200, Second Floor
City Hall Building
Chattanooga, TN 37402

The CAPER will be available from 9 a.m.
until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Written comments will be received until
Friday, September 26, 2008.



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District 4

Thursday, September 18

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September Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Division	Description
1 Mon	6:30P	■	East Lake Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:30P	■	Hill City Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	Community Association of Historic St. Elmo Meeting
4 Thu	7:00P	■	Murray Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	■	Glenwood Neighborhood Watch Meeting
8 Mon	6:00P	■	Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association Meeting
	1:00P	■	Regional Planning Agency Meeting
9 Tue	6:00P	■	Hamilton Acres Neighborhood Association
	12:00A - 1:00P	■	Renewal Community Lunch & Learn Workshop
	6:00P	■	Sector 2 Community Policing Interactive Committee (CPIC)
	6:00P	■	Bushtown Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Lupton City Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	■	Glass Farms Neighborhood Association Meeting
10 Wed	7:00P	■	Lake Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting
	10:00A	■	Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting
11 Thu	11:00A	■	East Lake Senior Citizens Meeting
	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:30P	■	Clifton Hills Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting
	7:00P	■	Cedar Hill Improvement League Meeting

Date	Time	Division	Description
15 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
16 Tue	6:00P	■	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Association Meeting
	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
18 Thu	6:00P	■	Menlo Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	East Lake Community Council Meeting
	7:00P	■	Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
22 Mon	6:00P	■	Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC)
23 Tue	4:00P	■	Community Anti-Drug Coalition Across Hamilton County
24 Wed	11:30A	■	Court Watch Partners
	10:00A	■	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
25 Thu	5:30P	■	South Broad Redevelopment Group, Inc. Meeting
	6:00P - 7:00P	■	Glenwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	■	Ridgedale Neighborhood Association Meeting
29 Mon	6:30P	■	Sylvan Drive Neighborhood Association

- Neighborhood Relations
- Neighborhood Association
- Code Enforcement
- Other

For complete information on these events visit our Calendar of Events at http://www.chattanooga.gov/Neighborhood_Services/86_CalendarofEvents.htm

Recycling Schedule

Area 1: East of Hwy 153 and West of I-75			
September 3	October 8	November 5	December 3
Area 2: East of I-75, West of Hwy 153, and East of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonny Oaks Drive			
September 10	October 15	November 12	December 10
Area 3: West of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonny Oaks Drive, West of Hwy 153, and South of the Tennessee River			
September 17	October 22	November 19	December 17
Area 4: North of the Tennessee River and West of Hwy 153			
September 24	October 29	November 26	December 31

Brush Pickup Schedule

Area 1: East of Hwy 153 and West of I-75 Collection begins on the first Monday of each month	
Area 2: East of I-75, West of Hwy 153, and East of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonny Oaks Drive Collection begins on the second Monday of each month	
Area 3: West of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonny Oaks Drive, West of Hwy 153, and South of the Tennessee River Collection begins on the third Monday of each month	
Area 4: North of the Tennessee River and West of Hwy 153 Collection begins on the fourth Monday of each month	

Save The Date
October 9-10, 2008



Neighborhoods Conference

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