

# COMMON GROUND

A Newsletter Celebrating Neighborhoods

## Promoting More Efficient Recycling in Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield

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Dear Fellow Recycler,

On behalf of our city and Orange Grove Center, I would like to thank you for your participation in the curbside recycling program. We know you are one of the 13 percent who diligently recycles every week and are dedicated to making recycling in Chattanooga

more efficient, effective and environmentally friendly.

This letter is the first step in a comprehensive education program that we have developed to provide a more efficient system and increase participation in the program. We have found that approximately half of the materials collected through the curbside program are being redirected to landfills because the materials are contaminated or they are not recyclable. Put simply, **if we're not recycling right, we're not recycling.**

Please review the following ways you can improve recycling in Chattanooga.

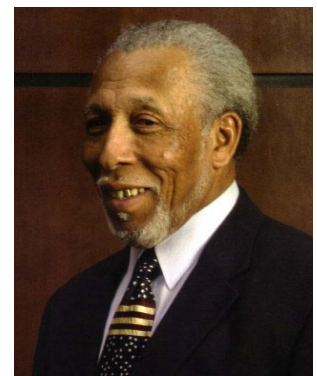
- **Read the Recycle Right guideline (see page 2) and use it as a reference.** Recycling Right reduces the percentage of materials that are redirected to the landfill through the curbside program.
- **Call 311 to update your information.** This helps us to communicate more effectively with you and also makes the program more efficient.
- **Utilize Warner Park Re-**

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## City Councilman Leamon Pierce, District 8

Councilman Leamon Pierce, Representative for City Council District 8, has long been a strong neighborhoods and community advocate leader. As one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit which successfully established the current Mayor / District Council form of city government, he played a pivotal role in creating the position which he has held since the first Council election in

1990. At the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference, Mayor Littlefield remarked that of the original members of that first Council, he and Councilman Pierce are the two remaining members still active. The Mayor also remarked that while Councilman Pierce and he have sometimes differed on policies, they have always remained friends,



and that says much about the way that both men conduct themselves and

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## Mayor Littlefield (continued)

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**cycle Center.** Convenience centers increase your recycling capabilities, help reduce the amount of materials going to the landfill and will provide vocational training for 150 clients at Orange Grove.

As a valued curbside participant, we also ask that you join with our efforts as an ambassador to friends, co-workers and family about the importance of recycling and of recycling correctly. If you are interested in volunteering for our education program, please e-mail your name, phone number and address to [volunteer@recycleright.org](mailto:volunteer@recycleright.org) or call (423) 648-7341.

Sincerely,



### Recycle Right Guidelines

Curbside recyclables **MUST** be in blue or clear bags or a bin in order to be collected.

#### What to put on the curb:

- Cardboard
- Newspaper
- All paper grades (except shredded)
- Plastic #1 and #2 (bottles with a neck)
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans (only item that needs food residue washed out)

#### What NOT to put on the curb:

- Glass
- Electronics
- Shredded paper
- Children's toys
- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags
- Aluminum foil, pie plates or scrap metals

- clear)
- Computers and small electronics (no TVs or microwaves)
- Wet cell batteries
- Motor oil

**New Hours:** (Starting November 15, 2006)

**Monday, Tuesday, Friday:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Closed for curbside collection

**Thursday:** Closed- OGC clients at sorting facility

**Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information on how to **Recycle Right** Please call **311** or visit [www.recycleright.org](http://www.recycleright.org)

### What to recycle at Warner Park

**Recycle Center:** 1250 East Third Street (423) 493-2942

#### **Everything you put on the curb plus...**

- Shredded paper
- Glass bottles (brown, green and



Original 1988 Orange Grove Recycling Crew prior to building expansion



Plastic Recyclables being processed at the Orange Grove Recycling Facility

## Councilman Pierce (continued)

the City's business.

Whether working in his beloved Park City, helping Patten Towers residents into City Council Chambers to get dry and warm after a fire, addressing an individual arrested on drug charges in his district, speaking to a neighborhood group, or addressing the Council, Leamon Pierce is always

himself and fully engaged in the work of his district.

He will tell you quickly that there are 17,000 people in his district, and he can't talk to 17,000 people, so the best way to communicate with him is through your neighborhood association. If you have issues that are important to your neighborhood, they are im-

portant to your councilman, and you may rest assured that you have an advocate par excellence on your side. We applaud and thank Councilman Pierce for the successes he has fostered and furthered through his work on behalf of District 8 and the City of Chattanooga.

# National Native American Indian Month: Mayor Ron Littlefield Honors Local Native American Indians

November 2006

The month of November is National Native American Indian Month and for the first time in City of Chattanooga history, local Native American Indians will be honored with a proclamation from the mayor.

"Native American Indians were the first residents of the City of Chattanooga so it's only fitting they be recognized and celebrated as such," said Mayor Ron Littlefield. "One of the goals of my administration has always been to bring local Native American Indians back to the table and I see this proclamation and November events as a step in that direction," said Mayor Ron Littlefield.

**NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH PROCLAMATION:**

- Whereas, Native Americans were the first residents of the City of Chattanooga; and
- Whereas, there are still a large number of Native American Indi-

ans who are citizens that live and work in and around the City of Chattanooga; and

- Whereas, Native American Indians are known to have made many contributions that have enhanced freedom, prosperity and greatness throughout our history in America today; and
- Whereas, Native American Indians have played a vital role in the life and history of the City of Chattanooga, the State of Tennessee, and our country; and
- Whereas, Native American Indians have made advances in the growth and development of the City of Chattanooga, first through history and now through human and natural resources; and
- Whereas, Native American Indians have made significant contributions and will continue to make contributions to the development and preservation of our beautiful city through business,

education, the arts and other areas that have made the City of Chattanooga a good place in which to live; and

- Whereas, Native American Indians have given so much history to the scenic city by helping to preserve the many historical places that are still available to the public for it's citizens to see and visit; and
- Whereas, Native American Indians should forever continue to be acknowledged as a people of great dignity, perseverance and pride; and
- Whereas, many of these contributions made by Native American Indians are unknown and unrecognized by many citizens of the City of Chattanooga, now, therefore I, Ron Littlefield, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2006, as Native American Indians Month.

## Community Development Program Calendar

### Allocation / Public Process & Workshops

<b>October 2, 2006</b>	<b>Invitations mailed to Public / Nonprofits Announcing Workshops</b>
<b>October 16, 2006</b>	<b>Workshop: HOME Investment Act (First Floor DRC, 9:00-12 noon)</b>
<b>October 17, 2006</b>	<b>Workshop: CDBG (First Floor DRC, 9:00-12 noon)</b>
<b>October 19, 2006</b>	<b>Workshop: ESG (First Floor DRC-----10:00-12 noon)</b>
<b>November 2, 2006</b>	<b>Application/Allocation Process Workshop (First Floor DRC, 5:00-6:30pm)</b>
<b>December 7, 2006</b>	<b>Technical Assistance Workshop</b>
<b>December 15, 2006</b>	<b>Applications Due: 4:00pm (Community Development Office) City Hall Annex, Room 201, 100 E. 11th Street (423) 757-5133</b>



**For Immediate Release  
Thursday, November 02, 2006**

**Mayor Ron Littlefield and City Consider  
Brownfields Grants**

Chattanooga, Tenn. –Mayor Littlefield and the City are looking at three proposals for EPA Brownfields grant applications due in December. **A public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at the Southeast Tennessee Career Center/New Economy Institute (1105 East 10th St./Corner of 10th St. and Central Ave.) to receive public input on the goals and scope of these proposals.**

The three proposals are:

1. A \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant to conduct a community-wide hazardous materials assessment in a large area generally described as the eastern part of Chattanooga's urban core.
2. A \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant to complete the final stage of cleanup in the ongoing redevelopment of the former Cavalier Site.
3. An EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant of up to \$1,000,000 to establish a revolving loan fund for Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment.

These proposals are a part of the mayor's and Brownfields Task Force's efforts to implement an ongoing, comprehensive, coordinated Brownfields remediation and redevelopment program that maximizes the use of federal Brownfields funds and targets strategic Brownfield sites for development and revitalization.

"It is vitally important to the City of Chattanooga and its citizenry that we identify, remediate and use the valuable land within the city's limits," said Mayor Ron Littlefield. "We have an opportunity to capture federal funding to clean up the land, then give it back to our citizens so it can become productive again," said Mayor Littlefield.

People involved in the project: Wayne Cropp (Brownfields Task Force Chairman) 499-6111, Karen Rennich (RPA) 757-5216, and Joe Guthrie (Southeast Tennessee Local Development Corporation) 424-4231.

For more information about this release contact Michelle Michaud at (423) 290-7394.



*Everyone deserves a safe place to call home.  
Every city, neighborhood and structure deserves to be  
well planned and designed.*

The Chattanooga Chapter of The American Institute of Architects is hosting a community charrette to explore the possibilities of the physical environment and neighborhood impacts of The Chattanooga Community Resource Center.

**Monday, November 13, 5:30 PM-9:00 PM**

**The Central City Complex**

**Olivet Baptist Church**

**730 East M. L. King Blvd.**



**Jill Murphy**  
**Neighborhood Development**  
**Planner**  
**Department of Neighborhood Services and**  
**Community Development**

Jill Murphy is the latest addition to the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development. Originally from Florence, AL, Jill graduated with a BA in Sociology from the University of Mississippi, Oxford. Jill also earned her Master's degree in Science and Social Work from the University of Tennessee—Knoxville.

Jill joins this staff after working in the non-profit sector over the last four years, focusing on issue and advocacy efforts.

Jill attends First Centenary United Methodist Church (attending the "Divine" contemporary worship service), has two dogs, Hurley and Blaze. She enjoys traveling and is a big college football fan. During her years at Mississippi, Oxford, she worked for the football administrative office under former Coach David Cutcliffe.

On her focus as the Neighborhood Development Planner, Jill states "the riverfront and downtown Chattanooga areas have undergone major revitalization, and we are now investing our energies towards revitalizing our neighborhoods in that same manner. Chattanooga is a place where people like to visit, and we are working hard to make Chattanooga a place where people like to live."

**Alice Williams**  
**Codes Enforcement Inspector**  
**Department of Neighborhood Services and**  
**Community Development**



Alice Williams is a Codes Enforcement Inspector with the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development. Originally from Nashville, TN, Alice earned her Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Recreation from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Following her graduation, Alice worked as a Recreation Center Director at the Bethlehem / McCallie Homes Center.

Prior to her employment with the City, Alice worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority in security. She attests to the fact that, "I was a good marks(woman)." Alice is very active at New United Church, where she is a member.

Alice is the mother of three (adult) children, daughter Saniya Looney and twin sons, Darius and Jamarius Williams. In her spare time, Alice enjoys helping with fundraisers, singing, reading, and volunteering. Alice is a people person, and her favorite part of working as a Codes Enforcement Inspector is communicating and meeting with new people.



CHATTANOOGA NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT



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<http://www.chattanooga.gov/>

**2—Environmental Court (also to be held on the 9th, 16th, and 30th)**

**Location:** Courts Building, Division II, 2nd Floor  
**600 Market Street**  
**Time:** 10:00 AM

**8—Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting**

**Location:** City Council Building  
**1000 Lindsay Street**  
**Time:** 10:00 PM

**13—Regional Planning Agency Meeting**

**Location:** Hamilton County Courthouse, 4th Floor  
**625 Georgia Avenue**  
**Time:** 1:00 PM

**13—Eastdale Neighborhood Court (Night Court)**

**Location:** Eastdale Recreation Center  
1312 Moss Street  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

**14—Sector 2 Community Policing Interactive Committee (CPIC) - (Echo and Fox zones)**

**Location:** Parkridge Diagnostic Center  
**2205 McCallie Avenue**  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

**23-24—Thanksgiving Holidays**

**City Offices Closed**

**27—Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council Meeting (CNAC)**

**Location:** Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga  
**1270 Market Street**  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

**29— Demolition Hearings**

**Location:** Development Resource Center, Conference Room 1A  
**1250 Market Street**  
**Time:** 10:00 AM

SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Letter from the Administrator

Dear Neighbor,

I hope this newsletter reaches you in good spirits and health. This month, I am pleased to announce the latest addition to our staff, Neighborhood Development Planner, Jill Murphy (featured in this month's Employee Profile). I am also excited about the Neighborhood Partners Program Proposals that we have received. We will be announcing awardees in the January 2007 Common Ground.

Please feel free to call our office at any time with questions or concerns. We appreciate your interest and involvement.

Sincerely,  
Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator



## Winter Days and Lights

### Grand Illumination on the River

PRESENTED BY EPB

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY WATERFRONT – ROSS'S LANDING

VIEW MORE THAN 40 BOAST ON THE TENNESSEE RIVER DANCE PERFORMANCES BY THE LINDSAY FUSSELL DANCERS AND THE CHOO CHOO KIDS AND THE POPULAR SINGING SANTA, WHO WILL TAKE THE STAGE TO CONDUCT A DAZZLING LIGHTING EXTRAVAGANZA. THE EVENING CONCLUDES WITH A COLORFUL FIREWORKS FINALE OVER THE TENNESSEE RIVER.

### Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, THE CHATTANOOGAN

TWO SEATINGS – TICKETS ON SALE NOW

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM AND 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

COST: \$12 CHILDREN / \$18 ADULTS

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, CALL 423-265-0771 OR VISIT

[WWW.DOWNTOWNCHATTANOOGA.ORG](http://WWW.DOWNTOWNCHATTANOOGA.ORG)

ENJOY A BOUNTIFUL BREAKFAST BUFFET, STROLLING ENTERTAINMENT, GOODY BAGS, A MAGICIAN AND A DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL SHOW BY OUR FAMOUS SINGING SANTA. AFTER BREAKFAST, CHILDREN MAY HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN WITH SANTA.

### Holiday Starlight Parade & Concert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MARKET STREET, FROM MILLER PARK TO THE TENNESSEE AQUARIUM

WITNESS A SUCCESSION OF UNIQUE HOLIDAY ENTRIES FEATURING PERFORMING GROUPS, MARCHING BANDS, LARGE HELIUM BALOONS AND VEHICLES AND FLOATS STRUNG IN TWINKLING LIGHTS. FOLLOWING THE PARADE AT 7 PM, THERE WILL BE A HOLIDAY CONCERT IN THE TENNESSEE AQUARIUM PLAZA.

### Appalachian Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM

MILLER PLAZA'S WATERHOUSE PAVILION

EXPERIENCE AN ABUNDANCE OF TRADITIONAL APPALACHIAN FOLK AND BLUEGRASS MUSIC. THE MORGANS AND LYNNE HAAS WILL BEGIN THE TOE-TAPPING EVENING FOLLOWED BY THE DISMEMBERED TENNESSEANS AND ACCLAIMED BLUEGRASS FIDDLER **BARBARA LAMB**.



Neighborhood Talk

Tuesday Mornings, 9:00-9:30am  
WNOO, 1260AM — Heritage Radio

TUNE IN!!!