

COMMON GROUND

A Newsletter Celebrating Neighborhoods

Mayor Littlefield focuses on

NEIGHBORHOODS...

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By: Mayor Ron Littlefield

The neighborhoods of Chattanooga have a lot of positive change to look forward to in the coming years.

As you may know, my election platform



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stressed the need for our neighborhoods to take center stage. I believe the work downtown has reached critical mass and now it's time to focus on our communities that need street-scaping, green spaces, side walks and street calming.

Don't look for these things to start tomorrow, but in the coming months and years, it is my plan to bring about change in a fiscally responsible and creative way.

It is my hope that change and creativity become the hallmarks of our great City. Our city has already shown it can be a master of change.

We are known nationally and globally as a city that transformed its downtown. I want us to be known as a city that embraces change and finds new opportunity to transform the social an economic fabric for the better.

Creativity is the spark in the engine that drives change. Together our city can use creativity to move forward. Look for your neighborhood recreation centers to take a greater roll in educating our children. Let's help our students be exposed to creativity by interacting with museums, making our recreation centers a hub of knowledge and

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Letter from the Administrator

Dear Neighbor,

The summer is the perfect time to embrace change, and as new administrator of the Neighborhood Services Department, I would like to introduce myself by taking the opportunity to update you on our department and what's new.

In the upcoming months, we are working hard to bring about comprehensive change in our neighborhoods. We also are working on the 7th Annual Codes Conference, which is slated to be our largest enforcement training to date.

Additionally, we are working with City Hall, and our new Mayor, Ron Littlefield, to play our part in bringing about positive change in the city we call home.

I look forward to seeing you out in the neighborhood,

Sincerely,
Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator



Go!Fest

celebrates **ACCESS** to community...

If you are disabled or know someone who is, then get ready for Go!Fest.

It's a festival that celebrates how people of all abilities can live, work and play together. This annual event, the first Saturday in October, strives to eliminate



barriers for persons with disabilities and to be a model for all communities to take full advantage of everyone's contribution.

"Making our community accessible to everyone starts with compassion, but in the end, we all benefit from unlock-

ing the unique gifts of every citizen. That's what Go!Fest is all about," said Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield.

The festival is an initiative of Mayor Ron Littlefield and will take place at the waterfront.

"This is the first time a festival of this magnitude will embrace not only the disabled, but their family members and care givers as well," said Susan Crisp, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. "So many times

family members suffer because venues are not accessible for everyone. But Go!Fest will highlight how everyone can enjoy everything."

Some of the merriment includes:

- Paralympics medallist Randy Snow demonstrating wheelchair tennis
- adaptive athletics including basketball, cycling, and water sports
- employment opportunities!
- petting zoo

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Neighborhood Services program updates, Summer events heat up in July and August...

COMMUNITY AWARENESS NOTIFICATION

C.A.N. Program

To participate in the C.A.N. program, a neighborhood organization simply needs volunteers, as well as a computer with internet access to obtain property ownership information. If your neighborhood organization is interested in participating in the C.A.N. program, call your Neighborhood Relations Coordinator or Randy Ridge at 425-3700.



The Neighborhood Services Department will once again host the World Changers organization here in Chattanooga this summer, **July 16-21**.

World Changers is a service oriented group that provides

labor for service projects through youth volunteer participation. Check out the World Changers website at: <http://worldchangers.studentz.com>



7th Annual Codes Conference Chattanooga ChooChoo, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Conferences provide the training for inspectors to effectively provide services. The more equipped an inspector, the nicer our neighborhoods look! This year's conference is scheduled October 6-7 at the Choo-Choo. Call 425-3700 to register.



WORLD CHANGERS

Mayor Littlefield (continued)

Creative change through FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY...

giving our central and branch libraries a bigger role in educating our young.

But as I walked door to door I saw pov-

blind eye and a deaf ear to those struggling. Lets become a city of compassion.

I encourage each and every one of

If you would like to contact the mayor's office, please use the information below, or call 311:

"Nothing is more essential to a healthy city than healthy neighborhoods. People must have confidence and feel comfortable in the surroundings where they invest their lives and livelihoods most directly." - Mayor Littlefield

erty in our city first hand. There were unheated homes, age and mental illness and unemployment. Let's work together to bring everyone along with us to become a great City that is good to its less fortunate. Lets become a city that does not turn a

you to contact City Hall if you have questions or concerns about your neighborhood. We want to hear from you because without you and your feedback, we won't be able to accomplish our ambitious goals for your neighborhoods.

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Upcoming Events

July:

- 4 Independence Day
- 12 Grant Writing 101 Contact Center for Non-Profits 752-0300
- 16-31 **World Changers Home Repair Project**
- 18 Neighborhood Service Department at new location, Warehouse Row, Suite 333B
- 25 CNAC Meeting Community Foundation 6:00 p.m.

August:

- 1 Neighborhood Grants Program Open Application period begins
- 2 22nd Annual National Night Out
- 19 Tennessee Valley Fund-raising Institute -Contact Center for Nonprofits 752-0300
- 22 CNAC Meeting Community Foundation 6:00 p.m.
- 31 Neighborhood Grants Applications due at NSD office by 4:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Talk

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

Tuesday

TUNE IN!!!

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- adaptive horse-back riding
- arts and crafts
- climbing wall
- many exhibitors
- great food!

For more information about how you can participate in Go!Fest call Cathy Justice at 425-7800 or email GoFest@mail.chattanooga.gov.

As the Neighborhood Services Department finds itself in transition once again, we'd like to say "Thank you!" for the hard work and dedication that the Animal Services Division has put into the community while they were the newest addition to the department. They will move to the



The Animal Services Team

Police Department. During AS's time with the NSD, euthanasia rates in at-large dogs dropped 11%, and even with personnel cutbacks, more calls were answered than ever before. During the spay/ neuter campaign, over 750 spay and neuter surgeries were performed in the community for FREE! Best wishes and... THANK YOU!

World Changers functions because of the valuable contributions of youth across America.

I. 40% of young people report volunteering within the past year¹.

II. Of these young volunteers, only 22% report volunteering on a regular basis.

III. Over 75% of high school seniors reported volunteering in 2001 compared to 62% in 1976.

Source: [Volunteering Among Young People](#)

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