

# COMMON GROUND

A Newsletter Celebrating Neighborhoods

## A New Year's Letter from Mayor Ron Littlefield

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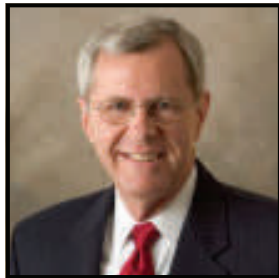
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Dear Neighbors,  
I think the past year was very successful in part because of the tremendous turnout of the neighborhood meetings.

Having been around for a long time I must say it was remarkable to see because in the past it was difficult to gather a crowd. My administrators and I will continue to have neighborhood meetings and to listen to our community so that we can build stronger more robust neighborhoods. Thank you for coming out so that I could hear what your concerns were.

Even though we had a lot to say about the homeless and other initiatives this past year, I have really spent a lot of time on economic development and on job building efforts with the County and the Chamber of Commerce. We expect those efforts to bear more fruit within the coming year. It is very pleasing that the city was singled out as the only community in the state showing the greatest advancement in manufacturing jobs. And again we hope that impressive growth will continue. We will do whatever we can to make sure that Chattanooga remains productive and progressive.

We will be entering the New Year with a new police chief and we will be

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## Neighborhood Partners Program Awards

On Wednesday, December 13, the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development held its annual Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) awards ceremony. The awards were presented to neighborhood associations and community organizations for assistance with projects that substantially, positively and measurably impact the community.

This year, 27 organizations applied and 23 were approved for



*Mayor Ron Littlefield speaks at the Neighborhood Partners Program*

funding. The awards were presented by the mayor and each organization's district council representative.

Projects fell under three categories: neighborhood development, neighborhood safety

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# Save the Date!

## The 9th Annual Neighborhoods and Codes Conference

hosted by the  
Department of Neighborhood Services  
and Community Development  
is set for  
**October 17-19, 2007**  
at the  
Chattanooga Convention Center

Mark your calendar for this special  
event that is quickly earning the  
distinction of being one of the superior  
training events of its kind in the region

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aggressively dealing with the problems of gangs within our urban areas, public spaces and in our neighborhoods. And one of the best ways to combat youth violence and crime is finding more productive things for young people to become engaged in that will drive them toward careers in the future. With the assistance of a number of people in my administration, Larry Zehnder administrator of parks and recreation, Missy Crutchfield, administrator of education, arts and culture, Al Chapman, director of faith based initiatives, and the police chief, Freeman Cooper, we will be dealing with youth gangs in a more effective and comprehensive manner. In the coming months we will be asking for your help. We want to know what you think should be done. Together we can embrace our youth and guide them toward a more productive future for the good of all of our community.

I really think the coming year is going to be remarkable in Chattanooga history. We have a lot of good things on the near horizon and we will all be pleased as the year unfolds. Thank you for a wonderful 2006 as the mayor of our beautiful city. It has been an honor, once again, to serve you.

I wish each and every one of you all the best in 2007. We have a lot of good work to do, but the best is yet to come.

Sincerely,  
Ron Littlefield  
Mayor

## Letter from the Administrator

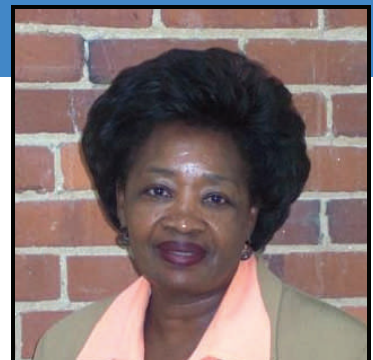
Dear Neighbor,

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and you are looking forward to beginning a prosperous new year. We are all taking a deep breath after the Neighborhood Partners Project Awards ceremony, many holiday festivities and too many cookies. The Mayor's Christmas Party was a wonderful event. Be sure to check the pictures on page 5.

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development hopes to make 2007 a landmark year in revitalizing Chattanooga neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for all our residents. We look forward to working with all of you to achieve these goals, especially as we implement several new projects in the coming year.

We wish all of you a healthy and prosperous new year. Please feel free to call our office at any time with questions or concerns. We appreciate your interest and involvement, and always look forward to hearing from you. Together, we can make Chattanooga the best place to live!

Sincerely,  
Beverly P. Johnson  
Administrator





# Neighborhood Partners Program Awards (continued)

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and keeping our city clean. Proposed projects are required to demonstrate civic participation and create community-based solutions that will substantially improve Chattanooga neighborhoods. Organizations submitted plans for beautification, health and fitness programs, youth programs, chairs and sound equipment for seniors buildings, neighborhood banners and more.

La Paz de Dios, a non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the social welfare of the Hispanic community, was awarded funding to assist in the development of a Spanish Language brochure to educate the Hispanic population on code enforcement requirements for maintaining clean neighborhoods.



Another interesting project receiving assistance is the Chattanooga Eastside Task Force. Their project involves workshops with at-risk youths to educate them on the dangers of participating in gangs, how to prepare for the job market and the importance of education.

"As an advocate for our neighborhoods, I have always



*Above: Councilman Manuel Rico presents an award to East Lake Seniors Association*

*Left: M.L. King Neighborhood Association show off their certificate*



*Councilman Dan Page presents the Murray Hills award to Rod Thornton*

admired how our neighborhood leaders use these funds to infuse their communities with exciting projects," said Mayor Ron Littlefield. "The NPP is one of my favorites and we hope to have even more ideas and applications for it next year."

Awardees must meet the requirements for completing their projects to receive the funding awarded them.



*The Chattanooga Racquetees Tennis Association accept their award from Councilwoman Debbie Gaines*

**4—Environmental Court**

(also to be held on the 11th, 18th & 25th)

**Location:** Courts Building, Division II, 2nd Floor  
**600 Market Street**

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**9—Sector 2 Community Policing  
Interactive Committee (CPIC)**

(Echo and Fox zones)

**Location:** Parkridge Diagnostic Center  
**2205 McCallie Avenue**

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**10—Board of Zoning Appeal  
Meeting**

**Location:** City Council Building  
**1000 Lindsay Street**

**Time:** 10:00 PM

**15—Martin Luther King Day**  
City Offices Closed**24—Demolition Hearings**

**Location:** Development Resource Center  
Conference Room 1A

**1250 Market Street**

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**The Community Development Office  
and its Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee  
will review all applications received for CDBG, ESG, and HOME Investment Act  
funding during the month of January on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Prospective subrecipients will be interviewed on the objectives and outcomes of the  
proposed project activities for FY 2007-2008 funding that will be available beginning  
on July 1, 2007.**

# Neighborhood TALK

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

**TUNE IN!**

**January 2 Perry Ferguson, City Wide Services**  
**January 9 Neighborhood Relations Coordinators**  
**January 16 Mayor Ron Littlefield**  
**January 23 Freeman Cooper, Chief of Police, City of Chattanooga**  
**January 30 Beverly Johnson, Administrator, Department of Neighborhood  
Services and Community Development**





## COMPETITION OPENS FOR NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

The Board of Directors of Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) is pleased to announce the opening competition for the 2007 Neighborhood of the Year and Best Neighborhood Program Awards. These awards are a way for NUSA to recognize outstanding neighborhood organizations, government entities and businesses from all across the United States for their work in improving the quality of life in their communities.

Neighborhoods, USA, the largest non-profit grassroots organization in the nation, is committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. Founded in 1975 to share information and experiences to build stronger communities, NUSA encourages networking as a way to facilitate the development of partnerships between neighborhood organization, government and the private sector.

The 2007 Neighborhood of the Year Award Program will recognize exceptional accomplishments by neighborhood organization during 2006. Awards are to be given in three categories: (1) Physical Revitalization/Beautification in a Single Neighborhood; (2) Social Revitalization/Neighborliness in a Single Neighborhood; and (3) Multi-Neighborhood Project Partnerships. Judging will be based on the extent of innovation, grassroots participation, and capacity building exhibited by the nominated organization.

New for 2007, the Best Neighborhood Program award will recognize outstanding programs implemented to improve neighborhoods by a governmental entity or business or corporation. Best Neighborhood Program Award will be given in two categories: (1) government entity sponsorship, and (2) business/ corporation sponsorship.

A distinguished panel of judges will select four finalists in each of the awards categories. Finalists will be invited to make presentations at the annual NUSA conference, to be held May 23-26, 2007 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. First, second, and third place winners and an overall grand prize winner will be selected in each category and honored at the conference.

In order to be considered for the 2007 Neighborhood of the Year Award or the Best Neighborhood Program Award, applicants **must have completed a noteworthy neighborhood improvement project in 2006 and must submit a completed application with the appropriate fee by March 1, 2007**. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines can be downloaded from the NUSA website, [www.nusa.org](http://www.nusa.org).

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# City of Chattanooga Recycling Wednesdays 2007



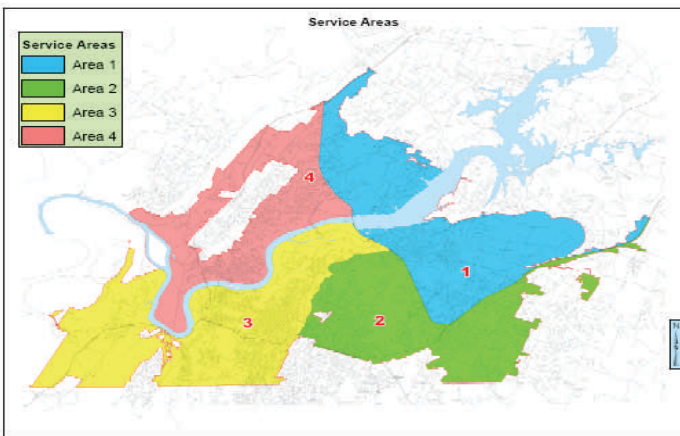
Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> Public Works will change current brush collection areas (1, 2, 3, and 4) to new “service areas.” These areas are shown on the map with an accompanying verbal description of the new boundaries as well as some of the neighborhoods within the service area. Additionally, curbside collection of recycle material is changing from once per week to once per month. The monthly collection date for each service area is the Wednesday of that area’s brush collection week. Specific dates are shown in the gray boxes.

### AREA ONE

East of Highway 153 and West of Interstate 75

Town Hills, Timberwyck, Northern Hills, Hixson, Big Ridge, Hamillville, Valleybrook, Windbrook, Valleybrook Park, North Shore, Murray Hills, Lake Hills, Washington Hills, Lake Vista, Tyner, Mahala Acres, and Hickory Valley.

January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 5th, August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th



### AREA THREE

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

Amnicola, Kings Point, Battery Heights, East Chattanooga, Avondale, Bushtown, Orchard Knob, Churchville, Battery Place, Downtown, Lincoln Park, Fortwood, Glenwood, Highland Park, Ridgedale, Ferger Place, Oak Grove, Foust Addition, East Lake, Clifton Hills, Cedar Hills, Piney Woods, Alton Park, Saint Elmo, and Tiftonia.

January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, November 21st, December 19th

### AREA TWO

East of Interstate 75, West of Highway 153 and East of Crest Road, Campbell Street, and Bonnie Oaks

Ooltewah-Ringgold Road, Old Lee Highway, North Twinbrook, Ashwood, Drake Forest, Brandermill, Hamilton Mill, Audubon Hills, Hurricane Creek, Irvin Acres, Rosemere, Royal Oaks, Ashley Mill, Council Fire, Liles Addition, Kenmoor, Radmoor, Bella Vista, Concord Heights, Marimont, Brainerd Hills, Airport Road, Shepherd, Pine Grove, South and North Brainerd, Glendon Place, North and South Crest Road, Brainerd Park, Woodmore, Eastdale, Pin Oak, Foxwood Heights, Indian Hills, Rollingwood, Ridgewood Acres, North Tower, Green Forest, Cherokee Woods, and Gaylan Heights.

January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th



### AREA FOUR

North of the Tennessee River and West of Highway 153

Riverview, North Chattanooga, Stuart Heights, Rivermont, Manchester Park, Lupton City, Fairfax Heights, Forest Highland, Brynwood Park, Galaxy, Norcross, Northwoods, Lake Forest, Moccasin Bend, Pineville Road, Whitehall, Signal Hills, Mountain Creek, Spring Valley, Glendale, Cross Creek, Cloverdale, North Glenn, and Northwoods.

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 28th, December 26th