



A Newsletter from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development

City Provides Energy Assistance to Those in Need

As of December 1, the City of Chattanooga Human Services Department has received an additional \$1.6 million to assist low-income individuals with energy bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The new funds will serve all applicants who have applied for assistance from July 2008 as well as new applicants until funds are expended.

In announcing the additional LIHEAP dollars to the 22 Community Services Block Grant agencies across the state of Tennessee, Gov. Phil Bredesen commended the agencies on their efforts in reaching the elderly population. He also made a passionate plea for the agencies to more aggressively target and seek out those low-income households that have members under the age of six and those with disabled individuals. He particularly had in mind Head Start families, Families First participants and households with disabled individuals.

Bernadine Turner, administrator of the Human Services Department, explained that to be eligible a household may not exceed 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Income eligibility is determined by documenting all household members' total gross income based on their income for the current or previous month at the time of application. Generally, as an indicator of eligibility, households that received the earned income tax credit will meet this requirement.



To encourage greater community involvement and participation, the governor also announced a new leveraging program component to generate additional LIHEAP dollars to serve clients. For every non-federal resource the agency spends on utility assistance or identifies as being spent by other partnering agencies, the State will provide an additional \$2 for every \$1 spent. The agency also will be able to leverage at the same rate any reductions in, or waivers of, utility costs for LIHEAP-eligible households.

Applications for assistance may be made at the agency at 501 W. 12th Street or may be picked up at your energy supplier, local community service organizations or other participating programs that serve the low-income community.

For more information call JoAnne Watkins at 757-5227.

“Building Better Neighborhoods... Block By Block”

COMMON GROUND



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An Institution Retires *by Doris Parham, Code Enforcement Supervisor*

Charles A. Hughley began his long love affair with the citizens of Chattanooga in 1975 when he was hired into the Better Housing Department as a codes enforcement inspector. On December 31, 2008, he will say farewell to officially encouraging, motivating, counseling and sometimes chastising the people he has come into contact with over the last 34 years as an inspector.

Charles has held various positions within the City during his tenure. He has worked with the Model Cities Program, Project Straight Talk, Housing and Urban Development Division in a program sponsored by the City, and as a Work Release Center Counselor.

He has served under five mayors: Charles A. "Pat" Rose, Gene Roberts, Jon Kinsey, Bob Corker and Ron Littlefield.

Charles interests are varied and he should not be at a loss for something to keep him busy in his retirement. He is a licensed minister, certified general automobile mechanic, trained cook, board member of the 28th Legislative CDC, member of the Black Voters League, member of the Unity Group and is active in multiple neighborhood associations.

We will miss his jovial personality and his vast knowledge and connections of knowing just who to call for any given situation. Charles has served as friend and confidant to many. He should keep his telephone on because Neighborhood Services WILL call occasionally to tap into his vast knowledge and to just say hello. We all wish him Godspeed.

**Applications
Available
January 15th**

**WORLD
CHANGERS**

World Changers, a ministry of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist, brings volunteer laborers from all over the country to provide free home repair to qualifying homeowners. Projects include painting, roofing, porch repair, construction of handicap ramps and more.

Applications will be available January 15 for this year's project. Eligible applicants are low-income elderly homeowners.

To receive an application, please call the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development at 425-3741.

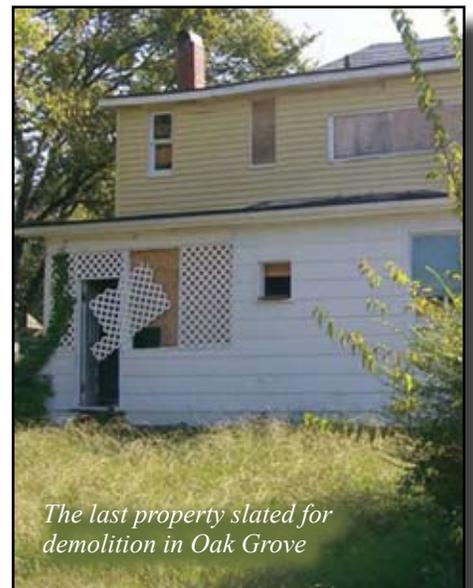
Code Enforcement Credited with Reducing Crime in Neighborhood

by Dottie Swasey, Editor

Oak Grove has been a neighborhood plagued with crime for some time. Prostitutes and drug dealers had set up shop in abandoned houses throughout the neighborhood. Residents there, in partnership with the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development's Code Enforcement division, took a stand to reclaim their neighborhood.

Acting on complaints from residents, code enforcement officers issued citations for code violations to property owners. The abandoned houses had to be secured to come into compliance. Several of the properties were condemned. Ed Graham, Codes Enforcement Inspector Supervisor says "The premises these criminals were using have been secured or eliminated, thereby shutting down their activity here."

Louise Hammonds, vice president of Oak Grove Neighborhood Association, told WRCB TV Eyewitness News "I retired and I realized all at once that we hadn't done our job. We had set back, and let our neighborhood be overcome." Hammonds added, "I came in last night, at ten o'clock, unloaded my car. I'm not afraid."



The last property slated for demolition in Oak Grove

Administrator's Letter

Happy New Year from all of us in Neighborhood Services and Community Development. We look forward to a productive and prosperous new year continuing to work with all of our associations throughout the city.

In December, the recipients of the Neighborhood Partners Program awards were selected. They are listed on page 4. We look forward to working with all of these organizations on projects that will significantly improve their respective neighborhoods in the coming year.

I hope that one of your resolutions for the new year is to become more active in your community. If you already have a neighborhood association, join. If you already belong to your association, stay involved. If there is not an association in your community, start one. It's a resolution that will benefit you, your family, your neighborhood and

the city. In unity there is strength, and neighborhood organizations help us help you get things done!

We are preparing for World Changers to return again this year to help elderly residents get much needed repairs on their homes. These repairs are provided at no cost to the homeowner. Last year, 37 applicants received repairs. The applications will be available on January 15. If you or someone you know needs assistance, call 425-3700 or come by our office at City Hall to pick up an application.



Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

Introducing "D-6 Pac"

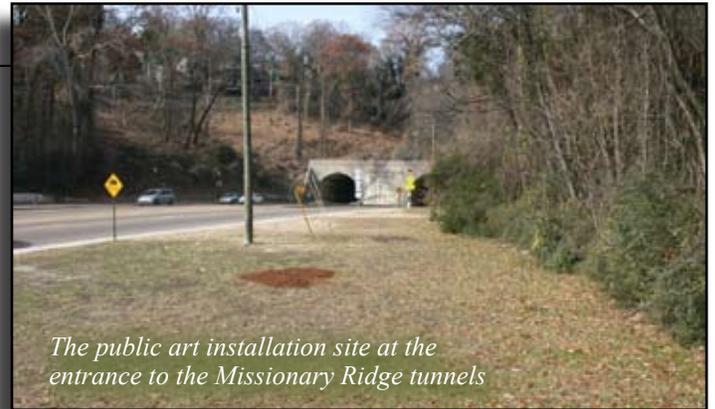
Councilwoman Carol Berz recently announced the formation of a group that will be working hand-in-hand with the city's Public Art Committee to bring public art to the District Six. The group, which dubbed themselves "D-6 PAC," is meeting on a regular basis to assist with the public art installation that will be placed at the entrance to the Missionary Ridge tunnels.

The art is scheduled to be installed spring 2009 and will feature greenspace, landscaping, benches and signage. This is the first in a series of district public art projects to be taken on by the D-6 PAC. The group hopes to install a second phase by next fall.

The group is led by Christi Homar, with Chuck Davis, David Barlew, Deede Gram, Florence Pipkins, Rep. JoAnne Favors, Lillie Wills, Marilyn Harrison, Michelle Michaud, Mollie Cooper, Nan Zamata and Virginia Anne Sharber serving as members of the committee.

"This is a long-awaited project that is finally coming to fruition. We know the character of this district and want others to see the rebirth as enthusiastically as we do" said Homar. "All of us on the committee work very well together with one common goal - making the place we live, work and play a place to be proud of."

Funding for the project is made possible by the Public Art Fund, as well as a Lyndhurst Matching Grant and the State of Tennessee. The group is seeking financial donations as well as the donation of volunteer hours for these projects. The Public Art Committee is a project of the Parks & Recreation Department which is administered by Larry Zehnder. The staff representative is Rachel Hildebrandt.



The public art installation site at the entrance to the Missionary Ridge tunnels

Councilwoman Berz said, "This is an exciting project for our district and it's not surprising that the folks in District 6 are among the first to kick off our neighborhood's public art project. Art is an integral part of our community, and I know that the installation selected will reflect the vibrant neighborhoods of the district."

She added that there is still room on the committee for individuals to become involved. A kick-off celebration is being planned for April 2009, and there's plenty of work for those who are interested. If you know a District 6 resident, business group or business professional who would like to participate in this exciting project, please contact Christi Homar at 667-8864 or e-mail her at Christi@ChristiHomarDesign.com.

"Public art will add so much to our district. It will cause individuals to stop and reflect on the art as well as provide new and enjoyable places throughout our district. This truly is a winning proposition for the entire city, and I'm glad to see so many of our residents take an active interest in the project," said Berz.



Neighborhood Partners Program Awards

The Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development is pleased to announce that 32 neighborhood associations and community organizations were awarded funds through the Neighborhood Partners Program. This program is designed to provide assistance to neighborhood projects that substantially, positively and measurably impact the community.

All nine City Council districts were represented in this year's funding allocation, which is made by an independent selection committee. The award recipients for 2008 – 2009 are:

District 1

Hill City Neighborhood Association
 Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association
 Spring Valley Charitable Corporation

District 2

Fairfax-Bagwell Neighborhood Association

District 3

Lake Chickamauga Community Association
 Murray Hills Neighborhood Association

District 4

Audubon Neighborhood Association
 Belleau Woods Neighborhood Association
 Friends of East Brainerd
 Hamilton Acres Neighborhood Association
 Hickory Creek Townhome Association

District 5

Lake Hills Neighborhood Association
 Washington Hills Neighborhood Association
 Woodmore Manor Neighborhood Association

District 6

Alta Vista Neighborhood Association
 Belvoir Neighborhood Association
 Brainerd Hills Neighborhood Association
 Brainerd Unity Group
 Hilltop Neighborhood Association

District 7

Alton Park Development Corporation
 East Lake Neighborhood Association
 Ridgedale Community Association
 South Chattanooga Association of Neighbors
 Clifton Hills Improvement Committee

District 8

Oak Grove Neighborhood Association
 Southside/Cowart Place Neighborhood Association
 Wheeler Avenue Neighborhood Watch

District 9

Glenwood Neighborhood Association
 Highland Park Neighborhood Association
 Orchard Knob Neighborhood Watch Association
 Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association

Citywide

Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council

*Congratulations
 to all 2008-2009 recipients!*

SYSTEMATIC CODES INSPECTION DATES

Date	Inspection Area	District
Jan. 16	Lincoln Park	8
Jan. 30	Lupton City	2
Feb. 13	North Chattanooga	1
Feb. 27	East Lake	7
Mar. 13	Radmoor	4
Mar. 27	Hixson	3
Apr. 10	Avondale	9
Apr. 24	Hixson/Norcross Rd.	1
May 8	Churchville	9
May 22	Hilltop	6
June 5	East Brainerd/Graysville Rd.	4
June 19	Eastdale	5
July 10	Park City	8
July 24	St. Elmo	7

Systematic Codes Inspections

by Brad Gardner, Manager, Codes, Community Service and Neighborhood Relations

Neighborhood Services and Community Development announces that by popular request, we are again performing neighborhood systematic inspections. During these inspections you may notice teams of code enforcement inspectors checking every property in a given neighborhood for municipal code violations. These random area inspections are performed in each city council district and in all neighborhoods.

Systematic inspections provide Chattanooga neighborhoods and their residents an excellent opportunity to work together to remove blight, clean up properties, and make neighborhoods safer, healthier, and more attractive places to live. Because these inspections are done as a courtesy, no citations will be issued. Instead, owners will receive a courtesy notice advising them of specific violations and give them an opportunity to bring the property into compliance within a specified time period. If the owner fails to achieve compliance during the courtesy period, a formal Notice of Municipal Violation will be issued and routine procedures for attaining compliance will go into effect.

Systematic inspections are performed every other Friday. Inspection notice signs are posted in the targeted neighborhood approximately two weeks prior to actual inspection.

Neighborly News from...

Historic Homes of Glenwood

by Tommy Diller, President, Glenwood Neighborhood Association

The Glenwood Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the City of Chattanooga Neighborhood Partners Program and Community Impact of Chattanooga, Inc., set out this year to develop a commemorative pictorial book of the historic homes of Glenwood. On November 20, a gala was held in one of these historical homes to unveil the book.

Glenwood was formally established as a community in 1863. The first house built in Glenwood was an impressive Classical Revival style residence located at 211 Glenwood Drive – built and occupied by former Tennessee Governor and United States Senator James B. Frazier. By 1929, the majority of the houses had been built. The Depression and World War II halted construction in the curvilinear part of Glenwood, which caused a distinct difference in architectural styles. The Bungalow style is mostly confined to the grid area (south of Third Street) with Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival and more modern homes being built further north.

In June 1985, Glenwood was formally designated as a Historic District, with 158 of the homes in Glenwood nominated and accepted in the National Register of Historic Places. Of those, 118 were selected to document the unique architectural style of homes built between 1900 and 1940. These homes have been included in the *Historic Homes in Glenwood* pictorial book. It is a wonderful journey through these historical homes.

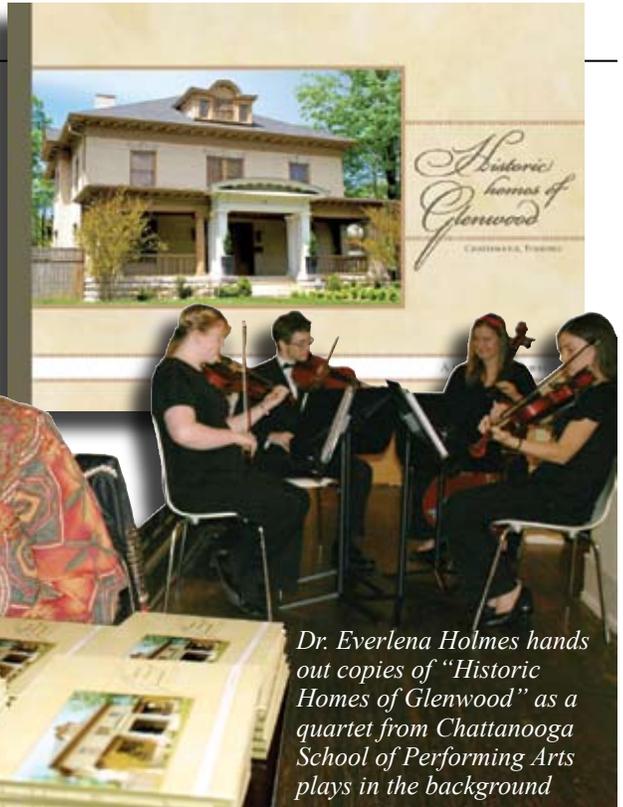
The Glenwood Neighborhood Association would like to thank our partners and all the great residents and homeowners in Glenwood over the years for making Glenwood a “Community Jewel.”

Cloverdale Neighborhood Association

by Debbie Johnson, Neighborhood Relations Specialist



Members of the newly formed Cloverdale Neighborhood Association at work on their community vision.



Dr. Everlena Holmes hands out copies of “Historic Homes of Glenwood” as a quartet from Chattanooga School of Performing Arts plays in the background

Last year the community of Cloverdale came together and formed the Cloverdale Neighborhood Association. They drafted and adopted bylaws, elected officers and began working projects to improve their community and life for their neighbors, all within three months of their initial community meeting! November saw the first project of the association affectionately called: “No Beans About It... And if you think that is corny, then donate corn!” They requested bean food products and corn, which were donated to the Community Kitchen. A receptacle was placed at the Stuart Heights Baptist Church for the donations. The church also opens its doors to the Cloverdale Neighborhood Association for their meetings. The new year finds this new association working on the groundwork for a community vision. What a wonderful way to ring in 2009!

Neighborly News from...

Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association

*Isabella Lane
presents a new
Foxwood Heights
banner to new
member
Ted Lee*



by Karen D. Clay, Neighborhood Relations Specialist

Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association held a membership drive November 1 at the Eastdale Recreation Center. Information about the association was handed out, light refreshments were served and several new members were signed up. As part of the membership drive, all current, as well as new members, received one of the new Foxwood Heights house banners. A total of 135 banners were made possible by a grant from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development's Neighborhood Partners Program, and approximately 40 banners were given out at the meeting.

This was a good time to come and meet the neighbors and talk about ideas to help grow the association, as well as neighborhood concerns. The bright new banners help demonstrate the pride and interest this community has in revitalization.

Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Eastdale Recreation Center, 1312 Moss Drive.

Office of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships

Unity In The Community: A Thanksgiving Day Celebration

Mr. Bob Rann, supervisor of the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Tennessee's feeding unit, prepared 250 turkeys, 30 gallons of gravy and 60 pans of dressing for the 2,000 hungry patrons who attended Unity in the Community: A Thanksgiving Day Celebration.

Mr. Rann was one of about 600 volunteers who came together on Thanksgiving Day to make sure anyone and everyone in need had access to a hot meal, warm clothing and a shower as part of the second Unity in the Community Thanksgiving event.

"We do a much better job together than we do apart, and this is a good example of that," said Mayor Ron Littlefield, whose Office of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships is among the 30 organizations and businesses that banded together to ensure the success of this event.

Unity in the Community operates year-round with the goal of better serving the Chattanooga area by avoiding duplication of services. They hold an Adopt-a-Block



Congressman Zack Wamp talks to some of the 2,000 patrons who took part in the Unity in the Community Thanksgiving Day Celebration

community service drive in East Lake on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Sharon Myers at 240-8011 or sharon@nrvchurch.com.

The Digital TV Transition happens February 17, 2009

For more information about the Digital TV Transition

Call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) (voice) or 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) (TTY) or go to www.dtv.gov

Neighborly News from...

Office of Multicultural Affairs



As of November 20, 2008, Beverly J. Cosley has become the new Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Ms. Cosley most recently served four years as Manager of the Tennessee Health Foundation at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, where she managed a multi-million dollar statewide grants foundation. She served many years at the Chattanooga Police Department as their Director of Community Outreach.

Ms. Cosley earned a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Trevecca Nazarene University and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from David Lipscomb University. She went on to accept the position of Registrar at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. Ms. Cosley was appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen to the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, where she served as Chair of the Statewide Juvenile Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee. Some of Ms. Cosley's notable accomplishments include:

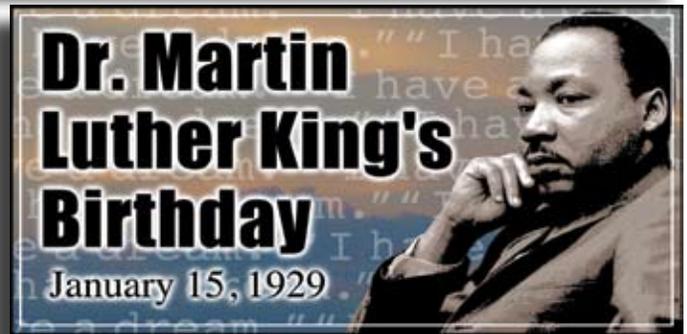
- Implementing "Human Diversity & Partnership Training," the first community and cultural diversity training program that trained over 600 staff, officers, citizens, and community leaders.
- 2002 National Athena Award recipient
- 2002 Women of Distinction
- National W.K. Kellogg Fellow in Leadership Development

Education, Arts & Entertainment

Students in the Fall 2008 Hamilton County Virtual School were joined by Senator Andy Berke for a recognition dinner on December 2 to celebrate their successes in the nationally recognized "Connecting the Dots with Technology" initiative, a collaborative partnership with the Department of Education, Arts & Culture. The Hamilton County Virtual School received national recognition at the NACOL Virtual Schools Symposium in Phoenix, Arizona last November.

The "Connecting the Dots" summer school program encouraged student success through a partnership with CARTA that provided free bus passes to the classroom and offered a \$50 bonus for attendance and completion of the program. Chattanooga Matters provided students with lunches each day.

For more information about the "Connecting the Dots with Technology" initiative or the City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture, contact Melissa Turner at 425-7826.



To capture the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the City of Chattanooga will not only remember the man, his courage, his inspiring words and life-altering actions, but will celebrate his accomplishments in a week-long series of events January 14-19 sponsored by The Unity Group.

January 14:

8:30 a.m. - noon: Children's Rights Conference

Second Missionary Baptist Church, 2305 E. 3rd Street

6-7:00 p.m.: Community Fellowship Meal & Worship

Service Grace Episcopal Church, 20 Belvoir Avenue

January 17:

9-11 a.m.: Prayer Breakfast with Rev. Steve Caudle

Second Missionary Baptist Church, 2305 E. 3rd Street

January 18:

4-6 p.m.: Dr. King's Birthday Party for children and youth

New Zion Baptist Church, 809 MLK Boulevard

January 19:

4 p.m.: Parade kicks off at the Olivet Baptist Church on

MLK Boulevard and ends at the Tivoli Theater

5-7 p.m.: Keynote speaker nationally-known Civil Rights

Attorney Morris Dees

For additional information contact Quenston Coleman at 622-5911 or Rev. Paul McDaniel at 624-9097



Senator Andy Berke joins Hamilton County Virtual School students for a recognition dinner celebrating their successes

COMMONGROUND

January Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Description
1 Thu		New Year's Day - City Hall Closed
5 Mon	6:30P	East Lake Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:30P	Hill City Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:30P	Wheeler Avenue Neighborhood Watch Meeting
	7:00P	Community Association of Historic St. Elmo Meeting
	7:00P	Murray Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
8 Thu	10:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
	6:00P	Sector 3 Community Police Interaction Committee (CPIC) - Delta Zone & George Zone
	6:30P	Clifton Hills Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting
	7:00P	Cedar Hill Improvement League Meeting
12 Mon	1:00P	Regional Planning Agency Meeting
	6:00P	Hamilton Acres Neighborhood Association
	7:00P	Fairfax-Bagwell Neighborhood Association Meeting
13 Tue	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
14 Wed	10:00A	Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting
	11:00A	East Lake Senior Citizens Meeting

15 Thu	10:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	Menlo Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
19 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
20 Tue	6:00P	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Cloverdale Neighborhood Association Meeting
22 Thu	10:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	5:30P	South Broad Redevelopment Group, Inc. Meeting
	6:00P - 7:00P	Glenwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Ridgedale Community Association Meeting
26 Mon	6:00P	Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC)
	6:30P	Sylvan Drive Neighborhood Association
	7:00P	Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Meeting
27 Tue	4:00P	Community Anti-Drug Coalition Across Hamilton County
28 Wed	11:30A	Court Watch Partners
29 Thu	10:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)

For more information on these events
and all registered neighborhood association meeting dates
go to Neighborhood Services at <http://www.chattanooga.gov>
and check our Calendar of Events

Brush Pickup Schedule

Area 1: East of Hwy 153 and West of I-75

Collection begins on the first Monday of the first FULL week 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

Recycling Schedule

Area 1: January 7

Area 2: January 14

Area 3: January 21

Area 4: January 28

**For More Information Visit
Recycleright.org**

The Mayor's Neighborhood Meetings

Mark your calendar and be sure to attend
the meeting for your district!

District 3

January 29, 2009 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Councilman Dan Page

North River Civic Center
1009 Executive Drive, Hixson

District 1

**Lookout Valley only
February 12, 2009 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Councilwoman Linda Bennett

Patten Recreation Center
3202 Kellys Ferry Road