



*A Newsletter from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development*

## Get Ready, Get Set, Go!Fest

by Jacquelyn Benford

Two boys raced down the hill towards the helicopter that just landed on an open field at the Chattanooga Zoo. One was in a rolling walker, and the other ran on foot. The one in the walker gathered rocket-like speed and encouraged his friend to “Hurry up!” Upon reaching the bottom, they inched closer to see the huge flying machine better. The kids already there were polite and made space for the two just arriving.

According to Anita Ebersole, Deputy Mayor, this is a common sight at Chattanooga’s Go! Fest. Get up and go to Go!Fest! It’s a free day at the zoo where people of all abilities can relax and have fun together.

The eighth annual Go!Fest will be on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Go!Fest is a time when boundaries are broken with laughter. This award-winning festival started out as an initiative of Mayor Ron Littlefield. “Go! Fest was born with the idea of creating a celebration where people who have limitations in their lives can come and feel like this is specifically for them,” said Mayor Littlefield, “This celebration is very close to my heart. Go! Fest is a great way of celebrating the fact that Chattanooga is a city for everyone.”

Kathie Fulgam, special projects manager and coordinator of Go!Fest said, “Part of the purpose of the festival is so people of all abilities can come together and learn how to live, work and play together. It takes away



the stigma of what being disabled is all about. It is a time where people can learn from and interact with those who may be different from them,” said Ms. Fulgam.

“I’ve been coming to Go!Fest for about four years now,” said Jean Marie Lawrence from the UTC Office for Students with Disabilities. “It’s a really good opportunity for people to see what resources are out there for them. It is a chance for the community to see the need for even more services.”

Everyone takes something away with them when they come *continued on page 2*

“Building Better Neighborhoods... Block By Block”

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to Go!Fest. “Each year I hear about individuals in our community who did not know about the services that we provide through Therapeutic Recreation,” said Elaine Adams, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator for the City. “They are amazed at what individuals with disabilities can do! Some of my favorite memories are of people with disabilities getting on our adaptive equipment for the first time and riding a hand cycle or playing golf from our adaptive solo rider golf cart.”

In addition to being a celebration of living life without limitations, Go!Fest features:

- Adaptive athletics, including wheelchair basketball and cycling;

- Live music and interactive entertainment;
- Service dogs and demonstrations;
- Booths showcasing educational, health resources and assistive technology;
- Helicopter landings;
- Activities including a children’s area, a large “Touch-a-Truck” exhibit featuring fire trucks, military vehicles, police cars, ambulances and S.W.A.T. vehicles

The Zoo is located at 1254 East 3rd Street. For directions call 697-1322 or 697-1319. For more information visit [www.gofestchattanooga.org](http://www.gofestchattanooga.org) or call 425-7800.

Sign language interpreters will be provided at Go!Fest.

8TH ANNUAL  
**GO!FEST**  
at the  
CHATTANOOGA ZOO  
OCTOBER 6, 2012  
from 10AM - 3PM  
**FREE!**

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## Administrator’s Letter



Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

Have you noticed all the neighborhood identifier signs as you drive around town? It’s wonderful to see so many neighborhoods clearly marked, and it makes the statement that they are proud of their community.

Most of those signs were partially funded by the Neighborhood Partners Program, which is once again accepting applications (see page 7). If your neighborhood association is interested in obtaining partial funding for the sign toppers or another project that impacts your community, please make arrangements to have a representative attend one of the mandatory workshops to learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

There is no shortage of great activities coming up for Chattanooga’s neighborhoods... it is hard to fit them all into this issue of Common Ground! It’s a great time of year to get out and make your neighborhood a better place to live, work and play.

## My Neighborhood Rocks

Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) and the Association for Visual Arts (AVA) are pleased to announce the Second Annual “My Neighborhood Rocks” video contest. This year the competition will focus on the theme of “play” to highlight how residents play in their neighborhoods. A kick-off event will be held on August 27, 2012, at AVA at 5:30 p.m. to inform neighborhood associations of the new theme as well as the new feature of this year’s contest, a mentor program with local video professionals.

Video submissions can be five minutes or less and must be from neighborhoods in the Chattanooga city limits. Neighborhood associations can submit their videos October 1-19, through CNE’s Facebook page, and voting will begin on October 22. The top five videos with the highest number of votes will move on to the judging portion, where a panel will decide the top three winners. An event will be held on November 9, to announce the winners. Neighborhood associations could win up to \$5000 in prize money.



*Last year's winning entry "There's A Fire Down Here" from East Lake neighborhood*

Association for the Visual Arts is located at 30 Frazier Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37405.

To learn more about the competition or to view last year’s winning submission, visit [www.myneighborhoodrocks.com](http://www.myneighborhoodrocks.com) or contact [lschleifer@cneinc.org](mailto:lschleifer@cneinc.org).

## Sector One Community Police Interaction Committee Meetings

Captain J. L. Francis, Sector One Commander of the Chattanooga Police Department has announced monthly Community Police Interaction Committee (CPIC) meetings between the police and all residents of police area Sector One. The first meeting will be held on September 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Chattanooga Police Department, 3410 Annicola Highway. The Chattanooga Police Department has three police sectors. Sectors two and three have been meeting monthly with their citizens with great results.

Sector One includes the following areas: North Chattanooga, Hixson, Downtown, Alton Park, South Broad and Tiftonia. If your neighborhood is within one of these areas, be sure to mark your calendars to attend these meetings.



**October 2, 2012**

**Groups must register no later than Wednesday, September 12**

The list of participating groups will be distributed to the media and City officials prior to the event.

Contact Sgt. Wayne Jefferson at 643-5090 or [jefferson\\_wa@chattanooga.gov](mailto:jefferson_wa@chattanooga.gov) to register.

For additional information, please check the National Night Out Website at [www.nationaltownwatch.org](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org).

### Sweet Diversity 2012 Districts 5 & 6

**Thursday, September 20, 2012  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Eastgate Town Center, 5600 Brainerd Road**

Sweet Diversity is a family-oriented community event featuring the neighborhood associations, community groups, businesses and cultural organizations that make each of our city’s districts unique.

Sweet Diversity is **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**.

**How Can You Be Part of this Event? It's easy...**

1. Host a table and bring a favorite dessert or other food to share with people while they view and chat about your display
2. Provide entertainment
3. Come and show support for the community where you live

**There is no cost to participate in Sweet Diversity.**

**Call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 643-6706 by September 6 to reserve your table or to offer entertainment.**

## Neighborly News from...

**Southside Community Christmas Parade***by Debbie Johnson, Neighborhood Relations Specialist*

The Alton Park Development Corporation, Alton Park/Piney Woods Neighborhood Association and the Dental Angel Fund Foundation will be hosting the 2nd Annual Southside Community Parade on December 14, 2012. The parade is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. Any organizations with a desire to participate should contact Dr. Elenora Woods, Executive Director of the Alton Park Development Corporation by calling 316-4459 or email [brushew@comcast.net](mailto:brushew@comcast.net). You may also visit [www.AltonParkcdc.org](http://www.AltonParkcdc.org) for more information.

There will be a kickoff for the Southside Community holiday festivities on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Howard High School parking lot and an antique car show for all to enjoy. This is a time where the parade organizers will accept donations of new toys for children (ages 1 to 12) as well as turkeys and any monetary donations. All donations are tax deductible.

The 2011 Southside Community Parade was a huge success with a bountiful toy drive and a rousing children's concert. The parade included the Howard High School Marching Band, City of Chattanooga's Fire and Police Departments, HYKSOS of Chattanooga on horseback, elves of all ages and sizes, and of course, Santa Claus. A free concert was given by BET entertainer Key Swag of Atlanta, Georgia. Key Sway not only gave a free concert but delivered over 500 toys to the community to boot! Be sure to mark your calendars for these wonderful community events.

**Hill City Neighborhood Association***Karen D. Clay, Neighborhood Relations Specialist*

Hill City neighborhood is a small, close-knit community located north of the Tennessee River. The community is growing and changing, and working to ensure that issues of concern are addressed and the quality of life for all residents continues to flourish.



One of the members, Bristol Smith, started a "Back to School Bash" for children in the community. According to Bristol he was invited to an event in another community where he witnessed families interacting and playing games, food being served, children having fun and school supplies being given away. He was so impressed with this event that he wanted to take the concept back to Hill City.

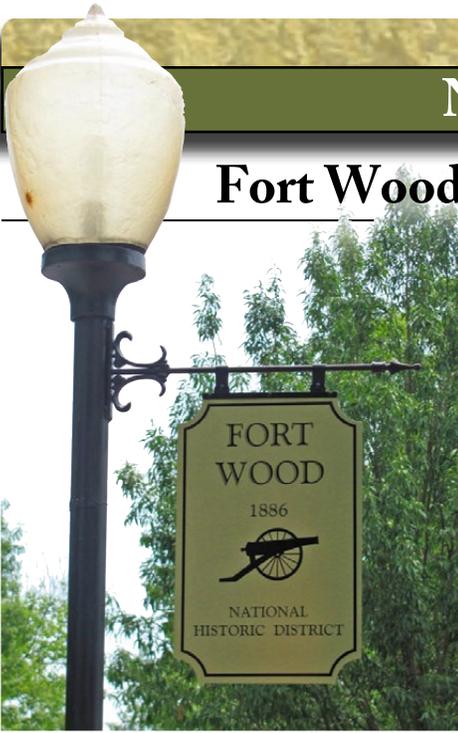
Bristol began by recruiting volunteers. The first year he had three volunteers donate school supplies and food. They were able to serve food and give school supplies to 60 students. This year over 160 children received book bags full of school supplies. The event was held at the North Chattanooga Recreation Center with over 200 people in attendance, and included entertainment from Milele Roots Band, food, door prizes, water slides, vendors and lots of fun for the children.

Bristol attended the Neighborhood Leadership Institute where he learned skills that have helped him tremendously, such as getting vested community partners involved and teaming up with several community business, churches, and neighbors. He parlayed the skills and knowledge that he learned from the institute and applied those principals to help make his community a better place to live.

The Hill City Neighborhood Association meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the North Chattanooga Recreation Center, 406 May Street. Good job!

## Fort Wood Neighborhood Association

by Ty Armour, Neighborhood Relations Specialist



Fort Wood's distinctive homes reflect Chattanooga's unique heritage and the community's evolution over time. Architectural styles used in the homes of important Fort Wood residents reflected their wealth and interest in the fashions of the day. Queen Anne houses are characterized by large porches, carved trim elements, decorated gables, and wood shingles in various patterns. This style in Chattanooga usually incorporates brick construction with porches or verandas, projecting bays, and narrow facades. Victorian Romanesque buildings include stone surfaces, arches, and decorative tiles. The popular Tudor Revival style employed diverse combinations of brick and stucco, vertical and horizontal boards over stucco, steeply pitched gabled roofs, dormers, and external chimneys. All of these architectural styles, and creative combinations, can still be seen today in the homes in Fort Wood.

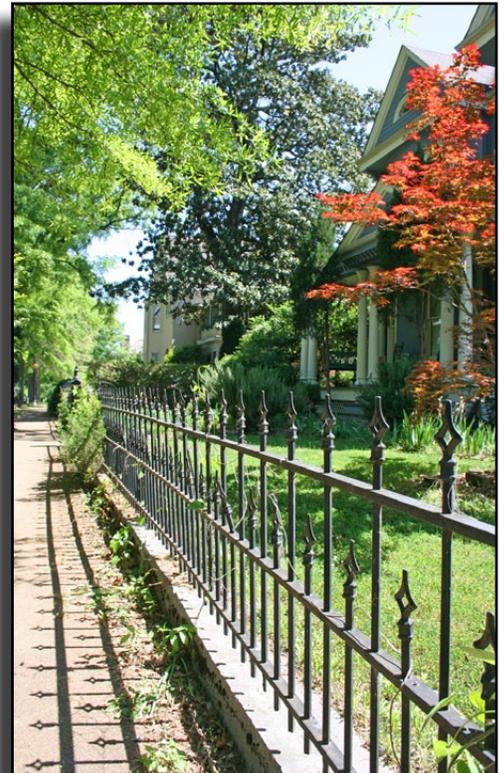
Archaeologists and historians believe that the Fort Wood area still contains many hidden artifacts from the war years. The National Park Service placed war-era cannons at 801 Oak and 850 Fort Wood as part of its historical interpretation of the fort. During the late-nineteenth century scattered residential development occurred in Fort Wood. A number of residences from the 1800s still grace Fort Wood streets today. These older homes reflect the charm and diversity of Victorian and Neoclassical architecture, fashionable styles in turn-of-the-century Chattanooga.

Between 1900 and 1910, Fort Wood became one of the most exclusive residential sections in Chattanooga. The installation of one of Chattanooga's first electric streetcar lines on Oak Street in 1889 encouraged prominent citizens to take up residence in the newly developed area. Many of Chattanooga's leading citizens built their homes in Fort Wood, including T. C. Thompson, Mayor of Chattanooga from 1909-1915; George Fort Multon, publisher and part owner of the Chattanooga News; and Samuel Read, owner of the Read House, an important Chattanooga hotel. Through architecture, these influential politicians, businessmen, real estate developers, doctors and lawyers left their mark on Fort Wood during its heyday from the turn-of-the-century through the 1940s.

Fort Wood was home to the Kosmos Women's Club, established in 1892. Like many women's groups in the late-nineteenth century, the Kosmos Club served as a forum for study, discussion, and support for philanthropic programs. Through voluntary women's organizations such as the Kosmos Club, American women became active and influential in civic affairs long before the suffrage movement won women's right to vote in 1920. The club's original home as located at 900 Oak Street until the group merged with the Chattanooga Women's Club in 1929. In 1952, the club returned to Fort Wood at 901 Vine Street. The Kosmos Women's Club still sponsors many of Chattanooga's cultural events and charitable programs.

Today, the Fort Wood neighborhood gives a charming impression of cohesiveness through the combinations of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century architectural styles. The tree-shaded streets, wide sidewalks, and uniform setbacks with raised yards and surrounding retaining walls add to the sense of architectural unity.

Fort Wood Neighborhood Association was awarded funding through the 2011-2012 Neighborhood Partners Program to place historical signs throughout their neighborhood. The association meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.



## Neighborly News from...



### Friends of East Brainerd

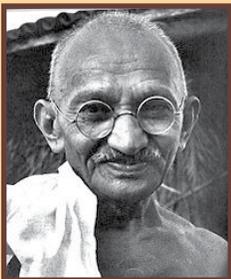
#### Bark in the Park

The Friends of East Brainerd have announced that the annual Bark in The Park event will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Heritage Park, 1428 Jenkins Road. The event is free to all and will include live music, an adoption fair, a vendor market, working dog exhibition, agility and obedience exhibitions, contests and activities including face painting for the kids, a PET Pawlour and Pet Photo Spot. A new event, the Spooky Pooch Parade, has been added this year.

Craig Downs, Chairman of the Bark in the Park 2012, said last year the event saw over 3,500 attendees and they expect an even larger crowd this year. "We will also be dedicating a new flag pole (provided by local Boy Scouts) and new benches (provided by the Friends of East Brainerd)."

Volunteers are needed to assist with parking, the activities and contests, setup-up/clean-up and someone to wear the "Heri the Hound" costume. Spaces for dog-related non-profits or rescue groups are free in the Adoption Fair area. If you would like to volunteer, reserve a space in the Adoption Fair area, or are interested in being a sponsor or vendor, please contact Craig Downs at [chattbitp@gmail.com](mailto:chattbitp@gmail.com). Brewer Media Group and Cat Country Radio will be providing a live remote, advertisement on their websites, ad in *The Pulse*, and radio commercials the week prior to the event. Sponsor deadline for inclusion in the pre-event marketing is Friday, September 14.

The Friends of East Brainerd also want everyone to mark their calendars for the companion event "Pickin' for the Pups" to be held on Thursday, October 11 at Heritage Park. This fundraiser is an all-you-can-eat barbeque dinner and eight bluegrass acts. The funds raised go to the Goodwill Assistance Dog Academy which trains dogs for wheelchair assistance. For more information on this event contact Goodwill Chattanooga at 629-2501 or TTY (423) 629-5339 or at the website [www.goodwillchatt.org](http://www.goodwillchatt.org).

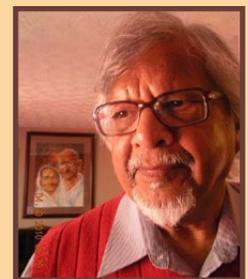


### Gandhi Visits Chattanooga

#### *A City Moving Toward a Season for Nonviolence*

Mahatma Gandhi led India to independence through nonviolence.

Today his grandson, Dr. Arun Gandhi, teaches us how to take Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence into our lives and onto our streets.



#### Public events include:

Monday, September 17	5:30 PM	Visit Westside (College Hill Courts)
Tuesday, September 18	10:30 AM	Visit Recreate Café at Salvation Army
	11:30 AM	Lunch and Tour at Chattanooga Community Kitchen
	6:00 PM	City Council presentation
Wednesday, September 19	2:00PM	"Be the Change" (Brainerd Recreation Center)
Thursday, September 20	4:15PM	Sitar Music and Senior Yoga at Eastgate Senior Activity Center
	5:00PM	Brainerd Blessing and Capstone Event at Eastgate Town Center stage with Keynote Speaker Dr. Arun Gandhi
Friday, September 21	7:30AM	TN Women's Economic Council with Keynote Address from Dr. Arun Gandhi (Chattanooga Hotel) <b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>

For more information contact the City of Chattanooga Dept. of Education, Arts & Culture: (423) 425-7823 or [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov).

## Announcements

## Neighborhood Roundtable

September 12, 2012  
1:00 p.m.

Dr. Ken Chilton  
of the Ochs Center will  
make a presentation on  
the results of the Gang  
Task Force study

Mayor's Conference  
Room  
City Hall • 3rd Floor  
101 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### City of Chattanooga

#### Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) FY 2011-2012

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) 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 2011-2012 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, Second Floor, City Hall Building  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

The CAPER will be available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday beginning September 4, 2012 through September 25, 2012. A copy of the Executive Summary is available on the City of Chattanooga's website at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov). Written comments will be received until September 26, 2012.



### APPLICATIONS DUE

Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.

The Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) provides assistance to neighborhood projects that substantially, positively and measurable impact the community. The program is open to neighborhood associations and neighborhood-based groups located within the Chattanooga city limits. Project Applicants MUST Attend One of the Following Technical Assistance Workshops:

#### Monday, September 10

10:00 a.m. – Noon & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 17 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

All workshops will be held in City Hall  
101 E. 11th Street, 3rd Floor Training Room  
Parking (at your expense) is available at the  
Warehouse Row parking garage or at metered  
spaces at City Hall.

## 2012 International Property Maintenance Code Fundamentals

### CEU Seminar for Codes Professionals

October 17, 2012

8:00 – 8:30 am Registration

8:30 am – 4:00 pm Seminar

(Lunch on your own from 12:00 - 1:30)

Hilton Garden Inn, Scenic City Room  
311 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

*Presented by*

Mike Perrone, International Codes Council

This seminar provides codes professionals with:

- A better understanding of the differences between the 2009 IPMC and the 2012 IPMC
- Exercises to apply new code requirements to problems similar to those encountered in the field
- An understanding of the reasons the code changes occurred
- The ability to locate, describe and apply the appropriate code sections in order to determine compliance or noncompliance while performing an inspection

\$100 registration fee includes course materials  
and CEU credit of .6 (6 hours)

**Registration Deadline**

**Monday, September 17, 2012**

For more information call (423) 425-3739  
or register online at [www.chattanooga.gov](http://www.chattanooga.gov)

# September Calendar of Events

**Sunday September 2**

6:00pm – 7:00pm	Hemphill Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Shepherd Community Council

**Monday September 3**

6:00pm – 7:00pm	Spring Valley Charitable Corportion
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Northside/Cherokee Community Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Battery Heights Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Wheeler Avenue Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Chattanooga Organized for Action
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Hill City Neighborhood Association
6:30pm – 7:30pm	East Lake Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Murray Hills Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Community Association of Historic St Elmo

**Tuesday September 4**

6:00pm – 7:00pm	Shawnee Hills Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Forest Plaza Neighborhood Association

**Wednesday September 5**

10:00am – 11:00am	Board of Zoning Appeals
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**Thursday September 6**

9:00am – 10:00am	Environmental Court
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Alton Park Development Corporation
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Glenwood Neighborhood Watch
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association

**Monday September 10**

6:00pm – 8:00pm	Chattanooga Organized for Action
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Jefferson Heights Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Fairfax-Bagwell Neighborhood Association

**Tuesday September 11**

5:00pm – 6:00pm	Foxwood Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Indian Hills Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Sector 2 CPIC
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Glass Farms Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Alton Park Piney Woods Neighborhood Association
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Biltmore Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Lake Hills Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Narrows Homeowners Association

**Wednesday September 12**

11:00am – 12:00pm	East Lake Senior Citizens
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Neighborhood Roundtable

**Thursday September 13**

9:00am – 10:00am	Environmental Court
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Churchville Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 8:00pm	North Hixson Neighborhood Association

**Thursday September 13**

6:30pm – 7:30pm	Clifton Hills Improvement Committee
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Belvoir Neighborhood Association
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Sector 3 CPIC
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Fort Wood Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Cedar Hill Improvement League
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association

**Monday September 17**

5:30pm – 6:30pm	Villages at Alton Park Neighborhood Watch
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Washington Hills Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	North Brainerd Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Avondale Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Chattanooga Organized for Action

**Tuesday September 18**

6:00pm – 7:00pm	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Hickory Creek Townhome Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Cloverale Neighborhood Association

**Thursday September 20**

9:00am – 10:00am	Environmental Court
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Dogwood Village Homeowner's Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Brainerd Park North Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Southside Chattanooga Oak Hills Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Menlo Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Sweet Diversity Districts 5 & 6
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Olde Town Brainerd Neighborhood Association
6:30pm – 7:30pm	Highland Park Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Lake Chickamauga Association

**Monday September 24**

6:00pm – 8:00pm	Chattanooga Organized for Action
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Oak Grove Neighborhood Association

**Wednesday September 26**

10:00am – 11:00am	Demolition Hearing
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**Thursday September 27**

9:00am – 10:00am	Environmental Court
4:30pm – 5:30pm	South Broad Redevelopment Group
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Woodmore Manor Neighborhood Association
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Glenwood Neighborhood Association
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ridgedale Community Association

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