



Plantin' Wood in the 'Hood

A BELMONT HILLSBORO NEIGHBORS TREE CANOPY FUND RAISER



The arrival of spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party" and that's exactly what BHN plans to do on March 26th. BHN, together with Village Real Estate Services, Sunset Grill, 12 South Tap Room, New Belgium Brewing, B & C BBQ, DJ DanCo, Zeitgeist Gallery, Dakini Graphis, SoundForest.org, Brett Sherriff and Jenkins Hardin, are planning a benefit for the BNH Tree Canopy called "Plantin' Wood in the 'Hood."

The event is set for Friday, March 26, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at 1504 Linden Avenue.

You will be able to dance to popular sounds as mixed by DJ Dan; enjoy delicious foods from B&C BBQ; enjoy some cool beverages provided by Sunset Grill, 12 South Tap Room and New Belgium Brewing; and at party's end you will know that you helped to grow BHN's tree planting initiative.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online at: www.belmont-hillsboro.org/tree-canopy, in person at Helios Artglassworks, 3108 Belmont Blvd, or at the event. Buy 3 tickets and receive one FREE!

The Belmont-Hillsboro Neighborhood Tree Canopy Fund was established in 2009. The fund's intent is to address the need for greater resources and understanding of the importance of trees in our neighborhood.

Many trees planted during Belmont-Hillsboro's original development are still providing shade and enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. However, aging trees present

many challenges. For example, aging trees must be properly maintained in order to prevent harm to humans and structures. In addition, diseased or dying trees should be removed and replaced when possible. These are just some of the needs that the Belmont-Hillsboro Tree Canopy Fund is designed to address.

The Fund's first project is a three-year partnership with SoundForest.org to plant and maintain 55 trees in public areas along Belmont Boulevard, 18th, 19th, Magnolia, Brightwood, Cedar, Linden, and Oakland Avenues. The Fund has received a \$4,813 matching grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to complete this project, which is intended to plant trees that will grow to at least 40 feet at maturity. The types of trees planted during this project include Valley Forge American Elm, Northern Red Oak, Shumard Oak, Blackgum, and Yellowwood. Planned future projects include programs to plant appropriate mid-level and ornamental trees under utility lines and programs to allow homeowners to purchase discounted trees for their own yards.

For more information about the Tree Canopy Fund or the "Plantin' Wood in the 'Hood" event and to make an online contribution, visit www.belmont-hillsboro.org/tree-canopy or call Gary Bynum at 615-974-7015. All contributions to the Tree Canopy Fund are tax deductible.

BHN wishes to thank our very generous sponsors who are working to make this event a success. Please visit their establishments in person or online.

GO GREEN DISTRICT 18: SAVE ENERGY AND MONEY

Go Green District 18, initiated by Mark Deutschmann and Kristine LaLonde, invites homeowners and businesses to sign up for an NES In-Home Energy Evaluation. Homeowners who have participated are enthusiastic about the results. They noticed their heating bills go down by 20% or more this winter after they had insulation blown inside the roof or into the walls. And one couple discovered that their gas furnace was 25 years old, ready to leak carbon monoxide into their home.

Rick Urbano has been pleased with the results of weatherizing his house, "We insulated our attic with open cell spray on foam insulation and we replaced our 20 year old (or more) gas furnace with a 95+% model. Our electric bill this month was 45% less than the same time last year. I compared kwh per heating degree days. Our gas bill was 27% less. Needless to say, we are thrilled with the savings."

The evaluation fee is \$150; which will be reimbursed if recommended improvements totaling more than \$150 are made. Participants are also reimbursed 50% of installation costs up to \$500. Federal tax credits also apply to some improvements, up to \$1500. The evaluation takes about an hour and a half; you'll get a detailed report with specific recommendations. Call Tony Viglietti at NES, (615) 262-7385, or sign-up on-line at www.GoGreenDistrict18.com.

BEAUTIFICATION: NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING CLEAN-UP APRIL 17, 8 AM - 12PM

Help us spruce up the neighborhood for the next Saturday's festivities by picking up trash around the neighborhood (with your truck or trailer if you have one), or bringing trash to the roll-offs where volunteers will help you unload it. Roll-offs will be in the parking lot behind Helios Artglassworks, 3108 Belmont Boulevard. At noon there will be a lunch for all volunteers at the home of Jenkins Hardin and Brett Sheriff.



COUNTRY MUSIC MARATHON AND POTLUCK BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 24, FROM 7 A.M. TILL ABOUT 9

Neighbors and friends are invited to come to the annual potluck breakfast and cheer on the racers. This year we will be set up at 2305 Belmont Boulevard. Look for the white tent with the BHN banner. We'll have coffee and juice. Neighbors are asked to bring an easy-to-eat breakfast dish. The racers will start coming by around 7:20 a.m., so come early and be ready to greet them.

GREEN STARTS HERE: GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP 2010

Council resolution officially kicks off 3-month anti-litter initiative

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Public Works and Metro Beautification and Environment officials are hoping for a different kind of "March Madness" this Spring as the 2010 Great American Cleanup™, the nation's largest volunteer coordination effort, gets underway.

Held every year from March 1st through May 31st, Keep America Beautiful and the Great American Cleanup™ rally more than 3 million volunteers nationwide. In Nashville, Metro Beautification, a KAB affiliate, typically involves thousands of citizens in improving our community's environment and quality of life. Activities include beautification projects, litter cleanups, educational events, graffiti removals, recycling drives and illegal sign removals.

Nearly 24,000 volunteers came together for 185 community projects throughout Metro in 2009. "Those volunteers represented more than 100 different community groups, and logged over 32,000 hours working on projects that had a direct impact on our city," said Veronica Frazier, Metro Beautification director.

"This year, we're asking even more citizens to accept the Keep America Beautiful national challenge to 'pick up, spruce up and paint up' Nashville by organizing or participating in a community project that will help keep our city and our state clean and beautiful."

The Metro Council officially kicked off the 2010 effort last night by approving a resolution designating March, April and May as "**Great American Cleanup Months**" in Davidson County.

To learn more about Nashville's Great American Cleanup, or to volunteer for an event, please contact Metro Beautification and Environment, (615) 862-8418, or visit their website: www.nashville.gov.beautification. A complete list of scheduled cleanups for the first half of 2010 can be found on the website using the "Cleanup Calendar" link in the left side column.

*source - Metro Nashville Public Works press release, March 17, 2010

Song of the Open Road, 1933 - Ogden Nash

I think that I shall never see a billboard as lovely as a tree.
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,
I'll never see a tree at all

Breath - J. Daniel Beaudry

Tree, gather up thoughts
like the clouds in your branches.
Draw up my soul like the waters in your root.
In the arteries of your trunk bring me together.
Through your leaves breathe out the sky.

NEIGHBORS INFLUENCE NES: TREE TRIMMING



The Nashville Electric Service is trimming trees in our neighborhood. Inspectors put green dots on trees to be trimmed and red dots on trees to be removed. They contact residents, leaving a "door hanger" with the needed information if no one is at home.

Some neighbors have disagreed with the judgments that were made. Several representatives of NES met with the BHN Steering Committee in February to explain policies and procedures. As a result, inspectors have looked again at some locations and changed their judgments. You have the chance to do the same.

NES follows the lateral pruning method developed by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and approved by the National Arborist Association, the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Metro Tree ordinance.

Lateral pruning leaves the overall structure of the tree stronger and more resistant to high winds and heavy ice, while directing future growth away from power lines. NES no longer uses the tree-topping or "rounding" method. This process is discouraged by the National Arbor Day Foundation because "topping" leaves the tree weakened and susceptible to insects and disease.

For policies and frequently asked questions, go to www.nespower.com/vegmgt.html.

*source -NES Tree Trimming Program Policies and Procedures brochure

MEMBERSHIP: TIME TO RENEW

All members are encouraged to renew their annual memberships. The neighborhood database lists over 340 household or individual members but only 117 are current in membership payments.

Renewing has never been easier. You can either mail a check to Belmont-Hillsboro Neighbors P.O. Box 120712, or visit the website and Paypal simply go to <http://home.belmont-hillsboro.org/membership> and hit the Paypal icon. Household memberships are \$15 and individual memberships are \$10. Look for a blue reminder envelope coming in the mail soon!



If you love this neighborhood and want to be part of its success as the best place to live in Nashville, rejoin today and be part of Belmont Hillsboro Neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact Tom Campion at thomas.campion@gmail.com or phone 310 3463.

PHILANTHROPY: INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

In January the BHN Steering Committee approved three grants recommended by the Philanthropy Committee.

A donation of \$1,000 was made to the Metro Action Commission. The Commission provides a range of services for seniors over 65 and assists families and individuals that have experienced a change or loss of income in the last six months. Depending on the circumstances, available assistance for eligible applicants may include things like one time help with utility payments and a wide range of other household expenses to help them weather a period of crisis. This donation will be targeted to people in need living in the 37212 zip code.

For the fifth year, \$1,000 was invested in the O.N.E./Barnes Scholarship program. The program helps students from the Edgehill community attend the college or university of their choice. The Scholarship honors the Rev. Bill Barnes' life work helping low-income inner-city families improve their lives.

The Blair School of Music pre-college program was awarded \$500 to provide need-based tuition assistance for promising young musicians living in the Belmont-Hillsboro neighborhood. The scholarship has been awarded to a young student in the Blair Choristers. The funds will allow this student to continue in the group which she would otherwise not be able to do.

BHN's philanthropic committee provides small grants to organizations serving people in the community and surrounding areas. Details and the application are available online at www.belmont-hillsboro.org under the link "Apply for Philanthropic Funds." Applications are accepted year round.

TREE CANOPY: GROWS

Our Tree Canopy Project has been proceeding since last fall, aided by a \$4,813 grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (matched by contributions from BHN). You may notice signs going up, giving credit to the state agency for its role. Special thanks go to Melinda Newpher, who has chaired the project; Gary Bynum, who has handled finances and many other details; Tom Solinsky, who has identified sites, hauled trees, and dug holes; and Virginia Spini, who secured many approvals from homeowners. Public Works has visited each site three times, and there is even a GPS location for each new tree.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.



PO BOX 120712
NASHVILLE, TN 37212

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 26 - Tree Canopy Fundraiser
Friday, 6:30 pm

April 17 - Spring Cleanup
Saturday, 8 am -12 pm

April 24 - Country Music Marathon
and Potluck Breakfast
Saturday, from 7 am till about 9 am

June - Annual Ode to Otha Celebration
Saturday/Sweetbriar Avenue
Benefitting Second Harvest Food Bank

September 25 - Fall Cleanup Day
Saturday, 8 am -12 pm

October 2 - Annual Home Tour
Saturday, 11 am - 5 pm

October 11 - BHN Annual Meeting
Monday, 7 pm

May 2 - Neighbors Baseball Game
Sunday, 1 pm
Vanderbilt vs. Georgia

Police
(615) 862 8600

Public Works
(615) 862 8750



VANDERBILT INVITES NEIGHBORS TO BASEBALL GAME: SUNDAY, MAY 2

The Belmont-Hillsboro and Hillsboro-West End organizations have a special opportunity to watch a baseball game at Vanderbilt on Sunday, May 2. Tickets will be only \$5, and there will be an opportunity for children of all ages to run the bases after the game.

Team News: The Commodores will open SEC play on the road against Alabama (March 19-21).

Vanderbilt will return home for a seven-game homestand with contests **against Lipscomb (March 23)**, Wright State (March 24) Kentucky (March 26-28) and Wofford (March 30-31).

The Dores open April with a series at Florida (April 2-4) before beginning an eight game stretch **at home against Belmont (April 6)**, South Carolina (April 9-11), Middle Tennessee (April 13) and Auburn (April 16-18).

The team will play its longest stretch away from home at the end of April with six games on the road: Lipscomb (April 20), Middle Tennessee (April 21), Tennessee (April 23-25) and at Austin Peay (April 27).

VU's final stretch of regular season contests begins with a home series against Georgia (April 30, May 1-2) followed by a road series against defending national champions LSU (May 7-9). The Tigers are back on the schedule after a two-year absence due to the SEC schedule rotation. Ole Miss is not on the schedule for the next two years.

Vanderbilt will host Louisville in a rematch of last season's regional championship game on May 11.

The Dores will travel to Mississippi State the weekend of May 14-16, before closing out the regular season at home against College World Series participant Arkansas on May 20-22. The series against the Razorbacks is a Thursday, Friday, Saturday set that every team in the league plays on the final weekend in preparation for the conference tournament.

The SEC tourney begins on May 26 in Hoover, Ala., and runs until May 30.

*source - <http://collegebaseball360.com/2009/10/24/2010-vanderbilt-baseball-schedule-released/>