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MHC/MHZC UPDATE

New! Hall-Harding-McCampbell House Designated Local Historic Landmark
On July 18, 2013, Mayor Karl Dean approved the designation of the Hall-Harding-McCampbell House as a local Historic Landmark Overlay district.

The Hall-Harding-McCampbell House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in March 2010. Constructed circa 1805, the two-story Federal style brick home in Donelson is one of the oldest extant houses in Davidson County. Built by William Hall, the house was owned by members of the Thomas McCampbell family from 1852 until the 1930s. The last private owner, William Baker, lived in the house from the 1970s until his death in 2009; Mr. Baker willed the house to the Tennessee State Museum. The Metropolitan Historical Commission, the Tennessee Historical Commission, and Middle Tennessee State University's Center for Historic Preservation worked with the Tennessee State Museum in the preparation of the nomination to the National Register, and in preparation of a conditions assessment of the property. The house is located at 305 Kent Road in Donelson, just off Donelson Pike.

With this designation, the MHZC will review new construction, including additions, as well as demolition, relocation, or renovation of the Hall-Harding-McCampbell House. Similar to Historic Preservation Zoning Overlay Districts, the local historic landmark designation requires the highest level of review and therefore provides the greatest level of protection for a site or neighborhood. Visit Nashville.gov for more information about other locally-designated [Historic Landmark Overlay Districts](#) in Nashville and to read [Ordinance No. BL2013-468](#).

Ongoing! Telling Nashville's Civil War Stories

Join the Metropolitan Historical Commission and 16 area partners for the **Nashville Civil War Lecture Series**. Lectures will take place on the **third Tuesday of the**

month, May through October, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., at a new location each month. The lecture series offers a unique opportunity to explore the stories of Civil War Nashville in some of the city's most exquisite historic sites.

August 20 – Rob DeHart presents “Surviving Behind the Lines: Civil War Medicine in Nashville” at *Belle Meade Plantation, 5025 Harding Pike*

September 17 – Dr. Steve Hoskins presents “Singing the Songs of Zion: The War’s Impact on Music” at *Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 615 Sixth Avenue South*

October 15 – Dan Pomeroy presents “The Unionists”
Jubilee Hall, Fisk University

Lectures are free and open to the public. For more information and the full schedule, call the Historical Commission at 862-7970, visit [Civil War Sesquicentennial Events](#), or find us on [Facebook](#)!

The Nashville Civil War Lecture Series accompanies the recent release of an exciting new Civil War brochure. “**Nashville’s Civil War Stories: Common People in an Uncommon War**” tells Nashville’s Civil War story through the eyes of twelve Nashvillians who represent the many perspectives of the war and its effects on the lives of those in our city. The brochure connects these Civil War stories to 24 Civil War sites, including homes, cemeteries, churches, and schools. Along with several battlefield sites, these are the places where Nashvillians fought to survive and struggled to cope during wartime and the years of Reconstruction. Six of the featured sites will host the lecture series. Pick up your copy at any of the lectures or the partner sites, including Sunnyside, or visit the [Historical Commission](#) website to download a copy.

The Nashville Civil War Lecture Series and “Nashville’s Civil War Stories” are made possible by a grant from the [Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area](#). A partnership of the National Park Service, the TCWNHA is administered by the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation.

Grant partners include: Metropolitan Historical Commission • Nashville Convention and Visitor’s Bureau • Davidson County Historian Carole Bucy • Metro Parks and Recreation • Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum • Belle Meade Mansion • Belmont Mansion • Land Trust for Tennessee • Trevecca Nazarene University • Lipscomb University • Fisk University • University of the South • Tennessee Historical Commission • Tennessee State Museum • Battle of Nashville Preservation Society • Nashville City Cemetery Association • Tennessee Historical Commission

New! Historical Commission and Fort Negley Receive NEH Grant

The Metropolitan Historical Commission in partnership with the Fort Negley Visitors’ Center is delighted to be one of the recipients of a two-year grant program called *Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle*.

Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that uses the power of documentary films to encourage

community discussion of America's civil rights history. NEH has partnered with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to develop programmatic and support materials for the sites.

The MHC & Fort Negley are part of the 473 institutions across the country awarded a set of four films chronicling the history of the civil rights movement. The powerful documentaries, *The Abolitionists*, *Slavery by Another Name*, *Freedom Riders*, and *The Loving Story*, include dramatic scenes of incidents in the 150-year effort to achieve equal rights for all. *Freedom Riders* received an Emmy in 2012, and *The Loving Story* and *The Abolitionists* have been nominated for Emmys in 2013. Each of the films was produced with NEH support, and each tells remarkable stories of individuals who challenged the social and legal status quo of deeply rooted institutions, from slavery to segregation. *Created Equal* programs bring communities together to revisit our shared history and help bridge deep racial and cultural divides in American civic life. Visit www.neh.gov/created-equal for more information.

Keep watching for the dates and times for the screening of these films and associated programming over the next two years!

IN THE NEWS

Save the Cordell Hull!

A public petition requesting the preservation of the Cordell Hull State Office Building has come to our attention! How do you feel about the Cordell Hull?

http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/governor-haslam-save-the?source=c.fwd.in&r_by=8462961

New! Call for Nominations: 2013 Nashville Nine

Concerned about the Cordell Hull State Office Building? historic property in your community that is threatened by demolition, neglect, or development? If so, tell Historic Nashville, Inc. (HNI) about it! HNI is accepting nominations from concerned citizens for its annual "Nashville Nine" list through Friday, August 16. The Nashville Nine, an annual list of the city's nine most endangered historic properties, is intended to promote public awareness and encourage preservation advocacy at the grassroots level. HNI will announce the 2013 Nashville Nine list in September.

For more information and to submit your nomination by Friday, August 16, please visit [Historic Nashville's website](#).

Ongoing! NashvilleNext.Net!

Work continues on a new Nashville General Plan which will provide a vision for our city's future over the next 30 years, along with guidance for growth and development in Davidson County and much of Middle Tennessee. Called "NashvilleNext," this is an ongoing, integrated plan for Nashville's future - and information about the plan is now available on a constantly updated webpage which includes contact information, volunteer opportunities, details of the plan in progress, and video comments from some of the many community leaders who are already part of the NashvilleNext initiative. Visit www.nashvillenext.net or find Nashville Next on Facebook for the "next" big news!

Concerned about what this means for Nashville's historic resources? Read the [Historic Preservation Background Report](#) and the [Historic Preservation Fact Sheet](#), and [share your comments](#) about the future of historic preservation in our city.

CONFERENCES, EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

New! First Tuesday at the Archives

Tuesday, August 6—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Government Archives

3801 Green Hills Village Drive

After a short summer break, "First Tuesday at the Archives" will return on Tuesday, August 6th. Dr. Brenda Jackson-Abernathy of Belmont University will discuss the ever-fascinating Adelia Acklen. Sponsored by Friends of the Archives, this event is free and open to the public.

"First Tuesday at the Metro Archives" meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please contact the Archives at 862-5880 or Ken.fieth@nashville.gov for more information, or visit the brand-new [website!](#)

New! Nashville City Cemetery Work Days

Interested in helping to clean up the City Cemetery? Please visit

www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org for the complete schedule of Hands On Nashville's Clean Up Days at the Nashville City Cemetery (usually the second Saturday of the month, but subject to change). The next work day is Saturday, August 10—9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Register through [Hands on Nashville](#).

Save the Date! History Comes to Life at the Nashville City Cemetery

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Nashville City Cemetery Association's Living History Tour on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Check the [NCCA's website](#) for more information!

New! Music at the Mansion

Saturday, August 17—7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Two Rivers Mansion

3130 McGavock Pike

Mark your calendar and make plans to join the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion for the popular "Music at the Mansion" live summer music series on the grounds of Two Rivers Mansion. Back by popular demand, the Nashville Blues Society will play on August 17. The music starts at 7:30 P.M. and continues through 9:30 P.M. Grounds open at 7:00, so plan to arrive early to find a good spot. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and sit under the stars and savor the music against the backdrop of the newly restored veranda of the Antebellum home. Rose Mary Lane's Catering will be on site so guests can purchase summertime refreshments or pack your own basket.

The outdoor concert series concludes with contemporary Christian music performed by The River Band and The Fellowship Worship Band on September 7.

Admission for each music event is \$5.00 per person or \$20 per family or car load. Admission is free for members of the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion. For more information about upcoming events and membership, visit the website at

www.friendsoftworiversmansion.org or contact Events Manager Laura Carrillo at 615-862-8431 ext. 233.

All events are supported by Metro Parks & Recreation.

New! Lotz House Hosts American Icon Ed Bearss for Dinner on the Battlefield and a Twilight Tour of the Battle of Franklin

Thursday, August 22—5:30 p.m.

Lotz House

1111 Columbia Avenue, Franklin

The Lotz House in Franklin will host American icon Ed Bearss for a country supper on the battlefield followed by a Twilight Tour of the Battle of Franklin on Thursday, August 22 as a fundraiser for the Lotz House Foundation. The Franklin Civil War Roundtable is the presenting sponsor of the event.

In making the announcement, Lotz House Foundation Executive Director J.T. Thompson said, “This is an incredible opportunity for history enthusiasts to meet the father of modern day Civil War battlefield preservation, Ed Bearss. We’re honored to have him at the Lotz House to visit with guests and lead an insightful tour of the Battle of Franklin at twilight. He elicits a stream of consciousness and unwavering memory as he weaves the complex story of the battles and the soldiers who fought them.”

Founder and President of the Franklin Civil War Roundtable Greg Wade said, “We are delighted to sponsor an event held on actual battleground with an icon such as Mr. Bearss,”

Ed Bearss, Chief Historian emeritus at the National Park Service and World War II veteran, was recognized by the Smithsonian in 2005 as one of the thirty-five people who, along with such notables as Bill Gates, Steven Spielberg and Wynton Marsalis, have immeasurably enriched our lives throughout the last quarter century. **Since his retirement in 1995, Bearss, now 90 years old, has become a champion of battlefield preservation, giving tours across the nation and around the world.**

Thompson added, “This is a rare opportunity to personally meet and visit with a true national treasure. We are fortunate to have him in Franklin as we continue to work toward battlefield reclamation and preservation.”

The country supper will be held on the lawn of the Lotz House Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m. with a program at 6:00 p.m. Following the supper, Bearss will lead a twilight tour on the battlefield from Lotz House to the Cotton Gin.

Tickets to the Ed Bearss country supper and twilight tour are limited. The cost is \$60 per person or a table of eight for \$425 and reservations can be made by email: jtt@lotzhouse.com or by calling 615-790-7190. Franklin Civil War Roundtable members receive \$10 off per ticket. All proceeds benefit the Lotz House Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Lotz House, which has been on the National Historic Register since 1976, is located in the heart of downtown historic Franklin, Tennessee at the “epicenter” of the Battle of Franklin which was a pivotal battle in the Civil War on November 30, 1864. The house opened to the public as a Civil War house museum October 30, 2008.

Daily hours are Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 615-790-7190 or visit www.lotzhouse.com.

Closing Soon! Discovering the Civil War

*Tennessee State Museum
505 Deaderick Street*

Through September 1, the Tennessee State Museum will host the “Discovering the Civil War” exhibition from Washington, DC’s National Archives. The exhibit draws on letters, diaries, photos, petitions, and patents from the National Archives to give visitors a chance to walk in the shoes of scholars in unlocking secrets, solving mysteries, and uncovering unexpected events from this pivotal point in our nation’s history. A facsimile of the Emancipation Proclamation is featured. For more information, including exhibit events, visit www.tnmuseum.org.

The Metropolitan Historical Commission publishes this monthly newsletter to keep you informed on events and happenings at the MHC. If you have questions, comments, or news to pass along, please email scarlett.miles@nashville.gov, with E-NEWS in the subject line.

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