

Metropolitan Historical Commission

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MHC/MHZC UPDATE

Meet Our NEW Staff Member!

Please join us in welcoming **Paul Hoffman** to the Metropolitan Historical Commission staff. After joining the office in mid-October, he has already jumped right in with his work for the Historic Zoning Commission. Paul is a Nashville native, a graduate of Hume-Fogg High School and Vanderbilt University, and a former Navy officer. Over the last decade he has worked on historic preservation projects on landmarks such as the Tennessee State Capitol, Ryman Auditorium, Belmont Mansion, Rosenwald schools in Sumner County, and the Francis Rogan House in Omagh, Northern Ireland. Paul earned his M.A. in the historic preservation program at MTSU with a thesis on the Avery Trace, the primary land route into middle Tennessee in the 18th Century. Welcome, Paul!!

New Marker!

A new historical marker will be erected the first week of November honoring the history of North Nashville High School. The marker will be dedicated during the North Alumni All-Class reunion on November 9.

North Nashville High School

Located at 1100 Clay Street, North Nashville High School opened in 1940. Designed by Hart and Russell, the building was constructed with funding from the Public Works Administration, and featured carved stone panels by sculptor Puryear Mims. The first class graduated in 1941. Four principals served North High: J. H. Noel, W.J. Mullins, L.L. Carnes, and R.W. Elliot. The final commencement was held June 8, 1978. North High was demolished in 1987.

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New! Metro Food Drive

Join the Historical Commission and Metropolitan Government in collecting food for Second Harvest Food Bank's [Emergency Food Box \(EFB\) program](#). The EFB program helps feed our hungry neighbors right here in Davidson County. From **Wednesday, November 6 through Friday, November 22**, the Historical Commission will serve as one of the city-wide food drive collection locations. The most needed items for the EFB program are: peanut butter, canned chicken and tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups/stews, pasta, and cereal. We'll also accept monetary donations on behalf of Second Harvest – just make your check out to *Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee*. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

IN THE NEWS

New! 2013 Nashville Nine

On September 30th, Historic Nashville announced the 2013 Nashville Nine. 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. For more information about the Nashville Nine, please visit [Historic Nashville's website](#) or find Historic Nashville, Inc. on Facebook.

New! 2013 Ten in Tennessee

The Tennessee Preservation Trust announced the [2013 Ten in Tennessee](#) on October 23rd. Along with two properties in Davidson County, this year's list includes properties in Sumner, Sevier, Robertson, Hamilton, Morgan, Shelby, Marshall, McMinn and Bedford Counties.

The [Tennessee Preservation Trust's Ten in Tennessee Endangered Properties List Program](#) is TPT's strongest advocacy tool for the state's most endangered historic sites. Each year, TPT seeks nominations for the "Ten in Tenn" from the public from each of Tennessee's nine Development Districts. Listing on the Ten in Tennessee Endangered Properties List raises awareness of the property's historic value, gives credibility to restoring the building, and draws the much needed attention of the public. For more information, visit the [Tennessee Preservation Trust website](#) or find Tennessee Preservation Trust on Facebook.

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, November 5—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Government Archives

3801 Green Hills Village Drive

The November meeting of “First Tuesday at the Archives” will feature “Nashville’s Black Heritage” by William Daniels. Sponsored by Friends of the Archives, this event is free and open to the public.

Also, mark your calendar for Ward DeWitt’s December 3rd presentation about “Monuments and Markers of Old Nashville.”

“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!](#) Plus, be sure to visit the Metro Nashville Archives Facebook page for amazing photos of people, places, and events from Nashville’s past.

New! Tennessee Historical Society’s Fall 2013 Lecture Series

Join the Tennessee Historical Society at its fall membership programs.

All programs will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at:

Fort Negley Visitors Center

1100 Fort Negley Blvd, 37023

Chronicles of the Cumberland Settlements

Paul Clements, author

Thursday, November 7

For more than 10 years, local writer Paul Clements has researched the frontier history of Middle Tennessee, accumulating all known firsthand accounts of settlement from 1779-1796. The result is this wonderful new resource, almost 800 pages long. Join the Tennessee Historical Society to learn new revelations about the founders of our state.

Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee

Myers Brown, Tennessee State Library & Archives

Thursday, November 14

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Tennessee State Library & Archives (TSLA) is sending teams of archivists and conservators to communities across Tennessee. TSLA staff make digital copies of manuscripts, artifacts, and photographs. These copies, representing the rich Civil War heritage of Tennessee families, will become part of a virtual exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the war in Tennessee. Myers Brown will report on the project and some of the more intriguing finds.

Reservations for the programs may be made by emailing the THS at membership@tennesseehistory.org or by calling 615-741-8934.

New! Roxy Revival!

Saturday, November 9—10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Roxy District, Wilburn Street between Meridian and Lischey

Join [Save the Roxy Theater](#) for a celebration of the Roxy District and the vibrant neighborhoods of Northeast Nashville (McFerrin Park, Cleveland Park, and Highland Heights).

Save the Roxy is a grassroots movement dedicated to preserving the memories, heritage, stories, and places connected with the Roxy Theater and surrounding structures. The Roxy Theater has been a neighborhood landmark since opening in 1937 in a bustling commercial area. In its heyday, the "Roxy District" boasted a post office, barber shop, shoe repair store, grocery store, department store, clothing store, pharmacy, and a trolley line connected to downtown. Due to years of vacancy, deferred maintenance, and neglect, Historic Nashville included the Roxy Theater on the [2013 Nashville Nine](#) endangered sites list.

For one day, on November 9th, the Roxy District will be transformed into a vibrant shopping and entertainment destination. You won't want to miss it! Find Save the Roxy Theater on Facebook or visit [SavetheRoxy.org](#) for more information.

New! Barefoot Ball

Saturday, November 9—7:00 p.m.

Green's Grocery

Leiper's Fork, Tennessee

Experience an evening of great music that includes the stories behind some of Country Music's most notable songs. The event will begin at 7:00 pm and will feature songwriters Allen Shamblin and Tom Douglas. [Tickets](#) are \$100 per person and include an open beer and wine bar as well as dinner.

All proceeds will benefit the [Tennessee Preservation Trust](#) and its mission to promote the preservation of our state's diverse historic resources through education, advocacy, and collaborative partnerships, including the campaign to save part of the Highlander Folk School property in Monteagle.

New! Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 16—10:00 a.m.

Buchanan Log House

2910 Elm Hill Pike

The Friends of Mill Creek Baptist Church Graveyard invites all members and friends to attend its annual meeting on Saturday, November 16, at 10:00 a.m. at the Buchanan Log House, 2910 Elm Hill Pike. The program will include a report on the maintenance of the historic graveyard, located at Old Glenrose Avenue and Dodge Drive. W. O. Higley, president, will present the project of clearing a fence line and erection of a fence at the graveyard. Half of the cost of \$10,000 has been subscribed but additional funds are being solicited. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call O. W. Higley, 498-6156, or Albert W. Wardin, 292-7373.

New! Civil War Events at Travellers Rest

Mark your calendar for two exciting events at Travellers Rest in December:

An Evening with Civil War Expert Ed Bearss

Friday, December 6—6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Travellers Rest

636 Farrell Parkway

A United States veteran and author from Montana, Ed Bearss is known for his expertise on the American Civil War and WWII eras. He has served as Chief Historian of the National Park Service and is a popular tour guide of historic battlefields for the Smithsonian Associates. At 90, he still leads tours and travels throughout the United States sharing his passion and knowledge of the Civil War and WWII with the public. Sponsored by Historic Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum and the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society. For more information and reservations contact Cryssa Hulseley at 615-832-8197 or rentals@travellersrestplantation.org

Battle of Nashville Bus Tour

Saturday, December 7—10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The tour will begin at Travellers Rest Plantation. The tour will include over seven Battle of Nashville sites. Guides along the way will be Ed Bearss, a renowned Civil War expert and author, and Battle of Nashville Preservation Society board members Jim Kay and John Allyn. Sponsored by Historic Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum and the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society. Tickets are \$70 per person and include a boxed lunch. For more information and reservations contact Cryssa Hulseley at 615-832-8197 or rentals@travellersrestplantation.org

Ongoing! Raise the Roof: An Exhibit About Buildings

September 14, 2013 to February 16, 2014

Adventure Science Center

800 Fort Negley Blvd.

Do you have a budding historic preservationist or architect in the family? Make sure to check out this great exhibit at the Adventure Science Center, where kids of all ages can learn about building construction, the cultural influences of building design, and yes, even building demolition.

If walls could talk, what sorts of secrets, surprises, or extraordinary engineering feats would they reveal? Discover the story behind the structures humans spend 90 percent of their lives within. The *Raise the Roof* exhibit will feature buildings and building science from around the world, including a "Collapsible Dome." Other components will include a table top activity where visitors can examine and work with a variety of hand-crafted wooden joints. For more information, visit the [Adventure Science Center website](#).

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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