

# Metropolitan Historical Commission

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## What's New with the MHC and MHZC?

### **New! Eastwood Neighborhood Conservation Zoning Overlay District Expanded**

As of April 18, 2014, the Eastwood Neighborhood Conservation Zoning Overlay District now includes **more than 500 additional properties** covering approximately 120 additional acres. The expanded district captures several streets between Gallatin Pike and Porter Road excluded from the original neighborhood conservation overlay designation of 2004.

Additionally, the Metropolitan Council is currently considering a proposed expansion of the Lockeland Springs-East End Neighborhood Conservation Zoning Overlay District (LSEE). The LSEE expansion would add approximately 26 acres and **almost 150 additional properties** to the current boundaries.

Visit the [Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission website](#) to view the **new boundaries**, revisit the design guidelines, download applications, and learn more about the permitting process.

### **New! Love Research, Writing, and Nashville History? If so, Nashville Needs YOU!**

The Metropolitan Historical Commission and Davidson County Historian, Dr. Carole Bucy, are teaming up with other Metro departments including the Mayor's Office, Information Technology Services, Metro Government Archives, and the Nashville Public Library to embark upon a comprehensive on-line ***Encyclopedia of Nashville and Davidson County***. We need your help! If you are interested in researching and writing one or more articles of approximately 500 words pertaining to people, places, or events significant in Nashville history, sign up to become a writer! Check out <http://writers.nashville.gov> for more information and the "Guidelines for Writers," and plan on joining us at our next meeting for writers, scheduled for **Tuesday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m.** in the auditorium of the Downtown Public Library. Questions? Please email [encyclopedia@nashville.gov](mailto:encyclopedia@nashville.gov).

**New! The Historic Zoning Commission Seeks Your Input**

The MHZC is hosting a series of charettes in June to gain public input on design issues. The increase in new development has been positive for the city but it can place stress on our historic neighborhoods. The charettes, also known as brainstorming sessions, will explore those challenges and provide an opportunity for attendees to discuss potential design solutions.

**On June 2, the topic will be Outbuildings and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units** (rescheduled from April 28), and the series will conclude with **New Construction--Infill on June 9**. During these two charettes, MHZC staff will present examples of typical applications and explain how the Commission applies the design guidelines to these cases. MHZC staff will also present examples from other communities to show how they have addressed similar issues. Participants will explore how the needs and desires of property owners can be met in a manner that meets the design guidelines

**SCHEDULE:**

**Topic:** Outbuildings and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units

**Date:** Monday, June 2

**Location:** Sonny West Conference Center, 700 Second Avenue South

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Topic:** New Construction—Infill

**Date:** Monday, June 9

**Location:** Sonny West Conference Center, 700 Second Avenue South

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please direct questions to Robin Zeigler, [robin.zeigler@nashville.gov](mailto:robin.zeigler@nashville.gov) or 615-862-7970.

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**2014 PRESERVATION AWARDS**

**New! 2014 Preservation Awards**

Join the Metropolitan Historical Commission in celebrating National Preservation Month by honoring the 2014 winners of Nashville’s Preservation Awards. Awards will be presented to winners in the categories of Residential, Infill, Industrial/Engineering, and Commercial architecture. The 39th annual event will be held on **Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** at the Nashville Public Library, 615 Church Street. The Arts Company and Historic Nashville, Inc. will host a reception immediately following the ceremony.

Along with celebrating exceptional preservation projects, the Metropolitan Historical Commission will present two special awards during the ceremony. The Metropolitan Historical Commission will present the Achievement Award to **Paul Clements** for his commitment to researching and writing about Nashville’s unique history, covering topics as diverse as settlement, education, sports, and architecture. The Commission will recognize the **Native History Association** with the Commissioners’ Award for the organization’s work to document, protect, and promote Middle Tennessee’s Native American history and historic sites.

The Preservation Awards program is held annually to celebrate National Preservation Month, which is observed nationally each year in May. This year's theme is "**New Age of Preservation: Embark, Inspire, Engage.**" Have plans to **embark** on your own preservation adventure? Come join us for a program that will **inspire** you! Stay for the reception, hosted by Historic Nashville, Inc., and **engage** with preservation friends new and old!

Sponsored annually by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the purpose of Preservation Month is to celebrate the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage.

To learn more about the awards program, please visit [Preservation Awards](#) or email [scarlett.miles@nashville.gov](mailto:scarlett.miles@nashville.gov). Missed this year's deadline? We're already accepting nominations for the 2015 Preservation Awards program. Email Scarlett Miles to request the 2015 nomination form.



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## IN THE NEWS

### **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](http://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.

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## AROUND TOWN

### **New! History of the Cumberland Lecture Series**

*Selected Thursdays at Noon*

*The River Center, Cumberland River Compact*

*The Bridge Building*

*2 Victory Avenue, Suite 300*

Join the Cumberland River Compact and the Tennessee Historical Society at the River Center for the monthly educational series, "[History of the Cumberland.](#)" The series—sponsored by the Cumberland River Compact and the Tennessee Historical Society—will feature some of the Cumberland River Basin's preeminent historians and storytellers, who will explore the rich past of the Cumberland. All lectures are free, but for \$8.00 they'll feed you lunch. You won't want to miss it!

### **Thursday, May 1—Noon**

*DAVID BRITTON: Contested ideas of identity on the Cumberland: 1763-1796*

David Britton, local historian and park ranger, will pick up the history of the Cumberland at the end of the 7-year war and explore the questions of identity and the many possible directions in which the Cumberland region could have developed in the years prior to Tennessee's statehood. Who were the people living on the Cumberland during these transition years? And how did they fit into the broader political questions of the Southern frontier?

A devotee of the study of early Tennessee history, David Britton is a TN state park ranger, currently based out of the Bicentennial Mall.

[RSVP to the Cumberland River Compact](#) (you'll have the option to order a lunch, too).

### **Mark your calendar for these future programs:**

*June 5—Noon*

PAUL CLEMENTS: The Battle of the Bluff—A Turning Point of the Southern Frontier

*July 10—Noon*

PANEL DISCUSSION: Why the Cumberland Matters, Revisited: A Look Towards National Expansion

### **New! First Tuesday at the Archives**

*Tuesday, May 6—2:30 to 3:30 p.m.*

*Metropolitan Government Archives*

*3801 Green Hills Village Drive*

Sue Freeman Culverhouse is a freelance writer who lives in Springfield, Tennessee. She will speak about her book, *Tennessee Literary Luminaries from Cormac McCarthy to Robert Penn Warren*. She is also the author of *Seven Keys to a Successful Life*, a self-help book, and *To Cure Sometimes, To Comfort Always*, the history of Blue Ridge Hospital. 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](mailto:Ken.fieth@nashville.gov) for more information.

**New! Phil the House with Art & Friends**

*Sunday, May 18—2:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

*Two Rivers Mansion*

*3130 McGavock Pike*

Join the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion for an afternoon of art, music, food, and wine. The event will feature the art of Patricia Johnson. A Donelson native, Johnson studied at the Watkins Institute and Peabody College and is a member of the Tennessee Art League. Her works include cartoons, landscape, and portraits.

**Register Today! 2014 Memorial Day Dash for Nashville City Cemetery**

*Memorial Day, May 26—8:00 a.m.*

*Greer Stadium*

*534 Chestnut Street*

Lace up your sneakers and start training now for this annual event! This just might be the last time you run through the Home of the Nashville Sounds! All proceeds benefit the restoration of the Nashville City Cemetery. Visit [www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org](http://www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org) to learn more.

**Help the City Cemetery look its best for the big race!** The historic Nashville City Cemetery hosts a monthly "spruce up day" for the cemetery grounds. Volunteers are needed to sweep grass clippings off monuments, do light leaf raking, pick up twigs and small branches, and trim inside small fenced-in lots. Once the work is completed, stay for a mini tour of the grounds.

The next work day is Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Register through [Hands on Nashville](#).

Mark your calendar for future work days:

- June 14, 2014
- July 12, 2014
- August 9, 2014
- September 13, 2014

**New! Lotz House Private Cellar Tours**

*Selected Saturdays by Appointment*

*The Lotz House*

*1111 Columbia Avenue*

*Franklin, TN*

Be one of the first to experience The Lotz House Cellar Tour, a unique showcase of historian John Marler's two year archeological excavation. The project, completed in November 2013, uncovered approximately 900 Civil War relics and items connected with civilian life from the mid to late 1800s.

Private tours will take place on the third Saturday of each month from March through October in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin.

Highlights of this exclusive experience include:

- A review of the excavation process
- A first-hand look at the relics uncovered



- A description of the significance of the findings
- An interpretation of how these findings relate to a better understanding of the happenings inside the Lotz House following the historic battle

Contact J.T. Thompson at [jtt@lotzhouse.com](mailto:jtt@lotzhouse.com) or call 615-790-7190 to reserve your place on one of the following tour dates:

**May 17 | June 21 | July 19 | August 16 | September 20 | October 18**

All tours will be held from 10 a.m. – noon. The cost is \$30 per person. This is a limited tour, first-come-first-served. The guided tour of the Lotz House is \$10 and is a separate ticket.

For more information about the Lotz House, visit [www.lotzhouse.com](http://www.lotzhouse.com).

**Coming Soon! *Created Equal* – Film Screening and Discussion Series**

*Saturday, June 21 through Friday, September 26, 2014*

*Various dates and times*

*Fort Negley Visitors Center and Park*

*1100 Fort Negley Blvd.*

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. 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 our website and Facebook page for [screening and discussion dates and times!](#)

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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](mailto:scarlett.miles@nashville.gov), with E-NEWS in the subject line.