

12SOUTH

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

A neighborhood association serving the 12South Neighborhood between Wedgewood Avenue and Gale Lane

⇒ *Newsletter* ⇐

July 2008

Planning for Our Neighborhood's Future *By Ken Winter*

Dozens of neighbors just finished a year of study with Metro officials on the **12TH AVENUE SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN PLAN**. The final draft soon goes to the Metro Planning Commission, then the Metro Council. ★ For me the most fascinating benefit of this work was in being forced to define and specify the 50-cent jargon (bold type below) that we all use. [Here are some things I learned.](#)

The **whole** or **complete** or **sustainable** neighborhood the planners are urging has been, in good times and poor, under their noses for 100 years. By 1915, three essential components of sustainability were in place: a street car line down 12th Ave., middle-class, walkable, front-porch subdivisions on both sides; and businesses, a school and a church to serve the growing community. Well into mid-century and beyond, this self-sufficient (more or less) neighborhood thrived.

The **historic** and **traditional** nature of the neighborhood, the threats to which we bemoan today, was nailed down.

Progressive planners, owners and developers clearly recognized certain compelling landmarks: the Paris, Elmwood

and Linden commercial buildings,

the Lyon service station, the Hope Church and the

Waverly-Belmont School;

the Four-Squares, Bungalows,

Folk Victorians and Tudor Revival homes; and the modest lots, footprints, setbacks and yards of the original subdivisions.

The **civic, cultural and public benefit resources** were belatedly inventoried. The result was to recognize the heroic contributions of the churches and Sevier Park grounds and staff, but also to document the generally low state of "cultural glue." Specifically, Sevier Park, overused and tattered, has at least temporarily lost its Department of Parks priority for redevelopment; the school building and grounds property are woefully underutilized. Altogether missing are close-by education, after-school activities for children and adults, libraries, health and social services, among others.

Ten pages of **Community Input** were rescued from a premature burial in the Appendix. On analysis, this revealed five clearly stated visions of participating neighbors: safe and

(Continued on page 2)

NEIGHBOR SHARES LESSONS LEARNED AT CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

By Bernadette Welch

Greetings! I'm so glad that it's summer.

This is my favorite time of year because of the opportunity to enjoy the many outside activities Nashville has to offer.

We live in one of Nashville's historic neighborhoods where people have, in recent years, moved in and rehabilitated old homes that were falling into disrepair, often restoring them to original or near original condition. I am one of those "urban pioneers" who moved into our neighborhood well before it became hip and trendy.

I often brag about my three mile commute to work. Living this close to downtown has both its advantages and disadvantages. One of the big disadvantages (Con'd on pg 2)

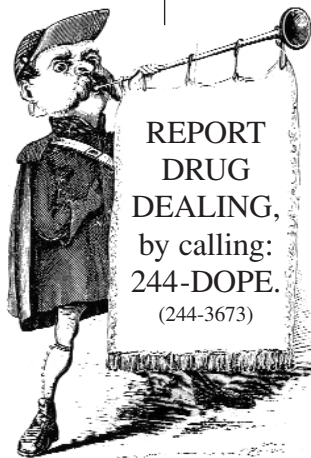
12SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING There will be no meeting for the month of July. We will resume again in August. *See you then!* ★★ ★

(con'd from p.1, "Planning for Future")

efficient multi-modal transit (driving, mass transit, biking, walking); diverse, bounded small business and service community; the architecture and front-porch culture of original subdivisions; civic, cultural and recreational resources; and the socio-economic-age diversity of the population.

There is much more in this neighborhood plan, which is posted in local libraries and online at the planning commission's Web site, <http://www.nashville.gov/mc/boards/planning.htm>.

It is now time to tell your councilpersons your thoughts of your support and to plan to lobby builders, council and property owners to supplement their plans with the communities best efforts to enhance our "golden goose" neighborhood.



TAX TIP

The Tennessee Department of Revenue sponsors free new business tax workshops. These sessions normally include business tax, sales and use tax and issues regarding tax enforcement from the TN Dept of Revenue, as well as a presentation from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development on state unemployment tax.

These workshops are recommended primarily for new business owners, but may be beneficial to established business owners as well. People wanting to attend these free workshops may register for them on line.

For more information, go to <http://tennessee.gov/revenue/seminars/> and click on the "New Business Tax Workshops" link.

(con'd from p.1, "Citizen Police Academy")

has been the amount of crime, most of which is more annoying than dangerous, such as larceny. I often joke that if something isn't tied down, it's subject to disappearing. But, like most of my neighbors, I see that as a relatively small inconvenience that one tolerates in order to live in such a great location.



I have been the "victim" of two attempted break-ins during my 15-year tenure in 12South, the most recent being in September 2006. My alarm system and my dogs have been effective deterrents, but after the second attempt I resolved to become more knowledgeable about overall crime in our area. I decided to apply for the **CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY** offered twice a year by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. I was accepted for the most recent session in April 2008. I enjoyed this program so much that I wanted to share with others just a small part of what I have learned. I plan for this to be my first in a series of columns about this interesting and informative program.

Our first session provided an overview of community policing activities and a presentation on the **El Protector Program**. Probably the best "take away" from the community policing part of the program was that there is a phone number that people can call to report drug dealing. That number is **244-DOPE (3673)**.

The El Protector program began in California in 1987 and was implemented in Nashville in 2004. Overall, this program focuses on helping people with limited English speaking abilities and provides public education through dialogue with the Hispanic/Latino community, as opposed to focusing on enforcement measures as the primary method of education.

According to the U.S. Census, between 1980 and 2000, Nashville's Hispanic/Latino population increased from 5,973 to 40,139, and is currently estimated at between 125,000 and 150,000. Thus, the need for such a program is great. This community outreach program has the following goals: To reduce the number of fatalities and infractions (DUI, seatbelt, etc.); to educate about dynamics of domestic violence and services available; to prevent crime and educate about robberies, burglaries, gang violence and domestic violence; to raise awareness to Metro Nashville Police Department of issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino community; to establish a liaison with community organizations and other community groups.

If you would like more details about this program, or to see videos and public service announcements in both Spanish and English, go to http://www.police.nashville.org/safety/el_protector.htm. In addition, Channel 9 periodically runs a documentary on the El Protector Program.

During a later session, Judge Leon Ruben gave us an overview of the court system, with an emphasis on **General Sessions Court** and his courtroom in particular. I have always wondered how average citizens were selected for grand jury service and Judge Ruben answered this question. He said the grand jury is chosen at random from a pool made up of registered voters, people who have electric service in their names, and people who hold a valid driver's license. Grand jurors serve a 3-month term and it generally takes 9-12 months for an indictment to be issued. The grand jury handles approximately 550,000 cases per year.

AFFORDABLE LAWN SERVICE



CONTACT: RONNIE
 (615) 708-1393 CELL
 (615) 383-8364 HOME
 Lawnmowermann53@gmail.com

Nashville Farmers Mkt 244-8949

GARDENS OF BABYLON

\$10 off*

Nursery
 Landscaping & Maintenance

* Purchase of \$40 or more

•• MENTION THIS AD AND RECEIVE \$10 OFF YOUR FIRST VISIT ••



**Practical
 Massage
 Therapy**

298.2845
 3202 Belmont Boulevard • www.practicalmassage.com

MASSAGE • YOGA • AYURVEDA

**12SOUTH
 YOGA**

SHAPING LIVES

Come share in the joy of yoga! At 12South you will find gifted teachers and a community of friends and neighbors. Enjoy your first class free!



Class schedule at 12Southyoga.com
 2814 12th Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37204 (615) 385-3600



1517 DALLAS AVENUE
 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37212
 615.386.9485
 WWW.SNOWGALLERY.NET

ART • ARTIFACTS

**MICHAEL HIGGINS
 OWNER
 615.385.5500**

**2907 12TH AVE SOUTH
 NASHVILLE TN 37204**

SUITEONESALON




Call NOW to save up to **40%**
CONDO • AUTO • HOME



336 21st Avenue North
 Nashville, TN
615-320-3016

Jeff Summers

**Advertise
 With Us!**

Make the most of your free, widely distributed, neighborhood newsletter! **Business rates:** \$20/month or \$200/year for a display ad; \$10/month or \$100/year for a three-lined classified ad. **Resident rates:** \$5/month for a classified ad. Please send a jpeg of any artwork/business card, etc. you would like the ad to include. **The deadline for the August newsletter is 5 p.m., Friday, July 18. The deadline for the September newsletter is 5 p.m., Friday, August 15.** Send ads or questions to **MELANIE MORAN** at melanie.moran@12South.org or call her at 297-8204.

ERIC JANS
 insurance agency



Health Insurance
 Life Insurance
 Disability Insurance
 Supplemental Insurance
 Health Savings Account (HSA)

ericjans@ericjans.com
 P: 615-478-7146
 F: 615-228-7318
www.ericjans.com

CALL TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTE

MAFIAZA'S
 Pizzeria
 & NEIGHBORHOOD PUB

