



**DEVELOPMENT WATCH**

**Proposed Rezoning Meeting**  
**Monday, June 13, 6 pm**  
**Midtown Hills Precinct**



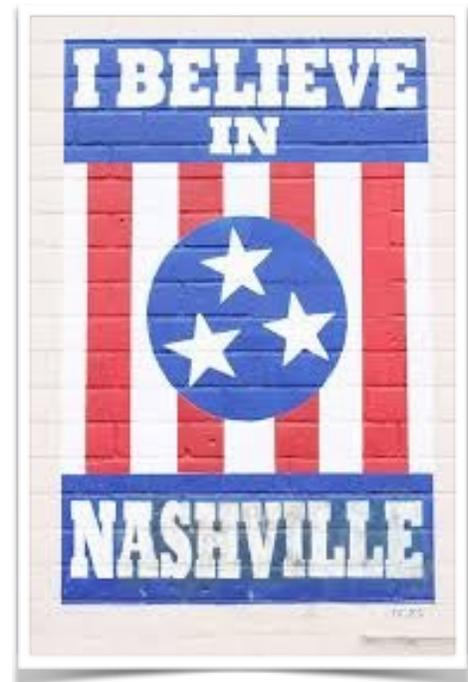
**Up for discussion:**  
Two proposed rezonings: one for the bodega at **2115 10th Ave South** (above) to expand the current building, and one at the corner of **12th Ave South and South Douglas Ave** to permit four residential units.

Neither rezoning application has been filed yet. **We encourage residents to attend.**

# Summer in 12 South

Temperatures are rising, peaches are ripening, country music fans are dropping in from all over, and life is hopping in 12 South.

This month's newsletter includes an invitation from our neighborhood-based Islamic Center of Nashville to learn about Ramadan, development news, a call for peach-loving volunteers and block captains, and much much more!



**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, June 6, 6:30pm**  
**Sevier Park Community Center**

## ISLAM CLASS/ RAMADAN DINNER

The 1-hour class on Islam and Ramadan dinner will begin on **Wednesday, June 15** and be repeated on:

**Thursday, June 16**  
**Wednesday, June 22**  
**Thursday, June 23**  
**Wednesday, June 29**  
**Thursday, June 30**

To arrange a tour/visit/class/dinner for yourself or a group, please **contact me at [president@icntn.org](mailto:president@icntn.org)**

## You're Invited



### By Rashed Fakhruddin, President Islamic Center of Nashville

We are approaching our month of fasting, **Ramadan, on June 6th**. During this time, we hold our dinner to break our daily fast during sunset. We also have visitors and

groups join us on particular nights, especially Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We are also offering a 1-hour class on Islam, which clarifies a lot of the misconceptions, and shares our demographics in Nashville, on Wednesdays & Thursdays, from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm, if anyone would like to attend this prior to the dinner.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THREE-HOUR SHIFTS

2-5 pm

4-7 pm

5-8 pm

## JOBS INCLUDE

Parking

Arts & Crafts

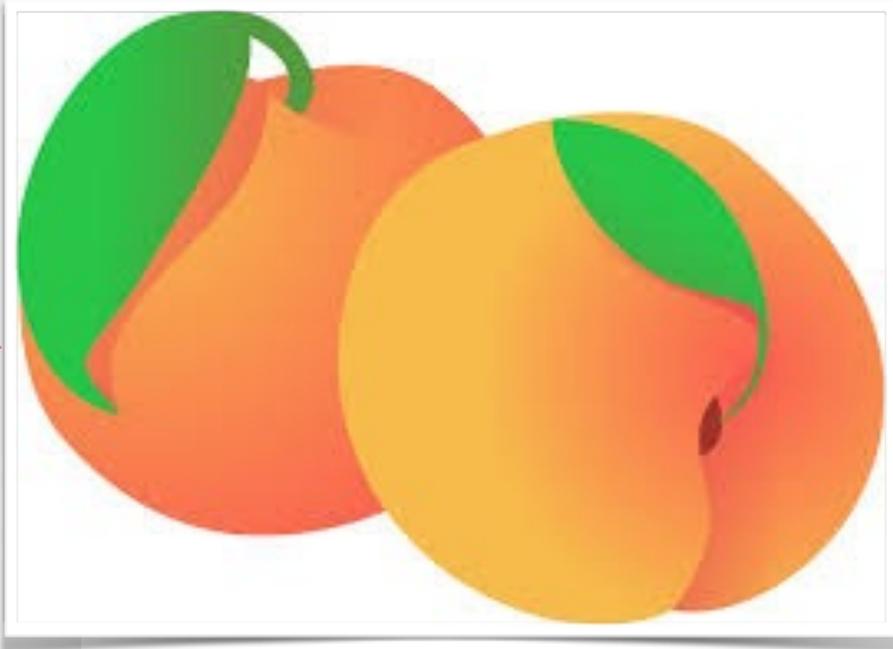
Eating Contests

Clean Up

## VOLUNTEER HERE

If you are available and interested in helping, email here:

[volunteer@12southfarmersmarket.com](mailto:volunteer@12southfarmersmarket.com)



## Second Annual 12 South Farmer's Market Peach Festival on June 29th

Last year we welcomed more than 4,500 shoppers/visitors and we anticipate even larger crowds this year! We are once again offering a Peach Festival T-shirt to all volunteers giving three hours of their time!

Thank you,  
**Mary & the  
12SFM team!!**

**Last year's T-shirts.**  
Photograph by Mary Self/  
12 South Farmer's  
Market



## FROM THE 12 SOUTH BOARD



**'The best way we can face the challenges and benefits of living in such a vibrant and growing neighborhood is to do it TOGETHER. Please consider being a block captain and help us be a part of the solution to facing these challenges.'**

—Chris Cotton, President,  
12 South Board

### SIGN UP TO BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN!

To sign up please follow this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/AbNZEDuhtaMjjNok2>

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@12south.org](mailto:info@12south.org).

Dear Neighbors,

As you know, our neighborhood is experiencing unprecedented growth and change right now. Some of it is really exciting and some of it presents some challenges. One of those challenges is how to keep the neighbors well connected with each other. In response to this, the 12 South Board is putting together a **Block Captain program for the 12 South Neighborhood**.

The main goal of the program is to keep us all connected to each other. Not everyone communicates via social media or email, so an actual program that keeps residents of blocks in actual communication with each other seems like the best way to insure that everyone in the neighborhood is included and aware of all that is going on. Also, this will be a crucial part of a neighborhood watch program. Each block, can be its own neighborhood watch if you will, but be connected to all other blocks through the block captain program.

To do this, we need folks to volunteer to be block captains. Block captains will be in charge of distributing information to your neighbors on your block. This may include a monthly newsletter, neighborhood happenings, neighborhood meetings, crime and neighborhood watch updates and just generally be a way to make sure everyone on your block is ok. The 12 South Board will help stream this info to block captains. We will also provide resources from groups like Metro PD, the Metro Fire Department, Red Cross, etc.

This program will only be successful with your help. There's no prerequisite to being a block captain, just a willingness to be the connecting point for your neighbors.

The 12 South Board will offer training through a kick-off meeting for the program. We will announce a date as soon as we get enough responses.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The 12 South Neighborhood Association holds regular meetings on the first Monday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend and get involved!

No dues are required to be a member of the **12 South Neighborhood Association**, but if you'd like to make a donation, please visit [www.12south.org](http://www.12south.org).

## STAY IN THE KNOW

Want to know what's happening in the neighborhood? Check out [www.12south.org](http://www.12south.org) and find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Email us at [info@12south.org](mailto:info@12south.org) to be added to our mailing list.

## YOUR METRO GUY

If you have any questions about District 17, get in touch with **Colby Sledge** at [colby.sledge@nashville.gov](mailto:colby.sledge@nashville.gov) or give him a call on his **cell phone at 615.442.3727**.

# Help Metro Parks Master Plan

Metro Parks is beginning its outreach for the master planning process, known as **Plan To Play**, and we want your feedback! We're trying to spread the word about our first round of public meetings on June 8 and 9, to gain public feedback about how Nashvillians would like to see the park system grow and change in the coming years. We hope you'll consider sharing this update with your members.

**The first round of public meetings will be held Wednesday, June 8, and Thursday, June 9.**

**Residents are encouraged to attend the following meetings:**

### Wednesday, June 8

- 6 p.m.: Southeast Community Center, 5260 Hickory Hollow Parkway, Suite 202

### Thursday, June 9

- Noon: Nashville Downtown Library, 615 Church Street – *Mayor Megan Barry to attend*
- 6 p.m.: Old Hickory Community Center, 1050 Donelson Drive
- 6 p.m.: McCabe Community Center, 101 46th Avenue North

Metro Parks and the planning team will educate residents about the current state of Metro Parks and engage them in a broad discussion of the changes and improvements they would like to see in their parks and greenways system in the future. Attendees will also have the opportunity to share feedback in breakout sessions.

Prior to the meeting, you can offer your feedback for the upcoming plan by taking the first community survey: [svy.mk/1sFNQPW](http://svy.mk/1sFNQPW)

For more information, please be sure to visit our website at [plantoplay.nashville.gov](http://plantoplay.nashville.gov) and view the Plan To Play announcement news release [here](#).



**By Will Pinkston  
Nashville School Board**

## School Board Hires New Director

On May 13, the Nashville School Board—by a unanimous vote—appointed **Shawn Joseph, Ed.D.**, as the new director of Metro Nashville Public Schools.



Dr. Joseph, who currently serves as deputy superintendent of Prince George’s County (Md.) Public Schools in suburban Washington, D.C., is a career educator and self-described lifelong learner. He spent most of his career as a teacher, principal and top administrator in Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools, which is considered to be one of the highest-performing school systems in America. Dr. Joseph is bringing to Nashville the same playbook used to improve public education in Montgomery County—including a heavy emphasis on early-grades literacy, English learners, pre-kindergarten, principal leadership, teacher professional development, and community engagement with parents and families.

Technically, Dr. Joseph doesn’t report to work in Nashville until July 1, but he’s already on the job overhauling the process for hiring principals and restructuring the MNPS Central Office. Soon, I’ll announce a Town Hall meeting with Dr. Joseph to introduce him to the South Nashville community. Stay tuned for more updates.

## Welcome Sgt. Michelle Jones to the Neighborhood!



Midtown Hills and 12 South have a new Community Coordinator from the Metro Nashville Police Department as of June 1st—Welcome Sergeant Michelle Jones!

Sergeant Michelle Jones is a 10 year veteran of Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, a Nashville native, and a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University. For the first 4 years of her career, Sergeant Jones provided community and

impartial based policing to the communities of Edgehill, 12th South, Belmont, Oak Hills, Hillsboro Village, Forest Hills, and Green Hills.

In 2011-2014, she became a Youth Services detective working in partnership with Dept. of Children Services, Juvenile Justice Center & Court, Oasis Center, and Nashville Prevention Partnership before being promoted to Sergeant in Dec. 2014. She was previously assigned to the Hermitage Precinct where she was a shift supervisor.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please reach out to her directly.

**'Community policing and building partnerships between the MNPD and the community are very vital. Without the support of the community, our police department could and would not be as successful as we are today.'**  
*–Sgt. Michelle Jones, 2016*

### CONTACT INFO FOR MIDTOWN HILLS POLICE PRECINCT

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## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

### FOR MORE INFO

For more information about the center, see their website <http://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Community-Centers-and-Recreation/Regional-Recreation-Centers/Sevier-Park-Community-Center.aspx>

Facility Coordinator:  
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Program Coordinator:  
**Allison May**  
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**The full Sevier Park Community Center schedule for summer 2016 can be found here**  
<http://bit.ly/1VCgIn1>

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 Nashville, TN 37204  
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**LIKE THEM ON FACEBOOK**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Sevier-Park-Community-Center-759361097438122/>



## Sevier Park Community Center

The Sevier Park Community Center has long been a popular gathering place for adults and children in 12 South. The new building, completed in 2014, offers a large gymnasium with an upper level walking track, a dance and movement room, a fitness center, and a community meeting space with a kitchen - where the 12 South Neighborhood Association meets on the first Monday on every month!

The center also offers a variety of free and low-cost programs to members of the community throughout the year for babies up to seniors. The workout room is equipped with cardio equipment, weight machines, and free weights. All fitness classes are taught by certified instructors and cost just \$3 per class. There's an indoor track that is free to use during normal center hours. Other free programs include badminton, pickle ball, basketball, volleyball, baby bop, tot time, and more.

The free After School Program is for children ages 6 to 14 and runs from 3-6pm on Monday through Friday in the gymnasium during the school year. Children have to be registered to attend, and the program is free. During June and July they offer a free summer camp enrichment program for ages 6 to 14 with sports, games, art and crafts, clubs, fieldtrips, and more. Lunch is included. Children must be preregistered.