

## COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

July 27, 2006  
Council Chambers  
Germantown Municipal Center

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED:** Allenby Lakes, Bavarian Village, Duntreath, English Meadows, Forest Hill Estates, Fox Creek, Gardens of Oakleigh, Germantown East, Germantown Heights, Mimosa Gardens, Neshoba North, Oakleigh I, Oakleigh III, Poplar Estates, Riverchase, The Village at Germantown, The Village of Wicklow, The Vineyards, Woodshire.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Edgar Babian called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Edgar welcomed the first time visitors from Germantown Trails, a new association.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the May 25, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Dick Benson and Floyd Schrieber spoke about the Lions Club. Floyd gave a brief history of Lions Club International. Lion is an acronym representing Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety. The oldest Lions Club in Memphis was founded in 1917, the same year as Melvin James--a Chicago businessman--founded the Lions Club itself. The goal of Lions is to eliminate preventable blindness, and the organization estimates that the eyesight of 124 million people has been saved. Dick shared information about the Germantown Lions Club in particular. It was organized in 1972, and its two most public works are the sight van, always a feature at the Germantown Festival, and the annual Fishing Rodeo. The sight van is available for any business or organization function. Reservations are necessary.

Dr. Sue Loper, Director, Germantown Community Library, gave us an update on the Regional History and Genealogy Center that is scheduled to open October 1. The mission of the Center is to preserve and share across generations the wisdom, culture and history of the South. All types of historical information will be gathered for this collection. Anything you, your family, or your friends and neighbors may have available that relates to the history, geography or heritage of this region could be included. The Center will copy onto computer items that can't be donated. It's a great way for you to share with others and with the future those memories and personal treasures. It is projected that this facility will be open 20-30 hours/week.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**CONA Special Events Coordinator's Report:** John Johnson reported that the Neighborhood Preservation Commission is presenting a Neighborhood Leaders Conference. Sherrye Rhea indicated that the theme for the conference is "Neighborhoods Matter," and this FREE event will take place at the Germantown Community Center on Thursday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. Topics for the interactive sessions will cover Communicating Effectively, Safety and Crime Prevention, and Liability/Insurance/Incorporation. There will be awards presented for Neighbor of the Year, Association of the Year, and numerous other categories. To find out more and to receive registration materials, call Sherrye at 757-7203. Admission is limited to the first 85 Germantown residents who enroll.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Goldsworthy emphasized the many ways the city is dealing with government issues and programs differently: the use of natural resources began with the new garbage contract-- yard debris is now converted to mulch for the city's parks, greenways and plantings so that expense is reduced or eliminated; the City is encouraging neighborhood reinvestment to keep home values up while creating a more beautiful city; the City is venturing outside of usual ways to operate more efficiently. Ugly Mug Coffee is opening a branch in conjunction with the City and the library. This is an example of the kind of steps the City is taking to generate income and control expenses.

Police Department Report: Captain Frank Hester of the patrol division encouraged neighborhoods to join in National Night Out the evening of August 1. Any neighborhoods that would like any police officers or fire fighters to attend their neighborhood gathering should contact Officer Whitfield at 751-5646. The police have increased their presence in vicinity of the Germantown Centre because of increased break-ins in the parking lot. Over the past month robberies and home burglaries have increased.

Neighborhood Services Report: Joe Nunes presented the prototype of the new street signs that will be going up around town. Phase I of this operation will be completed by the end of October. The City will pay 1/2 the cost of these decorative signs and all of the installation. Maintenance is also the City's responsibility. The City is currently accepting applications from neighborhoods that want decorative signs installed next year. Joe mentioned that yard debris concerns are down. There still are a few problems as a result of the new trash contract. People must use clear plastic bags for yard debris, and no yard waste may be placed in containers. Amnesty day for trash is set for September 16.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Association Concerns and Updates: Mike Ritz encouraged people to help get out the vote for the August 3 election. Thus far the early turnout has been low.

Announcements: Sherrye Rhea covered what was happening around town. The new *Park Bench* will be mailed Sept. 12-14. This will include information on coming fall and winter events. September 16 is not only trash amnesty day; it is also Germantown Heritage Day and an evening of Pops in the Park. From 3-5 p.m. on that Saturday the Germantown Historic Commission will give a taste of what life was like in Germantown many years ago. The John Gray House in Municipal Park will have fun food and music. Contact Denise Griffin at 757-7375 for details. Starting at 6 p.m. the Germantown Symphony will present a free concert of music reflecting the American heritage. It will also perform selections from its performance in Washington, D.C. where it represented Tennessee in the Festival of States. Parks and Recreation will have more information at 757-7375. On Friday, September 29, an official ribbon cutting will open the Riverwoods State Natural Area at 10 a.m.

Scott Ward from the Economic Development Commission announced that the Nutcrackers are returning for the holidays. This will serve as an attraction to the city's activities and local businesses. Contact Scott at 901-226-3518 or [sward10@hotmail.com](mailto:sward10@hotmail.com) for more information on how your business may benefit from this activity.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be September 28, 2006.