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## FANNIE BATTLE DAY HOME FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATES 120 YEARS, MOVES TO CHAPEL AVENUE

Fannie Battle Day Home for Children, the oldest child care center in Middle Tennessee, is celebrating its 120-year anniversary this year and is moving to a new location at 108 Chapel Avenue.

The Fannie Battle Day Home has been located at 911 Shelby Avenue for 52 years, but in order to expand services and to meet their short- and long-term needs, they purchased the building at 108 Chapel Avenue. Renovations are currently ongoing, and the first day of school in the new building will be August 11, 2011.

Founded in 1891 by Miss Fannie Battle, the Fannie Battle Day Home is an exemplary member of the not-for-profit community in Nashville and is a highly-regarded child care center for at-risk children. Fannie Battle meets critical needs in the community by setting fees on a sliding scale according to income and by providing quality early childhood education to disadvantaged children.

Throughout its history, Fannie Battle has provided love and individual attention to each child and family. Without Fannie Battle, many families would be forced to remain at home, foregoing work and relying on government assistance, and many of the children would not receive the care, stability, and skills needed to succeed in school and life.

Fannie Battle is open year round, Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and offers Infant/Toddler, Preschool, Pre-K, and School Age programs to 80-94 children between the ages of 6 weeks and 12 years. The five classrooms offer high-quality early childhood education and care, professional teachers, curriculum, assessments, individual goals, enrichment activities and outings. The Fannie Battle staff is experienced and educated; the average length of service for the staff is seven years (compared to the national average of 11 months), and most are continuing

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**THE NEXT  
LSNA GENERAL  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
MEETING  
WILL BE  
AT 6:30 PM ON  
THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 18,  
AT THE  
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their education or have obtained a Child Development Associates or higher. Fannie Battle is licensed by the State of Tennessee with the highest 3-Star Rating and has achieved this rating every year since the inception of the 3-Star Program in 2001. Fannie Battle's programs have also received many other awards and honors.

*"Fannie Battle is there for me when I can't be there all the time for my children. They have always been there for me whenever I needed anything. They've helped me financially, with parenting problems, and at Christmas." - Monica, Fannie Battle Mom*

Many Nashvillians are most familiar with Fannie Battle because as a young child they would carol to raise money for the Day Home. Caroling is their primary fundraiser and involves nearly 4,000 people in the greater Nashville community.

With the support of the community and volunteers, Fannie Battle has been able to continue the mission of "Teaching Children, Empowering Families, Strengthening the Community." At this time more than ever they are asking the community and neighbors to take a vested interest in their mission and success by giving back your time, talents or lending your financial support. Please contact Rachel Martinez at 615-228-6745 or [rmartinez@fanniebattle.org](mailto:rmartinez@fanniebattle.org) to see how you can help. Find out how you can make a difference...

#### **Save the Date**

Friday, September 16, 2011: Birthday Bash (Celebrate the 120th year of serving the Nashville community — Evening event with entertainment, food, fun, friends, and an auction.)

Saturday, September 17, 2011: Block Party (Family-friendly event with fun for children and adults, and with local vendors.)

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY HANS SCHMIDT**

It's summertime in East Nashville! The short snap of cooler weather already seems a distant memory, but the return of the heat and humidity revived the giant party our red-eyed and rowdy little visitors throw every thirteenth year. As I walk around the neighborhood these days, I'm dodging cicadas both high and low. I guess we should not be surprised that a creature which spends the majority of its life underground is not the most agile flyer.

Unfortunately, this time of year has brought other unwelcomed natural events: severe thunderstorms and tornados. Since it seems that every strong storm that comes through Middle Tennessee must make a pass through East Nashville, it is important for everyone to be prepared in the event a natural disaster strikes. According to the American Red Cross, there are three actions that may make the difference in the event of an emergency: (1) put together an easy-to-carry emergency kit, which includes such as a battery-powered radio (a NOAA weather radio is preferable), water, non-perishable food items, manual can opener, and a first aid kit; (2) make a plan with your family on what to do in the event of an emergency and discuss where everyone will meet in case you are separated; and (3) be informed by identifying how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will receive information.

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For more information about disaster preparedness, check out [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

The 100 days of East Nashville also marches on, so be sure to check out the many events going on around the neighborhood.

## **THE ALMOND TREE BAKERY** *by Christine Northern*

Since mid-November of last year The Almond Tree Bakery has been the answer to East Nashville's confectionary prayers: a comparable bakery that specializes in quality sweets that are sure to satisfy the most discriminating palate, not to mention give that poor overworked Francois family down at the Cupcake Collection a needed break. Located in the Porter Shopping Center near Cooper's Restaurant, the small, independent dessert shop is run most days by a lone Hannah Lehner, East Nashville resident and Almond Tree owner. Aside from a modest display of the day's fresh menu items, an overwhelming majority of the Almond Tree bakery is made up of the industrial-- convection ovens, mixers, steel storage shelves, and behind the counter, in a sunlight-drenched corner, the baker herself hunches over a flour-spattered table, taming a clump of dough with a wooden rolling pin. The sight takes you back to grandmother's house, to field trips, to the love of play-dough. The smell is of oven-warm sweetness.

Born and raised near Jackson, Mississippi, in a big family in which it seemed "everybody bakes," Hannah Lehner never attended culinary school or otherwise gained technical training for her craft. In fact, from an early age she was grooming herself for a career as a professional ballet dancer. It was her mother who suggested she find a hobby outside of dance, and at 12 enrolled her and in a cake decorating class at Michael's. Sure enough, the class led to another creative outlet for Lehner, one that she eventually chose to pursue wholeheartedly. Soon that hobby gave way to a passion for memorable flavors and the power of fresh ingredients.

Let's talk about the cake lollipops. Yes, cake lollipops. The ganache-frosted cupcakes, the chocolate chip cookies. Every dessert begins with fresh all-natural ingredients, sometimes organic, always local. Except of course, the chocolate. The varieties of chocolate from lightest to darkest are imported...wait for it...from France. Inspired by both the delicate precision of French pastry and the revered Southern recipes of her grandmothers and aunts, Almond Tree Bakery's confections are sophisticated, sweet, and thoroughly satisfying, beautiful in both taste and presentation. For that kind of quality, the a la carte prices seem almost criminal. Aside from special orders, weddings and other events, at \$2.25 each, the cupcake is the most expensive thing on the menu.

Hannah Lehner has no trouble naming the bakery's specialty: the French macaroon. This little labor intensive cookie is not your mother's macaroon. For starters it has absolutely nothing to do with coconut. The pride of a French macaroon is the meringue, a delicate balance of it that demands three separate textures. The process takes Hannah three days to complete, a labor of love that yields a light yet decadent result. If you enjoy the taste of sweet things at all, are a fan of the reward motivation system or both, walk, or perhaps jog, to the little Almond Tree Bakery at the corner of Eastland and Porter and buy yourself a sweet little incentive. Business hours are from 11-5:30pm Mon.-Fri., Saturday 11-4. Find out more about info and rates, or visit the gallery, at <http://thealmondtreebakery.com>

## **LSNA ON THE WEB**

Visit the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association's newly redesigned website (<http://www.lockelandsprings.org/>) to get updates about what LSNA is doing and what is happening in Lockeland Springs. Also, follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2502490854>).

## TO THE SENIORS\* OF LOCKELAND SPRINGS

Does anyone know how many seniors there are in this bustling neighborhood? Are you fully occupied? Do you fear you might be withdrawing from the community? (Some call it "...pulling down the blinds...") Do you feel that our neighborhood is good and friendly but you just can't get involved? Do you like endorphin rushes but are sick of dumbbells and treadmills? Do you like Nature but sometimes feel like just a number on freshly mulched park trails? You could just say to yourself, "That's Life," but you probably already know that there's a lot more to do with "Time on My Hands" than TV, social media, and the Titans! (And even the Predators, although this season was one great ride!)

According to George Sheehan, "Play is where life lives, where the game is the game. At its borders, we slip into heresy, become serious, lose our sense of humor, fail to see the incongruities of everything we hold to be important."

The Generation Connection, Inc. ([www.thegenerationconnection.com](http://www.thegenerationconnection.com)) is a 501(c)(3) concept a few of us implemented for eight consecutive summers, in Gainesville, FL. We tried to address some of the issues mentioned above by bringing active seniors and kids ages 8-12 together as campers for a week each year to enjoy some creative connections with each other and the surrounding community. The eight years of video "Clips of the Day" on [www.thegenerationconnection.com](http://www.thegenerationconnection.com) show how wonderfully the concept worked, as seniors and kids played together.

We have lived in the Lockeland Springs neighborhood (in the black house just east of Italia Pizza on Woodland St.) for a year now, and although I originally planned to start the camp here this summer, knee replacement rehab has temporarily replaced my camp efforts. We're planning for the summer of 2012, though, and have some great input from the community already.

Please contact us, Joel and Ann Daunic ([joel@joeldaunic.com](mailto:joel@joeldaunic.com) or 227-5979) with any thoughts on how to fit The Generation Connection into the Lockeland Springs neighborhood, how you can become a mentor/camper, and how we can all keep being "players!"

\*For a definition of "senior," see [www.thegenerationconnection.com](http://www.thegenerationconnection.com) Monday 2010 Clip of the Day.

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## LOCKELAND SPRINGS LISTSERV

To stay in touch with events and announcements in the neighborhood by e-mail, join our listserv at <http://groups.google.com/group/lockeland-springs/>.

## NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES

Current and past issues of The Fountain are archived on our website:

<http://www.lockelandsprings.org/newsletter>

## QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

LSNA welcomes any questions or feedback about The Fountain. If you are interested in contributing any articles, would like to advertise in our newsletter, or have any feedback, please contact Steve Hall at [sghall@comcast.net](mailto:sghall@comcast.net).



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\* As President of the Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association, Hans understands the importance of building and keeping close ties between our community groups and our local police precinct.

**Responsive Leadership**

\* From Zoning and Codes issues to equal protection for all Nashvillians, Hans will work diligently to continue the momentum in East Nashville and throughout our city.

**Fiscal Responsibility**

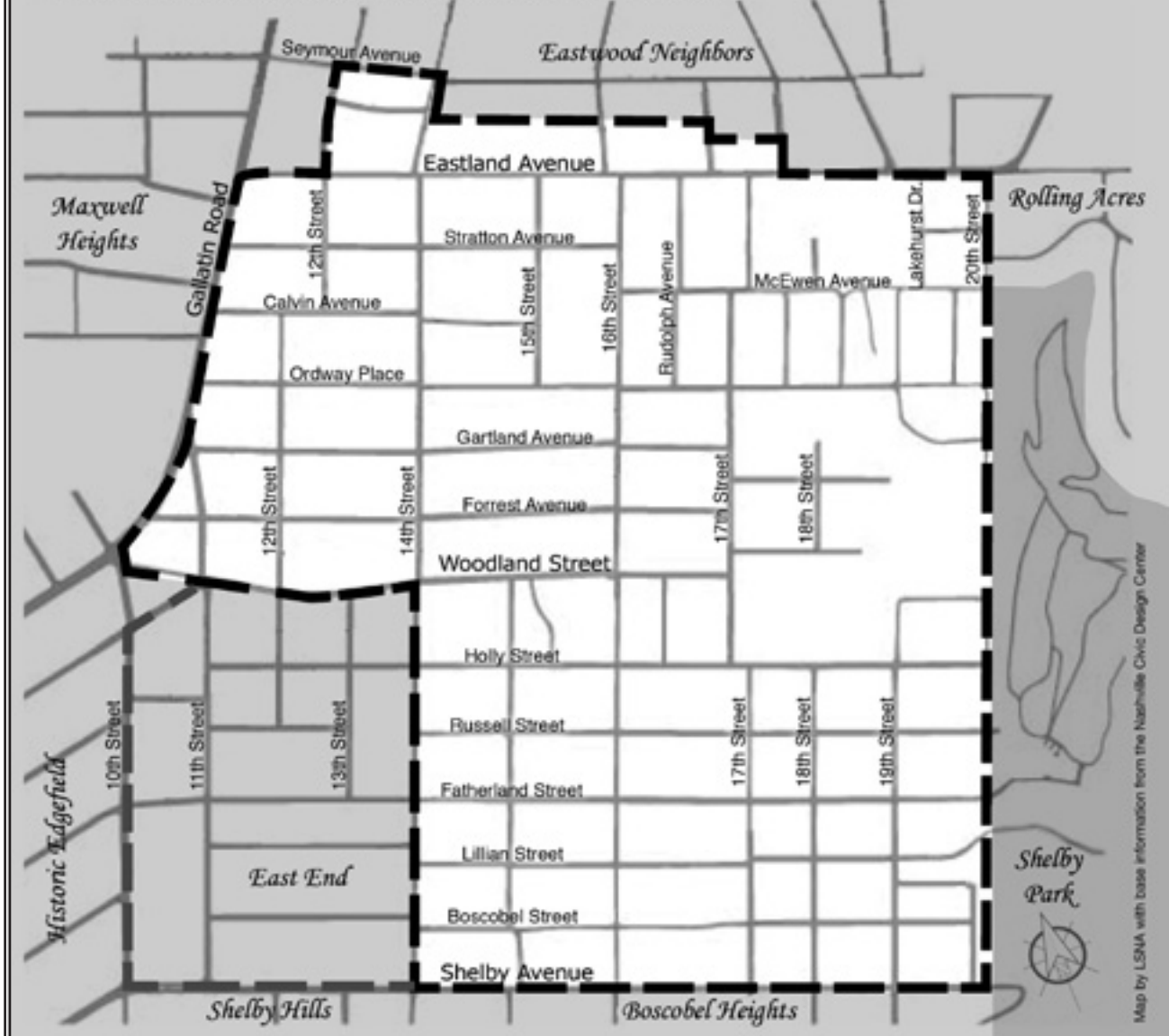
\* Hans will work for efficiency and transparency in Metro's budget and procurement processes, and he won't tolerate unethical behavior or frivolous government spending.

**Strong Public Schools**

\* As a Metro public schools graduate, Hans understands the importance of equal access to quality public education for all of our children, and he will demand accountability for the taxpayer dollars spent in our schools.

Paid for by Hans Schmidt for Metro Council District 6, Tomianne Schmidt, Treasurer  
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# LOCKELAND SPRINGS BOUNDARY MAP



Map by LSNA with base information from the Nashville Civic Design Center

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The Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) is holding a second round of community conversations and information stations on June 7-9 to gain feedback from the public regarding ideas for improving the city's transit investments from Five Points in East Nashville and extending down Broadway, West End and Harding Road to White Bridge Road.

The community conversations are scheduled to take place at Music City Central on June 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. and at Aquinas College on June 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Additional information stations are scheduled at Centennial Sportsplex on June 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and at the Civic Design Center on June 8-9 from noon to 1 p.m. You can find our more information about the study at [www.BroadwayWestEndStudy.com](http://www.BroadwayWestEndStudy.com)

Nashville's grassroots transit advocacy organization, Transit Now Nashville, encourages you to attend and check us out on the web and on Facebook for more information.

Transit Now Nashville <http://transitnownashville.org/>

## NEXT LSNA GENERAL MEETING

The next LSNA general neighborhood meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 18, at the East Branch Library.

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