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Keynote Speaker
2015 Neighborhood Redevelopment Conference

JOHN HOPE BRYANT

Chairman & Founder of Operation HOPE
**Shedding Light On Neighborhood
Poverty & Prosperity**

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Welcome to another issue of the City of Memphis - Division of Housing and Community Development's E-Newsletter, Neighborhood CONNECT.

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*Neighborhood Redevelopment
Conference Speaker*

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JOIN US FOR THE

2015 NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

In conjunction with the Fair Housing Alliance of Greater Memphis
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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



JOHN HOPE BRYANT
Founder, Chairman
and CEO of
Operation HOPE



DR. MARCELLA WILSON
President/CEO
Matrix Human Services



REV. DR. KENNETH ROBINSON
President/CEO of
United Way
of the Mid-South



RALPH PERREY
Executive Director,
Tennessee Housing
Development Agency



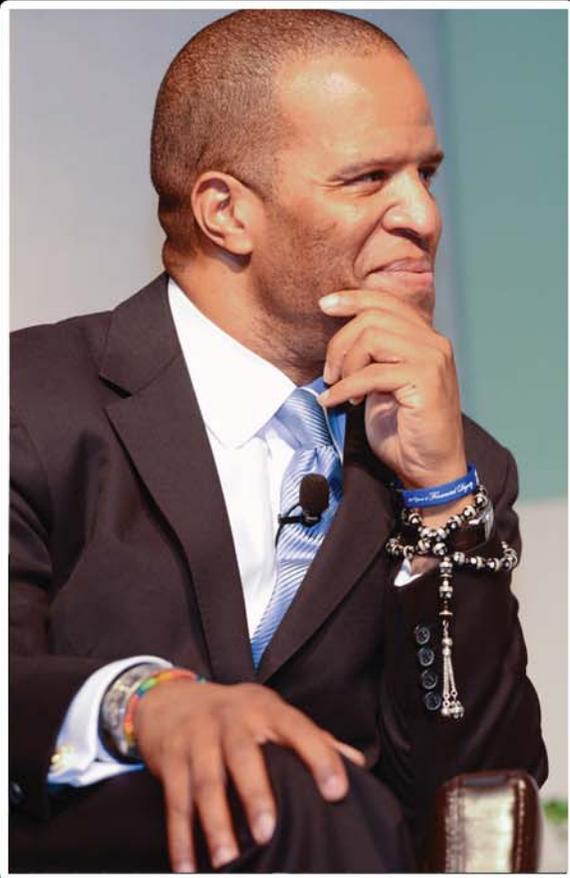
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Co-Founder
Swamp Gravy



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2015 Neighborhood Redevelopment Conference KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JOHN HOPE BRYANT

Founder, Chairman and CEO of Operation HOPE

"John Bryant is a 41-year-old whirlwind of ideas and action. Lean, intense, focused, and completely positive in his belief in the potential of poor people to prosper, with 'a hand up and not a hand out.'"

-President Bill Clinton

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A TIME Magazine 50 (Leaders) for the Future (1994' cover story), and an Oprah's Angel Network award recipient, John Hope Bryant is a 'silver rights' entrepreneur and businessman, author, thought leader, philanthropist and the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Operation HOPE. Bryant has been an advisor to the last three sitting U.S. presidents, whose work has been recognized by the last 5 U.S. presidents.

Operation HOPE, founded as America's first non-profit social investment banking organization immediately following the Rodney King Riots of 1992, in South Central Los Angeles, today operates as a global non-profit software company (the software of human development).

Raised in Compton and South Central Los Angeles, California and homeless for 6-months of his life by age 18, John Hope Bryant has traveled throughout North and South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, tirelessly promoting the virtues of hope, self-esteem, love leadership, dignity, empowerment and opportunity for all.

John Hope Bryant was born on February 6, 1966, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, California, and resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

For full bio of John Hope Bryant,
please visit us at www.cityofchoice.org.



www.johnhopebryant.com

WHY CREATE A NEIGHBORHOOD VISION PLAN?



Strong, quality neighborhoods are the building blocks of successful cities. The residents of Memphis's neighborhoods, and the businesses that serve and employ them, are the city's reason for being and its hope for the future. Their perception of the quality of the neighborhoods they inhabit strongly affects their outlook and behaviors.

Quality neighborhoods both reflect and promote the city's overall desirability as a place to live and work. Therefore, a city's long term success depends on the quality of its individual neighborhoods. Good planning creates a broad, long-lasting basis for making decisions that enhance public values. Good urban design helps connect people to their environment and to each other, increasing their sense of well-being.

Good neighborhood planning and urban design describe a level of excellence in the built environment that meets the needs of its residents. It builds on the unique history, character, and culture of a neighborhood to help link people to each other, and to the place they call home. Good neighborhoods serve their residents by promoting civic pride and individual vitality. They connect residents in meaningful and memorable surroundings, that offer a "sense of place."





CONFERENCE AGENDA

AT A GLANCE

To view workshop descriptions and narratives, please visit us online at www.cityofchoice.org

Track 1	Know Your Neighbor
Track 2	Be the Change
Track 3	Clean Up!
Track 4	Build the Wealth

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION			
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Opening Ceremonies Speaker: Ralph Perry Executive Director, Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA)			
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Exhibits Open	Federal Sustainability *John Gemmill Moderator: Debbie Singleton	Relief for Seniors *Terica Lamb *Wanda Hardaway * Vivian White Moderator: Katie Midgley	Community Building *Edward Groody *Tim Dempsey Moderator: Donna White
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		Impact of Domestic Violence on Women's Housing * Kathy Trawick *Marquelepta Odom Moderator: Linda Reed	Home Repairs & Improvement Pitfalls * Tim Bolding *Anne Meadows Moderator: Jocelyn Eddins	Senior Housing Programs *Janine Heiner *Aubrie Kobernus Moderator: Janice Banks
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	TOUR Victorian Village			
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN			
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Exhibits Open 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Health Care Initiatives * Dr. Shelley White-Means * Renee Frazier Moderator: Michael Minor	Relief for Seniors *Terica Lamb *Wanda Hardaway Moderator: Katie Midgley	Community Building *Edward Groody *Tim Dempsey Moderator: Donna White
3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.		Impact of Domestic Violence on Women's Housing * Kathy Trawick *Marquelepta Odom Moderato: Linda Reed	Health Care Initiatives * Dr. Shelley White-Means * Renee Frazier Moderator: Michael Minor	Senior Housing Programs *Janine Heiner *Aubrie Kobernus Moderator: Janice Banks
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	MAYOR'S WELCOME RECEPTION BEALE STREET LANDING			

Thursday, April 16, 2015

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION			
7:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	OPENING BREAKFAST Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson, President, United Way of the Mid-South			
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	“ENGAGING RENTERS” “Renter’s Equity” *Robert Montague *John Gemmill Moderator: Verna Hawkins	“DO IT YOURSELF” *Ellen Roberds Moderator: Gene Burse	“REBUILD, RESTORE, RENEW” *Frankie McCord Moderator: Patrice Thomas	“SHOW ME THE MONEY-1.0” Crowd Funding *Dominique Anderson *Ashley Foxx Moderator: Dorian Spears
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	IOBY (IN OUR BACKYARD) TOUR			
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	“DEVELOPING NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS” * Tim Harris *Charley Deal *Nicole Gates Moderator: Chad Bowman	“HISTORY CONNECTING” *Jimmie Tucker Moderator: Felecia Harris	“ArtWorks” *Urban Art : Blues City Cultural- *Deborah Frazier *Patty Mitchell Moderator: Linda Steele	“SHOW ME THE MONEY-2.0” CDFI (Comm Deve. Financial Institution): *Jerome Gentry *Tracy Buckley *Cynthia Norwood Moderator: Herman Strickland
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	LUNCHEON Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marcella Wilson, Executive Director, Matrix Human Services			
2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	“ALL ABOUT DIVERSITY” **Anthony Sledge *Amy Moritz *-Onie Johns Moderator: Mairi Albertson	“POWER TO THE PEOPLE” *Dr. Marcella Wilson Moderator: Marlon Foster	“SPIC and SPAN” *Eldra White *Janet Boscarino Moderator: Jeffery Higgs	“KEEPING LOCAL \$\$ LOCAL” *Dr. Denise Lofton *William Stemmler *Tamara Cook *Jennifer Sadler Moderator: Alandas Dobbins
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	A TASTE OF MEMPHIS @TIGER LANE			

Exhibits Open

Friday, April 17, 2015

7:30 am - 9:00 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST Joy Jinks, <i>Swamp Gravy</i>			
9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	YOUTH SYMPOSIUM Red Zone / Brown Girls / City of Memphis Ambassadors Program “Ritual Murder” by Tom Dent with Blues City Cultural Center Moderator: James Nelson			
9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	TOUR South Main Street Arts District			
9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	“A NOSEY NEIGHBOR IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR” *V.O. Little *Liz Miller *Judy McEwen Moderator: Irma Tabor	“BUILDING CREATIVE COMMUNITIES” *Joy Jinks Moderator: Rebecca Hutchinson	“FIGHT THE BLIGHT” *Rev. D’Andre Brown *Judge Larry Potter *Steve Barlow Moderator: Steve Lockwood	“BUILDING HOUSEHOLD WEALTH” * LeVeda McCoo * Andrea Earle * Clinton Vaughn Moderator: Ian Randolph
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	CLOSING LUNCHEON CEREMONIES Keynote Speaker John Hope Bryant			

Exhibits Open

Legend Park Senior Living Experiences the Hattiloo Theater



MHA Commissioner Ian L. Randolph with Legend Park residents at Hattiloo.



Praise Temple's van and the residents of Legend Park Senior Living

Our seniors deserve the best and that is what they received during a recent visit to Hattiloo Theater. On January 17th the residents of Legend's Park Senior Living visited Hattiloo Theater to watch *Hoodoo Love*, a play by Memphian Katori Hall. They left in awe of the level of excellence the actors gave portraying the characters and the set design. This experience was a collaborative effort among Hattiloo's Executive Director Ekundayo Bandele, Praise Temple COGIC pastored by William Burk, and the Memphis Housing Authority under Robert Lipscomb.

Mr. Bandele approached MHA Commissioner Ian L. Randolph about the theater's desire to give back to the community through offering our seniors discounted tickets. MHA Executive Director Robert Lipscomb agreed that this was a good idea. The goal is to have residents in each of the Senior Living Facilities visit Hattiloo during 2014-2015 season. Legend Park is the fourth residential facility to enjoy a live production at the Hattiloo Theater.

Hoodoo Love is a grown folk's play about love and tragedy in Memphis and the Mississippi Delta set in the 1930's. It follows a young lady named Toulou that has fled the cotton fields of Mississippi to Memphis to make her dreams of becoming a blues singer come true and falls in love with blues man Ace of Spades.

Memphis has a lot to offer all of its residents. One of the crown jewels of the theater district is Hattiloo Theater, one of only six free standing, independent African-American theaters in the United States. It is dedicated to celebrating the cultural contributions that African-Americans have made to our society. If you are looking for something fun and different to do, pay a visit to Hattiloo.





NEIGHBORHOOD NOTE

Victorian Village

During Memphis' early period of growth in the mid-19th century, a few wealthy Memphians built grand, Victorian-style homes in what was then the outskirts of the city. The homes in Victorian Village were built from 1846 into the 1890s, and range in style from Neo-classical through Late Gothic Revival. Edward C. Jones, one of Memphis's most significant Victorian-era architects, and his partner, Matthias Harvey Baldwin, built the Woodruff-Fontaine House (1870) and renovated the Harsson-Goyer-Lee House (1871). The Massey House, the oldest in the area (ca. 1846), was built for Benjamin A. Massey, an early Memphis lawyer. Some of these three- and four-story mansions now stand near the city's downtown along Adams Avenue. While most of the original homes are now gone, several remain as museums: the Magevney House (198 Adams), the Mallory-Neely House (652 Adams) and the Woodruff-Fontaine House (680 Adams).

The Magevney House is currently open the first Saturday each month from 1pm-4pm with free admission. The Mallory-Neely House is open Friday and Saturday, 10:00-4:00. After 60+ years of being vacant, the Harsson-Goyer-Lee House has been renovated into a high-end Bed and Breakfast. The Woodruff-Fontaine House's hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 12:00-4:00 and is a popular venue for weddings and private parties. The Victorian Village neighborhood is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Visit [NUSA's](http://NUSA.org) webpage after February 2015 to register for the 2015 Conference.



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Access the bus or rail using [Metro](#) (Metropolitan Transit Authority of Houston and Harris County). Rent a bike from [Houston B-cycle](#) to get around. Walk around outside or under or above ground in downtown's [tunnel/skybridge system](#). Hop on the free [GreenLink](#) bus to various attractions. There are many cab services and rental car companies available as well.



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