

BURNT's **20th Anniversary Bash**

Thursday 11 December 2008

6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
(419 Woodland Street)

silent auction, food, good spirits, old friends & new

\$20 donation, requested

Guest

Dr. Neil Seldman, president
Institute for Local Self Reliance www.ilsr.org

**Hear about our current efforts to reform
Tennessee solid waste policy**

—recycle and reuse NOT landfill
—STOP polluting groundwater at landfills
—STOP environmental injustice

Celebrate our (and your's) 20 years of citizens working
with government, business, and academia to
improve our environment, city, and state

respectfully

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Our 20 Years—what is the work product?

Our primary work product may be that we have developed a decision making model based on research, laws governing the environment, and impact of the pollution. Although we have a written description of this process, we must codify it and also demonstrate what services we can provide neighborhoods and citizens threatened with pollution.

BURNT is a coalition group. As we grow, we must determine better our relations with other groups, neighborhoods, and governments.

ISSUES OF BURNT

Thermal expansion

Thermal closure

Downtown Rendering Plant

Laidlaw--OSCO

Pesticides—passed state law allowing local governments to regulate pesticides

Pesticides--safety in Metro schools & all departments

Southern Services Landfill North Nashville Landfill

North American Galvanizing—diesel trucks through neighborhoods

White Way Cleaners—pollution of Edgehill neighborhood

Bell's Bend Landfill

Dickson County Landfill

No Spray for Mosquito control in Metro

State Solid Waste Reform

Metro Solid Waste Reform

Low level multiple Chemicals in environment & humans

Groundwater pollution from landfills

Environmental Injustice

BURNT

Our Mission

**IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT
BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA**

As we enter our 20th year, our elected Board and officers realize our positive accomplishments must be the foundation for our future growth to provide an effective voice in Nashville and Tennessee. If we go to court, we must pay lawyers. If we are working on state wide solid waste reform we must have organizers.

We have completed a Business Plan to determine how we can be part of improving our neighborhoods, city, and state.

Unfortunately, in Nashville and Tennessee, fighting environmental degradation and pollution is a growth industry which also reflects our national and world problem

>>Tennessee would be a 3rd world country if we were not in the United States. **Infant mortality is worse in Tennessee than in Cuba or Hungary**—a child born in Cuba or Hungary has a better chance of living one year than a child born in Tennessee

>>**Low level multiple chemicals are pervasive in the environment and humans.** Every person has 125-150 chemicals in their body ranging from flame retardant, solvents, pharmaceuticals, teflon, and pesticides. **Babies are born with 50% of the low level chemicals they will accumulate as adults.** We are not protecting our future.

>>**Environmental injustice is very real and very damaging.** Those with the least resources, health, and protection are most at risk from every threat. **Dog pounds, landfills, and polluting factories migrate to where minority and poor, particularly minority, live and work.**

We Ask Your Support

We solicit your support for

- silent auction items
- program ads
- and other support for our event

PROGRAM ADS \$ 100 for a page
\$ 50 for a ½ page
\$ 25 for a 1/4 page

OUR EXPENSES

\$ 500 pays for 30% of our annual phone communication
\$ 250 pays for one month of our copy costs

We are embarking on a long term development plan

BURNT has repeatedly shown that good environmental practices lead to **increased commercial real estate value**

>>**BURNT led efforts to stop the \$300 million expansion of the downtown incinerator** —RESULT—development on Rutledge Hill, Symphony Hall, and the Country Music Hall of Fame **not** a garbage processor, expanded incinerator, & 200 garbage trucks downtown every day

>>**BURNT worked with small businesses & neighborhoods to STOP noxious fumes from the downtown Rendering Plant** which improved commercial real estate values in Metro Center, downtown, Germantown, East Nashville, & North Nashville

>>**Laidlaw-OSCO, a notorious liquid hazardous waste processor in Cockrill Bend** —BURNT worked with business and unions to shut them down in front of the Health Board

BURNT Is Part of State Wide Solid Waste Reform

Business pays 2/3 of the \$30 million cost to landfill 1 million tons of solid waste generated in Nashville each year

Business pays 2/3 of the \$250 million cost to landfill 7 million tons of solid waste in Tennessee annually