



The Hottest Festival in Town!

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WHAT: BRIGHT LIGHTS, BELHAVEN NIGHTS STREET FESTIVAL

TIME: 5:30-9:30 PM

DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

PLACE: CARLISLE STREET AND KENWOOD PLACE IN HISTORIC BELHAVEN

COST: \$1 UNDER 13, \$4 13 AND OVER

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The Hottest Festival in Town is spreading like wildfire! The Sixth Annual *Bright Lights, Belhaven Nights* Street Festival has become so popular that we're nearly doubling the festival's footprint. The festival begins at McDade's parking lot, extends up Carlisle Street to New Stage Theatre and also turns on Kenwood Place and extends into Belhaven Park.

Bright Lights, Belhaven Nights is an end-of-the-summer tradition that celebrates all things that make Greater Belhaven special including exciting children's activities, art, music and food. The street festival has again been named a **Top 20 Event** in the Southeast for the month of August by the Southeast Tourism Society. Festival goers will find:

- Six stages of live music – The lineup will be announced soon!
- Children's area: climbing wall, space jumps, arts and crafts, clown, mural painting
- Restaurants from the Greater Belhaven area will sell food
- Merchants and artisans from Greater Belhaven and the Belhaven Market will be selling a variety of items including foods, arts and crafts
- Silent auction of signature festival artwork. Limited edition prints of the painting will be for sale at the festival
- Drinks including water, soft drinks and beer will be for sale
- Free parking will be available at New Stage Theatre, along Belhaven streets and in the parking garage adjacent to Baptist Health Systems Medical Arts East at the corner of North and Carlisle Streets

"We are pleased that we are still able to provide an event for the metro area and beyond where a family of four can attend for such a reasonable cost," said Virgi Lindsay, executive director of the Greater Belhaven Neighborhood Foundation (GBNF). "This is the most fun you can have in hot weather and not be in the water," said Lindsay. "It's a delightful summer experience with activities for the entire family in our Capitol City."

Follow us on Twitter to be the first to find out who will be entertaining the crowds this year when we post the lineup. Also look for the announcement for this year's Featured Artist. Find us at www.twitter.com/greaterbelhaven.

For more information call 601-352-8850 or go to the Greater Belhaven Neighborhood Foundation website www.greaterbelhaven.com.

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The Foundation, which is a non-profit group governed by a board of directors with representation from Belhaven and Belhaven Heights, works to improve and revitalize the area through long-range planning, economic restructuring, historic preservation, green space enhancement, and improvement of Fortification Street, the major east-west corridor between the two neighborhoods.

Editor's note: Digital images available upon request.