

Green Construction Workshop to be Facilitated by Collier at 10th Annual Codes Conference

Ethan Collier, President and CEO of Collier Construction, will facilitate a workshop on green construction. The 2008 Codes Conference, presented by the Chattanooga Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development, will feature a workshop on Green Construction for the first time in its 10 year history. Mr. Collier will focus on green construction practices such as construction waste recycling and advanced framing.

Chattanooga, TN (July 28, 2008) – Green is catching on in Chattanooga, and [Collier Construction](#) is leading the way in green construction practices. Ethan Collier, President and CEO of Collier Construction, will facilitate a workshop on green construction at this year’s codes conference. The Chattanooga Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development will present the 10th Annual codes conference on August 14-15 at The Chattanooga Hotel on Broad Street.

Mr. Collier’s workshop will highlight the science of advanced framing techniques, methods of construction waste recycling, and reasons why green homes are better products. Mr. Collier, whose construction company [recycled two houses](#) on Harper Street this year, will discuss the benefits of recycling construction waste. Participants will learn about the process of recycling homes as well as how recycled materials can be reused on the project site.

Mr. Collier will also discuss the history of conventional framing and its development into advanced framing—a new method that reduces lumber use and increases insulation use while maintaining the structural capacity of traditional framing. While advanced framing techniques are not widely acknowledged by code enforcement officials, the practice is regarded as highly energy efficient within the [construction industry](#). Participants will learn about how advanced framing increases a home’s energy efficiency.

“The Department of Neighborhood Services has made a great statement,” says Mr. Collier. “There is a need to better understand how green construction works, and the city recognizes that need.” He adds, “This will make it easier for positive change to take place.”

The conference comes two months after the release of Mayor Littlefield’s Green Committee’s interim report in which objectives for energy efficiency include reducing landfill waste by improving recycling participation, making sustainable building practices mainstream, and increasing the number of green buildings in Chattanooga.

Mr. Collier’s company has developed a reputation for its [green building practices](#). The company has recently begun building 3 new LEED certified homes on Madison Street off of Main and are building the much anticipated greenspaces resource center at 63 e Main. “Collier Construction is compelled to build green because we want to build homes that last. Building green is all about building homes that are not only energy efficient but stand the duration of time. A green home lasts longer and requires less maintenance,” Mr. Collier Explains.

The conference is designed especially for code enforcement officials, but is open to neighborhood leaders and volunteers. The conference provides officials the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Credits while networking with other professionals in the field.

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