

# Media Advisory



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National Trust for Historic Preservation Names Dandridge, Tennessee, to its  
2011 List of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations

**What:** Vice Mayor Mike Chambers, accompanied by Commissioner Susan Whitaker (TN Dept. of Tourist Development), will receive a plaque at a ceremony formally designating Dandridge, TN one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations of 2011. The designation recognizes Dandridge for offering cultural and recreational experiences different from the typical vacation destination. Dandridge features dynamic neighborhoods, a rich architectural heritage, cultural diversity and a strong commitment to historic preservation, sustainability and revitalization - all of which yield an abundance of character and exude an authentic sense of place.

**Who:** Mike Chambers, Vice Mayor, Town of Dandridge  
Nancy Tinker, National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Susan Whitaker, Commissioner, TN Dept. of Tourist Development  
Kimberly Nyberg, Director, Tennessee Main Street Program, TN Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., Executive Director, TN Historic Commission  
Kim Trent, Executive Director, Knox Heritage  
Ethiel Garlington, Director of Preservation Field Services, Knox Heritage and East TN Preservation Alliance  
Lindsay Johnson, Preservation Planner, East TN Development District  
Don Cason, Executive Director and CEO, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

**When:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
11 A.M.

**Where:** Historic Gass Building, Downtown Dandridge

149 East Main Street (corner of Gay and Main Streets)  
Light Refreshments will be served.

Photo OP: Mike Chambers, Vice Mayor, Town of Dandridge  
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Commission  
Other dignitaries

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To acquire high resolution images and video of this year's Dozen Distinctive Destinations in advance of the February 15<sup>th</sup> announcement, contact the National Trust at pr@nthp.org. On or after February 15<sup>th</sup>, please visit [www.PreservationNation.org/press](http://www.PreservationNation.org/press) to download these materials directly from our website.

The Dandridge Community Trust, Corp. is the 501c3 nonprofit organization that is the certified Main Street program for the Town of Dandridge. Certified by both the state of Tennessee and the National Trust for Historic Preservation since 2006, the Trust promotes the heritage of Dandridge through the efforts of our volunteers with design, promotion, economic development and organizational activities. Events such as the annual Scots-Irish Heritage Festival, and the seasonal Dandridge Farmers Market; promotion of the merchants in our historic downtown through our web site, press releases and educational venues; a DVD and brochures of our walking and driving tour of the town; and streetscape plan development are just some of the activities undertaken as part of our Main Street program. For more information, please go to [www.MainStreetDandridge.com](http://www.MainStreetDandridge.com). The Dandridge Community Trust works with the Town of Dandridge, the East TN Preservation Alliance, the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and others to promote community development that is enhanced by a sense of place.

2011 marks the twelfth announcement of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destinations annual list. To date, there are 144 Distinctive Destinations located in 47 states throughout the country. To see a complete list and to vote for the 2011 Fan Favorite Destination, visit [www.PreservationNation.org/ddd](http://www.PreservationNation.org/ddd). The title of Distinctive Destination is presented to cities and towns that offer an authentic visitor experience by combining dynamic downtowns, cultural diversity, attractive architecture, cultural landscapes and a strong commitment to historic preservation, sustainability and revitalization. In each community, residents have taken forceful action to protect their town's character and sense of place.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation ([www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)) is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from history -

and the important moments of everyday life - took place, the National Trust for Historic Preservation helps revitalize neighborhoods and communities, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. With headquarters in Washington, DC, eight regional and field offices, 29 historic sites, and partner organizations in 50 states, territories, and the District of Columbia, the National Trust for Historic Preservation provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to a national network of people, organizations and local communities committed to saving places, connecting us to our history and collectively shaping the future of America's stories.

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