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South Nashville residents take to streets to stop speeding

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Caldwell-Abbey Hall residents and police work together to stop speeders. WZTV

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--Residents of a South Nashville neighborhood are working with police to stop speeding.

Residents and parents took to the streets of Caldwell-Abbey Hall with signs, urging drivers to slow down. Police also set-up shop in support, ticketing speeders driving well over the 30 mph speed limit.

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Brant Bousquet leads Hard Bargain Association in a quest to chip away at Middle Tennessee's affordable housing issue. He sees these new homes as workforce housing, instead of stock tailor made for business executives.

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