

## **Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory #220 – Friday, July 12, 2013**

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### **1. National Night Out Will Be Tuesday, October 1**

Our last issue, on June 28, reported correctly that the City of Knoxville will once again celebrate National Night Out on the first Tuesday of October. But we said the date was October 2. Calendar challenged, we got the date wrong.

National Night Out in Knoxville will be Tuesday, October 1.

Look for more details in this newsletter in coming weeks, but some neighborhood groups are already making plans for this year's events, which will include potluck suppers, picnics, and other community get-togethers to demonstrate community unity against crime.

### **2. City Receives Grant to Insure Healthy Homes**

The city's Community Development Department has been selected to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help protect families from lead-based paints and other home health and safety hazards.

The department was one of 38 agencies chosen by HUD for the funding. Community Development will work together with Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) to use the grant funds to conduct lead hazard control work in targeted homes, train workers in lead-safe work practices, and increase the public's awareness of childhood lead poisoning, among other things.

Lead is a known toxin that can impair children's development and have effects lasting into adulthood.

Even though lead-based paint was banned for residential use in 1978, HUD estimates that approximately 24 million homes still have significant lead-based paint hazards today. Lead-contaminated dust is the primary cause of lead exposure and can lead to a variety of health problems in young children, including reduced IQ, learning disabilities, developmental delays, reduced height, and impaired hearing. At higher levels, lead can damage a child's kidneys and central nervous system and cause anemia, coma, convulsions and even death.

Program implementation will not begin until later this year. Watch this space for information on eligibility, applications and other program details.

### **3. KPD Will Check Your Child Car Seat for Safety, Correct Installation**

The Knoxville Police Department will conduct a free child car seat checkpoint on Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 917 E. Fifth Avenue.

According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA), 80% of all child restraints are used incorrectly. During the KPD checkpoint, child car seats will be checked by a certified car seat technician, who will provide instructions and demonstrate the correct way to install your child's car seat.

The same service is scheduled for August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14.

Directions from I-40: Take exit 389 (Broadway - Hall of Fame Drive exit), Take Hall of Fame Drive toward downtown. Go 0.4 of a mile and turn left onto East Fifth Avenue at the Fraternal Order of Police Building, go 0.1 of a mile and turn left into the parking lot after going under the railroad trestle.

For more information, call 865-215-1325.

### **4. McClung Warehouse Deal Continues City Work on Jackson**

The City of Knoxville has a long history of reinvesting in Jackson Avenue.

Earlier this week, Mayor Madeline Rogero and the City of Knoxville agreed to settle an outstanding lawsuit and acquire six blighted properties on West Jackson Avenue for \$1.45 million. These include the historic McClung Warehouses. The total area of the six lots is about 1.7 acres. Pending City Council approval, the City plans to stabilize and secure the properties and issue a Request for Proposals for their private development.

This recent acquisition is just one example of the City's commitment to develop the Jackson Avenue area. To date, nine properties in the Jackson Avenue Redevelopment Area have benefited from the City of Knoxville Facade Improvement Program, housed in the Community Development Department.

Initiated in 2005, the program provides incentives to improve the façades of certain types of buildings within targeted redevelopment areas through the forgivable loans that supplement owners' investment.

The current facade improvement target areas are the Broadway-Central, Five Points, Mechanicsville, Magnolia Warehouse District, Burlington Business District and Jackson Avenue Redevelopment Areas. Through better aesthetics, the program is meant to increase property values, improve the marketability of space within the buildings, and draw business and residents to the area, thereby improving economic viability of the target areas.

Community Development administers the Facade Improvement Program, and works with property owners and developers to enhance the appearance of building facades. On

Jackson Avenue, the Department has worked with David Dewhirst, business owner and historic building developer, since 2006 to revitalize buildings he owns on that street.

When asked about his work in the neighborhood, Dewhirst noted that before development, it was the picture of urban blight, with some of the buildings vacant for nearly 50 years. He went on to say that with the help of the City, the area has seen a major turnaround. Buildings that were once an eyesore are now home to a diverse group of residents, including single professionals, young families and empty nesters.

Visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/facade.asp> or contact Rogers Doughty at 215-2113 to learn more about the façade program.

See [http://www.cityofknoxville.org/Press\\_Releases/Content/2013/0709c.asp](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/Press_Releases/Content/2013/0709c.asp) for the city's announcement on the McClung warehouses.

## **5. City Ordinances Address On-Street Parking, Other Concerns**

Neighborhood groups frequently ask for clarification of city ordinances regulating the parking of motor vehicles. Here is a summary of some of the city's parking regulations that are of particular importance to neighborhoods.

Caution: These are just a few of the provisions governing parking and motor vehicles. Check the full ordinances for more details. To view the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances, browse to: <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=11098>

### **On-Street Parking**

*Knoxville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Article VI*

The City of Knoxville regulates on-street parking to insure traffic flow and guard public safety. In the city. It is illegal to park a motorized vehicle:

- On a sidewalk or crosswalk, in an intersection, or in an alley (17-287).
- In front of a ramp or curb cut for persons with disabilities, so as to obstruct access to the ramp or curb cut.
- Within 5 feet of a public or private driveway.
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign or traffic signal. This applies in either direction from the sign or signal.
- In the exact same spot on a street for more than 24 hours (17-291). In other words, the spirit of the law is to discourage long-term "storage" of a vehicle on city streets. Vehicles not meant for driving on a frequent basis should be parked somewhere else, such as the back yard off of an alley.

Cars must be parked in a certain direction. On streets where parallel parking is permitted on one or both sides of the street, the vehicle must be parked parallel to and within 12 inches of the curb... *facing in the direction of authorized traffic movement* (17-296).

Within the zoning ordinance, it is illegal to park a car in a vacant lot in a residential neighborhood (zoning regulations).

Because city streets are public rights of way, no one can “claim” or “own” a parking space in front of his or her home. If there are too many vehicles competing for a limited number of on-street parking spaces on a block, it is up to the residents on that block to work out a solution.

## **Front-Yard Parking**

*Knoxville Code of Ordinances, Section B, Zoning Regulations*

Generally speaking, it is illegal to park a car or other motorized vehicle in the grass or dirt in the front yard of a house. Parking in the front yard is prohibited except on parking surfaces (driveways) approved by the city’s Engineering Department. The ordinance does not apply to households with up to two vehicles with a current disabled license plate or placard.

Temporary front-yard parking is permitted:

- 1) When construction, remodeling, maintenance or repairs are being performed on the property with a valid building permit.
- 2) For isolated, non-recurring gatherings, parties or visitors. *This exception is not intended to provide permanent or semi-permanent parking for extra cars.*

A front yard is defined as the area between the street and the front building line of the house. For a corner house, the side yard facing the side street is also considered to be a front yard.

## **Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles**

*Knoxville Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Article III*

It is illegal to keep and maintain abandoned and/or inoperable vehicles on public property such as a street. Such vehicles are also prohibited on private property unless they are enclosed within a permitted structure. These vehicles are deemed a nuisance and can be taken into custody by the city.

Inoperable Vehicles: A vehicle is classified as inoperable when the vehicle lacks major or essential mechanical or body parts, is junked or partially assembled, has been burned or flooded throughout, cannot be driven legally on public streets, does not comply with City and State codes with respect to license and registration, has one or more tires that are missing or not fully inflated, has more than one broken window, is in any way incapable of moving under its own power, or is economically impractical to restore to operating condition.

Abandoned Vehicles: A vehicle is classified as abandoned when the vehicle

- 1) is over four years old and is left unattended on public property for more than 30 days;
- 2) has remained illegally on public property for a period of more than 48 hours; or
- 3) has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours.

If a motor vehicle has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than 48 hours, the city may remove the motor vehicle and dispose of it according to the procedure set forth in city ordinances.

## **Reporting Violations**

Suspected violations of these city codes can be reported to the city via the 311 information and complaint line.

## **6. Neighborhood and Government Calendar**

*Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232.*

*All government meetings will be held in either the Large or Small Assembly Room unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions, visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/>.*

*If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or [scook@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:scook@cityofknoxville.org) no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.*

Friday, July 12 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)  
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.  
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Monday, July 15 --- 9 a.m.

Dr. Lee L. Williams Tenant Association (Third Mondays)  
Recreation Center, 317 McConnell Street  
James Grant Chandler, 200-8697

Monday, July 15 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization  
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)  
Contact Judith Neff for Location  
Judith Neff, [merlin2@comcast.net](mailto:merlin2@comcast.net), 567-7980

Tuesday, July 16 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)  
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive  
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, July 16 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting  
Central City Sector Plan Update  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1933 Texas Avenue  
Mike Reynolds, MPC, 215-3827, [mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org/centralcity2013/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 16 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)  
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Thursday, July 18 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)  
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders  
Locations vary  
Charles Morgan, [cwm826@aol.com](mailto:cwm826@aol.com), Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113  
[www.EastKnox.org](http://www.EastKnox.org)

Thursday, July 18 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, July 18 --- 4 p.m.  
City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)  
Small Assembly Room  
Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp>

Thursday, July 17 --- 4 p.m.  
Montgomery Village Resident Association  
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175  
Tonja Warren, 577-5555

Thursday, July 18 --- 6 p.m.  
Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC)  
[PARC addresses citizen concerns about the Knoxville Police Dept.]  
KCDC, 901 North Broadway (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/parc/>  
Lisa Chambers, 215-3966

Thursday, July 18 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)  
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

Saturday, July 20 --- 10 a.m.  
South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)  
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue  
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, July 22 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)  
Knox County Commission  
(Fourth Mondays, Jan.-Oct. Third Mondays, Nov.-Dec.)  
[www.knoxcounty.org/commission](http://www.knoxcounty.org/commission)  
Agenda: Click on "Commission Agendas"  
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting.  
Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 22 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association  
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)  
This month's program: Annual Seed and Plant Swap and Kasey Krouse, City Arborist  
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike  
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, July 23 – 6 p.m.  
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)  
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)  
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road  
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, [bettymahan@knology.net](mailto:bettymahan@knology.net)

Tuesday, July 23 --- 7 p.m.  
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>

Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Thursday, July 25 --- 9 a.m.

Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, Jan.-Oct.)  
“Meet with city services that may assist in planning your event.”  
Civic Coliseum Ballroom, Third Floor  
Free Parking available at Civic Coliseum Parking Garage  
Office of Special Events, 215-4248

Thursday, July 25 --- 3:30 p.m.

Better Building Board  
(Last Thursday, Jan.-Oct. First Thursday, Dec.)  
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp>

Thursday, July 25 --- 7 p.m.

Old Sevier Community Group  
(Fourth Thursdays, February through October)  
Stanley’s Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road  
Gary Deitsch, [garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net](mailto:garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net)

Friday, July 26 --- 9:30 a.m.

Public Officer Hearing – Neighborhood Codes Enforcement  
(Usually held on the Friday following Better Building Board meetings)  
The PO considers action on violations of city’s building codes.  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Monday, July 29 --- 5:30 p.m.

Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)  
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue  
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Tuesday, July 30 --- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Anti-Bullying Summit (registration begins at 8 a.m.)  
Knoxville Police Department, Safety Education Unit  
Open to teachers, school administrators, social workers, law enforcement.  
Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway  
Free. Online Registration: <http://kpdantibullying.eventbrite.com>  
Brenda Hicks, 215-1522

Tuesday, July 30 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)  
Tiger Top at the Zoo, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive  
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, August 1 --- 4 p.m.

Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays)  
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175  
Tonja Warren, 577-5555

Thursday, August 1 --- 5:30 p.m.

City Council Workshop  
Topic: Proposed New Zone: Corridor Overlay District  
Large Assembly Room, City County Building

Monday, August 5 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County School Board – Work Session  
(Monday before the regular meeting, except holidays or holiday weeks)  
First Floor Board Room, Andrew Johnson Building, 912 South Gay St.  
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:  
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on “Board of Education.”

Monday, August 5 --- 5:30 p.m.

Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)  
(First Mondays except holidays)  
CAC/L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue  
Dave Gartner, 862-2066

Monday, August 5 --- 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Neighbors Community Association  
(First Mondays, even-numbered months)  
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road  
Donnie Ernst, 207-9355

Tuesday, August 6 --- 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission  
(Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, August 6 --- 6 p.m.

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)  
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue  
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, August 6 --- 6:30 p.m.

Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.  
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, August 6 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)  
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street  
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, August 6 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>  
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Wednesday, August 7 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education (First Wednesdays, except holiday weeks)  
Large Assembly Room, City County Building  
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:  
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on “Board of Education”

Thursday, August 8 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>



Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, August 8 --- 2 p.m.

Western Heights Resident Association (Second Thursdays)  
Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights  
Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Thursday, August 8 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)  
Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive  
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Friday, August 6 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.

North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)  
Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 am  
Open to North Knoxville Neighborhood Business Owners & Residents  
Speakers and Locations Vary  
Contact: Becky Dodson, [becky.dodson@hma.com](mailto:becky.dodson@hma.com), 545-6750. [www.nkbpa.org](http://www.nkbpa.org)

Monday, August 12 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)  
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road  
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, August 12 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.  
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)  
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)  
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Avenue  
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, August 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)  
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway  
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, August 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)  
Fourth and Gill Park  
Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, August 12 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)  
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue  
[www.bellemorris.com](http://www.bellemorris.com)  
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Tuesday, August 13 --- 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.  
Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.  
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road  
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136 or 771-6428

Tuesday, August 13 --- 6 p.m.

Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)  
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue  
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, August 13 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)  
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue  
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, August 13 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)  
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street  
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, August 14 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)  
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike  
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, August 14 --- 1 p.m.

100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)  
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street  
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, August 14 --- 4:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisory Council  
(Every Second Wednesday, except December)  
Venue to be determined  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>  
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, August 15 --- 12 p.m.

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)  
Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay Street  
See [www.kub.org](http://www.kub.org). Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Monday, August 19 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association  
(Third Mondays except June, July, December)  
New Harvest Park, just east of Target on Washington Pike.

All are welcome to attend.  
Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Monday, September 9 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting  
Central Business Improvement District  
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square  
(Future meetings in 2013: 12/9)  
<http://downtownknoxville.org/>  
Michele Hummel, 246-2654

Saturday, September 28 --- 9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
"Coffee with the Councilman"  
(Last Saturday of Each Quarter)  
Vice Mayor and First District City Council Member Nick Pavlis  
Bring your concerns or stop by to chat; open to all city residents.  
Roundup Restaurant, 3643 Sevierville Pike  
Nick Pavlis, 454-7216

Tuesday, October 1 --- Times Vary  
National Night Out

Saturday, March 8, 2014 --- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
The Neighborhood Conference  
Knoxville Convention Center

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- \*\* Ideas and contributions are welcome. Call 215-3232.
- \*\* May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood e-mail lists and newsletters.
- \*\* See past issues at our Website: [www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods)
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