

## **Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory #225 – Friday, August 16, 2013**

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### **1. Mechanicsville Plans 8th Annual Homecoming**

Mechanicsville Community Association is moving forward with plans to stage its eighth annual "Homecoming Celebratory Event" and community fair from 10 a.m. until dusk on Saturday, September 14, in Danny Mayfield Park.

The theme this year is "Working Together To Build a Stronger Community, One Neighbor at a Time."

For the second year, there will be a parade starting at 10 a.m. at the corner of East Fifth and University Avenues and ending at the park. The homecoming fair itself begins at 11 a.m. The fair will include crafts and food vendors, prizes, games, music, and a sharing of old and new visions for the community. All are invited to attend and participate.

There is still time for craft, food and information vendors to participate. Contact Shirley Kellogg (524-0689), David Gillette (254-7319) or Charles Wright (637-1802).

### **2. Apply Now for Neighborhood Leadership Training**

The Office of Neighborhoods is taking applications for a neighborhood leadership training program that will be offered for the first time this fall.

The program was created specifically for participants in and leaders of resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood groups, as well as individuals who would like to start neighborhood associations in unorganized neighborhoods.

"Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations" (BSNO) is designed to address a wide variety of questions and concerns about starting and sustaining an effective neighborhood organization. Topics include: styles of leadership, identifying and utilizing a neighborhood's most important asset, how to facilitate effective meetings, recruiting and retaining members, internal and external communications, decision-making and conflict resolution, and strategic planning.

This first edition of the BSNO program is being offered jointly with "Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities," a program of the Knox County Health Department.

There will be one session per week on Thursday evenings, beginning September 5 and running through November 14, at the health department on Dameron Avenue. Each of the 11

sessions will be two hours long, and a light meal will be provided. There is no fee, but participants will be strongly encouraged to attend every session except for personal or family illness.

The highly participatory sessions will be facilitated by a veteran community organizer, Bill Murrah, a key player in the early days of the Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization and a current board member of the group. Murrah's entire career has been devoted to helping nonprofit community organizations increase their effectiveness.

Participants will receive a textbook, "Building Powerful Community Organizations," along with a 3-ring binder of numerous "how-to" articles on various aspects of creating and sustaining community-based organizations.

Seating is limited for this first edition of the BSNO leadership training program. Apply online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DCYWXVV> or call Jackie Clay, Office of Neighborhoods, at 215-4382 to have a hard copy mailed to you. The deadline for applications is Monday, August 26.

The BSNO curriculum was developed with the assistance of a curriculum committee that included Bill Murrah; Mary Thom Adams, a past president of Town Hall East; Terrell Patrick, president of Cold Springs Watch; Miceeya Harrison, member of the Neighborhood Advisory Council; Linda Rust, president of South Haven Neighborhood Association; and Donna Hottinger, past president of Westwood Homeowners Association, along with Office of Neighborhoods staff.

### **3. City to Review Policy on Traffic Calming**

The City of Knoxville this fall will take a fresh look at the way it responds to citizen concerns about speeding in residential neighborhoods.

As part of this review of its traffic calming policy, the city's Engineering Department and Office of Neighborhoods have scheduled five public meetings to hear citizens' views on the best ways to control speeding on residential streets.

The meetings will be held during September and October in different parts of town so that all interested citizens have a chance to participate. Each meeting will include the same introductory information and opportunity for public input. See details below.

Citizens' ideas, suggestions, concerns and opinions will also be gathered via a traffic calming web site that will be launched by early September. The site will include a list of various types of physical traffic calming devices (such as speed humps), links to numerous traffic calming resources across the World Wide Web, and a survey of traffic calming policies of peer cities in the region.

"Speeding on residential streets is among the top issues identified in every survey of concerns in Knoxville's neighborhoods," noted David Massey, neighborhood coordinator. "Due to limited resources, it is also one of the most challenging problems for any municipality to address. But we felt it was time to take another look to make sure we are doing everything we can to grapple with this persistent problem."

Utilizing the public input, budget constraints and other factors, city staff will formulate a draft policy and publish it for citizen review and a follow-up public meeting in the first quarter of 2014. Members of City Council will also be asked to weigh in before a final policy is presented for City Council's endorsement. It is anticipated that implementation of the new policy would begin during the second quarter of next year.

Currently the city's traffic calming measures include police surveillance and ticketing of speeders on eligible streets on a rotating basis throughout the year, lowering of the residential speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph in some cases, and installation of new speed limit signs and rumble strips at the entrance to neighborhoods. Any city neighborhood organization or Knoxville resident can call 311 to request a review of a particular street for consideration of these measures.

Beyond these measures, citizens often ask for speed humps and other physical traffic calming devices. For a variety of reasons, the city discontinued installation of physical devices several years ago. Whether to resume the use of physical devices is one of the key questions to be addressed in the policy review.

Here is a list of the public meetings, including date, time and location:

**North Knoxville**

Monday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
5337 Jacksboro Pike

**South Knoxville**

Monday, September 30, 6 p.m.  
Woodlawn Christian Church  
4339 Woodlawn Pike

**West Knoxville**

Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m.  
Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

**Northwest Knoxville**

Monday, October 14, 6 p.m.  
Northwest Middle School  
5301 Pleasant Ridge Road

**East Knoxville / City Center**

Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 p.m.  
John T. O'Connor Senior Center  
611 Winona Street

#### **4. 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/>.*

*Also see: Community Events Calendar: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/events/events.pdf>*

*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.*

Saturday, August 17 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)  
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue  
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, August 19 --- 9 a.m.

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

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, August 19 --- 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, August 20 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 20 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 20 --- 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, August 22 --- 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, August 22 --- 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, August 23 --- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Accessibility Symposium  
Learn how to make buildings accessible to persons with disabilities.  
City of Knoxville and Construction Specifications Institute  
Civic Coliseum, downtown Knoxville  
Visit [www.easttennesseeeaccessibility.com](http://www.easttennesseeeaccessibility.com) to register.  
Mary Stonaker at [marystonakerdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:marystonakerdesigns@gmail.com) or 865-951-9977  
Stephanie Brewer Cook at [scook@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:scook@cityofknoxville.org)

Monday, August 26 --- 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, August 26 --- 5:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 27 – 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, August 27 --- 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 29 --- 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, August 29 --- 5:00 p.m.

Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic: Tennova Healthcare’s Rezoning Request on Middlebrook Pike

Main Assembly Room, City County Building

Friday, August 30 --- 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, September 2

Labor Day  
Local Government Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3 --- 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.”

Tuesday, September 3 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 3 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 3 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, September 3 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, September 4 through Thursday, September 19

EARLY VOTING  
Primary Election, City of Knoxville  
Knox County Election Commission  
215-2480, [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org)

Wednesday, September 4 --- 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, September 5 --- 4 p.m.

Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays)  
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175

Tonja Warren, 577-5555

Monday, September 9 --- 3 p.m.

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

Monday, September 9 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

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

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

Monday, September 9 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, September 9 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, September 9 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, September 9 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, September 9 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)  
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Avenue  
Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, September 9 --- 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, September 10 --- 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission

(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, September 10 --- 6 p.m.  
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)  
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue  
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, September 10 --- 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, September 10 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)  
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue  
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, September 10 --- 7 p.m.  
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)  
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street  
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, September 11 --- 11:30 a.m.  
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)  
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike  
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, September 11 --- 1 p.m.  
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)  
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street  
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, September 11 --- 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, September 12 --- 1 p.m.  
Symposium: "Ageless Downtowns:  
Creating Walkable Downtowns for Residents of All Ages"  
Panel Discussion and Reception  
East Tennessee Community Design Center  
East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay Street  
Free but seating is limited: RSVP to 525-9945 or [jan@communitydc.org](mailto:jan@communitydc.org)

Thursday, September 12 --- 1:30 p.m.  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>  
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, September 12 --- 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, September 12 --- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)  
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Drive  
Alice Wershing at [awershing@aol.com](mailto:awershing@aol.com)

Thursday, September 12 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (Second Thursdays)  
South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road  
Paula Gumpman, [babyouzo@hotmail.com](mailto:babyouzo@hotmail.com), 300-4401

Friday, September 13 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.

North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)  
Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 am  
Location varies  
Contact: Becky Dodson, [becky.dodson@hma.com](mailto:becky.dodson@hma.com), 545-6750.  
[www.nkbpa.org](http://www.nkbpa.org)

Friday, September 13 --- 6 p.m.

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

Saturday, September 14 --- 10 a.m. – Dusk

Mechanicsville Homecoming  
Parade begins at 10 a.m. at University & Fifth Avenues  
Fair begins at 11 a.m. in Danny Mayfield Park  
Mechanicsville Community Association  
David Gillette, 254-7319

Monday, September 16 --- 5:30 p.m.

Traffic Calming Public Meeting (North Knoxville)  
Voice your views on residential traffic safety.  
City of Knoxville  
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike  
David Massey, 215-3232, [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org)

Thursday, September 19 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.

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

Thursday, September 19 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, September 19 --- 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.

Thursday, September 19 --- 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, September 19 --- 6:30 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)  
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Monday, September 23 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association  
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)  
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike  
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, September 24

ELECTION DAY  
Primary Election, City of Knoxville  
(Five City Council seats)  
Knox County Election Commission  
215-2480, [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org)

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

Monday, September 30 --- 6 p.m.

Traffic Calming Public Meeting (South Knoxville)  
Voice your views on residential traffic safety.  
City of Knoxville  
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike  
David Massey, 215-3232, [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org)

Tuesday, October 1 --- Times Vary

National Night Out

Thursday, October 10 --- 6 p.m.

Traffic Calming Public Meeting (West Knoxville)  
Voice your views on residential traffic safety.  
City of Knoxville  
Arnstein Jewish Community Center  
6800 Deane Hill Drive

Saturday, October 12

Centennial Conservation Expo  
Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1913 National Conservation Exposition

and a century of conservation in East Tennessee  
City of Knoxville and Partners  
Chilhowee Park  
[www.knoxconservationexpo.com](http://www.knoxconservationexpo.com)

Monday, October 14 --- 6 p.m.

Traffic Calming Public Meeting (Northwest Knoxville)  
Voice your views on residential traffic safety.  
City of Knoxville  
Northwest Middle School, 5301 Pleasant Ridge Road  
David Massey, 215-3232, [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org)

Wednesday, October 16 through Thursday, October 31

EARLY VOTING  
General Election, City of Knoxville  
Knox County Election Commission  
215-2480, [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org)

Tuesday, October 22 --- 5:30 p.m.

Traffic Calming Public Meeting (East Knoxville/ City Center)  
Voice your views on residential traffic safety.  
City of Knoxville  
John T. O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street  
David Massey, 215-3232, [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org)

Tuesday, November 5

ELECTION DAY  
General Election, City of Knoxville  
(Five City Council seats)  
Knox County Election Commission  
215-2480, [www.knoxvotes.org](http://www.knoxvotes.org)

Saturday, March 8, 2014 --- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Neighborhood Conference  
Knoxville Convention Center

- \*\* This Advisory is produced on most Fridays of the year.
- \*\* 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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