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### **1. Edgewood Park Elects New Leaders, Creates Speaker Series**

The Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association last month elected officers for the coming year.

Maggie Davidson replaces Cindy Latham as president. Will Doyle was chosen vice president in place of Melissa Brenneman, and Carol Zimmerman was reelected treasurer. Amy Elias becomes secretary, replacing both Will Doyle as corresponding secretary and Ellen Zavisca as recording secretary. The new officers will hold their positions for the next year.

Although new to their positions, the officers are already gaining momentum by planning a new speaker series for their regular monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Larry Cox Senior Center. The series will provide an array of topics, from gardening to preservation and regional history.

Over the next several months, speakers will include Barbra Bunting and Marsha Lehman from the Knox County Master Gardeners, speaking on "Winterizing Your Garden;" Dana Wright from the Tennessee Clean Water Network, talking about First Creek and other urban waterways in Knoxville; and Ethiel Garlington, Knox Heritage.

### **2. Vestal Plans Cleanup; Meeting to Discuss Park, Obamacare**

The Vestal Community Organization has scheduled a community cleanup day this coming Saturday and will use its regular November meeting to discuss improvements at Mary Vestal Park and to hear information on Obamacare.

The City of Knoxville is providing three courtesy boxes (small dumpsters) which will be placed in the alleys between Avenue A and Avenue B. "We are suggesting that each person clean the area within their block, and maybe assist others on their street," the group advised its members. "If anyone needs help or assistance, call Larry Hurst at 573-9612 or Larry Setzer at 577-0281."

Meanwhile, two major topics will be on the agenda for the group's regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at the South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike. "You may want to bring your rain gear, because we may talk up a storm," joked VCO President Newman Seay in an email to members.

First, neighbors will discuss improvements to Mary Vestal Park, including the need to make the park more open and visible by clearing away brush and vegetation.

Second, Todd Shelton of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign (THCC) will discuss details of Obamacare --- otherwise known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) -- and the steps citizens can take to sign up for health insurance on the ACA "Market Place" web site.

According to Shelton, "This presentation is open to the public in hopes that folks will learn about the benefits of the ACA and where they can find out more information about applying and enrolling. The THCC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization whose goal is to work for all Tennesseans to get affordable, quality health care."

THCC plans a second gathering at South Knoxville Community Center on Monday, Nov. 25, so that citizens can learn the detailed steps needed to sign up for health insurance.

### **3. Parkridge Community Organization Elects New Board, Officers**

Parkridge Community Organization this week elected its 9-member board of directors for 2014 and also named four of the nine members to officer positions.

Jerry Caldwell was reelected president. Newly elected officers are Ben Epperson, vice president; Kennie Riffey, secretary; and Zachary Smith, treasurer. The other newly elected board members are Calvin Chappelle, Kat Rybolt, Lynne Sullivan, Susan Koelzer, and Travetta Johnson.

The new board and officers assume their duties in January. Outgoing board members are Amber Crouse, treasurer; Bobby Braly, vice president; Anna Chappelle; and Calvin Cassidy.

### **4. Lonsdale Walking Loop Nears Completion**

Lonsdale community members are taking --- and painting --- a new path to promote community health by creating a Lonsdale walking loop, which they have nicknamed the L Loop.

The L Loop encircles the Lonsdale Park and the Lonsdale Recreation center, extending around Lonsdale Elementary School and Sam E. Hill School. The path's sidewalk has been painted with walking feet that accompany a green and yellow logo.

The creation of the L Loop began last spring through a partnership with Knox County Health Department and the neighborhood group Lonsdale United for Change. After completion, the L Loop will be a mile-long, marked sidewalk path.

Four years ago, through its Healthy Kids Healthy Communities (HKHC) program, the Knox County Health Department began working with community action teams from three targeted Knox County neighborhoods --- Lonsdale, Inskip, and Mascot. Ben Epperson, HKHC project coordinator, described HKHC as a place-making program, meant to promote community empowerment and facilitate access to healthy lifestyles.

When members from Lonsdale United for Change came up with the idea to create a Lonsdale walking loop, Epperson said, “yes!” to providing HKHC assistance for the project.

If it is Saturday and sunny, Johnnie Bridges, the vice-president of Lonsdale United for Change, along with other neighborhood residents and volunteers from Open Door Church, SOAR Youth Ministries, and Lonsdale United for Change, can be seen painting the custom L Loop logo along the walking path.

The L Loop is more than just a painted sidewalk. “It is to promote a healthy community, strengthen our neighborhood pride and actually show our neighbors that Lonsdale is a safe place to get out and walk,” noted Bridges.

The Knox County Health Department supported the project through logistical and technical support, such as two L Loop identification signs located at Lonsdale Park and Sam E. Hill Park. The signs are in both English and Spanish to be inclusive of Lonsdale’s diverse population.

Meanwhile, Bridges remarked that Lonsdale United for Change hopes to host a Heritage Festival next spring to celebrate the completed L Loop and the neighborhood’s multicultural community.

## **5. Leaf Collection Season Begins**

The City of Knoxville’s Public Service Department has converted its brush pickup trucks to leaf pickup mode for leaf season, which runs from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1 each year.

Leaves should be raked to the edge of your yard or within five feet of the street. Try not to block drainage ditches, and please do not rake leaves into the street. It may be two to three weeks before the leaf truck comes through your neighborhood, so leaves in the street will get crushed and scattered by passing cars.

Also, the City will not pick up mixed piles of leaves, brush, or other refuse because the leaf collection equipment is designed to vacuum up leaves and can be damaged by brush.

Brush collection will continue during November, December and January but it is done on a limited basis, as resources are available.

Leaf collection schedules vary during the season based on tree density, age and type; weather events; topography; and several other factors. Schedules are adjusted by managers in the field on a weekly basis.

Knoxville residents can find out when their leaves will be picked up by accessing the City’s website at [www.cityofknoxville.org](http://www.cityofknoxville.org) and clicking on the “Leaf Pickup Schedule” icon on the right side of the page. The schedules are done on a weekly basis, dated Monday of the week when City crews will be in those neighborhoods. Further information is also available by calling 311.

Visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/solidwaste/leaf.asp> for more details.

## **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/>.*

*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.*

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day  
City of Knoxville offices open  
Knox County offices closed  
MPC and TPO offices closed

Monday, November 11 --- 3 p.m.  
Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)  
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road  
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, November 11 --- 5-6 p.m.  
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.  
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, November 11 --- 6 p.m.  
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)  
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, November 11 --- 6 p.m.  
Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)  
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Avenue  
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, November 11 --- 6 p.m.  
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, November 11 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)  
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway  
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, November 11 --- 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, November 11 --- 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

Monday, November 11 --- 7 p.m.

Town Hall East  
(Second Mondays in September, November, January, March and May)  
Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway  
Mac Goodwin, 524-9954

Tuesday, November 12 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, November 12 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 12 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 12 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 13 --- 11:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, November 13 --- 1 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 13 --- 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, November 14 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

<http://www.knoxmpc.org>

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

Thursday, November 14 --- 5:30pm

Design Charrette re Historic Knoxville High School

Southeastern Housing Foundation and Family Pride Corp.

Central United Methodist Church, 201 E. Third Ave.

Grant Rosenberg, 207-5828, and Rick Dover, 924-0791

Thursday, November 14 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, November 14 --- 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, November 14 --- 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

Saturday, November 16 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, November 18 --- 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, November 18 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)

All are welcome to attend.

Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Monday, November 18 --- 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

Monday, November 18 --- 7 p.m.

West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)

Executive Committee: Jan., March, April, July, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.  
General Meeting: February, May and October  
First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Road  
Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, November 19 --- 6 p.m.  
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)  
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive  
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, November 19 --- 7 p.m.  
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)  
Speakers: Barbara Bunting and Marsha Lehman from the Knox County Master Gardeners  
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail  
<http://edgewoodpark.us/>

Thursday, November 21 --- Breakfast - 7:45 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.  
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)  
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders  
Speaker: Representative Joe Armstrong, District 15  
Charles Morgan, [cwm826@aol.com](mailto:cwm826@aol.com), Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113  
[www.EastKnox.org](http://www.EastKnox.org)

Thursday, November 21 --- 8:30 a.m.  
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, November 21 --- 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, November 21 --- 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, November 21 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)  
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Monday, November 25 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)  
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue  
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, November 25 --- 7-8:30 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, November 26 – 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, [bettymah@knology.net](mailto:bettymah@knology.net)

Tuesday, November 26 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, December 2 --- 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, December 2 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education – Work Session  
(Monday before the regular meeting and the third Mondays, 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, December 3 --- 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, December 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, December 5 --- 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>

Friday, December 6 --- 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, December 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, December 9 --- 7-8 p.m.  
Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays, September-April)  
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike  
Ken Cloninger, 688-6257, [kcloninger@comcast.net](mailto:kcloninger@comcast.net)

Thursday, December 12 --- 6 p.m.  
Burlington Homeowners & Residents Association  
Next Meeting: January 11, 2014  
Burlington Library, Asheville Highway  
Kimberley Fowler, [ccfp@comcast.net](mailto:ccfp@comcast.net), 524-7094

Friday, December 13 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.  
North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)  
Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 a.m.  
Open to North Knoxville Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Business Owners  
Fulton High School,  
Becky Dodson, [becky.dodson@hma.com](mailto:becky.dodson@hma.com), 545-6750.  
[www.nkbpa.org](http://www.nkbpa.org)

Friday, December 13 --- 6 p.m.  
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)  
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm Street  
Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Saturday, December 28 --- 8 a.m. till Last Person is Heard  
"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

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

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*\*\* Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

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