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### **1. City Council Notes Changes in Workshop Dates**

A combination of factors, including the weather, has altered the dates for several upcoming City Council workshops.

First, a workshop scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13, was cancelled due to uncertainty over road conditions. This workshop --- which will cover two topics (economic development activities in the Innovation Valley and "complete streets") --- will be rescheduled.

Second, a workshop on the city's proposed new homelessness plan, originally set for February 27, is now scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m.

Finally, a workshop on the concept of pocket neighborhoods, which had been scheduled for March 13, is now to be held on Thursday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m.

More about all of these topics later. City Council workshops typically are held in the City County Building, either in the Large Assembly Room or Small Assembly Room. Free parking is available behind the CCB after 5 p.m.

### **2. Reserve Your Seat at the Neighborhood Networking & Awards Luncheon**

Are you an officer, committee chair or member of a neighborhood organization in Knoxville? Someone who is interested in neighborhood improvement and would like to learn more?

Is your group an HOA? A tenant association? A neighborhood watch group? A neighborhood association? Not yet organized?

Is your neighborhood off Chapman Highway? Middlebrook Pike? Broadway? Kingston Pike? Magnolia?

No matter who you are... No matter where you live in the city... No matter what role you play in your neighborhood organization or your neighborhood... if you care about the quality of life in your neighborhood, you will find good reason to attend the City of Knoxville's **Neighborhood Awards & Networking Luncheon** on Saturday, March 8, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Visit <http://www.planetReg.com/E2414437137439> to complete your online registration. Or call Tina Belge at 215-3077 to have a hard copy of the form mailed to you.

This is a great opportunity to meet neighborhood advocates all across the city, compare notes, find out what works and doesn't work in other neighborhoods, and make connections that can help your neighborhood down the road. In short, use this event to recharge your neighborhood involvement batteries!

Be sure to bring your business cards to this event --- you will need them. If you don't have business cards, make your own on 3x5 cards. If you can't make your own, the Office of Neighborhoods will provide blank cards when you check in.

Here's what the day will look like:

**10 a.m.-Noon: Check-in**

Pick up your name tag, gather city brochures and other information.

**10 a.m.-11 a.m.: Morning Reception**

Enjoy fruit juice, coffee and tea as you meet and greet other neighborhood activists, city staff, members of Knoxville City Council, and other elected officials.

**11 a.m.-Noon: Small Group Discussion**

Participate with others in a guided discussion to share ideas on positive projects to strengthen your neighborhood and build a strong sense of community.

**12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.: Awards Luncheon**

Enjoy a free box lunch and lively conversation, and then celebrate with Mayor Madeline Rogero as she presides over the presentation of Neighborhood Achievement Awards and the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

We will conclude with some inspiring and ear-boggling entertainment.

**3. City Faces 'Tough Decision' on 2014-2015 Budget**

Steep fixed-cost increases projected for the 2014-2015 fiscal year led Mayor Madeline Rogero and her staff to lay out some "tough decisions" at a recent City Council budget retreat.

City officials detailed the City's most recent accomplishments and proposed some strategic short-term investments aimed at protecting City infrastructure and leveraging private-sector partnerships in a way that will continue to grow the city's revenue base.

However, costs for the City's unfunded pension liability are projected to rise by \$7.8 million next year – prompting the Mayor to tell Council members that she's preparing two budget scenarios for 2014-15: One budget with 6 percent cuts, and another one that would maintain the city's recent momentum.

"There will be a lot of tough decisions," the mayor said, "weighing the citizens' desire for City services, the need to continue to leverage private investment, and our legal obligations to pay the unfunded pension liability. We'll be looking at all of our options."

Finance Director Jim York said next year's fixed increased costs will total about \$11 million --- \$7.8 million more for pension fund debt, \$2.2 million for cost-of-living salary adjustments, and about \$1 million more in health care costs.

The City contributed \$16 million to pensions this year; and that amount is projected to rise to \$23.8 million next year.

Mayor Rogero in 2012 pushed for Council- and voter-approved reforms of the existing City pension system, which will save taxpayers millions of dollars in pension benefits for future City workers. But the City remains obligated for existing liabilities under the previous pension plan.

See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/budget> for more details on information provided at the budget retreat.

#### **4. League to Highlight History of Struggle for Voting Rights**

The League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County has announced a new initiative, "Lest We Forget," an effort to highlight and continue a long tradition of education and advocacy around the right to vote and encouragement to participate in the democratic process at all levels of government.

On Saturday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. at Pellissippi State Community College, the League will screen the film "The People Speak," which records the history of many groups, races, religions and political parties who fought for the right to vote.

In addition to the film, there will be a panel discussion, a reception, and an awards presentation for the winners of a contest to write the best essays on current events related to voting and participation in the democratic process.

High school and college students, as well as community members of all ages, are urged to submit essays. Awards will be presented, and all essays will be compiled into a book and presented to the East Tennessee History Center and the Beck Cultural Center. The essay deadline is Feb. 21. For details, contact Vivian Shipe at [DoctorShipe@yahoo.com](mailto:DoctorShipe@yahoo.com) or 617-8353.

#### **5. 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, February 15 --- 10 a.m.

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

Monday, February 17 --- 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, February 17 --- 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, February 18 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education – Work Session \*Rescheduled from February 17  
(Monday before the regular meeting and 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, February 18 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 18 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)  
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.  
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, February 18 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)  
Speaker: Ethiel Garlington, Director of Preservation Field Services, East Tennessee  
Preservation Alliance  
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail  
<http://edgewoodpark.us/>

Tuesday, February 18 --- 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 20 --- 8:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, February 20 --- 12 p.m.

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)  
Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay St.

See [www.kub.org](http://www.kub.org). Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, February 20 --- 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, February 20 --- 6 p.m.

MPC Public Meeting  
Review of Preliminary Proposals for Updating Knoxville's  
One Year Plan for the West and Northwest Sectors  
See [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org) ... "Plans and Studies" ... "Sector Plans."  
Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, Rm. 31, 7234 Middlebrook Pike.  
Mike Brusseau, 215-2500 or [mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org)

Thursday, February 20 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, February 22 --- 1 p.m.

Burlington Homeowners & Residents Association  
Burlington Library, Asheville Highway  
Next Meeting: March 22  
Kimberley Fowler, [cfcf@comcast.net](mailto:cfcf@comcast.net), 524-7094

Monday, February 24 --- 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, February 24 --- 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Residents Board Meeting  
Central Business Improvement District  
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square  
<http://downtownknoxville.org/>  
Michele Hummel, 246-2654

Monday, February 24 --- 5:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 25 --- 6 p.m.

Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)  
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)  
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Rd.  
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, [bettymahan@knology.net](mailto:bettymahan@knology.net)

Tuesday, February 25 --- 6 p.m.

MPC Public Meeting  
Review of Preliminary Proposals for Updating Knoxville's  
One Year Plan for the South Sector  
See [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org) ... "Plans and Studies" ... "Sector Plans."  
Community Room, Flenniken Landing, 115 Flenniken Avenue.  
Mike Brusseau, 215-2500 or [mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org)

Tuesday, February 25 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)  
Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo  
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, February 27 --- 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, February 27 --- 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, February 28 --- 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

Saturday, March 1 --- 1:30 p.m.  
"The People Speak"  
Howard Zinn film on history of efforts to secure voting rights  
Panel Discussion, Reception, and Awards Presentation  
(Awards for essays on current issues about voting and citizen involvement)  
League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County  
Pellissippi State Community College, Hardin Valley Road  
Vivian Shipe, [DoctorShipe@yahoo.com](mailto:DoctorShipe@yahoo.com), 617-8353

Monday, March 3 --- 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."

Monday, March 3 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)  
(First Mondays, except holidays)  
CAC/L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.  
Dave Gartner, 862-2066

Monday, March 3 --- 7 p.m.

Cedar Heights Residents Association (First Mondays)  
5316 Cedar Heights Rd.  
[Jabrahamson2012@gmail.com](mailto:Jabrahamson2012@gmail.com) or 765-1047

Tuesday, March 4 --- 5 p.m.  
Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)  
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Ave.  
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, March 4 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.  
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, March 4 --- 7 p.m.  
Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)  
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora St.  
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Wednesday, March 5 --- 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, March 6 --- 8:30 a.m.  
City Tree Board (First Thursdays)  
Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue  
[www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/treeboard](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/treeboard)  
David Vandergriff, Tree Board Chair, [dgriff@tennessee.edu](mailto:dgriff@tennessee.edu)

Thursday, March 6 --- 4 p.m.  
Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays)  
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175  
Tonja Warren, 577-5555

**Saturday, March 8 --- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Neighborhood Awards & Networking Luncheon**  
**For All City Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Organizations**  
**Office of Neighborhoods**  
**David Massey, 215-3232, [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org)**

Monday, March 10 --- 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

Monday, March 10 --- 3 p.m.  
Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)  
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.  
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, March 10 --- 5-6 p.m.

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

Monday, March 10 --- 6 p.m.  
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia Avenue (Harrison St. Entrance)  
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, March 10 --- 6 p.m.  
Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)  
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.  
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, March 10 --- 6 p.m.  
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, March 10 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)  
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway  
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, March 10 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Community Potluck  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)  
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.  
Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, March 10 --- 7 p.m.  
Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)  
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.  
[www.bellemorris.com](http://www.bellemorris.com)  
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, March 10 --- 7-8 p.m.  
A Knox County Health Department presentation  
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)

Tuesday, March 11 --- 11:45 a.m.  
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission  
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, March 11 --- 2 p.m.  
Western Heights Resident Association (Second Tuesdays)  
Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights  
Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Tuesday, March 11 --- 6 p.m.  
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)



Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Ave.  
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, March 11 --- 7 p.m.  
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)  
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College St.  
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, March 12 --- 11:30 a.m.  
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)  
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Rd. Kingston Pike  
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, March 12 --- 1 p.m.  
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)  
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay St.  
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, March 12 --- 4:30 p.m.  
Neighborhood Advisory Council, City of Knoxville  
(Every Second Wednesday, except July and December)  
CAC / L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>  
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, March 13 --- 1:30 p.m.  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>  
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, March 13 --- 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Workshop  
Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic: Proposed Homelessness Plan  
Main (Large) Assembly Room, City-County Building

Thursday, March 13 --- 6 p.m.  
Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)  
Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.  
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, March 13 --- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)  
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Dr.  
Alice Wershing at [awershing@aol.com](mailto:awershing@aol.com)

Thursday, March 13 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic: Proposed Homelessness Plan  
Main (Large) Assembly Room, City-County Building

Friday, March 14 --- 6 p.m.  
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)  
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.

Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Monday, March 17 --- 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 Rd.  
Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Monday, March 24 --- 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

Saturday, March 29 --- 9 a.m. until 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

Monday, April 7 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, April 10 --- 5:30 p.m.

Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic: Pocket Neighborhoods  
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

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

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

*\*\* 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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