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### **1. Registration Opens for March 8 Neighborhood Luncheon**

Registration is now open for the City of Knoxville's **Neighborhood Awards & Networking Luncheon**, which will be held Saturday, March 8, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

This event will be useful to anyone interested in the health and vitality of Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. This includes not only the members and leaders of Knoxville's 120-plus neighborhood groups, but also individuals who wish to start a neighborhood organization.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others who care about neighborhoods as much as you do! (This will be the only city-wide neighborhood event sponsored by the Office of Neighborhoods this year. The Neighborhood Conference will return in 2015.)

Here's what to expect:

\*\*\* A free box lunch, lively conversation, and entertainment.

\*\*\* Mayor Madeline Rogero will preside over the presentation of the *Neighborhood Achievement Awards* and the *Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award*.

\*\*\* Meet your elected officials, including members of City Council, along with city staff.

\*\*\* Network with residents of other neighborhoods in a round-table, small-group setting where you can share ideas on ways to strengthen your neighborhood and your neighborhood organization.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. Round-table discussion groups will start at 11 a.m. and end at noon. The lunch and awards program will follow.

To register: <http://www.planetReg.com/E2414437137439>

Please note: It is not necessary to click on the advertisements at the top and bottom of each page on this site. Just follow the instructions for registering. After you register, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.

Call Tina Belge at 215-3077 to have a hard copy of the registration form mailed to you.

## **2. Deadline Extended for Neighborhood Achievement Awards**

You now have until 5 p.m. Monday, February 10, to apply for a Neighborhood Achievement Award.

The Office of Neighborhoods is extending the deadline because --- as several folks pointed out --- an earlier version of the application form had two deadline dates, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7. In case anyone decided not to apply due to this confusion, we thought it best to extend the deadline.

The application form explains the process and the eligibility criteria. See:

[http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/Neighborhood\\_Achievement\\_Award\\_Application.pdf](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/Neighborhood_Achievement_Award_Application.pdf)

Just download the form, fill it out, save it and send it in. Delivery information is on the back of the form.

Awards will be presented at the Neighborhood Awards & Networking Luncheon to be held Saturday, March 8, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

## **3. Moss Creek Elects Officers**

Moss Creek Villas Homeowners Association has elected the following officers for 2014: Randall Walker, president; Cathye Mathis, vice president; David Starling, secretary; Neldeane Rice, treasurer; and Rosemarie Greenman, Lou McCosh, and Jewel Garren, at-large board members.

The Moss Creek development has 162 homes and is located across Pleasant Ridge Road from Pleasant Ridge Elementary School.

## **4. Does Your Group Use the Nextdoor Website?**

Does your neighborhood use the social networking website known as Nextdoor?

Over the last one to two years, a number of neighborhood watch groups and associations in Knoxville have started using Nextdoor, which allows private communication among residents within a defined neighborhood boundary. Via email or flier, neighbors are invited to go to the site and join. Only residents within the defined boundary are allowed to join.

According to the website, Nextdoor allows neighbors to create a private website for their neighborhood. On Nextdoor, members can:

- Exchange information about crime and safety issues.
- Share local recommendations (plumbers, auto mechanics, babysitters, etc.)
- Sell or give away household items.
- Publicize local events.
- Find neighbors in the directory.
- View a neighborhood map.
- Ask for advice.

The City of Knoxville is considering whether to join the Nextdoor City Program, which would allow the City to post safety or other messages to all Nextdoor neighborhoods or just targeted ones. We would appreciate your thoughts about the Nextdoor program.

Please browse to this Survey Monkey page and take the City of Knoxville survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XKBFZB5>

Be sure to click “Done” when you are finished answering the questions!

To learn more, visit <https://help.nextdoor.com/>. Click on HELP for answers to various questions. Information about the Nextdoor City Program can be found at the bottom of the HELP page.

## **5. MPC Schedules Public Meetings for One Year Plan Updates**

The development services staff of the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) will hold three public meetings in February to review preliminary proposals for updating the City of Knoxville’s One Year Plan and to gather input from citizens on their ideas for amending the plan.

This is important to neighborhood groups because the One Year Plan serves as the basis for zoning decisions made by MPC and City Council. Here are the dates for the three public meetings aimed at different parts of the city:

\*\* North, East and Central sector updates: 6 p.m. Thursday, February 13, New Harvest Community Center, 4775 New Harvest Lane.

\*\* West and Northwest sector updates: 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, Rm. 31, 7234 Middlebrook Pike.

\*\* South sector update: 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 25, Community Room, Flenniken Landing, 115 Flenniken Avenue.

The Knoxville City Charter requires that a One Year Plan be developed and adopted in order to tie zoning districts to the Comprehensive Plan for the community. The Charter also requires development of 15-year sector plans and a 5-year capital improvement plan for policy and mid-range guidance for the One Year Plan.

After these public hearings, the One Year Plan will be considered by MPC in March and City Council in April.

Questions or comments about the 2013 One Year Plan update should be directed to Mike Brusseau at 215-2500 or [mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org).

See [www.knoxmpc.org](http://www.knoxmpc.org) to view the current plans. Scroll over “Plans and Studies” and click on “Sector Plans.”

## **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.*

Saturday, February 8 --- 1-3 p.m.

Neighborhood Cleanup  
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Meet at the clubhouse, Henegar at Shamrock  
Emily Ellis, [elllis424@gmail.com](mailto:elllis424@gmail.com), 924-3882

Monday, February 10 --- 3 p.m.

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

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

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

Monday, February 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, February 10 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, February 10 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, February 10 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, February 10 --- 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Community Potluck  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)  
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.

Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, February 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, February 10 --- 7-8 p.m.

"Are You Prepared for a Public Health Emergency?"  
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, February 11 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, February 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, February 11 --- 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting / City of Knoxville  
Topic: New Plan on Homelessness in Knoxville  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. at East Fifth Ave.  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/homelessnessplandraft2014.pdf>

Tuesday, February 11 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 11 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, February 12 --- 11:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, February 12 --- 1 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, February 13 --- 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Workshop  
Topic #1: Economic Development Activities in Innovation Valley  
Topic #2: Complete Streets  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

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

Thursday, February 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)

Friday, February 14 --- 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  
O'Connor Senior Center. Winona Avenue  
Becky Dodson, [becky.dodson@hma.com](mailto:becky.dodson@hma.com), 545-6750.  
[www.nkbpa.org](http://www.nkbpa.org)

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.  
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, 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 --- 6:30 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, [ccfp@comcast.net](mailto:ccfp@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 --- 6:30 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.

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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

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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

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 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)*

*\*\* Don't have Internet access? Call 215-3232 if you need a copy of a particular document.*