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1. Neighborhood Watch Celebrates First Birthday

The Eastport/Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch will celebrate its first birthday at high noon on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Dr. Lee Williams Senior Center, 2240 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue.

Cake and ice cream, oldies music, disco decorations, party favors and special guests will be featured, according to Sylvia Cook, the watch coordinator who is very proud of the fact that the group is celebrating this milestone.

2. Former Gang Members to Tell Their Stories

Why do young people join gangs? Why do they stay? For those able to escape, how did they do it?

Former gang members will address these questions at the Knoxville United Peace March and Rally to be held tomorrow – Saturday, November 15 – in East Knoxville.

The march will start at 1 p.m. at the Family Justice Center, 400 Harriet Tubman Street; proceed down Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, and end at Eternal Life Harvest Center in Five Points, a distance of about one-half mile. This will be followed by the rally featuring several former gang members.

Among the other speakers is Former Mayor and current City Councilmember Daniel Brown, one of the organizers of the event. Other organizers include Dewey Roberts; Lawrence Williams of World United Ministries, Pastor James Davis of Eternal Life Harvest Center; and community activist Maurice Clark.

Supporting organizations include Overcoming Believers Church, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Honey Rock Church and Vine Middle School.

"I used to be out there (on the street)," Williams recalled. "If it wasn't for God and people encouraging me, I might have been locked up or would have not made it past 21. We have to show them (young people) that we love them and support them. No, we do not support some of their activities, but we do not have to tear them down because of mistakes they've made. We need to show them we support them."

"This is important," Mayor Brown noted, "because people are fed up with the violence that has been happening in our community. It's a symbolic opportunity to say to the community that we are trying to come together to do something about gang issues."

3. Chapman Neighborhoods Collaborate on Dogwood Trail

Members of the Lake Forest and Colonial Village neighborhood associations, along with other interested folks, will be out in force this Saturday, Nov. 15, getting ready for spring.

They will be working to spruce up the Chapman Highway Dogwood Trail in preparation for next year's Dogwood Arts Festival.

Peggy Tubbs and Molly Gilbert, co-chairs of the Chapman trail, in conjunction with the city's Urban Forester, Kasey Krouse, have organized the cleanup and beautification event in the two neighborhoods.

Participants are invited to gather at the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church, 714 Lake Forest at 9:30 a.m. to receive work assignments. Crews will be planting dogwoods, azaleas, pansies, tulips, and other assorted plants in the two neighborhoods.

Kasey Krouse will coordinate and help oversee the project and its plantings. He will also provide onsite demonstration in proper planting, pruning, and maintenance.

"It's been wonderful to have so many partners interested in beautifying South Knoxville," noted Molly Gilbert. "At a recent Dogwood Trail meeting, Lisa Duncan, director of the Dogwood Arts Festival, commended everyone, saying our collaborative efforts were a model for other trails."

One of the work sites will be a new marble sign entrance to the Lake Forest neighborhood.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association will also have a litter pickup following the planting. Crews are to meet about 1:00 pm at the South Knoxville Church of God on Magazine Road. There will be a dumpster located at Gary Underwood Park on Moore Road for the collection of trash.

4. Mechanicsville Community Takes on a Paint Job

Members of Mechanicsville Community Association waited a long time for the owner of a small grocery store in their neighborhood to paint the exterior of his building, and they finally decided to take matters into their own hands.

Al's Market, located at the corner of West Fifth and University Avenues, sits one of the entrances into the neighborhood, but it's peeling paint and partially finished paint job made this entrance... less than appealing.

So the group approached the store manager, who readily agreed to allow MCA to paint the building. In return, MCA will be able to paint "Welcome to Mechanicsville" on the side of the

building. With help from community member Leroy Watts, the building was painted before cold weather set in, and now the only remaining task is to paint on the welcome sign.

Meanwhile, at a recent meeting, MCA elected David Gillette as the group's vice-president, replacing outgoing VP Shirley Kellogg. Other officers are Charles Wright, president; Rita McKinnon, secretary; Eugene Bailey, treasurer; and Christine Winton, calendar coordinator.

5. Show off Your Neighborhood at The Neighborhood Conference

Both city and county neighborhood organizations are invited to show off their neighborhoods at The Neighborhood Conference to be held Saturday, March 7, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Two popular features of the 2013 conference will be repeated in 2015 (the conference is held every other year).

First, neighborhood organizations are encouraged to begin gathering photographs of neighborhood events over the last two years. In early January, we will ask groups to submit digital images, which will be compiled into a slide show that will be displayed at the conference.

So begin assembling your photographs now!

Second, as was the case in 2013, there will be a contest for the best neighborhood tee shirt among both city and county neighborhoods. Celebrity judges will pick the winners, and prizes will be awarded.

If you don't already have a tee shirt for your neighborhood organization, begin now to come up with a design that reflects the values of your community. If you need advice on how to proceed, contact Debbie Sharp in the Office of Neighborhoods, 215-4382, or dsharp@cityofknoxville.org.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Neighborhood Tee Shirt Contest or Neighborhood Photo Committees, please call Debbie or fill out our volunteer form at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Knox Volunteer.

6. Neighborhood and Government Calendar

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

Visit http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/ for a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions. See the 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 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

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

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)

Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St. Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Saturday, November 15 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave.

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, November 15 --- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act

Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.

For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.

For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Saturday, November 15 --- 1 p.m.

Knoxville United Peace March and Rally

March begins at 1 p.m. at Family Justice Center, 400 Harriet Tubman Street

Rally held at end of march, Eternal Life Harvest Center, 2410 MLK Jr. Ave.

World United Ministries and other sponsors

Lawrence Williams, 456-4764

Monday, November 17 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

Knox County Commission

(Fourth Mondays, January-October. Third Mondays, November-December)

www.knoxcounty.org/commission

Agenda: Click on "Information" and then "Commission Agendas"

Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting

Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, November 17--- 3-8 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act

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East TN Historical Society, 601 S Gay Street

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Monday, November 17 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)

All are welcome to attend.

New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Lane

Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Monday, November 17 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization

Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)

"Birdhouse"/Fourth & Gill Center, 800 North Fourth Avenue

Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, November 17 --- 7 p.m.

West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)

Executive Committee: January, March, April, July, August, September, November, December

General Meeting: February, May and October First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Rd. Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, November 18 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)

Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Dr. Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

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

Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)

Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.

Steve Ritter, 973-0877

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

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

http://edgewoodpark.us/

Wednesday, November 19 --- 3-7 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act

Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.

South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike

For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.

For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Thursday, November 20 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)

Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders

Meeting location varies

Doug Minter, Dminter@knoxvillechamber.com, Knoxville Chamber, 637-4550

http://www.eastknox.org/

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

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)

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

Kaye Graybeal, 215-3795, kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org

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

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)

Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay St.

See www.kub.org. Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, November 20 --- 4 p.m.

City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)

Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp

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

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (Third Thursdays)

Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Ave. at Henegar St.

Bill Hutton, 773-5228, s wlhutton@yahoo.com

Thursday, November 20 --- 7 p.m.

Old Sevier Community Group

(Third Thursdays, February-November)

South Knoxville Elementary school library

Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Saturday, November 22 --- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act

Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.

For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.

For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Monday, November 24 --- 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

Shelley Conklin, 686-6789

Tuesday, November 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

Tuesday, November 25 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)

Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo

Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Tuesday, November 25 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil

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

Monday, December 1 --- 4 p.m.

Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)

Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.

Tom Higens, 206-8908

Monday, December 1 --- 6:30 p.m.

Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays except holidays)

Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, December 2 --- 4:30 p.m.

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)

Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Ave.

Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, December 2 --- 6 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)

Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora St.

Charles Wright, 637-1802

Wednesday, December 3 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Towne Area Business & Professional Association (First Wednesday)

Neighborhood Residents and Leaders encouraged to attend

New Harvest Park Community Building

Chair, Justin Sterling, <JSterling@simon.com>

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

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act

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South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike

For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.

For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Thursday, December 4 --- 3:30 p.m.

Better Building Board

(Last Thursday, January-October. First Thursday, December)

Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp

Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Thursday, December 4 --- 5:30 p.m.

Workshop, Knoxville City Council

Topic: Salary Survey of Municipal Employees Large Assembly Room, City County Building

Friday, December 5 --- 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

Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp

Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Saturday, December 6 --- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act *Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.*

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.

For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.

For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Monday, December 8 --- 1:30 p.m.

Montgomery Village Residents Association (Second Mondays)

4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175

Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

Monday, December 8 --- 3-8 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act

Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.

Montgomery Village, Joe Lewis Road

For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.

For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Monday, December 8 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)

Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.

David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, December 8 --- 5-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.

Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, December 8 --- 6 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

Magnolia Ave. Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia Ave. (Harrison St. Entrance)

Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, December 8

Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays)

Board Meetings: 6 p.m. Monthly

General Membership Meetings: 7 p.m., February, April, September, November

Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike Daniel Dunn, 387-6390, daniel.dunn06@yahoo.com

Monday, December 8 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)

Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.

Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, December 8 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)

South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike

Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, December 8, 2014 --- 6-7 p.m.

Public Meeting - Northwest City Sector Plan

http://www.knoxmpc.org/northwestcity/index.htm

Online Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nwcitysurvey.

Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silver Hill Drive

Metropolitan Planning Commission

Jeff Archer, 215-3821, jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org

Monday, December 8 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)

Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.

Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, December 8 --- 6:30 p.m.

Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)

St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway

Andie Ray, 548-5221

Monday, December 8 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)

City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.

www.bellemorris.com

Tuesday, December 9 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, December 9 --- 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, December 9 --- 4-5 p.m.

City of Knoxville Greenways Commission (2nd Tuesdays every two months -- December 9 http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/greenways.asp Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Lori Goerlich, Parks & Recreation Dept., 215-2807

Tuesday, December 9 --- 6 p.m. **Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch** (Second Tuesdays)

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

Wednesday, December 10 --- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Food Policy Council

(Second Wednesdays but check website for confirmation)

Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue

www.knoxfood.org; info@knoxfood.org

Wednesday, December 10 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays) Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Thursday, December 11 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

http://www.knoxmpc.org

Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, December 11 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, December 11, 2014 --- 6-7 p.m.

Public Meeting - Northwest City Sector Plan

http://www.knoxmpc.org/northwestcity/index.htm

Online Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nwcitysurvey

Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, 7234 Middlebrook Pike

Metropolitan Planning Commission

Jeff Archer, 215-3821, jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org

Thursday, December 11 --- 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)

Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Dr.

Alice Wershing, awershing@aol.com

Thursday, December 11 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (Second Thursdays)

South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road

Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t_caruthers@hotmail.com

Saturday, December 13 --- 4:30-8 p.m.

Candoro Arts & Heritage Holiday Open House Celebration Come celebrate with Candoro in a Charles Barber designed building 4450 Candora Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920

Trudy Monaco, 384-1273

Sunday, December 14 --- 2 p.m.

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association

(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)

Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue

Marlene Taylor, 951-3773, taylor8246@bellsouth.net

Tuesday, December 16 --- 6-7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.

Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.

Monthly on a Tuesday: Nov. 4, Dec. 16

New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road

Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

Tuesday, December 16 --- 6:30 p.m.

Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays, Even Months)

3004 Boright Drive

Lola Alapo, 525-1520, BorightGroup@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 17 --- 3-7 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act *Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.*

South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike

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Saturday, December 20 --- 9 a.m. until last person is heard

"Coffee with the Councilman"

(Usually the 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, December 20 --- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.

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

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May) Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway

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

Neighborhood Advisory Council, City of Knoxville

(Second Wednesdays except December)

CAC / L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods

David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, January 22 --- 9 a.m.

Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, January-October)

"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

Saturday, March 7, 2015 --- 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Neighborhood Conference

Workshops, Awards, Information Booths, Networking

Knoxville Convention Center

Office of Neighborhoods

David Massey, dmassey@cityofknoxville.org, 215-3232

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^{**} Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

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^{**} May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood e-mail lists and newsletters.

^{**} See past issues at our Website: www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods

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