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1. Old Sevier Community Starts Second Butterfly Garden

Old Sevier Community Group is working hard to transform the South Knoxville neighborhood into a haven for butterflies.

On a recent Saturday, Old Sevier residents, Comcast employees and other volunteers gathered on the grounds of South Knox Elementary School, 801 Sevier Avenue, to clean a portion of the school grounds, remove brush, and plant a garden with flowering plants that attract butterflies.

In addition, Comcast employees pressure-washed concrete pads, repainted the pads for games (hopscotch?) and presented a donation to the elementary school.

This is the second butterfly garden the neighborhood group has sponsored. The first one --- installed last year --- is located on a bank between Sevier Avenue and Ford Place.

2. Free Parking and Shuttle Rides to Vestival

Have you ever been to Vestival but had difficulty finding a good parking spot?

Have no fear. For this year's event --- coming up this Saturday, May 9 --- there are eight different locations with free parking and a shuttle to take you to and from South Knoxville's premier festival event.

The locations are: South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike; Mary Vestal Park, 401 Maryville Pike; East Tennessee Technology Access Center, 116 Childress Street; South Knox Collectors Mall, 3701 Chapman Highway; UGO Lot, 4221 Chapman Highway; Vestal Methodist Church, 115 Ogle Avenue; and Immanuel Baptist Church,

4218 Immanuel Street. Sustainable Futures, 201 Ogle Avenue, is also available and free, but for vendors and volunteers only, please.

See http://bit.ly/1E4AIIU to view the park-and-ride map.

Vestival --- South Knoxville's Art and Heritage Festival sponsored by Candoro Arts & Heritage Center --- is slated for this Saturday, May 9, from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of the historic Candoro Marble Company at the corner of Maryville Pike and Candora Avenue in the Vestal community.

There will be an eclectic group of live musicians, a wide variety of craft and food vendors, activities for youth, a story teller, a free breakfast for mothers, and more. A \$5.00 donation is requested at the door. See http://candoromarble.org/ for details.

3. City Acquires Old South High

The City of Knoxville last week acquired the long-blighted former South High School building at 953 East Moody Avenue and will soon begin making plans to repurpose the building.

A public meeting to gather ideas for the future of the building will be organized by the Community Development Department. A date for this meeting has not been set.

Knox County auctioned the historic building in 2008 for \$117,700 to Parisa Kadhoda, who sold it in 2012 to her husband, Bahman Kasraei. They reroofed part of the deteriorating structure but never developed the property any further.

Over the ensuing years the building racked up numerous building code and overgrown lot violations issued by city codes inspectors. When Kasraei threatened to demolish the building, Knoxville City Council imposed an H-1overlay on the building.

As the building continued to deteriorate, the city's Better Building Board invoked the "demolition by neglect ordinance," and the city spent approximately \$30,000 to stabilize and secure the structure. When Kasraei failed to pay the bill, a lien was placed against the property, adding to the property taxes that Kasraei also failed to pay.

At the request of the Community Development Department, the Better Building Board first determined and then certified the building as blighted, and City Council last February approved the purchase of the property by eminent domain if necessary. Negotiations ensued, and the purchase was finalized last week.

The purchase price was \$207,900, of which \$65,265.59 was used to pay back property taxes, the demolition-by-neglect lien, and overgrown lot liens.

"We look forward to working with the community and with developers to save this historic building and bring it back into productive use," stated Becky Wade, director of Community Development.

4. City Proposes Additions to Form Based Code

The City of Knoxville will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, regarding updates to the General Provisions of the Form Based Code (Article 4, Section 4.0) of the City of Knoxville's Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting --- to be held in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building --- will be hosted by the City's Office of Plans Review and Inspections, as well as the Office of Redevelopment. The meeting is open to the general public.

The existing code --- which shapes urban forms of development on the South Knoxville Waterfront and in the Cumberland Avenue Corridor --- addresses new construction. The proposed additions will provide a clear pathway for property owners to modify, renovate or add to their existing structures.

Property owners within the South Waterfront and Cumberland Avenue Form Based Development Code Districts are encouraged to attend.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/policy/formbasedcode2015.pdf for a copy of the general provisions of Form Based Code --- with the proposed changes in italic.

5. KAT Expands Coverage East, West and South

KAT has rolled out extended bus coverage for several Knoxville neighborhoods.

Passengers on the 34-Burlington, 40-South Knoxville, and 45-Vestal bus routes have new 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. trips departing from Knoxville Station, Monday through Friday. The changes, in part, are the result of petitions requesting later service in South Knoxville and responses to surveys regarding access to jobs for residents of Montgomery Village.

Also, the 34-Burlington route was revised to include a new stop at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center on Dandridge Avenue.

Sequoyah Hills now has peak weekday commuter service to UT and downtown. "An outreach meeting at a local neighborhood breakfast spot gave us some great input on improving the plan for the Sequoyah Hills route," says Dawn Distler, Director of Transit. "We are expanding our outreach focus to spend more time in the community, and I think the results are going to be a transit system that works better for everyone."

For more information on KAT routes and schedules, visit www.katbus.com.

6. Council to Consider Demolition Delay Ordinance

Knoxville City Council next week will consider an ordinance that would mandate a 60-day delay in the demolition of certain historic structures to give members of the community time to explore ways to save structures slated for the wrecking ball.

The Metropolitan Planning Commission last month recommended language for such an ordinance. See http://agenda.knoxmpc.org/2015/apr2015/4-B-15-OA.pdf for details and background.

See http://knoxvillecitytn.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx for the full agenda for the May 12 City Council meeting. The agenda will be posted by May 8.

7. Mayor Proposes \$206 Million Budget

In her State of the City Address last week, Mayor Madeline Rogero presented a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 that includes increased funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, parks and greenways, and youth development initiatives.

The budget also includes continued support for economic development, blight abatement, center city redevelopment, historic preservation, the Office of Neighborhoods, and neighborhood capacity-building initiatives.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/Press_Releases/Content/2015/0429.asp for video and audio recordings of the Mayor's speech, a transcript of the speech, and the budget document itself.

8. Knoxville Receives TVA Grant to Weatherize Lower-Income Homes

TVA has selected Knoxville as one of two communities in the Tennessee Valley to receive TVA Extreme Energy Makeovers funding.

TVA will invest \$7.12 million to improve the energy efficiency of lower-income homes in Knoxville. The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) led an application for this funding in partnership with the City of Knoxville and Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB). The Project Team also includes the Alliance to Save Energy, a national nonprofit that promotes energy efficiency through public policy, education and outreach.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/Press_Releases/Content/2015/0429b.asp for details.

9. Neighborhood and Government Calendar

Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3456.

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 City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@cityofknoxville.org or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Tuesday, May 5 --- 6 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)

Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora St. Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, May 5 --- 6-7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.

Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.

Monthly on a Tuesday: May 5, Jun 2, Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8 New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

Wednesday, May 6 --- 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, May 6 --- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Food Policy Council

(Second Wednesdays but check website for confirmation)

Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue

http://www.knoxfood.org/; info@knoxfood.org

Thursday, May 7 --- 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting

Proposed Changes to Form-Based Code

Small Assembly Room, City County Building

City of Knoxville, Plans Review and Redevelopment departments

News Release: www.cityofknoxville.org/Press Releases/Content/2015/0430.asp

Proposed Changes in Italic:

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/policy/formbasedcode2015.pdf

Friday, May 8 --- 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 Meeting location varies. Check Website for location. http://northknoxvillebpa.org/ Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.

Friday, May 8 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)

Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.

Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Saturday, May 9 --- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lonsdale Multicultural Community Market (Second Saturdays)

Pavilion, Lonsdale Park, 1317 Louisiana Avenue

Latino Task Force and Lonsdale United for Change

Emma Cosigua, 201-207-8801, or Rosie Noriega, 865-405-0931

Saturday, May 9 --- 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Vestival – South Knoxville's Arts and Heritage Festival

Candoro Arts and Heritage Center

4450 Candora Avenue

Trudy Monaco, 384-1273

Saturday, May 9 --- 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Rabies Vaccination Clinics

Selected Knox County Schools

Knox County Health Department

http://knoxcounty.org/health/rabies_clinics.php

Monday, May 11 --- 1:30 p.m.

Montgomery Village Residents Association (Second Mondays)

4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175

Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

Monday, May 11 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)

Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.

David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, May 11 --- 5-6 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.

Michael Meadowview: Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Cold Springs: Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, May 11

Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays)

Board Meetings: 6 p.m. Monthly

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

Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike

Daniel Dunn, 387-6390, daniel.dunn06@yahoo.com

Monday, May 11 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)

Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.

Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, May 11 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)

South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike

Monday, May 11 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)

Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.

Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, <u>lizupchurch1@gmail.com</u>

Monday, May 11 --- 6:30 p.m.

Historic Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)

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

Andie Ray, 548-5221

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

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)

City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.

http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Belle Morris

Rick Wilen, 524-5008

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

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May)

Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway

Eston Williams, 406-5412

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

Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission

(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)

Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, May 12 --- 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, May 12 --- 6 p.m. **Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch** (Second Tuesdays)

Hoitt Ave. Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Ave.

Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

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

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil

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

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

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)

Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road Sue Mauer, 690-0269

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

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

http://www.knoxmpc.org

Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

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

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, May 14 --- 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, May 14 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

(Second Thursdays except December and January)

South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road

Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t caruthers@hotmail.com

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

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave.

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, May 16 --- 6 p.m.

Knoxville SOUP -- community dinner / micro-fund-raising event

Submit a project idea by May 9.

South Knoxville Alliance

http://southknoxvillealliance.org/index.cfm/m/12

Sunday, May 17 --- 4 p.m.

Community Meeting

Subject: Saving the Historic Howard House on North Broadway

Central United Methodist Church, 210 E. Third Avenue

Knox County Commissioner Amy Broyles, 237-6538, northknoxamy@gmail.com

Monday, May 18 --- 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, May 18 --- 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, May 18 --- 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

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

West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)

Executive Committee: July, August, September, November, December General Meeting: February, May and October First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Rd. Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, May 19 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch

(Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September and November) Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Dr. Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, May 19 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)

Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave. Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, May 19 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

http://edgewoodpark.us/

Wednesday, May 20 --- 12 Noon

Eastport/Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch (Third Wednesdays)

Lee Williams Senior Center, 2240 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave Sylvia Cook, 206-3433, sylviacook5901@comcast.net

Thursday, May 21 --- 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, May 21 --- 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, May 21 --- 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, May 21 --- 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, May 21 --- 7 p.m.

Old Sevier Community Group

(Third Thursdays, January-November)

South Knoxville Elementary School Library, 801 Sevier Avenue

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

Monday, May 25 --- 5 p.m. (zoning at 7 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

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

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)

Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo

Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Tuesday, May 26 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil

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

Wednesday, May 27 --- 9 a.m.

Infill Housing Design Review Committee (Fourth Wednesdays)

Re: infill housing in central city neighborhoods with IH-1 overlay

http://www.knoxmpc.org/zoning/infill.htm

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

Thursday, May 28 --- 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

Thursday, May 28 --- 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

Friday, May 29 --- 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

Monday, June 1 --- 1:00 p.m.

East Knoxville Community Meeting (First Mondays)

Speakers: Art Cate of KCDC and Ann Victoria of KAT

Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway

Michael Covington, 865-274-7958, mdcov@hotmail.com

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

Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)

Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.

Bill Jackson, 221-4402

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

Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays except holidays)

Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Monday, June 1 --- 6-8 p.m.

Wesley Neighbors Community Association

(First Mondays, even-numbered months)

Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Rd.

John Heins, 297-7045

Monday, June 1 --- 7 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (First Mondays)

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

Bill Hutton, 773-5228, s_wlhutton@yahoo.com

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

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)

Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Ave. Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Thursday, June 4 --- 6 pm

Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch

(First Thursdays, even-numbered months)

Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silver Hill Drive

Anna Compton, 599-0724, amcompto@gmail.com

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

Downtown Residents Meeting

(Second Monday, First Month of Each Quarter)

Knoxville Chamber, 17 Market Square

Central Business Improvement District (CBID)

http://www.downtownknoxville.org/

Michele Hummel, 246-2654, mhummel@downtownknoxville.org

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

City of Knoxville Greenways Commission

(2nd Tuesdays every two months)

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

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

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

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

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association

(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)

Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue

John Yates, 865-588-8883, john.a.yates1950@gmail.com

Saturday, June 27 --- 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, September 19

10th Annual Mechanicsville Homecoming

10 a.m. - Community Parade from Fifth Avenue and University Avenue

11 a.m. – Celebration at Danny Mayfield Park

Mechanicsville Community Association (MCA)

Contact MCA to participate in parade or reserve booth space.

David L. Gillette, Celebration Chair, 356-1179, dgillette33@gmail.com

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

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