



7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 7, 2015
Knoxville Convention Center

Thank you for your interest in The Neighborhood Conference!

**If you are preparing to register for the conference,
you may wish to go directly to Page 7
for the workshop descriptions.**

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Conference Registration

- Free Admission, but **please register in advance!**
- Online registration closes at noon on Tuesday, March 3. Persons who register on the day of the conference are welcome, but they may not get a box lunch or the workshops they prefer.
- Over 30 workshops are available, organized into 13 major topics or “tracks.” If you like, you can follow a topic by signing up for all of the workshops in that track. **Or you can skip around and sign up for any workshop in any track.**
- Use the Workshop Descriptions on Page 7 to choose three workshops—two in the morning and one in the early afternoon—that you wish to attend. After marking the workshops you want, please register in one of two ways:
 - Visit <http://www.planetReg.com/E11412205613837> to sign up on line.
 - Call 215-2113 to have a hard copy of the registration form mailed to you.

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Who Should Attend

- Members and leaders of resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood groups in Knox County and the City of Knoxville — including HOAs, neighborhood associations, condo associations, tenant groups and neighborhood watch groups.
- Young people, especially Middle School and High School students, along with youth service organizations, chaperones and parents.
- Anyone who wants to learn more about how to start a resident-led, resident-controlled organization in their neighborhood.
- Any individual citizen interested in attending one or more of the workshops and visiting the 50+ information booths.
- Elected leaders, business owners, nonprofit executives and anyone else with an interest in the quality of life in Knoxville's residential neighborhoods.
- *If you are a person with a disability and require an accommodation in order to attend and participate in this conference, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scook@cityofknoxville.org no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2015.*

What to Expect

- Meet and network with other citizens concerned about the health and vitality of our residential neighborhoods.
- Visit and get information from over 50 exhibition booths managed by youth organizations, other nonprofits, sponsors, and governmental agencies.
- Meet department heads, City Council, County Commission, Knox County Board of Education — and leaders/members from 75+ neighborhoods.
- Over 30 workshops covering a wide variety of topics. See Page 7.
- A drawing for door prizes will be held at the end of the conference. You can receive tickets by attending the workshops.

Other Conference Details

- This conference is FRAGRANCE FREE. Please refrain from using perfumes, colognes, or scented personal products in consideration of people with chemical sensitivities.
- Free Parking at Poplar Street Lot, across Cumberland Avenue from the Convention Center and World's Fair Park, Locust Street Garage, Market Square Garage, and others.
- Free Continental Breakfast and Box Lunch.
- Neighborhood groups are encouraged to bring as many members as possible to take advantage of the entire conference.
- Questions? Contact Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or dsharp@cityofknoxville.org.

Information Booths

While you're at The Neighborhood Conference, be sure to pick up information and do a little networking with the 50+ organizations who have information booths at the conference. Here are the booths signed up as of Feb. 2, 2015. Booth registrations will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 9. Contact Griff Ashooh at 215-3456 or visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>.

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Great Schools Partnership (GSP)
Knoxville Inner City Kids
K-Town Youth Empowerment Network
Our Daily Bread of TN
Project GRAD Knoxville
The Joy of Music School
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Other Non-Profits

American Red Cross
At Risk Intervention
CAC (Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee)
CAC Office on Aging
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East Tennessee Quality Growth

Government Agencies

311 Call Center (City of Knoxville)
City of Knoxville Parks & Recreation
City of Knoxville Police Department
Safety Education Unit
City of Knoxville Solid Waste
City of Knoxville Tree Board
Knox County Constituent Services
Knox County District Attorney General
Knox County Health Department
Knox County Sheriff's Office
Knox County Soil Conservation District
Knox County Solid Waste (Knox Recycles)
Knox County Stormwater Management
Knoxville Regional TPO
Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB)
Smart Trips

Conference Day Schedule

The Neighborhood Conference

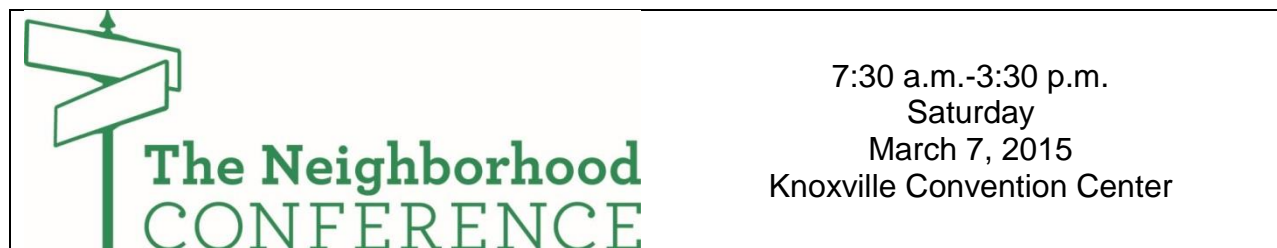
Saturday, March 7, 2015

6:30 a.m.	Doors open to exhibitors for set-up
7:30	Doors Open for All Participants
7:30-8:30	Check-in / Pick up Name Tag & Notebook Continental Breakfast Information Booths Open
<u>8:30-9:00</u>	<u>Kick-off Session for All Participants</u> <i>Welcome from Mayors</i> <i>Conference Announcements</i>
9:00-9:30	Break
<u>9:30-10:30</u>	<u>Break-out Session A</u>
10:30-11:00	Break
<u>11:00-12:00</u>	<u>Break-out Session B</u>
12:00-12:15	Break
<u>12:15-1:15</u>	<u>Neighborhood Luncheon</u> <i>Entertainment</i> <i>Neighbor of the Year Award</i> <i>Neighborhood Tee-Shirt Contest</i>
1:15-1:45	Break
<u>1:45-2:45</u>	<u>Break-out Session C</u>
2:45-3:00	Break
<u>3:00-3:30</u>	<u>Drawing for Door Prizes</u>
3:30 p.m.	Conference Ends

Workshop Schedule

Choose one workshop to attend in each of the 3 break-out sessions.

	Track	Break-out Session A 9:30 - 10:30	Break-out Session B 11:00 - Noon	Break-out Session C 1:45 - 2:45
1	Ties that Bind Youth and Neighborhoods	Healthy Avenues	Knox Rox	Young Voices
2	Schools and Community	Community Schools		Knox County School Board "Meet and Greet"
3	Won't You Be My Neighbor		New Neighbors, New Worlds	Neighbors in Need
4	Neighborhood Sparks	Creative Place Making	Creative Event Making	Creating Walkable, Bikeable Neighborhoods
5	Nuts & Bolts of Neighborhood Organizations	How to Start a Neighborhood Organization	Online Tools for Neighborhood Groups	How to Apply for Grants
6	HOA Legal Issues	HOA Legal Issues Part 1: The Law and the Courts	HOA Legal Issues Part 2: Q&A	
7	Rental Housing	Addressing Quality of Life Issues in Public Housing		Fair Housing, Tenant Rights & Landlord-Tenant Law
8	City Government	Know your City Government: City Administration	City Council "Meet and Greet"	
9	County Government		Know your County Government: County Departments	County Commission "Meet and Greet"
10	Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Safety	Getting Organized to Fight Crime	Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Response	Top Cops: Law Enforcement Issues and Concerns
11	Zoning	Why Zoning Matters	MPC/BZA 101	
12	Blight & Neighborhood Revitalization	County Codes Enforcement	City Codes Enforcement	Anti-Blight Programs and Strategies
13	Pets, KUB Bills, and Food	Four-Legged Neighbors	Tips for Low-Cost and No-Cost Energy Savings	Food Access, Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture



Workshop Descriptions

Track 1 — Ties that Bind Youth and Neighborhoods

Workshop 1-A: Healthy Avenues (9:30-10:30)

Drugs... Guns... Gangs... Crime... No matter what neighborhood they live in, young people today are exposed to a disheartening array of negative temptations and decidedly unhealthy influences. How do we motivate young people to aspire for something better... and to reject those bad life choices that seem cool to them in the moment? Who better to make that appeal than people who went down that path, stopped, and turned their lives around? Two men who grew up in Knoxville will share their very personal life stories to inspire youth to avoid the mistakes they made. These inspiring speakers will appeal to youth especially.

Kwabena Miller

Maurice Clark, One Nation by Conviction and Community Step-Up

Workshop 1-B: Knox Rox (11:00-Noon)

Have you ever thought about engaging youth in your neighborhood programs and events — but just don't know how? One way to break the ice is to ask youth to "show their stuff" — their art, talents, ingenuity, achievements and service to community. That's what you will get in this workshop, and you will be amazed. You will come away inspired to seek out the youthful talent in your own neighborhood.

Students, Young Artists and Youth Performers

Elizabeth Wright, Know How (Moderator)

Workshop 1-C: Young Voices (1:45-2:45)

A panel of middle school and high school age youth will address questions about how the future looks to each of them, the challenges they see and experience in their neighborhoods, and what would make their community better. Start the dialogue — attend this workshop!

Track 2 — Schools and Community

Workshop 2-A: Community Schools (9:30-10:30)

Hear from school administrators, partners and community members about tips, benefits, and opportunities for becoming involved with the public school in your neighborhood. Learn about Knox County's community schools initiative and the benefits of community schools.

Adam Fritts, Lonsdale Community School Site Resource Coordinator, Great Schools Partnership
Amy Brace, Principal, Lonsdale Elementary School, Knox County Schools
Lynn Redmon, Norwood Community School Steering Committee member and President,
Norwood Homeowners Association
Stephanie Welch, Great Schools Partnership (Moderator)
Tracey Matthews, Family and Community Engagement Supervisor, Knox County Schools

Workshop 2-B: No panel in this time slot

Workshop 2-C: Knox County School Board “Meet and Greet” (1:45-2:45)

From Common Core standards and standardized tests to personnel issues and multi-million-dollar budgets, the members of the Knox County Board of Education have to navigate a multitude of issues as they oversee the direction of Knox County Schools. Here is a chance to hear from some of the members of the board and to ask questions you may have about our public schools.

Knox County Board of Education
Stephanie Welch, Great Schools Partnership (Moderator)

Track 3 — Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Workshop 3-A: No Panel in This Time Slot

Workshop 3-B: New Neighbors, New Worlds (11:00-Noon)

Thousands of immigrants and refugees have moved into the Knoxville area in recent years. Hear the stories of immigrants from Africa, South America, and Southeast Asia. They will share elements of their native cultures, explain why they immigrated to the U.S., and profile immigrant populations in Knox County. They will also address cultural barriers to immigrants becoming full participants in East Tennessee society. This is your opportunity to ask frank questions about cultural and language differences, and how you can bridge those gaps to welcome your neighbors.

Drocella Mugorewera, 2009 immigrant from Rwanda, Refugee Outreach Coordinator and Patient Services Representative, Cherokee Health Systems
Liliana Burbano, 2009 immigrant from Colombia, Knox County Health Dept. (Moderator)
Siang Lian Hup, immigrant from Myanmar, Knoxville Myanmar Christian Fellowship

Workshop 3-C: Neighbors in Need (1:45-2:45)

The grass has grown to nearly a foot high at the house down the block, not typical of what we know of the residents. Do we call codes enforcement? Or is something else going on? How do we know if our neighbors might need help in some way? What should we look for? Whom do we call? This workshop is designed to help you recognize that a neighbor may have a need that a local social services agency can help meet. You will receive an overview of key community services and resources that you can count on whenever you or a neighbor find yourself in need of assistance. And find out how one neighborhood organization marshals support for neighbors in need.

Joanna Pennoyer, Island Home Park Neighborhood Association
Mike Dunthorn, Office on Homelessness, City of Knoxville
Stephanie Cook, Disability Services Office, City of Knoxville (Moderator)
Susan Long, Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC)

Track 4 —Neighborhood Sparks

Workshop 4-A: Creative Place Making (9:30-10:30)

A mural in a downtown alley... another mural underneath the freeway... an entire neighborhood striving for wildlife-friendly yards... a tiny library... a creek-side amphitheatre... bus stops decorated by local artists. These Knoxville neighborhood projects are examples of “place making” — the process of combining human ingenuity with community assets to transform a public space for the well-being of the community. In this workshop, you’ll get a whirlwind tour of these projects, [Pecha Kucha style](#), and gain insight into how they did it and how **you** can do it in your own neck of the woods.

Ben Epperson, Knox County Health Department (Moderator)
Calvin Chappelle and Lynn Sullivan, Parkridge Community Organization
Danny Gray, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Jeff Talman, Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Association
Maggie Davidson, Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association
Rick Emmett, Downtown Coordinator, City of Knoxville

Workshop 4-B: Creative Event Making (11:00-Noon)

Within the last year, neighborhood organizations in Knoxville staged a homecoming event (complete with parades and entertainment), a monthly multi-cultural market with foods and crafts from a dozen cultures, a tour of homes, and ARToberfest, a fund-raising event that included an art show, live music and an old-fashioned German beer garden. Learn from these groups about how to plan and execute a neighborhood event with attention to details such as partnering with the City and other nonprofits, forming committees, managing volunteers, budgeting, creating a project timeline, communications and advertising, and other logistics.

David Gillette, Mechanicsville Community Association
Laurie Meschke, Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Association
Susan Koelzer, Parkridge Community Organization

Workshop 4-C: Creating Walkable, Bikeable Neighborhoods (1:45-2:45)

For decades our automobile-centric society paid little attention to walkers, runners and bicyclists when neighborhoods were planned and streets were laid out. Some of our neighborhoods and many of our streets reflect this bias. This workshop will address the benefits of walking and biking for personal health and social connections — and the benefits of walkable, bikeable neighborhoods for our quality of life. Panelists will explain the concept of “complete streets” and address ways to improve neighborhood walkability and bikeability, including the “walking school bus” as a way to get children to school safely. Learn different ways to engage local government on these issues.

Caroline Cooley, M.D., President, Bike Walk Knoxville
Ellen Zavisca, Transportation Planning Organization (Moderator)
Liliana Burbano, Knox County Health Department

Track 5 — Nuts & Bolts of Neighborhood Organizations

Workshop 5-A: How to Start a Neighborhood Organization (9:30-10:30)

This workshop will offer suggestions and do’s and don’ts for starting a new neighborhood association, revitalizing an organization that has gone dormant, and recruiting new members. Get basic pointers from the city’s Office of Neighborhoods, and come away with a game plan for how to get started. This workshop won’t sugar-coat the challenge: Recruiting (and retaining) members takes work. But you will learn some theoretical and practical approaches to attracting new members and keeping folks involved over time. This workshop is suitable for all types of neighborhood groups, except for HOA’s with mandatory dues and covenants.

David Massey, Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville

Workshop 5-B: Online Tools for Neighborhood Groups (11:00-Noon)

Experts will walk you through four web sites with a wealth of information useful to neighborhood groups.

- See how www.nextdoor.com can be used to connect neighbors and enhance communication within a neighborhood.
- Understand the crime data that the Knoxville Police Department pours into www.raidsonline.com each day so that you can keep up with criminal activity in your neighborhood.
- Learn how the maps at www.kgis.org can be used to zoom in on zoning, political boundaries, school zones, owners of individual properties and much more.
- Discover www.etindex.org and the wealth of economic and quality of life data that you can use to drive change without having to possess the expertise to collect and maintain the information.

Don Loy, Tatewood Neighborhood Watch (Moderator)

Jonne Crick, Knoxville Police Department
Keith Stump, KGIS (our local governments' online geographic information system)
Tim Kuhn, Metropolitan Planning Commission

Workshop 5-C: How to Apply for Grants (1:45-2:45)

Neighborhood groups raise money by passing the hat, staging fund-raising events, selling newsletter ads, and engaging in other grass roots fund-raising activities. This workshop will focus on a different form of fund-raising: applying for grants from foundations, corporations and governmental agencies. Pick up some basic pointers that will help you prepare a grant request. Learn how one neighborhood has applied for and received “202 funds” from Knoxville City Council. Hear from a local nonprofit that provides fiscal sponsorship services. And get the skinny on the Foundation Center’s Funding Information Network and a wealth of other resources offered by the Knoxville Public Library.

Catherine Moirai, Knox County Public Library
Lisa Walsh, Kingston Pike Sequoyah Hills Association
Mary Linda Schwarzbart, Grants Consultant (Moderator)
Shelley Wascom, Community Shares

Track 6 — HOA Legal Issues

Workshop 6-A: HOA Legal Issues Part 1: The Law and the Courts (9:30-10:30)

A formal Home Owners Association (HOA) is a mandatory dues and membership organization for the maintenance of commonly owned real estate and for the regulation (through covenants and deed restrictions) of privately owned property within a neighborhood. “HOA Legal Issues Part 1” will focus on state laws, court rulings and pending litigation that have impacted or may impact how HOA’s operate, especially with regard to their ability to alter and enforce covenants.

Wayne A. Kline, Attorney at Law, Hodges Doughty & Carson

Workshop 6-B: HOA Legal Issues Part 2: Q&A (11:00-Noon)

Sometimes HOA’s—and HOA members—face challenging legal issues. If some homeowners have stopped paying dues, and there aren’t enough funds to cover the upkeep of common property, can the HOA place a lien on a member’s house? Exactly what can the HOA regulate through covenants? What does it take to alter by-laws? What is the HOA’s responsibility for holding elections and sharing financial reports with its members? What happens if the developer of a subdivision fails to properly establish the HOA? Why can’t the city assume responsibility for private streets and detention/retention ponds? These are the types of questions that can be addressed in this workshop.

Wayne A. Kline, Attorney at Law, Hodges Doughty & Carson

Workshop 6-C: No Panel in This Time Slot

Track 7 — Rental Housing

Workshop 7-A: Addressing Quality of Life Issues in Public Housing (9:30-10:30)

This is a workshop for residents of public housing who want to improve the quality of life in their communities by working with and through their resident associations. Hear from the executive director of Knoxville's Community Development Corp. (KCDC), the public housing authority for Knoxville and Knox County. Learn how the Montgomery Village Resident Association, working with the U.T. School of Social Work, conducted a door-to-door survey of residents' concerns and attracted new participants as a result. And you will find out about the Resident Initiatives programs offered by Tennessee's Community Assistance Corp.'s (TCAC), along with TCAC's services for resident associations --- including training for resident councils.

Alvin Nance, Executive Director, KCDC
Aletha Purkey, TCAC (Tennessee's Community Assistance Corp.)
Jenn Christian, UT College of Social Work
Ronnie Thompson, Montgomery Village Residents Association

Workshop 7-B: No panel in this time slot.

Workshop 7-C: Landlord-Tenant Law and Fair Housing (1:45-2:45)

This presentation will cover essential information and practical applications associated with the Landlord-Tenant Law in Tennessee and the federal Fair Housing Act. Specific discussion items will include eviction timeline process and procedures, tenants' rights, notification rules, fair housing investigative process, and outreach efforts to promote housing equality.

Charity Miles Williams, Attorney, Legal Aid of East Tennessee
Mark Rigsby, Community Development Dept., City of Knoxville (Moderator)
Saadia Williams, Tennessee Human Rights Commission

Track 8 — City Government

Workshop 8-A: Know Your Government: City Administration (9:30-10:30)

City services and the quality of life in your neighborhood are closely intertwined, and so it's important that neighborhood leaders know what's what and who's who in city government. In this workshop, you will hear from and get a chance to meet Mayor Madeline Rogero; her top two deputies, Chief Operating Officer Christi Branscom and Chief Policy Officer Bill Lyons; and directors and managers of key departments. These include the 311 Call Center, Community Development, Engineering, Fire, KAT (Knoxville Area Transit), Law, Parks & Recreation, Police, Policy & Redevelopment, and Public Service. This is primarily a "meet and greet" workshop.

Workshop 8-B: City Council “Meet and Greet” (11:00-Noon)

Knoxville’s nine-member City Council has the power to levy sales and property taxes, set the city’s annual budget, approve major expenditures and contracts, and adopt ordinances (laws) affecting every citizen and neighborhood. Here’s your chance to get a brief overview of how City Council works, hear from several Council members, and meet them briefly.

Workshop 8-C: No Panel in This Time Slot

Track 9 — County Government

Workshop 9-A: No panel in this time slot.

Workshop 9-B: Know Your Government: County Departments (11:00-Noon)

Under Mayor Tim Burchett, Knox County government offers a wide variety of services for Knox County residents who live outside Knoxville and Farragut city limits. In this workshop, you will gain an overview of county government—particularly in the areas of Building Inspections, Engineering, Constituent Services, Health, Parks & Recreation, and Solid Waste. Managers and directors in these departments will be available to answer your questions.

Workshop 9-C: County Commission “Meet and Greet” (1:45-2:45)

It’s a good idea to meet and know your local legislators before you have a specific issue on their agenda. Here’s your chance to learn about the workings of the Knox County Commission and to meet some of its members.

Track 10 — Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Safety

Workshop 10-A: Getting Organized to Fight Crime (9:30-10:30)

The Knoxville Police Department (KPD) and Knox County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO), together with city and county neighborhood watch leaders, will discuss the benefits of neighborhood watch, explain how to start a neighborhood watch in your neighborhood, share tips on reducing the likelihood of burglaries and larcenies in your neighborhood, and then respond to your questions.

Anna Compton, Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch (Moderator)
Connie Hughes, Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch
Katy Davis, Education Coordinator/Crime Prevention, Knox County Sheriff’s Office
Ricky Gallaher, Neighborhood Watch Program, Knoxville Police Department
Susan Stewart, Riverbend Peninsula Homeowners Association

Workshop 10-B: Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Response (11:00-Noon)

Natural and man-made disasters occur frequently, and yet most of us seem to have a hard time acting on the possibility that we may be the next victims. How do we prepare our own families for emergencies? Exactly how are Knoxville and Knox County emergency services organized to respond to natural and man-made disasters? In addition to the Red Cross, what other organizations are set up locally to respond to disasters? This workshop will answer those questions, provide information on Citizen Emergency Response Training classes, and explain how your city neighborhood can participate in the City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Program.

Amber Sparks, Emergency Response Section, Knox County Health Department
Bill Lamere, Disaster Services, Knoxville Chapter, American Red Cross
Bud Yard, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)
Colin Ickes, Operations Officer, Knoxville/Knox County Emergency Management Agency

Workshop 10-C: Top Cops: Law Enforcement Issues and Concerns (1:45-2:45)

In this unique workshop, you will hear from the top law enforcement officials in Knox County — District Attorney General Charme Allen, Knox County Sheriff JJ Jones, and Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch. They will set the stage for a frank discussion of law enforcement issues and concerns in our community.

Charme P. Allen, District Attorney General
David Rausch, Chief, Knoxville Police Department
JJ Jones, Sheriff, Knox County

Track 11 — Zoning

Workshop 11-A: Why Zoning Matters to Your Neighborhood (9:30-10:30)

Zoning is the process whereby local governments regulate land use — often a critical issue for neighborhoods. This panel will address:

- What does the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) consider when making zoning decisions? Why is it critical that neighborhoods weigh in? Why do commissioners sometimes vote against the desire of neighborhoods?
- How one city neighborhood group keeps informed of upcoming zoning requests that might impact the neighborhood, researches these requests to determine whether they are good or bad for the neighborhood, and engages with developers and MPC commissioners.
- The importance of responsible zoning and development in the county, so that there is room for farmlands and other green space as well as new developments.

Ashley Williams, West Hills Community Association
Janice Tocher, Commissioner, Metropolitan Planning Commission (Moderator)
Michael Kane, Commissioner, Metropolitan Planning Commission
Stewart Oakes, Owner, Oakes Daylilies

Workshop 11-B: MPC / BZA 101 (11:00-Noon)

Just as zoning and land use are important for neighborhoods, so are the steps that lead to zoning decisions and zoning appeals. If your organization does not have a zoning chair, recruit someone for that role and ask him or her to attend this workshop. They will learn the process that the staff of MPC (Metropolitan Planning Commission) goes through in the research of rezoning petitions, plan amendments and use-on-review requests and how they arrive at recommendations for the commissioners' consideration. Learn how to make an effective presentation at a monthly MPC meeting. Finally, hear from both the city and county zoning appeals boards (BZA) to learn how they decide whether to grant or deny zoning appeals.

Dan Kelly, Development Services Manager, MPC
Don Horton, Chair, City Board of Zoning Appeals
Janice Tocher, Commissioner, MPC (Moderator)
Markus Chady, Chair, County Board of Zoning Appeals
Rebecca Longmire, Chair, MPC

Workshop 11-C: No Panel in This Time Slot

Track 12 — Blight and Neighborhood Revitalization

Workshop 12-A: County Codes Enforcement (9:30-10:30)

Knox County's property maintenance codes establish minimum standards in the areas of vacant and blighted property, dirty or overgrown lots, and inoperable vehicles. Learn exactly what these codes cover, how they may apply to problems in your neighborhood, and how your neighborhood group can work with county government to address the issues. Learn, too, about zoning violations and zoning enforcement.

Daniel Sanders, Knox County Law Department
Roy Braden, Knox County Building Official (codes admin. & enforcement, building inspections)

Workshop 12-B: City Codes Enforcement (11:00-Noon)

The city's Neighborhood Codes Enforcement office is responsible for making sure residential and commercial property owners are maintaining their buildings and lots in accordance with city ordinances. Come to this workshop to ask your questions about overgrown lots, abandoned vehicles, and dilapidated buildings that are in violation of the building codes. The proper use of a property given its designated zoning is regulated by the city's Plans Review & Inspections Department. Learn how zoning enforcement is deployed in the city.

Robert Moyers, Manager, Neighborhood Codes Enforcement, City of Knoxville
Scott Elder, Zoning Chief, Plans Review & Inspections Dept., City of Knoxville

Workshop 12-C: Anti-Blight Programs and Strategies (1:45-2:45)

Blighted property breeds crime, lowers the value of neighboring properties, discourages investment, and spoils a neighborhood's character and quality of life. Learn how one neighborhood takes the initiative to cure blighted properties. Get details on the Community Development Department's anti-blight and housing rehab programs, including rental rehab.

David Brace, Director, Public Service Dept., City of Knoxville (Moderator)
Janna Cecil, Community Development Dept., City of Knoxville
Kathy Ellis, Community Development Dept., City of Knoxville
Lauren Rider, Old North Knoxville, Inc.

Track 13 — Pets, KUB Bills, and Food

Workshop 13-A: Four-Legged Neighbors (9:30-10:30)

Our four-legged neighbors might include feral cats, a neighbor's aggressive dog, the raccoon in the attic, a stray dog or cat, and that coyote captured in your headlights as you were coming home at night. A panel of experts will discuss who does what in animal control and animal rescue, how to report an aggressive or noisy animal, pet adoption, wild animals, and related topics.

Anne Loy, Tatewood Neighborhood Watch (Moderator)
Clint Smith, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Frankie Byrne, Director, Animal Control Services, Knox County Sheriff's Office
Jeff Ashin, CEO, Young Williams Animal Center
Keri Henley, Animal Control, Knoxville Police Department

Workshop 13-B: Tips for No-Cost and Low-Cost Energy Savings (11:00-Noon)

Wouldn't you like to have more money for your family? You could buy something they need, or maybe use it to do something fun together. Come to this workshop to learn some easy, free, and low-cost ways to save energy. By saving energy, your electric and/or gas bills will be less. Other tips will keep you comfortable for less. Stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer, all while saving energy and money.

Dr. Martha Keel, Housing & Environmental Health Professor, UT Agriculture Extension, University of Tennessee
Jason Estes, Director, Housing & Energy Services, Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee
Stan Johnson, Executive Director, Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development (Moderator)

Workshop 13-C: Food Access, Community Gardens and Urban Agriculture (1:45-2:45)

The growing interest in community gardens and urban agriculture is occurring at a time when there is also a heightened awareness that access to healthy food differs greatly from one part of our community to another. This panel will examine food access; define food deserts and their location in Knoxville; explain recent initiatives by the City of Knoxville to increase opportunities to grow food; discuss the role of urban agriculture in food pantries for the most food insecure; reveal how food insecure individuals can use backyard gardens to prepare low-cost meals; and profile recent initiatives to use local resources to improve food access.

Ben Epperson, Knox County Health Department
Brian Blackmon, Office of Sustainability, City of Knoxville
Eston Williams, Town Hall East and USDA (Moderator)
John Harris, Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC)
Liz Albertson, Metropolitan Planning Commission