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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods to report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods.

1. City Offices Closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

City offices will be closed Monday, January 21, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Waste Connections, the city's household garbage collector, will also be closed. The collection for garbage and curbside recycling for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's collection will be picked up on Wednesday and so on, ending with Friday's collection picked up on Saturday, January 26.

Downtown trash collection will run a normal schedule on Monday. The city's recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not work Monday. The city's Solid Waste Management Facility, 1033 Elm Street, will be closed on Saturday, January 19, and on Monday, January 21.

2. West Hills Elects Some New Officers

Ashley Williams recently was elected president-elect of West Hills Community Association; he will replace Reuben Pelot as president in October. Other new officers are Erika Fuhr, who replaced Barbara Pelot as secretary, and Clara Hardin, who was named treasurer to replace the late Lynn Day.

Other standing officers (not elected recently) are Chuck Anderton, vice president in charge of programs; Allen and Pam Douglas, vice presidents in charge of the parks; Dr. A.B. Klieforth, codes chair; Lee Hume, newsletter manager; A.B. Hardin, chair of the traffic committee; and Jean Teague, chair of the zoning committee.

3. KUB Plans Major Utility Work on Lyons View Pike

KUB is gearing up to make major upgrades to the natural gas, water and wastewater collection systems along Lyons View Pike, requiring road closures and detours during the construction period, which will begin in the spring and last through the fall.

The project will extend from Lyons View Pike's intersection with Kingston Pike to Brakebill Nursing Home at Oak Grove Lane.

The utility plans to hold information and public input meeting on the project from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 24, in the library at Sacred Heart Cathedral School, 711 Northshore Drive. It is requesting that affected neighborhood groups send representatives to the meeting.

“We would like customers’ comments and suggestions on scheduling, how this project may impact commutes, and the best way to communicate project information moving forward,” KUB said. “KUB wants to provide its customers with an opportunity to discuss options for improving utility service and to address any concerns they might have. We want customers’ input into these decisions.”

As the project gets underway, customers can call 558-2330 to hear recorded updates, and can also leave a recorded message if they have questions after normal business hours. All messages will be replied to the next business day. Customers can also follow the project and receive regular updates by subscribing to the blog www.lyonsviewpikeproject.blogspot.com.

4. Public Input Sought on Future of Historic Knoxville High School

The East Tennessee Community Design Center (ETCDC) is asking for public input on the possible future use of Historic Knoxville High School on Fifth Avenue.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29, in the fellowship hall of St. John Lutheran Church, 544 North Broadway. Refreshments will be served starting at 6 p.m., and the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Knox County School Board last year approved a resolution to return the school to Knox County for disposition by July 1, 2013. Last November, Knox County Schools Supt. James McIntyre, Jr., asked the City of Knoxville’s Community Development Department to engage ETCDC to explore the potential adaptive re-use of the building.

The Design Center’s work on this project will be covered under its existing contract with Community Development for community redevelopment design projects. The funding source is the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

To RSVP for the meeting, or to learn more, contact ETCDC’s Leslie Fawaz at 525-9945 or leslie@communitydc.org. For more on the Design Center, see its new web site at www.communitydc.org.

5. Citizens Academy to Teach Local Government, Citizen Involvement

The League of Women Voters is accepting applications to participate in its Citizens Academy, a series of classes for citizens of Knoxville and/or Knox County who want to improve and make changes in their communities.

Participants will learn “a new understanding of how city and county government work, practical approaches to dealing with community issues, and an invaluable experience right inside the halls of the city-county building,” the League states. “The goal of the Citizens

Academy is to set in motion a vanguard of empowered citizens who will help our county confront its challenges and reach its potential.”

The training will take place from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on February 16 and February 23, and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on March 9, with a reception following.

“Applicants should already be engaged and active locally either on their own or as part of an organization that betters our community,” according to the League’s guidelines. Applications from members of organizations that are discriminatory in nature will not be considered.

The application form can be found at www.lwvknoxville.org. Those without Internet access can request a copy by calling 865-408-8GOV. Leave a message with your name and address. The completed form can be submitted by email to League@lwvknoxville.org or by mail to League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County, P.O. Box 31825, Knoxville, TN 37930.

6. Neighborhoods Weigh Tennova News

Residents of at least three Knoxville neighborhoods this week were cautiously assessing recent news involving Tennova Healthcare and the potential impact on the neighborhoods.

In West Knoxville, West Hills Community Association has scheduled a meeting between its 40-member executive committee and officials of Tennova, which announced that it has acquired an option to purchase a 110-acre tract of land on Middlebrook Pike, just north of the West Hills neighborhood.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, January 21, at Church of the Nazarene on Vanosdale Road, across from West Hills Elementary School. WHCA President Reuben Pelot said Tennova is sending a representative to the meeting. “There is a lot of interest” among West Hills residents in Tennova’s plans, Pelot noted.

Tennova has stated it might wish to build a replacement hospital for Physicians Regional Medical Center (formerly St. Mary’s) on Oak Hill in the Oakwood Lincoln Park neighborhood.

For its part, the Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association’s board plans to discuss a response to the Tennova announcement, with high hopes that the company will maintain a significant presence on the Oak Hill campus.

One day after the new-site announcement, the News Sentinel reported that Blanchard and Calhoun Commercial of Augusta, Ga., has acquired an option to purchase the complex of pink-colored buildings formerly known as Baptist Hospital along the Tennessee River in South Knoxville. Except for a few remaining offices, the property was closed in 2008, after Baptist merged with St. Mary’s Hospital to become Mercy Health Partners.

Then in 2011 Mercy was acquired by Health Management Associates (HMA), a Naples, Fla.-based chain of dozens of acute-care clinics and hospitals in 15 states. Mercy was renamed Tennova Healthcare.

Through a real estate company, HMA has been seeking a buyer for Baptist amidst lots of worries that the nearly empty complex is slowing waterfront development. The site is adjacent to the Old Sevier neighborhood, but the fate of the complex has been on the minds of neighborhood leaders across South Knoxville for years.

One South Knoxville neighborhood leader who asked not to be identified said she is impressed by Blanchard and Calhoun Commercial's track record and is hopeful that the Baptist site will be redeveloped in a way that enhances South Knoxville's waterfront, neighborhoods and businesses. "We're excited about it," the leader stated.

As reported, Blanchard and Calhoun Commercial is no stranger to Knoxville, having developed the Brooklawn Shopping Center in Farragut and a shopping center at Middlebrook Pike and Cedar Bluff. It is also said to be involved in efforts to assemble land for a "mega site" near the I-40/I-81 interchange in Jefferson County and a new Kroger-anchored shopping center in Oak Ridge.

Although the company's work in this region has been mainly commercial, it has a track record of building quality waterfront residential communities and mixed-use communities in other locations in the South.

7. Is "Neighbor Versus Neighbor" Playing in Your Neighborhood?

Unfortunately, it happens all too often.

A barking dog at 3 a.m., loud late-night parties every weekend, and clashes over on-street parking are just a few of the problems that can lead to strained relationships between neighbors.

Or worse. Last spring, a dispute over trees and a boundary line prompted a man to fatally shoot his next-door neighbor with a rifle in Western Maryland, according to news reports.

Even mild disagreements can make life difficult for all involved. "Love Thy Neighbor" is easier commanded than practiced.

"Resolving Disputes between Neighbors" will be one of 30 workshops offered at the 2013 Neighborhood Conference, which will be held Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center. A conference brochure and registration details will be announced soon.

Leading the "conflict resolution" workshop will be the Community Mediation Center, a local nonprofit that screens approximately 800 mediation referrals each year from courts in the Knox County area, as well as from schools, churches, law enforcement, neighborhood groups, and social service agencies. Last year, CMC co-mediated disputes using over 50 active volunteer mediators who each make a commitment of at least one year to the organization. (See [www.2mediate.org/.](http://www.2mediate.org/))

The workshop will include demonstrations of effective ways of handling disagreements before they escalate into major confrontations and long-term conflict. To assist CMC prepare for this workshop, the Office of Neighborhoods is seeking examples of conflicts between neighbors that have negatively affected a neighborhood and/or neighborhood organization.

Without mentioning names or identifying information, please send examples of such conflicts to CMC Executive Director Jackie Kittrell at jkittrell@2mediate.org.

Jackie will revise the examples and use them at the workshop to create and perform realistic role-plays to demonstrate effective conflict skills for solving neighborhood disputes. All information received will be treated as confidential; anything which could be used to identify people or neighborhoods will be changed.

The 2013 Neighborhoods Conference is being produced by the city's Office of Neighborhoods, with input from both city and county governments and neighborhoods.

Home Federal Bank --- www.homefederalbanktn.com --- is sponsoring the continental breakfast, Waste Connections --- www.wasteconnectionstn.com --- is the luncheon sponsor. Also sponsoring is Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace Realtors (www.cbww.com). To participate as a sponsor, contact David Massey at 215-3232.

8. 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/>.

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 48 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Saturday, January 19 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue\
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
City Offices Closed

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Parade and Memorial Service
Parade begins at 10 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 MLK Jr. Blvd.
All are welcome to participate.
Groups should register here: <http://www.mlkknoxville.org/Copied-Parade--March.php>
Memorial Service: 11:45 a.m., Greater Warner Tabernacle Church, 3800 MLK Jr. Blvd.
www.MLKKnoxville.org
admin@MLKKnoxville.org or 673-8988

Monday, January 21 --- 7 p.m.

West Hills Community Association
Executive Committee Meeting with Tennova Healthcare
Church of the Nazarene, Vanosdale Road

Tuesday, January 22 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>

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

Thursday, January 24 --- 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, January 24 --- 6 p.m.

Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC)

[PARC addresses citizen concerns about the Knoxville Police Dept.]

Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 West Main

(Free parking available after 5:30 p.m. on top level of the parking garage.)

Enter building at Main Street entrance.)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/parc/>

Lisa Chambers, 215-3966

Thursday, January 24 --- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Public Meeting: Lyons View Pike Utility Project

Knoxville Utilities Board

Sacred Heart Cathedral School, 711 Northshore Drive

Contact: 558-2330, www.lyonsviewpikeproject.blogspot.com.

Monday, January 28 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

Knox County Commission

(Every Fourth Monday, Jan.-Oct. Third Mondays, Nov.-Dec.)

www.knoxcounty.org/commission

Agenda: Click on “Meetings” and then “Commission Agendas”

Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting.

Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, January 29 --- 6 p.m.

Public Input Meeting

Topic: Future Use of Historic Knoxville High School

Refreshments served at 6 p.m. Meeting begins 6:30 p.m.

East Tennessee Community Design Center

Please RSVP: Leslie Fawaz, 525-9945, leslie@communitydc.org

Thursday, January 31 --- 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 1 --- 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

Monday, February 4 --- 5:00 p.m.

Knox County School Board – Work Session
(Monday before the regular meeting, except holidays)
First Floor Board Room
Andrew Johnson Building, 912 South Gay St.
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on “Board of Education

Monday, February 4 --- 5:30 p.m.

Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)
(First Mondays except holidays)
CAC/Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue
Dave Gartner, 862-2066

Tuesday, February 5 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, February 5 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, February 6 --- 5:00 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education
Monthly Meeting (Normally first Wednesdays)
Large Assembly Room, City County Building
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on “Board of Education”

Friday, February 8 --- 6:00 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

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

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (second Mondays)
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

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

Vestal Community Organization (second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center
Newman Seay, 577-4593

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

Belle Morris Community Action Group (second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue
www.bellemorris.com
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

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

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

Tuesday, February 12 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, February 12 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, February 13 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Every Second Wednesday)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golfclub Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, February 13 --- 4:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Advisory Council
(Every Second Wednesday except July and Dec.)
CAC/Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, February 14 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Monday, February 18 --- 7 p.m.
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Location Varies
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net

Tuesday, February 19 --- 10 a.m.
Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council (Third Tuesdays)
CAC/MLB Building, 2247 Western Avenue
(See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/food.asp> for bylaws, community garden toolkit etc.)

Tuesday, February 19 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, February 19 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Thursday, February 21 --- Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders

Speaker: Sam McKenzie, Knox County Commissioner
Burlington Library, 4614 Asheville Highway
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

Thursday, February 21 --- 8:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, February 21 --- 12 p.m.

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays except July)
Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay Street
See www.kub.org. Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, February 21 --- 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 21 – 6 p.m.

Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Thursday, February 21--- 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, March 11 --- 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting
Central Business Improvement District
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square
(Future meetings in 2013: 6/10, 9/9, 12/9)
<http://downtownknoxville.org/>
Michele Hummel, 246-2654

Saturday, March 23 --- 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Conference
Knoxville Convention Center
Office of Neighborhoods
David Massey, 215-3232

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