



# KNOXVILLE SOUTH WATERFRONT Monthly Newsletter

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## PROJECT UPDATES

### Blount Avenue Design

Cannon & Cannon expects to complete construction documents and the bid package for the Blount Avenue reconstruction project by the end of June. Unless property purchases needed for right of way & sidewalk construction cause delays, we hope to start the bid process in July. This project will rebuild Blount Avenue from the Norfolk Southern RR underpass to Hawthorne Avenue.

### River Park & Roads

Design Development documents have been completed by the Vaughn & Melton, and construction documentation will follow soon. Most of the property needed for the Park and Road right of way has been purchased, through some properties are still being worked on in the Sevier / Lincoln Street area. The main goal at this point is to finish development agreement negotiations with Southshore Properties to make sure private development is coordinated effectively with the public improvements, and to complete the Brownfield and Programmatic Agreements with TDEC and TVA.

### Cityview

Discussions with several parties are underway to determine who will assume completion responsibilities. Julian Lecraw & Company, a construction management firm based in Atlanta, has been named the Receiver to manage the project for Regions Bank.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT

- Environmental sampling is occurring in the Park & Road area, in conjunction with the TDEC Brownfield Agreement.
- Soil borings have started in the Park & Road and Pedestrian Bridge project areas in the South Waterfront, to provide load bearing data and recommendations to be used in design and construction.

## Announcements

### Street & Park Naming Survey

The City of Knoxville Public Properties & Facilities Naming Committee (PPFNC), chaired by Councilman Joe Bailey, met on June 8<sup>th</sup> to consider the results of the survey conducted for 3 streets and the waterfront park in the area north of Langford Avenue. The committee asked that another vote be conducted, limited to the top two names for each street and the park. The survey will start on June 15<sup>th</sup> and close on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to vote for your preference.

If you would like to vote online, the survey can be found on both the MPC and SW homepages:

<http://www.knoxmpc.org/>  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/southwaterfront/>

If you would like to vote using a paper copy of the ballot, please call (865) 215-4545.

Once the proposed names are recommended for approval by the PPFNC, they will be sent to MPC for a recommendation, and then on to City Council for adoption by ordinance.

### SW Advisory Board Meeting

The South Waterfront Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for **5:30 PM June 25, 2009** at KCDC, training room. All Advisory Board Meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

*Sometimes meeting times and places change. Please continue to check the South Waterfront Website for meeting updates between newsletters.*

### Waterfront Park Design

Thanks to those of you who submitted comments from last month's open house. Hargreaves Associates are close to completion of the waterfront park design. The final design will be made available for inspection at the South Waterfront office on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the City-County Building.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### My Front Yard Program

Community Development has some information they are interested in sharing with South Knoxville. If you are a homeowner interested in exterior repairs and landscaping improvements, please contact Community Development directly at 215-2120:

"Funds to make exterior repairs and landscaping improvements to your home are available under federally funded Empowerment Zone (EZ) programs of the City of Knoxville's Community Development Department and the Partnership for Neighborhood Improvement.

You may be eligible for a forgivable loan for up to \$4,999 to make exterior improvements to your home. No payments are required, and the loan will be forgiven over 5 years if all requirements are met. The goal of the **My Front Yard** program is to beautify your home and neighborhood by providing construction and landscaping assistance to eligible homeowners and properties.

To participate, you must meet the program's income requirements, and your home must be located in the Empowerment Zone. The home must be your principal residence and not a rental property, and your mortgage, taxes and homeowner's insurance must be current. Your home must pass a minimum housing inspection to qualify. Homes that need extensive or emergency repairs may be referred to other home repair programs."

For more info, visit the city's website:

[www.cityofknoxville.org/development](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development).

Please call 215-2120 with any questions or to request a **My Front Yard** application.

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