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

1. Neighborhood Conference Aims to Boost Neighborhoods

The Neighborhood Conference to be held in three weeks at the Knoxville Convention Center is meant to strengthen neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations. All 32 of the workshops and 40 information booths at the conference are designed to help achieve this goal. Just for example:

- Neighborhoods are more livable, and neighborhood organizations more effective, when neighbors get along with each other. The session on “Disputes between Neighbors” will suggest effective ways to handle disputes before they escalate into long-term conflict.
- In the session on parks and greenways, the parks & recreation directors for the city and county will provide details on all city and county recreation programs, which can help to keep our youth occupied and out of mischief.
- Just like many other communities across the nation, Knoxville and Knox County have experienced an influx of new neighbors from other countries, particularly those in Central and South America. The “New Neighbors, New Opportunities” session will address myths about and suggest ways to reach out to these new neighbors.
- When it comes to money, neighborhood groups are like any other non-profit: Manage it badly, and your organization can suffer. The session on “Managing Money without Controversy or Suspicion” provides professional advice to help your organization earn everyone’s trust.
- To have money to manage, you have to know how to raise it. “Grassroots Fundraising” will help your group develop some independent fund-raising skills.
- A variety of city and county agencies, along with nonprofit groups, will offer a wealth of information at the 40 exhibition booths at the conference. This is information that can be useful to individual neighbors as well as neighborhood organizations.

Two hundred people have now registered for the conference. To guarantee your participation, browse to www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods to download the program and register on line. Or call 215-3456 to have material mailed to you.

*** Admission to the conference is free and open to anyone interested in neighborhood improvement.

*** Online registration ends at noon Tuesday, March 19. Your registration must be in hand by that time to guarantee a free box lunch. Early registration also ensures that you get into the workshops you want.

*** When you register online, you should receive a confirmation email. If you did not receive this email, call Eden Slater at 215-3456 to make sure you are registered.

*** The conference ends at 3 p.m. after a drawing for door prizes. Door prize tickets are obtained by participating in the workshops.

Produced by the city's Office of Neighborhoods, this conference is made possible, in part, by the generous donations of [Waste Connections](#), the garbage and recycling contractor for the city, which is sponsoring the lunch, and [Home Federal Bank](#), which is sponsoring the continental breakfast.

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Neighbor" sponsors are [Cannon & Cannon](#), [First Tennessee Bank](#) and [Knoxville Area Association of Realtors](#). Other sponsorships are available. Call David Massey at 215-3232.

2. PlanET Encourages Public Participation Meetings

Within the next 25 years, the five-county region of Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon and Union counties is expected to grow by almost 300,000 people, and to create some 240,000 jobs.

How can the citizens of this region protect the special qualities of East Tennessee and, at the same time, accommodate expansion?

Throughout March, PlanET will host a public participation series focusing on how the people who live, work, and play here think the region should grow. These public meetings are the third round of input, since November 2011, to explore community members' priorities and look at potential options for growth as we welcome new people and new jobs to the area.

There are two ways to participate. Individuals may visit the PlanET website at <http://www.planeasttn.org/> to work through the materials online at their leisure. Or, you may ask your neighborhood association or civic organization to hold a "Meeting in a Box." The latter option allows you to choose a time and location of your choice with or without a PlanET facilitator. Details will be posted soon.

If you're interested in hosting a "Meeting in a Box," or want more information about this round of community input, contact Sherith Colverson, PlanET's outreach coordinator, by email at sherith.colverson@planeasttn.org or by phone at 865-215-4396.

In addition, citizens can learn more about regional trends and voice their opinions on growth at The Neighborhood Conference, to be held Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center. A PlanET session is one of 32 workshops at the conference. See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/conference/> for details, the conference program, and registration information.

3. Advisory Council Requests Next Steps for Rule High

Rule High School will be first up on the agenda of the Neighborhood Advisory Council when it meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the CAC/Luke Ross building, 2247 Western Avenue.

Several members of the Advisory Council got a chance to tour parts of the closed and deteriorating school building recently. Those who went on the tour included leaders from Lonsdale and Beaumont. Rule sits on a ridge between the two neighborhoods.

Concerned about the impact of the structure on the neighborhoods, NAC asked for a presentation from the Community Design Center, which has been retained to facilitate a process to determine the "highest and best use" of the facility and reports its findings to the Board of Education and to city and county governments.

(Such work is typical for the Design Center, which assembles people, organizations, and stakeholders through a public process to research ideas and opportunities to enhance the built environment.)

A representative of Knox County Schools has been invited to attend and participate.

Composed of neighborhood leaders from across Knoxville, NAC exists in part to provide advice and feedback to the City Administration on neighborhood issues and concerns. See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/advisory.asp> for more on NAC.

4. Community Design Center to Hold Reverse Raffle, Party

For decades the East Tennessee Community Design Center has helped neighborhoods and communities, at little or no charge, with the design of parks, playgrounds, community centers, repurposed school buildings, community gardens, and many other projects.

Now the Design Center is seeking support from the community through a "reverse raffle" fundraiser. Buy a ticket for \$100 for one chance to win \$10,000. The purchase of one ticket also allows you and your guest to attend the drawing event and partake of refreshments, finger foods and good conversation.

The drawing --- for two \$10,000 cash prizes --- will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, April 15, at The Southern Depot, 318 W. Depot Avenue. The drawing itself is fun because the 200th ticket drawn wins the first prize, and the 400th ticket drawn wins the second prize.

To purchase a ticket, call the Design Center at 525-9945. Visit <http://www.communitydc.org> for information on the work of the Design Center and the people who make it possible.

5. Help SEED Plant Fruit Trees, “Green the Block”

A grassroots organization called SEED --- Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development --- has dedicated the month of March to “greening” the blocks of inner city Knoxville.

On Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., volunteers will plant fruit trees --- an “edible forest” --- at the Morningside Community Center, 1617 Dandridge Avenue. Five other projects are planned for the day: renovating a basketball court, painting a retaining wall, clearing a fence line, building raised beds, and laying a wood chip path.

On Sunday March 17, SEED will hold its 3rd Annual “Green the Block” event from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. This event will also be at the Morningside Community Center. In addition to finishing up the projects begun the day before, SEED will give away over 70 fruit trees in order to spread the Edible Forest all around inner-city Knoxville.

SEED reports that it has been given the chance to receive a \$2,000 matching grant for the maintenance of the Edible Forest. As a fundraising effort to raise \$2,000, the group is looking for individual, group or business sponsors to purchase one or more fruit trees for \$43 each. The tree can be planted in the Edible Forest or donated to an inner-city family.

To learn how to volunteer and/or make a donation, contact Jessica Session at 363-6901 or 766-5185. Visit <http://seedknox.org/> for more on SEED.

6. Community Development Plans April 5 Community Fair

The City of Knoxville’s Community Development Department will sponsor a Community Fair on Friday, April 5, from 4-7 p.m., at the Ashley Nicole Playground at Caswell Park, 620 Winona Street.

At the fair, citizens can obtain information on housing programs, efforts to prevent homelessness, and community service initiatives; visit exhibits from local agencies and community groups; and enjoy networking on community issues. There will be children’s activities and games, along with free food.

Neighborhood organizations and other community groups who wish to participate should contact Mark Rigsby at 215-2235.

The fair is part of the department’s celebration of National Community Development Week, April 1-7. Events during the week will highlight recent accomplishments of programs, projects, activities and services that utilize federal funds to improve the lives of low- and moderate-income citizens. This year’s CD Week theme is, “Changing Communities, Changing Lives.”

Activities during the week also include a clothing drive; a ceremony featuring new and rehabbed homes in the Five Points redevelopment area; a presentation on CD programs at the April 1 meeting of COIN (Council of Involved Neighborhoods); dedication of the renovation at Samaritan Place; an eldercare seminar; open houses at the YWCA and Knox Housing Partnership; and a demonstration project to make a home more accessible for its occupants.

Should inclement weather occur, the Community Fair will be held at the Cansler Branch YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street.

7. 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.

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

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 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, March 8 --- 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, March 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

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

Potluck Supper
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Central United Methodist Church, 201 Third Avenue

Monday, March 11 --- 7-8 p.m.

Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays, September-April)
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike
Ken Cloninger, 688-6257, kcloninger@comcast.net

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

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

Tuesday, March 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue

Steve Ritter, 973-0877

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

Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

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

Community Forum (Every Second Wednesday)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golfclub Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, March 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, March 14 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

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

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

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

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Location Varies
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net

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

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association
(Third Mondays except June, July, December)
New Harvest Park, just east of Target on Washington Pike.
All are welcome to attend.
Ronnie Collins, 865-637-9630

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

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

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

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

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

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

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

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

Thursday, March 21 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)

Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders

Speaker: Leroy Thompson, TN Dept. of Economic and Community Development

Pellissippi Community College, 1610 E. Magnolia Ave.,

Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113

www.EastKnox.org

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

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)

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

Thursday, March 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, March 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, March 21 --- 6-8 p.m.

Public Forum: How to Insure Access to Affordable, Healthy Food

Food Policy Council, Knox County Health Dept., TN Dept. of Health

Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue

Dinner provided for registered attenders. Call 215-5170.

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

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)

Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Friday, March 22 --- 5 p.m.

Deadline for Nominations / Fragile Fifteen

Nominate an endangered historic place to be on the list.

Nomination forms on the Knox Heritage web site

Knox Heritage, www.knoxheritage.org

Saturday, March 23 --- 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Neighborhood Conference

Knoxville Convention Center

Office of Neighborhoods

David Massey, 215-3232

Monday, March 25 --- 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.

Monday, March 25 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Bi-Monthly Meeting (4th Monday, odd months)
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, March 26 – 6 p.m.
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Thursday, March 28 --- 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, March 28 --- 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>

Thursday, March 28 --- 5:30 p.m.
Knoxville City Council Workshop
Re: Outdoor Knoxville/Visit Knoxville 101 Course
Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Friday, March 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

Friday, April 5 --- 4-7 p.m.
Community Fair
Free food. Activities for children. Information on housing programs, homelessness prevention, and public services.
Ashley Nicole Playground at Caswell Park, 620 Winona Street
(Rain Location: Cansler YMCA)
Mark Rigsby, Community Development Dept., 215-2235

Thursday, April 18 --- 6-8 p.m.
Public Forum: How to Insure Access to Affordable, Healthy Food
Food Policy Council, Knox County Health Dept., TN Dept. of Health

Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue
Dinner provided for registered attenders. Call 215-5170.

Thursday, May 16 --- 6-8 p.m.

Public Forum: How to Insure Access to Affordable, Healthy Food
Food Policy Council, Knox County Health Dept., TN Dept. of Health
Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue
Dinner provided for registered attenders. Call 215-5170.

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