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

1. No Issue Next Week

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory will not be published next week as the Office of Neighborhoods prepares for The Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center. The next issue will be produced on Friday, March 29. Deadline for news is 9 a.m. that morning.

2. Mayor Rogero to Present “Neighbor of the Year” Award

Diana Conn, who died last fall, was an active member of the Old Sevier Community Group, and a supporter of community-building efforts ranging from cleanup projects in her own neighborhood to serving as chair of the board of CAC’s housing unit, Community Action for Affordable Neighborhoods.

Diana’s tireless and often unsung efforts on behalf of her neighbors has inspired the Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Advisory Council to establish the Diana Conn Neighbor of the Year award, which will be presented annually to an individual who --- in a spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community --- has devoted time and talent in service to her or his neighbors and neighborhood.

For this inaugural year, Mayor Madeline Rogero will present the award to Diana Conn’s family during the lunch hour at The Neighborhood Conference, which will be held at the Knoxville Convention Center on Saturday, March 23.

With one week left before the conference, over 400 people have now registered. To guarantee that you can have free breakfast and/or lunch, you must register online by noon Tuesday, March 19. (Online registration ends at that time.) Hard copy registration must be postmarked on that date. Day-of-conference registration will be accepted but breakfast and lunch are not guaranteed.

There is no admission fee to participate in the conference.

See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/2013conference.pdf> for the conference program.
Register here: <http://www.planetreg.com/neighborhoodconference>
Or call 215-3456 before noon on Tuesday, March 19.

Biographical sketches of most of the speakers are now available online and will also be included in the conference notebook provided to every participant. See the Office of

Neighborhoods home page: www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods --- and look for the links inside the green box at the top of the page.

As it turns out, Sheriff J.J. Jones will be unable to attend the conference, but Assistant Chief Lee Tramel will be present for the "Introduction to Law Enforcement" workshop.

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 scCook@cityofknoxville.org no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2013.

Produced by the city's Office of Neighborhoods, The Neighborhood Conference of 2013 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.

Other major donors are:

** "Neighborhood Partner" Sponsors: [Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace Realtors](#), [The Knoxville News Sentinel](#), [Tennova](#), [Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers](#), and [Weigel's Convenience Stores](#).

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Thanks also to Shafer Insurance, Moxley Carmichael, and Chick-Fil-A for their donations!

3. Parkridge to Stage "Paint the Town" Party and House Show

Parkridge Community Organization is inviting everyone to participate in a "Paint the Town" Progressive Dinner Party and House Show on Saturday, March 23, from 5:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Parkridge neighborhood.

Tickets (\$25 per person) cover appetizers, entrees, beverages, and desserts at three Parkridge/Park City homes, along with entertainment by "Red Shoes & Rosin," a band that includes the neighborhood's own Shawna Cyphers.

Tickets must be purchased no later than Wednesday, March 20. Payment can be made by check (payable to Parkridge Community Organization) or cash, c/o Travetta Johnson, 1640 Jefferson Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917.

This is a fundraiser for the Parkridge Mural Project --- a community-based effort to create a mural on the four vertical walls of the Sixth Avenue/Washington Avenue/Glenwood Avenue underpass of I-40. Proceeds will help match a \$2,500 grant from the City of Knoxville's Parks & Recreation Dept. for the enhancement of the First Creek Greenway, a portion of which follows Sixth Avenue under I-40.

Art for the project has been selected unanimously by a committee that included Judith Foltz

(Public Arts Committee), David Butler (Knoxville Museum of Art), Kim Trent (Knox Heritage), Melynda Whetsel (4th and Gill), Andie Ray (Old North) and Kelle Jolly (Parkridge).

Most of the submitted designs will be on display at the March 23 event, but the winning artist will not be announced until the next First Friday (April 5).

Once funds have been raised, the remaining hurdle is a decision by the Tennessee Dept. of Transportation (TDOT) to allow for the mural.

4. City Seeks Comments on Annual Action Plan

The City of Knoxville is requesting public input and comment on its draft 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan for the program year beginning July 1, 2013.

A public hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, April 9. All comments must be received no later than Monday, April 15. A City Council workshop is set for April 25.

The plan details the city's proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds in the upcoming fiscal year. The final version is due to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2013.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, has not notified the City of the amount of funds it will receive for the coming year. It is estimated that the City will receive \$1,483,872 in CDBG, \$853,787 in HOME, and \$139,332 in ESG funds. These figures represent a 5% reduction in CDBG, HOME and ESG funds from the previous year due to the federal sequestration. ESG funds to be reprogrammed are \$20,000. The City also anticipates receiving approximately \$150,000 in CDBG program income and \$450,000 in HOME program income. HOME funds to be reprogrammed are \$655,675.

The draft plan proposes the following allocation of funds based on estimated amounts:

CDBG: \$326,774 - general program administration; \$1,060,000 - housing programs; \$200,000 - land acquisition and commercial facade improvements; \$47,098 - public services, and technical assistance through sub recipients;

HOME: \$130,379 - administration; \$780,948 - owner-occupied rehab; \$378,135 – rental housing; \$250,000 - home buyer down payment assistance; and \$120,000 - CHDO projects; and \$300,000 – development of new homeownership housing.

ESG: \$65,000 - emergency shelter services; \$42,438 - homelessness prevention; \$26,444 - rapid re-housing; \$15,000 - homeless management information system; and \$10,450 - administration.

The City is also considering making an application for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program funds for a special economic development activity or other eligible activity.

More detailed budget estimates are included in the draft annual plan.

The City of Knoxville encourages citizen comment on the draft plan, which can be found here: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/currentdocs/2013-14_aaplandraft.pdf

In addition to the web-site, copies of the plan are available for review at the following locations: Community Development Department, 5th floor, City-County Bldg., 400 Main Ave.; Lawson-McGhee branch of the Knox County Public Library; the main office of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, 2247 Western Ave; East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy and the South Neighborhood Center, 522 Maryville Pike. Citizens may also obtain a copy of the draft plan by calling the Community Development Department at 865-215-2120.

A public hearing on the Annual Action Plan will be held at 5:30 pm Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. Citizens may also submit their comments via e-mail to Linda Rust at lrust@cityofknoxville.org or in writing by mail or fax to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville, Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, fax 865-215-2962 or call 865-215-2120 for additional information.

City Council will hold a workshop on the Annual Action Plan at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in the main assembly room of the City County Building.

5. 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, 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

Monday, April 1 --- 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, April 2 --- 4:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 2 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 2 --- 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, April 4 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting
Topic: Cumberland Avenue Form Based Code
UT Federal Credit Union, White Avenue at 22nd Street
City of Knoxville Office of Policy and Redevelopment
Anne Wallace, 215-2644, awallace@cityofknoxville.org

Friday, April 5 --- 4-7 p.m.

Community Fair
Free food. Activities for children. Information on housing programs, homelessness prevention, and a wide variety of public services.
Ashley Nicole Playground at Caswell Park, 620 Winona Street
(Rain Location: Cansler YMCA)
Mark Rigsby, Community Development Dept., 215-2120

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

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

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

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

Monday, April 8 --- 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, April 8 --- 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, April 9 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, April 9 --- 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"

Tuesday, April 9 --- 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing
2013-2014 Annual Action Plan, Community Development Dept., City of Knoxville
Community Room, Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street
Linda Rust, 215-2120

Tuesday, April 9 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, April 9 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, April 10 --- 11:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, April 10 --- 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, April 11 --- 1:30 p.m.

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

Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Friday, April 12 --- 6:00 p.m.

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

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, April 25 --- 5:30 p.m.

Knoxville City Council Workshop
Topic: Community Development Dept.'s 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan
Main Assembly Room
Linda Rust, 215-2120

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.

Monday, June 10 --- 5:30 p.m.

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

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