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1. Act Now --- Six Days Left for Early Bird Registration

You and your neighbors have just six more days to pre-register for The Neighborhood Conference, to be held Saturday, March 7, at the Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley Street, downtown.

Early-bird online registration ends at noon Tuesday, March 3. Registrations must be in hand by that date and time to guarantee your free box lunch, a conference notebook, and admission to the workshops you like best.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods to download the conference brochure and follow the link to online registration. Or call 215-2113 to have a hard copy of the program and registration form mailed to you.

Walk-in registrations are welcome on the day of the conference, but the items noted above cannot be guaranteed. There is no charge to participate in this conference, although donations will be gratefully accepted.

2. For Neighbors and Neighborhoods, Conference is a Gold Mine

Let's say your neighborhood needs help providing activities to engage young people.

Or you would like to draw more people to your neighborhood meetings by showcasing youth talent.

As a concerned neighbor, maybe you are looking for ways to help a neighbor in need but have no clue about available social services.

Perhaps you would like to know more about crime prevention... community schools... your rights and responsibilities as a renter... legal issues that confront homeowners associations... how to create positive energy in your community.

These and many more topics will be addressed by over 100 speakers in the 32 workshops planned at The Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 7. Moreover, over 80 government agencies, youth service organizations and other nonprofits will have information booths to give you a wealth of resources, ideas and contacts.

PLUS, you can network with neighborhood leaders and meet city and county department representatives; elected officials from Knoxville City Council, Knox County Commission, and Knox County Board of Education; and Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett.

PLUS, the conference features a free continental breakfast, a free box lunch and door prizes. What's not to like? A gold mine, indeed.

Whether you are active in a neighborhood organization in the city or the county, or just a concerned city or county resident, this conference is for you.

Check out the conference brochure here: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/2015conference.pdf

The program in this brochure reflects the following changes from previous versions:

- --- Sheriff JJ Jones will not be participating. Deputy Chief Eddie Biggs of the Knox County Sheriff's Department is now on the panel for "Top Cops: Law Enforcement Issues and Concerns," along with Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch and District Attorney General Charme Allen. Also, Ann White of the Dalton Place Homeowners Association will moderate that panel.
- --- Phyllis Patrick, president of Lonsdale Homes Resident Association, will moderate the panel "Addressing Quality of Life Issues in Public Housing."
- --- Ronnie Collins, president of Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association, will introduce members of City Council and moderate the Q&A session for the City Council workshop.
- --- The "New Neighbors, New Worlds" panel has two additions. Almaz Gemechu, a 2001 immigrant from Ethiopia, is the director of refugee and international ministries for Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. And Patrick Neih Lian Khup is a 2008 immigrant to Knoxville from Burma.

3. Fourteen Residents Nominated for Good Neighbor of the Year Award

Fourteen Knoxville neighborhood residents were nominated for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award, and they will be honored at the City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 7, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

The 14 were nominated by their neighbors in response to a call from the Office of Neighborhoods last December. All will be honored, but only one will receive the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

The award, named for the late Diana Conn of the Old Sevier Community, is presented annually to a Knoxville resident who --- in a spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community --- has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood.

The nominees and their neighborhoods are:

- --- Ben Ream (South Knoxville)
- --- Beth Booker (Old North Knoxville)
- --- George Conner (Adell Ree Park Condominiums)
- --- Heather Burchfield Ream (South Knoxville)
- --- Kirk Anderson (Timbercrest)
- --- Linda Denton (North Hills)
- --- Monte Stanley (Old Sevier)
- --- Nancy Wallace (West View)
- --- Rita Schwartz (Love Towers and Old North Knoxville)
- --- Ronnie Thompson (Montgomery Village)
- --- Sandy Robinson (Wesley Neighbors / West Hills)
- --- Sylvia Cook (Eastport / Lee Williams / Five Points)
- --- Tanisha Fitzgerald Baker (Pleasant Knoll)
- --- Tonja Warren (Montgomery Village)

Attend the March 7 conference to find out why these individuals were considered by their peers to be good neighbors... and to see which of them will be named the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year. For more on the award, see:

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/NEIGHBORHOODS/neighboraward.asp

4. Ride KAT for Free to the Conference...or Use Smart Trips to Carpool

Would you like to attend the March 7 neighborhood conference but don't have a ride?

Would you be willing to give a ride to someone else?

There are several options for folks to get to the Knoxville Convention Center at 701 Henley Street on Saturday, March 7.

First, if you can get to a bus line, you can ride KAT for no charge. KAT buses will run a regular Saturday schedule on Saturday, March 7. If you are headed for the Neighborhood Conference, just tell the driver, and you will ride for free. The cost of your ride will be paid by donations and conference sponsorships.

Some bus routes go by the Convention Center. If not, you can ride to Knoxville Station and then transfer to a free trolley to the Convention Center. KAT will start the Vol Trolley at 7:15 a.m. --- two hours earlier than normal for a Saturday. See the KAT website --- http://katbus.com/ADA/schedules.php --- for routes and schedules.

Once you are at the conference, stop by the KAT booth to get your free bus pass for the ride home.

A second option is Smart Trips for those interested in carpooling. Whether you need a ride or can give a ride, you can register at http://knoxsmarttrips.org/. Once you are registered, you can do a search in your area for folks interested in carpooling. When you find someone in your area, you send them an email through the website. If you feel comfortable with the person, you can then give out your phone number and arrange for the carpool.

But don't stop at these two options. If you know several neighbors going to the conference, think about setting up your own carpool. Include neighbors who might otherwise not feel comfortable driving or parking downtown. You can drop them off at the Ballroom Circle on Cumberland Avenue before you park.

It's all about being neighborly and helping to get folks to a great conference. Questions may be directed to Debbie Sharp 215-4382 or email at dsharp@cityofknoxville.org.

Parking will be available at the Poplar Street surface parking lot across Cumberland Avenue from the Convention Center (free) and at the adjacent Church Street United Methodist Church Parking lot (possible \$5 charge). You can also park at the Locust Street Garage free of charge.

5. Sponsors Provide Key Support

The Neighborhood Conference for 2015 is made possible by taxpayer funds supplemented greatly by individual donations and by corporate sponsors.

The primary sponsors for this conference are <u>Waste Connections</u> and <u>Home Federal Bank</u>.

Tennova Healthcare is a gold sponsor.

Silver sponsors are <u>Cannon & Cannon</u> Consulting Engineers, the realty company <u>Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace</u>, the <u>Knoxville Area Association of Realtors</u>, <u>Knoxville News Sentinel</u>, <u>Prestige Cleaners</u>, <u>UT Federal Credit Union</u>, and the engineering firm <u>Vaughn & Melton</u>. Bronze sponsors are <u>First Tennessee Bank</u>, <u>Knox REIA</u> and <u>Smart Home Technologies</u>.

The Office of Neighborhoods and the City of Knoxville appreciate the support of these companies. Please thank them if you get the chance.

6. South Knoxville Public Forum Postponed

Due to the prediction of more inclement weather, a forum with three elected officials from South Knoxville has been postponed.

The forum was to have been held this Thursday, Feb. 26, at Flenniken Landing. It planned to feature members from the three branches of government; County Commission, City Council and School Board. The forum will be rescheduled in April when the weather is more predictable.

7. Neighborhood and Government Calendar

Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3456.

Visit http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/ for a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions. See the Community Events Calendar: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/events/events.pdf

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@cityofknoxville.org or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Thursday, February 26 --- 9 a.m.

Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, January-October)

"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, February 26 --- 3:30 p.m.

Better Building Board

(Last Thursday, January-October. First Thursday, December)

Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp

Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Friday, February 27 --- 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

Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp

Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Monday, March 2 --- 1:00 p.m.

East Knoxville Community Meeting (First Mondays)

Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway

Michael Covington, 865-274-7958, mdcov@hotmail.com

Monday, March 2 --- 4 p.m.

Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)

Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.

Tom Higens, 206-8908

Monday, March 2 --- 6:30 p.m.

Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays except holidays)

Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, March 3 --- 4:30 p.m.

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)

Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Ave.

Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, March 3 --- 6 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)

Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora St. Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, March 3 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday) http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil

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

Wednesday, March 4 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Towne Area Business & Professional Association (First Wednesday)

Neighborhood Residents and Leaders encouraged to attend

New Harvest Park Community Building

Chair, Justin Sterling, JSterling@simon.com

Saturday, March 7 --- 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Neighborhood Conference

Workshops, Awards, Information Booths, Networking

Knoxville Convention Center

Office of Neighborhoods

David Massey, dmassey@cityofknoxville.org, 215-3232

www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods

Monday, March 9 --- 1:30 p.m.

Montgomery Village Residents Association (Second Mondays)

4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175 Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

Monday, March 9 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)

Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.

David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, March 9 --- 5-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.

Michael Meadowview: Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Cold Springs: Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, March 9

Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays)

Board Meetings: 6 p.m. Monthly

General Membership Meetings: 7 p.m., February, April, September, November

Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike Daniel Dunn, 387-6390, daniel.dunn06@yahoo.com

Monday, March 9 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)

Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.

Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, March 9 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)

South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, March 9 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)

Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.

Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, March 9 --- 6:30 p.m.

Historic Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)

St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway Andie Ray, 548-5221

Monday, March 9 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)

City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave. http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Belle_Morris Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, March 9 --- 7 p.m.

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May) Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway Eston Williams, 406-5412

Tuesday, March 10 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, March 10 --- 2 p.m.

Western Heights Resident Association (Second Tuesdays)

Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Tuesday, March 10 --- 6 p.m.

Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)

Hoitt Ave. Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Ave.

Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, March 10 --- 6-7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.

Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.

Monthly on a Tuesday: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8 New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

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

Food Policy Council

(Second Wednesdays but check website for confirmation)

Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue

www.knoxfood.org; info@knoxfood.org

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

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays) Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, March 11 --- 4:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisory Council, City of Knoxville

(Second Wednesdays except December)

CAC / L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods

David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, March 12 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

http://www.knoxmpc.org

Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, March 12 --- 5:30 p.m.

City Council Workshop

Topic: Revisions to the Sign Ordinance

Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

Thursday, March 12 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, March 12 --- 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)

Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Dr.

Alice Wershing, awershing@aol.com

Thursday, March 12 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

(Second Thursdays except December and January)

South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road

Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t_caruthers@hotmail.com

Friday, March 13 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.

North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)

Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 a.m.

Open to North Knoxville Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Business Owners

Meeting location varies. Check Website for location. http://northknoxvillebpa.org/

Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.

Friday, March 13 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)

Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.

Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Monday, March 16 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization

Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
"Birdhouse"/Fourth & Gill Center, 800 North Fourth Avenue
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, March 16 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)
All are welcome to attend.
New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Lane
Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Monday, March 16 --- 7 p.m.

West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)

Executive Committee: January, March, April, July, August, September, November, December General Meeting: February, May and October First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Rd. Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, March 17 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)

Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Dr. Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, March 17 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)

Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.

Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, March 17 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail http://edgewoodpark.us/

Tuesday, March 17 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil

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

Wednesday, March 18 --- 12 Noon

Eastport/Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch (every 3rd Wednesday)

Lee Williams Senior Center, 2240 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave Sylvia Cook, 206-3433, sylviacook5901@comcast.net

Thursday, March 19 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)

Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders

Meeting location varies

Doug Minter, Dminter@knoxvillechamber.com, Knoxville Chamber, 637-4550 http://www.eastknox.org/

Thursday, March 19 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp Kaye Graybeal, 215-3795, kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org

Thursday, March 19 --- 12 p.m.

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)

Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay St.

See www.kub.org. Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, March 19 --- 4 p.m.

City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)

Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511

http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp

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

Old Sevier Community Group

(Third Thursdays, January-November)

South Knoxville Elementary School Library, 801 Sevier Avenue

Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Saturday, March 21 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave.

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, March 23 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)

Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike

Shelley Conklin, 686-6789

Monday, March 23 --- 5 p.m. (zoning at 7 p.m.)

Knox County Commission

(Fourth Mondays, January-October. Third Mondays, November-December)

www.knoxcounty.org/commission

Agenda: Click on "Information" and then "Commission Agendas"

Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting

Zoning Issues heard starting at 7 p.m.

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Tuesday, March 24 --- 6 p.m.

Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)

Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)

Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Rd.

Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Saturday, March 28 --- 9 a.m. until last person is heard

"Coffee with the Councilman"

(Usually the Last Saturday of Each Quarter)

Vice Mayor and First District City Council Member Nick Pavlis

Bring your concerns or stop by to chat; open to all city residents.

Roundup Restaurant, 3643 Sevierville Pike

Nick Pavlis, 454-7216

Tuesday, March 31 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)

Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, April 2 --- 6 pm

Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch

(First Thursdays, even-numbered months)
Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silver Hill Drive
Anna Compton, 599-0724, amcompto@gmail.com

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

Wesley Neighbors Community Association

(First Mondays, even-numbered months) Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Rd. John Heins, 297-7045

Sunday, April 12 --- 2 p.m.

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association

(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)
Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue
John Yates, 865-588-8883, john.a.yates1950@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 14 --- 4-5 p.m.

City of Knoxville Greenways Commission (2nd Tuesdays every two months)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/greenways.asp
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
Lori Goerlich, Parks & Recreation Dept., 215-2807

Saturday, April 25 --- 1 p.m.

Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Quarterly)

3004 Boright Drive Lola Alapo, 525-1520, <u>BorightGroup@gmail.com</u>

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- ** Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.
- ** Deadline for news & calendar items: 5 p.m. Mondays
- ** May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood e-mail lists and newsletters.
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