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### **1. Historic Sutherland Heights Elect Officers**

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association has held its second set of officer elections since the organization was formed in early 2011.

Marlene Taylor, who had been vice president, was elected president, replacing founding president Mary Elizabeth Yates. Taylor will serve a two-year term.

Christine Griffin was elected secretary; she had been secretary-treasurer. The new treasurer is Michelle Nored, and the new vice president is John Yates.

Please use this newsletter to report election results and other news about your organization. By highlighting your activities, your neighborhood organization can maintain a high profile with decision makers and others throughout the city.

### **2. City Seeks Candidates for Neighborhood Advisory Council**

The Office of Neighborhoods is seeking expressions of interest from leaders and participants in neighborhood organizations who may want to serve on the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), which advises the city administration on neighborhood-related issues.

Appointed by the Mayor, the NAC is composed of two neighborhood leaders from each of the six City Council districts and at least three at-large members. Currently there are 15 seats on the NAC. The terms are for three-years, and one third of the seats are up appointment or reappointment each year.

After many years of service, four NAC members --- Whitney Stanley, Jody Mullins, Barbara Armstead and Polly Doka --- are cycling off NAC at the end of March.; therefore seats 1-B, 3-A, 5-B and At-Large A are open. Members appointed to the district seats must live in that City Council district; at-large members can live anywhere in the city.

If you would like to serve on the NAC, or if you wish to nominate someone to serve, please fill out an application form, which can be obtained by calling David Massey, neighborhoods coordinator, at 215-3232. The form is also online:

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

The application deadline is Friday, March 1. For more on the NAC, the duties of an NAC member, and details about the appointment process, call David or visit: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/advisory.asp>

NAC meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, except July and December, at the CAC / Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue.

### **3. City Council Workshop to Examine Two Zoning Ordinances**

Knoxville City Council next week will discuss pros and cons of two proposed zoning ordinances --- an ordinance regulating the siting of crematoria in the city and another allowing for courtyard developments in certain residential zones with a use-on-review.

Council members occasionally hold a workshop when they need to learn more details about a topic or ordinance that requires a future vote. There is opportunity for members of the general public, including neighborhood leaders, not only to hear the discussion but also to make comments and ask questions.

The workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 17, in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street. Free parking is available on the parking deck behind the CCB starting at 5 p.m. Enter via the Hill Street gate. You must then walk up the hill to get to the main entrance of the CCB on Main Street.

### **4. Forester Kasey Krouse Available to Neighborhood Groups**

Picture a city without trees and a similar city with lots of healthy trees, and there is no question which one has the better appeal and quality of life.

Not taking trees for granted, the City of Knoxville has hired its first urban forester. He is Kasey Krouse, who is interested in speaking to neighborhood groups about trees.

A 2006 graduate of Purdue University, Krouse moved to Knoxville from Fort Wayne, Ind., where he worked for six years as a private consultant, assessing thousands of trees throughout the eastern United States to determine tree condition, health, risk factors, and maintenance needs. He is a Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist with the International Society of Arboriculture.

In his new position, Krouse is responsible for the expansion, protection, and maintenance of the City's urban forest and implementing the City's Urban Forest Management Plan. He oversees the City's planting projects, adhering to proper tree installation and follow-up maintenance. He responds to resident concerns about hazardous trees throughout the City, and conducts tree risk assessments to determine proper mitigation for high risk situations specific to public trees.

Krouse is available to speak to neighborhoods and other groups on a variety of topics, including how neighborhoods can protect and increase their tree benefits, proper planting practices (right tree, right place), proper pruning, plant pests and health care, and an overview of the City's urban forest program and management plan.

Krouse can be reached at [kkrouse@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:kkrouse@cityofknoxville.org) and 215-3504.

## **5. Wooldridge, Thomas Switch Positions at Police Department**

Captain Eve Thomas is the new commander of the Knoxville Police Department's East District patrol division, which encompasses some 50 square miles of territory east of I-275 and all of South Knoxville.

Captain Bob Wooldridge, who had been in this position, assumed Thomas's duties supervising KPD's support services, safety education (including neighborhood watch), Safety City, and school resource officers. The switch echoes a long-standing KPD policy of cross-training personnel in multiple areas, thereby increasing the depth of experience in the organization.

Wooldridge has been with KPD since 1981. He has served in a variety of positions in the patrol division and was the city's first DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer. He has been involved extensively in education and support for patrol officers, teaching in the Police Academy, teaching and then supervising field training, and providing peer support to officers feeling the stress of being involved in a critical incident such as a horrific crime scene. He spearheaded and helped develop the program to provide liaison officers to neighborhood groups.

Thomas became a police officer about 1992. Also involved in officer training, she rose from beat officer to sergeant, and then to lieutenant supervising officers the Central Business District. She has also served as administrative supervisor of KPD's tactical and special units, an investigator, and the accreditation manager for KPD's ratings from professional law enforcement organizations.

## **6. Recycle Computers and Electronics This Saturday**

The City of Knoxville is partnering with the Optimist Club of West Knoxville, the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Knox County Solid Waste and others to host a "Plug Into Your Community" eCycling event at Chilhowee Park this Saturday, Jan. 12.

It is a drive-through, "drop-off and leave" event, meaning residents won't even have to leave their vehicles to recycle old computers, laptops, cell phones, small appliances, and other electronic items.

The "Plug Into Your Community" event will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Midway Parking Lot at Chilhowee Park on North Beaman Street. The event will take place rain, snow or shine.

This free electronic waste collection event gives residents a chance to properly dispose of electronic items that contain hazardous materials and keeps computer equipment from taking up space in landfills. Recycling electronics also allows for the salvage of materials that can be reused in the manufacture of new electronic products, which helps the environment by reducing the need for raw materials.

Acceptable items include computer equipment like PC systems, CPUs, monitors, mice, keyboards, printers, scanners, laptops, modems, hard drives, speakers, power cords, cables, phones, power strips, desktop copiers, fax machines, and cell phones. These items may contain significant amounts of hazardous metals. Some switches and relays, for instance, may contain mercury, and printed circuit boards and monitors may contain metals like lead, chromium, cadmium and mercury.

Additional items accepted at the event this year are small household appliances such as radios, microwaves, stereos, vacuum cleaners, toner/ink cartridges, docking stations, CD-ROMs, small TVs, fax machines and other office electronics, rechargeable batteries, telephones and tape players.

Unacceptable items for this event include electronic equipment containing hazardous chemicals, small refrigerators, stoves, appliances, scrap metal, aluminum cans, cardboard and paper. Also prohibited are devices containing or emitting radioactivity, car batteries, mercury-containing devices, smoke alarms, light bulbs (fluorescent or incandescent), thermostats, thermometers, air-conditioners, fire extinguishers, gas-powered engines and bio-waste.

There is no charge to drop off your old computer and other related electronic devices, but donations will gladly be accepted and will benefit the Optimist Club of West Knoxville and the Volunteer Rescue Squad. Other sponsors of the event include WBIR TV, Best Buy, Creative Recycling, and B97.5.

Residents participating will be eligible to enter to win a wide-screen TV from Best Buy.

## **7. Red Cross Seeks Volunteers to Promote Fire Safety**

The Knoxville Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to promote fire safety in neighborhoods in Knoxville and Knox County over the Jan. 18-21 weekend.

Monday, January 21, is the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Holiday. The Red Cross says it has celebrated Dr. King's legacy with this service project since 2008.

Volunteers will go door to door in designated neighborhoods, talk with community residents, and leave educational door hangers with information about preventing or surviving home fires by practicing fire safety and awareness. The door hangers are written in both English and Spanish.

Coordinators are particularly interested in targeting low-income communities and older neighborhoods with wood frame houses. This could be a quick and relatively easy project for neighborhood groups.

Volunteers will be trained on fire prevention, learning facts such as:

- Home fires are America's #1 disaster threat.
- Every day the Red Cross helps people affected by more than 170 home fires.
- Most of the nearly 70,000 disasters the Red Cross responds to each year are fire-related.
- Fires can affect anyone, regardless of background or geographic location.
- Unlike other disasters, most home fires can be prevented.

As a volunteer, you and/or a team of individuals can sign up for one of seven four-hour shifts over the three-day weekend, with a neighborhood assigned to you. Or you can enlist your family, neighborhood, club or place of worship in the effort, canvassing your own neighborhood.

You can attend a one-hour training session 6-7 p.m. Thursday, January 17, or 8-9 a.m. Friday, January 18, at the American Red Cross Chapter, 6921 Middlebrook Pike. While everyone is encouraged to take the training, only one person per team is required.

For a copy of the volunteer form, or to obtain more information, call 584-2999 and ask for April Stouffer, Aida Reyes, or Lori Marsh. Or email [Lori.Marsh@redcross.org](mailto:Lori.Marsh@redcross.org) or [Aida.Reyes@redcross.org](mailto:Aida.Reyes@redcross.org).

## **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](mailto:scook@cityofknoxville.org) no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.*

Tuesday, January 15 --- 10 a.m.

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council (Third Tuesdays)  
CAC/MLB Building, 2247 Western Avenue

(View <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/food.asp> for bylaws, community garden toolkit and more)

Tuesday, January 15 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 15 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)  
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Wednesday, January 16 --- Monday, January 21

Multiple Events Celebrating Life & Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
[www.MLKKnoxville.org](http://www.MLKKnoxville.org)  
[admin@MLKKnoxville.org](mailto:admin@MLKKnoxville.org) or 673-8988

Thursday, January 17 --- 8:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, January 17 --- 12 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 17 --- 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, January 17 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic 1: zoning ordinance regulating crematories  
Topic 2: zoning ordinance to permit courtyard development in some residential districts  
Main Assembly Room, City County Building

Thursday, January 17 – 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](mailto:bettymahan@knology.net)

Thursday, January 17 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)  
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

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](http://www.MLKKnoxville.org)  
[admin@MLKKnoxville.org](mailto:admin@MLKKnoxville.org) or 673-8988

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

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](http://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.

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

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](http://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](mailto:merlin2@comcast.net)

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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