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1. Calling for Neighborhood Photographs

Do you have a photograph of your neighborhood that you would like to show off? Does your neighborhood organization have photographs of neighbors engaged in potluck suppers, cleanup projects and other community activities?

The Office of Neighborhoods is putting together a slide show of photographs to showcase at the lunch hour during The Neighborhood Conference, to be held Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

If you would like to contribute to this slideshow, please send your digital photographs to neighborhoods@cityofknoxville.org with "photo" in the subject line. Be sure to include the name of the neighborhood and the photographer, along with a phone number.

2. Parkridge Leads Registrations for The Neighborhood Conference

More than a dozen people from the Parkridge Community Organization (PCO) have signed up for The Neighborhood Conference, including most of the group's board of directors.

PCO has the right idea: Neighborhood organizations should try to encourage members and neighbors to attend, not only to cover as many of the 32 workshops as possible, but also to gain skills in planning events, raising and managing money, fighting crime, working with local government, settling disputes between neighbors, and more.

Hosted by the city's Office of Neighborhoods in cooperation with Knox County and a planning committee of neighborhood representatives, the conference will be held on Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Doors open at 7:30 a.m., and Mayors Rogero and Burchett make welcoming remarks starting at 8:30 a.m.

Here are some basic facts about the conference:

*** Admission is free and open to anyone interested in improving his or her neighborhood, city or county.

*** Conference program and registration information are available starting on this web page: www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods. Or call 215-3456 to have material mailed to you.

*** Online registration ends at noon Tuesday, March 19. Registrations must be in hand by that date to guarantee a free box lunch. Early registration also ensures 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.

*** As reported last week, South Haven Neighborhood Association is challenging other neighborhood groups to a t-shirt contest. Awards will be made to both city and county neighborhood organizations for the best silk screen t-shirt and the best homemade t-shirt. There will be a separate category for best t-shirt made by an individual in an unorganized neighborhood. T-shirts will be judged on creativity communicating neighborhood pride and/or promoting the neighborhood.

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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3. Vote for Knoxville!

You may remember that the City of Knoxville is a finalist for the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge, which is a competition to inspire American cities to generate innovative ideas that solve major challenges and improve city life.

As part of the application process, Bloomberg has launched a Mayors Challenge Fan Favorite program. The Fan Favorite allows citizens to vote, and the city is encouraging everyone to visit http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/19/vote-mayors-challenge-fan_n_2716857.html to vote for Knoxville.

The city with the most votes on the Fan Favorite page will receive a \$50,000 grant from IBM to support implementation as well as featured coverage and promotion from The Huffington Post. For more detail on the contest, see <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mayors-challenge>.

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge offers one \$5 million award and four \$1 million awards for innovative local solutions to national problems. Last fall, Knoxville was announced as one of 20 finalists from 305 cities that applied. The City's proposal calls for

creation of a unique business model that encompasses the entire urban food cycle by connecting land, farming jobs, processing facilities, food transit, sale, and composting.

To read Mayor Madeline Rogero's column about the proposal, visit the City's homepage at www.cityofknoxville.org, where you can also watch a related video and read the entire proposal.

4. 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.

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.

5. Friday, March 1 is a Tree-Mendous Day

The City of Knoxville Tree Board and the State of Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture are sponsoring an Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. Friday, March 1, at Ijams Nature Center.

Arbor Day is a national celebration of trees, and a time to encourage everyone to plant trees. Dubbed "Tree-Mendous Day" in Knoxville, the celebration will include remarks by Knoxville Public Works Director Christi Branscom and Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Julius Johnson.

The city will be presented with Tree-City and Tree Line USA awards, and there will also be a student presentation by Nature's Way Montessori School. David Vandergriff, chair of the tree board, will preside, and light refreshments will be served.

6. Neighbors Can Testify on Blighted Properties Next Week

Twenty-one residential properties and two commercial properties are on the agenda for the City's next Public Officer Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 1.

The Public Officer --- David Brace, director of the Public Service Department --- will hear testimony on buildings that inspectors contend are in violation of the city's building codes. Testimony can also be made by the property owners, neighbors, neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders, such as lien holders.

The Public Officer then decides whether to issue an order requiring that the violations be addressed in a certain period of time. Failure by the owner to cure the problem may result in the boarding or demolition of a structure, or the cleanup of a dirty or overgrown lot, with costs billed to the owner.

A property owner may appeal the Public Officer's decision to the Better Building Board and ultimately to Chancery Court. Here is a list of the properties on the agenda, details of which can be found at http://www.cityofknoxville.org/plansreview/agenda_poh.pdf.

822 West Anderson Avenue
1239 Armstrong Avenue
1433 Beaumont Avenue
1928 Bernhurst Drive
1609 Boyd Street including accessory structure
2204 Cumberland Avenue – Fence only. Confirm emergency repair only order
243 Deaderick Avenue
912 West Emerald Avenue
1231 Exeter Avenue including accessory structure
3030 East Fifth Avenue – Confirm emergency repair only order
1506 North Fourth Avenue (a/k/a 1511 Grainger Avenue)
3215 Greenway Drive
4207 Holston Drive including accessory structure – Confirm emergency repair only order
2106 Jefferson Avenue & accessory structure – Confirm emergency repair/demo order
3847 Keowee Avenue – Accessory structure only
1824 Lenland Avenue including accessory structure
5510 Neubert Springs Road including accessory structure
935 North Broadway – Commercial – Confirm emergency repair/demolition order
826 West Oak Hill Avenue – Accessory structure only
935 West Oak Hill Avenue
226 North Park Street – Confirm emergency repair only order
308 West End Lane – Accessory structure only
6438 Western Avenue

7. Daffodil Sale is This Saturday

Knoxville Green is holding a Holland Daffodil Bulb Sale and Giveaway on Saturday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, February 24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale will be held at Windsor Square Shopping Center, at Kingston Pike and N. Seven Oaks Dr., just west of Cedar Bluff Road. The location for the sale is in the upper right corner of the shopping center, at the top of the hill, adjacent to Bailey's Sports Grill.

Each person attending the sale, including children, will be given 15 free bulbs. Additional bulbs will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to plant additional daffodils along Pellissippi Parkway and to support other projects of Knoxville Green, which was founded by the late Mrs. Maria Compere, who passed away on January 24, 2013, at the age of 97.

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 no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Monday, February 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.

Tuesday, February 26 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting, One Year Plan Amendments
For the South Sector
Community Room, Flenniken Landing, 115 Flenniken Avenue
View the One Year Plan at www.knoxmpc.org
Mike Brusseau, MPC, 215-2500

Thursday, February 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, February 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, February 28 --- 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

Friday, March 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

Friday, March 1 --- 10 a.m.
Arbor Day Celebration
Knoxville Tree Board & TN Dept. of Agriculture (Forestry Division)
Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue

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 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

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. – 2:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Conference
Knoxville Convention Center
Office of Neighborhoods
David Massey, 215-3232

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

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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