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### **1. Fourth & Gill Tour of Homes Set for April 28**

Five historic homes, one side of an historic duplex home, and one newly built home will be featured in Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization's 2013 Tour of Homes from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

The tour begins at Central United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Morgan and Third. The church itself is on the tour. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the church on tour day or in advance via <http://fourthandgill.wordpress.com/>, where additional tour information can be found.

### **2. Open House to Reveal Transformation of 611 Gill Avenue**

For years it was vacant and abandoned, charred by two fires, sitting in the shadow of I-40, one of the last eyesore structures in the historic Fourth & Gill neighborhood.

The owner was unwilling or unable to maintain the house, which was found unfit for human habitation by the city's Neighborhood Codes office in 2005.

Later, the city's Community Development Department stepped in. Utilizing the Blighted Property Acquisition Ordinance, the department asked the Better Building Board to determine and later certify the house as blighted. The owner failed to exercise numerous opportunities to rehab or sell the house. Finally, via KCDC, the city went to court, invoking eminent domain to acquire the house at fair market value.

Then, the house was listed on the department's "Homemakers" list of available city-owned properties and was acquired by Jonathan and Cheryl Ball who promised to restore the house.

Utilizing private financing, they have made good on their promise. The Balls will hold an open house at 611 Gill Avenue from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, when they will show off the result of their work, including original heart pine floors, a gourmet kitchen, and spray foam insulation and other features that qualified the home for LEED and Energy Star certifications. For photographs and more, see [www.611Gill.com](http://www.611Gill.com).

See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/homemaker/> for more on the Homemaker's program.

### **3. North Hills Garden Club Schedules Annual Sale**

The North Hills Garden Club will hold its annual sale of perennial plants, baked goods and arts & crafts from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at North Hills Park, located near the corner of Kenilworth Lane and Kennington Drive in the North Hills neighborhood off Washington Pike.

“Club members generously donate many of the wonderful perennials growing in the gardens of these historic homes,” the club stated. “These plants are known to thrive and multiply in our area. This sale is a must-do for gardeners looking for bargains on proven perennials. Select annuals and hanging baskets also available. While shopping for plants, enjoy delicious home-made sandwiches, cookies, and more at the Bake Sale. Beautifully unique arts and crafts are available”

Check out the Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Hills-Garden-Club-Annual-Perennial-Plant-Sale/183224971706866>

### **4. Inskip ‘Eat, Play, Live’ Event Deemed a Success**

*The following article was written by Betty Jo Mahan, president of Inskip Community Association.*

With the organization and support of the Knox County Health Department, Inskip's “Eat, Play, Live” Community Day --- held last Saturday, April 13 --- was a huge success.

We planted 23 edible cherry trees at the Inskip Pool and Park on Bruhin Road and brought about a unique swale system to catch the many gallons of back-washed pool water to filter it and use to help water the new trees, thereby keeping chemicals out of Second Creek.

Jon Livengood with Stormwater Engineering designed the filtering system, which was actually built by Engineering staff. Kasey Krouse, the city's new Urban Forester, led a demonstration on planting and watering the trees. (You have got to come by and check out the little watering jackets the trees have. They look like little penguin suits to me.)

We continued our “ Paint the Pavement” project with 43 more of Inskip's signature "i" circles in the center line of the roads leading from Inskip Elementary School on High School Road over to Bruhin at Inskip Pool and Park. These bright yellow, two-foot circles with a small blue “i” painted in the middle are becoming a recognized symbol for drivers that children may be walking this area and to slow down and watch out!

While all this work was going on, about 10 children enjoyed healthy eating and fun games at the Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center, led by Kindall Aaron and Marsha Spence with the Center for Childhood Obesity, Children's Hospital, and a group of energetic, helpful UT students.

Many thanks and much gratitude for the work of members of the Health Department, including Ben Epperson, Stephanie Welch, Liliana Burbano, Rachel Foster, Cheryl Ball, and Michele Moyers; Ellen Zavisca of Safe Routes to School; Parks and Recreation employees Randy Love and Scott Pfeiffer; and members of the community including Anita Case, Tim Bigelow, Barbara Dyer, Linda Strickland and her grandson, Jimmy the neighborhood painter, and a group of curious neighborhood children. Thanks also to Applebee's, which provided water and kid's coupons, and Nature's Best Organics, which provided mulch for the trees.

Our City Councilman Mark Campen and his family also participated. Altogether, about 35 to 40 individuals were involved, along with 10 different agencies and departments. Amazing coordination!

## **5. Council to Consider Annual Action Plan**

Becky Wade, Director of the City of Knoxville's Community Development Department, is presenting the draft of the Fourth Annual Action Plan to City Council at a workshop on Thursday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street.

This workshop allows City Council a chance to hear about and ask detailed questions on the plan prior to a scheduled vote on whether to approve the plan at its April 30 meeting.

The Annual Action Plan is the fourth annual update to the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. It outlines how the City intends to use funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, to address the needs of low- to moderate-income residents in the areas of homeownership, rental housing, homelessness, neighborhood stabilization and economic development.

Although HUD has not yet notified the City on funding awards for the next program year, the City estimates that it will receive approximately \$1,483,872 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$853,787 in HOME Investment Partnerships, and \$139,332 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. These amounts represent a 5% decrease in funds from last year due to the federal sequestration.

The presentation will include the proposed budget for how CDBG, HOME and ESG funds may be used, examples of the types of projects and activities the federal grant awards fund in the City of Knoxville, and how the City partners with community agencies to provide housing and services. Programs impacted by funding cuts will also be discussed.

Copies of the draft plan may be found at [www.cityofknoxville.org/development](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development), at the Community Development Department office at 400 Main Street (5th floor of the City/County Building), the Lawson McGhee Library and the four CAC neighborhood centers. Although the public comment period ran from March 15 through April 15, there will be opportunity for the public to comment on the plan at the workshop.

Please contact Linda Rust at 215-2120 or [lrust@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:lrust@cityofknoxville.org) for more information.

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

Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21

Outdoor Knox Fest

Urban wilderness hikes, fly fishing class, trail runs, bike maintenance clinics, river paddle, twilight road race, Bikes 'n' Blooms Scenic Ride, golf clinic... and more

Most events are free, but pre-registration required

Benefits the Legacy Parks Foundation

Volunteer: [volunteer@legacyparks.org](mailto:volunteer@legacyparks.org)

Details: 525-2585 or [www.outdoorknoxville.com](http://www.outdoorknoxville.com)

Saturday, April 20 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (third Saturdays)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, April 20 --- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (rain or shine)

Annual Sale (perennials, baked goods, arts & crafts)

North Hills Garden Club

North Hills Park, Kenilworth Lane at Kennington Drive

Search for the sale on Facebook.

Monday, April 22 --- 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.

Tuesday, April 23 – 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](mailto:bettymahan@knology.net)

Thursday, April 25 --- 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, April 25 --- 3:30 p.m.

~~Better Building Board~~ NO MEETING THIS MONTH  
(Last Thursday, Jan.-Oct. First Thursday, Dec.)  
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp>

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, April 25 --- 6 p.m.  
Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC)  
[PARC addresses citizen concerns about the Knoxville Police Dept.]  
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/parc/>  
Lisa Chambers, 215-3966

Thursday, April 25 --- 7 p.m.  
Old Sevier Community Group  
(Fourth Thursdays, February through October)  
Stanley's Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road  
Gary Deitsch, [garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net](mailto:garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net)

Friday, April 26 --- 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Marble Springs Arbor Day Celebration with new Arboretum  
Events include tours of three trails, a photo scavenger hunt, displays and information provided by local environmental groups, and 5:15 p.m. talk by the city's urban forester, Kasey Krouse.  
Marble Springs State Historic Site, 1220 West Governor John Sevier Highway,  
For more: [marblesprings@gmail.com](mailto:marblesprings@gmail.com), 573-5508, <http://marblesprings.blogspot.com/>

Saturday, April 27 --- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
"Eat, Play, Live" Lonsdale Community Day  
Community Improvement Projects, T-Shirts, Food, Fun  
Lonsdale Park & Recreation Center  
Activities for Children 5-12 at Lonsdale Recreation Center  
All free but register at 215-5819 or [www.EatPlayLiveKnox.com](http://www.EatPlayLiveKnox.com)

Saturday, April 27 --- 10 a.m.-Noon  
"Make it, Take it" Rain Barrel Workshop  
Sponsor: Water Quality Forum  
Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue  
\$35/barrel. More info: <http://waterqualityforum.org/>  
Space limited. Register at 215-5861 or [stormwater@knoxcounty.org](mailto:stormwater@knoxcounty.org)

Sunday, April 28 --- 1 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Historic Fourth & Gill Home Tour  
Tickets can be purchased at Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Avenue  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization  
Judith Neff, 865-567-7980

Monday, April 29 --- 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."

Tuesday, April 30 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

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

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

Wednesday, May 1 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education

Monthly Meeting (First Wednesdays)

Large Assembly Room, City County Building

For agenda, work sessions, and other items:

Visit <http://knoxschools.org>. Click on "Board of Education"

Sunday, May 5 --- 2-5 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Bike Ride and Bike KNX Festival  
Ride leaves at 2:30 p.m.

Market Square, Downtown Knoxville

(One of many events during Bike Month 2013)

Knoxville Regional Bicycle Program

<http://www.knoxtrans.org/bikemonth/index.htm>

See also: <http://www.outdoorknoxville.com/>

Monday, May 6 --- 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, May 7 --- 4:30 p.m.

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)

Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue

Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, May 7 --- 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.

Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.

New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road

Lynn Redmon, 688-3136 or 771-6428

Tuesday, May 7 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)

Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street

Charles Wright, 637-1802

Wednesday, May 8 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Every Second Wednesday)

West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf club Road at Kingston Pike

Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, May 8 --- 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, May 9 --- 1:30 p.m.  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>  
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Friday, May 10 --- 6:00 p.m.  
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)  
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.  
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Saturday, May 11 --- 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
13th Annual Vestival  
Live Music, Dragonfly Aerial Arts, Humaya Tribal Fusion Belly Dance, Arts, Crafts, and  
Mother's Day Brunch  
Historic Candoro Marble Company, 681 Maryville Pike, Rain or Shine  
\$5 suggested donation  
<http://candoromarble.org/>

Saturday, May 11  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: "Make it, Take it" Rain Barrel Workshop  
1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: How to paint a rain barrel  
Sponsor: Water Quality Forum in association with Blooms Day  
UT Gardens  
\$35/barrel. More info: <http://waterqualityforum.org/>  
Space limited. Register at 215-5861 or [stormwater@knoxcounty.org](mailto:stormwater@knoxcounty.org)

Monday, May 13 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.  
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch  
(Second Mondays)  
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.  
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, May 13 --- 6 p.m.  
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)  
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, May 13 --- 6 p.m.  
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, May 13 --- 7 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, May 14 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, May 14 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)  
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue  
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, May 14 --- 7 p.m.  
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)  
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street  
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Tuesday, May 14 --- 7 p.m.  
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>  
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Thursday, May 16 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.  
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)  
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders  
Locations vary  
Charles Morgan, [cwm826@aol.com](mailto:cwm826@aol.com), Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113  
[www.EastKnox.org](http://www.EastKnox.org)

Thursday, May 16 --- 8:30 a.m.  
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, May 16 --- 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, May 16 --- 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, May 16 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)  
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

Thursday, May 16 --- 6 p.m.-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, May 20 --- 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, May 20 --- 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, May 21 --- 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, May 21 --- 6 p.m.  
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)  
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive  
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, May 21 --- 7 p.m.  
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)  
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Monday, May 27 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association  
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months)  
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike  
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Thursday, May 30 --- 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, May 31 --- 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

Saturday, June 1 --- 10 a.m.-Noon  
"Make it, Take it" Rain Barrel Workshop  
Sponsor: Water Quality Forum  
New Harvest Park, just east of Target on Washington Pike.  
\$35/barrel. More info: <http://waterqualityforum.org/>  
Space limited. Register at 215-5861 or [stormwater@knoxcounty.org](mailto:stormwater@knoxcounty.org)

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

Saturday, June 29 --- 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

“Coffee with the Councilman”

(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, 579-2055

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