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

1. Neighborhood Directory Updated: Please Check Your Listing

The Office of Neighborhoods has updated contact information for neighborhood organizations in the Knoxville Neighborhood Directory, which can be found here:

www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/Knoxville_Neighborhood_Directory.pdf

Please take this opportunity to verify the accuracy of your organization's contact information. If anything needs to be changed, or if a neighborhood group needs to be added, please contact David Massey at dmassey@cityofknoxville.org or 215-3232.

2. Parkridge Street Fair Set for Tomorrow

The Parkridge Community Organization will hold an old-fashioned street fair in the neighborhood from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow --- Saturday, July 20 --- on Polk Street between East Fifth and Jefferson Avenues.

PCO is holding this event in part to reach out to neighbors who may not be aware of the neighborhood organization and its efforts to improve the community. Parkridge is bounded by I-40, Cherry Street, Magnolia Avenue and First Creek.

Families with children will find the fair particularly appealing, as there are many children's activities. There will also be music and free BBQ.

The fair is coming on the heels of the successful completion of the colorful mural on the Sixth Avenue underpass (I-40) that includes not only the First Creek Greenway but also the junction of the Fourth & Gill, Old North and Parkridge neighborhoods, all of which are featured on the mural.

For more on Parkridge, see its Facebook page.

3. Inskip Community Plans Meeting to Discuss Rezoning

Far more than most communities in the city, neighborhoods in Inskip have been pock-marked by apartment buildings, not just on major thoroughfares but in the interior of single family

neighborhoods --- a result of the R-2 zoning that allows for medium density developments of up to 24 units per acre.

Two years ago, the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and City Council adopted the Inskip Small Area Plan that called for preserving the remaining contiguous single family sections of the sprawling neighborhood. Now, MPC, at City Council's request, is preparing to consider rezoning these areas to the R-1A zone, which allows single family and duplex.

To prepare and mobilize neighbors for MPC and City Council consideration of this rezoning, the Inskip Community Association is holding a community meeting at 6 p.m. this coming Monday, July 22, at Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road.

"This would mean fewer apartments could be built beside our homes; and if someone wants to put in more apartments or condominiums, they would have to go through a public meeting process first and we, as organized members of the community, could review and comment on the project," noted ICA in its first newsletter. "Now is the time to support this rezoning."

Meanwhile, ICA has been busy lately digging holes and setting posts for four new Inskip community welcome signs that are being placed at entrances to the neighborhood.

ICA is unique among Knoxville neighborhood organizations because of its extra efforts to reach out to Spanish-speaking residents. Its new newsletter is half-Spanish and half-English, and the organization also goes by Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip.

4. Knoxville to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Conservation Expo.

One might think that ideas of sustainability and conservation are relatively new to our region, but those notions go back more than just a few years.

How about 100 years? Inspired by the successes of Knoxville's Appalachian Expositions of 1910 and 1911, civic leaders sought to bring greater national exposure to the community with a third exhibition in 1913. The 1913 National Conservation Exposition was held at Chilhowee Park between September 1, 1913 and November 1, 1913.

Designed to teach the necessity for, and the best method of, conserving the natural resources of the country, the Exposition brought national attention to conservation activities, especially to those in the South. It was held in what is now Knoxville's Chilhowee Park. The two-month exhibition drew over one million visitors, with nine major and six smaller buildings constructed on-site to house its exhibits and demonstrations. The bandstand, built in 1910, is the only structure in the park still standing from that era.

To commemorate our conservationist roots, the City of Knoxville will host the Conservation Expo on October 12 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Chilhowee Park. The Expo will celebrate the anniversary of the National Conservation Exposition and a century of conservation in East Tennessee.

The 2013 Conservation Expo will include historical displays, photographs and films, hands-on demonstrations and exhibits, children's activities, live entertainment, athletic competitions, multimedia presentations, and events throughout the grounds.

Neighborhood and civic groups are encouraged to host any historical or conservation events in the weeks leading up to the Expo. For example, Parkridge Community Organization is making plans for a tour of George Barber houses this fall.

For more information about the Conservation Expo, contact Jesse Mayshark at 215-3710.

5. Community Development Seeks Action on Blighted Properties

The Community Development Department next week will ask the Better Building Board to take action on nine properties that ultimately could be acquired by the city at fair market value using its eminent domain powers, if the owners fail to address codes violations.

Neighborhood groups may wish to be present to testify on the impact of these properties on the neighborhood. The BBB meets at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, in the small assembly room of the City County Building.

Parcels with blighted structures on the agenda are located at 3510 Ashland Avenue, 1423 Branson Avenue, 327 Cansler Avenue, 201 Churchwell Avenue, and 5126 Villa Road.

Vacant lots on the agenda are located on Branson Avenue, 227 East Anderson Avenue, and Williams Avenue.

The BBB – composed of five citizens appointed by the Mayor – will be asked to either “determine” or “certify” that the properties are blighted based on criteria spelled out in a city ordinance. These are the first steps toward the city possibly acquiring the properties at fair market value, if the owner fails to take steps to cure the blight.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/plansreview/agenda_bbb.pdf for a full copy of the BBB agenda, with details and owner information on each property.

Blighted properties acquired by the city are put up for sale through Community Development’s Homemaker’s Program. For more on this program, see: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/homemaker/>

Meanwhile, the department next Tuesday will be asking City Council to approve the sale of several properties under the Homemaker’s Program. See the Council Agenda here: <http://knoxvillecitytn.ig2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

6. Neighborhoods Can Testify on Blighted Properties

Seventeen residential properties and two commercial properties are on the agenda for the City’s next Public Officer Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 26.

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 are the residential properties to be considered for action:

2533 Adair Avenue (confirmation of emergency repair/demo order), 4104 Angola Road, 1201 ½ Baker Avenue (confirmation of emergency repair only order), 5225 Ballard Drive (confirmation of emergency repair only order), 408 Black Oak Drive (pool only), 1334 Brookside Avenue, 3215 Davenport Road (including accessory structure), 1020 Delaware Avenue, 2512 East Fifth Avenue, 1611 East Glenwood Avenue (including accessory structure), 945 Ledgerwood Avenue, 2516 Maple Drive (including accessory structure), 334 East Moody Avenue, 1104 Pedigo Street, 1027 East Red Bud Road (including accessory structure), 926 West Scott Avenue, and 2609 Woods-Smith Road (including accessory structures).

Commercial properties on the agenda are located at 927 North Central Street and 906 Richards Street.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you might wish to consider sending a representative of your organization to the meeting to submit testimony about the impact of the property on the neighborhood.

The full July 26 agenda, with details on each property, can be found at http://www.cityofknoxville.org/plansreview/agenda_poh.pdf.

7. 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, July 20 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, July 20 – 3-8 p.m.

Community Fair in the Parkridge Neighborhood
Food, Fun for Children, Music, Socializing
Parkridge Community Organization
Polk Street between Jefferson and East Fifth

Monday, July 22 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)
Knox County Commission
(Fourth Mondays, Jan.-Oct. Third Mondays, Nov.-Dec.)
www.knoxcounty.org/commission
Agenda: Click on "Commission Agendas"
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting.
Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 22 – 6 p.m.
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Monday, July 22 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)
This month's program: Annual Seed and Plant Swap and Kasey Krouse, City Arborist
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, July 23 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

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

Friday, July 26 --- 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, July 29 --- 5:30 p.m.
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)

Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Tuesday, July 30 --- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Anti-Bullying Summit (registration begins at 8 a.m.)
Knoxville Police Department, Safety Education Unit
Open to teachers, school administrators, social workers, law enforcement.
Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway
Free. Online Registration: <http://kpdantibullying.eventbrite.com>
Brenda Hicks, 215-1522

Tuesday, July 30 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Tiger Top at the Zoo, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, August 1 --- 4 p.m.

Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Tonja Warren, 577-5555

Thursday, August 1 --- 5:30 p.m.

City Council Workshop
Topic: Proposed New Zone: Corridor Overlay District
Large Assembly Room, City County Building

Monday, August 5 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County School Board – Work Session
(Monday before the regular meeting, except holidays or holiday weeks)
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, August 5 --- 5:30 p.m.

Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)
(First Mondays except holidays)
CAC/L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue
Dave Gartner, 862-2066

Monday, August 5 --- 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Neighbors Community Association
(First Mondays, even-numbered months)
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road
Donnie Ernst, 207-9355

Tuesday, August 6 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, August 6 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 6 --- 6:30 p.m.

Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, August 6 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 6 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

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

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

Wednesday, August 7 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education (First Wednesdays, except holiday weeks)

Large Assembly Room, City County Building

For agenda, work sessions, and other items:

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

Thursday, August 8 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

<http://www.knoxmpc.org>

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

Thursday, August 8 --- 2 p.m.

Western Heights Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights

Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Thursday, August 8 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Friday, August 9 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.

North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)

Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 am

Open to North Knoxville Neighborhood Business Owners & Residents

Speakers and Locations Vary

Contact: Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750. www.nkbpa.org

Friday, August 9 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)

Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.

Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Monday, August 12 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)

Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road

David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, August 12 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprinkle Avenue
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, August 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, August 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)
Fourth and Gill Park
Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, August 12 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue
www.bellemorris.com
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Tuesday, August 13 --- 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, August 13 --- 6 p.m.

Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, August 13 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 13 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, August 14 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, August 14 --- 1 p.m.
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, August 14 --- 4:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Advisory Council
(Every Second Wednesday, except December)
Venue to be determined
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, August 15 --- 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, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

Thursday, August 15 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, August 15 --- 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, August 15 --- 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, August 15 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

Monday, August 19 --- 9 a.m.
Dr. Lee L. Williams Tenant Association (Third Mondays)
Recreation Center, 317 McConnell Street
James Grant Chandler, 200-8697

Monday, August 19 --- 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, 637-9630

Monday, August 19 --- 7 p.m.
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Contact Judith Neff for Location
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net, 567-7980

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

Tuesday, August 20 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Monday, September 9 --- 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting
Central Business Improvement District
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square
(Future meetings in 2013: 12/9)
<http://downtownknoxville.org/>
Michele Hummel, 246-2654

Saturday, September 14 --- 10 a.m. – Dusk
Mechanicsville Homecoming
Parade begins at 10 a.m. at University & Fifth Avenues
Fair begins at 11 a.m. in Danny Mayfield Park
Mechanicsville Community Association
David Gillette, 254-7319

Saturday, September 28 --- 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, 454-7216

Tuesday, October 1 --- Times Vary
National Night Out

Saturday, October 12
Centennial Conservation Expo
Celebrating 100th anniversary of 1913 National Conservation Exposition
and a century of conservation in East Tennessee
City of Knoxville and Partners
Chilhowee Park
www.knoxconservationexpo.com

Saturday, March 8, 2014 --- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Neighborhood Conference
Knoxville Convention Center

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