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### **1. City Launches Neighborhood Achievement Awards**

Neighborhood organizations across the City of Knoxville work hard to build community and enhance the quality of life in their neighborhoods, but their efforts often go unrecognized and unsung.

That's about to change.

The City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods is now accepting applications for **Neighborhood Achievement Awards**, which will be presented at the Neighborhood Networking Luncheon to be held at the Knoxville Convention Center on Saturday, March 8.

Neighborhood groups are encouraged to apply for the awards, and it is also possible for individuals to nominate a neighborhood group. The deadline for submitting an application/nomination is Friday, February 7, 2014.

[Download the application/nomination form](#). Or call Natalie Crone at 215-3456 to have a hard copy mailed to you.

Working with the Office of Neighborhoods, an awards committee will select winners from the pool of applications and nominations. The number and category of awards will be determined by the awards committee based on the applications.

Any resident-led, resident-controlled city neighborhood group recognized by the Office of Neighborhoods is eligible to apply or be nominated for this award. This includes neighborhood associations, homeowners associations, neighborhood watch groups and tenant/renter associations. Whether your group is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply.

The awards will showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during calendar year 2013 for projects and activities such as:

\*\*\* Beautification and place-making projects, green spaces and community gardens, and other physical improvements to the neighborhood;

\*\*\* Projects, events and activities that focus on connecting neighbors with one another, such as street fairs, potlucks, home tours, holiday celebrations, and neighbors helping neighbors.

\*\*\* New or ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters, social media and phone tree networks.

\*\*\* Activity involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

The Office of Neighborhoods is also accepting nominations for the [Good Neighbor of the Year Award](#), which also will be presented at the March 8 luncheon. Nominations for this award are due January 31. Call Natalie Crone at 215-3456 for more information.

## **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 Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

Appointed by the Mayor, the NAC provides insight and advice to the city administration on a wide variety of neighborhood-related issues. These include neighborhood projects, blight, the city budget, sidewalks, the neighborhood conference, leadership training, and policies of the Office of Neighborhoods.

NAC is composed of two neighborhood leaders from each of the six City Council districts and at least three at-large members. Under current NAC procedures, each member serves one full 3-year term.

NAC meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at CAC's L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue.

Six NAC seats are up for appointment. The seats, areas covered and current occupants are:  
Seat 1-A (South Knoxville and Fort Sanders) – Cathy Irwin  
Seat 2-A (West Knoxville) – vacant (had been occupied by the late Suzanne Kurth)  
Seat 3-B (Northwest Knoxville) – Mae Moody  
Seat 6-B (Parts of East, West and Northwest Knoxville) – Rick Roach  
At Large Seat A – vacant (had been occupied by Bobby Braly, who moved out of state)  
At Large Seat B – Barbara Pelot

Appointees to the district seats must live in that particular City Council district, whereas appointees for at-large seats can live anywhere in the city.

To be considered for one of these positions, interested persons are asked to fill out an application form, which is available online:

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

Applications are due by February 7. To learn more, or to obtain a hard copy of the application form, call David Massey, neighborhood coordinator, at 215-3232.

Visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/advisory.asp> to learn more about the NAC, the duties of an NAC member, and details about the appointment process.

## **3. Recycle Your Electronics Tomorrow at Chilhowee Park**

The City of Knoxville's Solid Waste Office and its partners will host an electronics "E-cycling" event from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Saturday, January 11, at Chilhowee Park's Midway Parking Lot on North Beaman Street.

Any device that is powered by electricity (battery, solar, plug-in) and is no longer functional is considered to be E-waste. This can mean anything from personal electronic devices like mp3 players to large kitchen appliances. If a device is broken or does not work as intended, it should be recycled if possible. In some cases, disposal is the only practical option. If the device still works, but is just outdated, donation for reuse should be considered.

The event will take place rain or shine, mild or arctic.

The Domestic Violence Unit of the Knoxville Police Department also collects used cell phones. Phones donated to the unit must have a charger and battery and be in working order. The service must be disconnected, and please delete you phone book numbers in the phone's directory! To donate your personal phone to the unit, please contact Amy Dilworth at 215-6868.

Visit [www.KnoxEcycles.org](http://www.KnoxEcycles.org) for more information about tomorrow's event.

#### **4. Arctic Vortex Will Hike Customer Bills, KUB Warns**

The recent frigid temperatures caused by the so-called "Arctic Vortex" set records for peak demands on KUB's electric and natural gas systems --- and may set peak records for many KUB customer bills.

According to KUB:

The colder the temperature outside, the harder customers' heating units have to work to maintain a consistent temperature. Single digit temperatures increased the use of electricity or natural gas to heat homes. And the more energy used, the higher the customer's bill. The actual increases will vary based on customers' individual consumption habits, and the size and energy efficiency of the home.

On average, this month's electric bills have increased 26% (about \$31) from last month's bills. Customers should not be surprised if the bills they receive in the next few weeks are much higher than those in December, because average consumption is up by about 30% from last month.

Average residential natural gas bills have also increased overall compared to last month – this month's bills are up by 39% (about \$41) compared to the previous month. Average natural gas consumption has increased by 45% from last month.

The most important thing for customers to know is to call KUB at 524-2911 as soon as they think they may have difficulty paying their bill. KUB works with customers to make payment arrangements and provide tools to budget the balance. Customer counselors are also available who work to get customers in touch with local agencies for assistance.

The main factors that drive utility bills are the weather, energy costs, and customer usage habits. No matter what the weather or energy costs do, customers can help lower their utility bills by conserving energy. For conservation information, visit [www.kub.org](http://www.kub.org) and click on Money-Saving Tips.

KUB, a municipal utility serving Knox and parts of seven adjacent counties, provides electric, gas, water, and wastewater services to more than 439,000 customers.

## **5. 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/>.*

*Also see: 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 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.*

Saturday, January 11 --- 6 p.m.

Burlington Homeowners & Residents Association  
Burlington Library, Asheville Highway  
Kimberley Fowler, [ccfp@comcast.net](mailto:ccfp@comcast.net), 524-7094

Monday, January 13 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)  
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road  
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, January 13 --- 5-6 p.m.

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

Monday, January 13 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, January 13 --- 6 p.m.

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

Monday, January 13 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, January 13 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, January 13 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)

Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Avenue

Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, January 13 --- 7 p.m.

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in September, November, January, March and May)

Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway

Mac Goodwin, 524-9954

Monday, January 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

Monday, January 13 --- 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](mailto:kcloninger@comcast.net)

Tuesday, January 14 --- 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, January 14 --- 6 p.m.

Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)

Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue

Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, January 14 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)

Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street

R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Thursday, January 16 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)

Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders

Speaker: Diondre Jackson, Executive Director, Williams Creek Golf Course

Location: 2351 Dandridge Ave Knoxville, TN

Doug Minter, [Dminter@knoxvilechamber.com](mailto:Dminter@knoxvilechamber.com), Knoxville Chamber, 637-4550

[www.EastKnox.org](http://www.EastKnox.org)

Thursday, January 16 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, January 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, January 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, January 16 --- 6:30 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)

Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Saturday, January 18 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue

Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, January 20 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education – Work Session

(Monday before the regular meeting and the third Mondays, 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, January 20 --- 7 p.m.

West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)

Executive Committee: Jan., March, April, July, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.

General Meeting: February, May and October

First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Road

Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Monday, January 20 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)

All are welcome to attend.

Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Tuesday, January 21 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)

Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive

Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, January 21 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)

Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue

Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, January 21 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)

Speakers: Barbara Bunting and Marsha Lehman from Knox County Master Gardeners

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

<http://edgewoodpark.us/>

Tuesday, January 21 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

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

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

Monday, January 27 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

Knox County Commission

(Fourth Mondays, Jan.-Oct. Third Mondays, Nov.-Dec.)

[www.knoxcounty.org/commission](http://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, January 27 --- 5:30 p.m.

Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)

Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue

Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, January 27 --- 7-8:30 p.m.

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

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

Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike

Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, January 28 – 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)

Tuesday, January 28 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)

Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo

Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, January 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>

Thursday, January 30 --- 5:30 pm

Knoxville City Council Workshop

Topic: Proposed Changes to the Sign Ordinance

Main Assembly Room, City-County Building

Thursday, January 30, 2014 --- 6:00 pm

Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC)

Knox County Library West (Bearden Branch) 100 Golf Club Road

PARC office, 215-3869

Friday, January 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

Monday, February 3 --- 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, February 3 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, February 3 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education – Work Session  
(Monday before the regular meeting and the third Mondays, except holidays or holiday weeks)  
First Floor Board Room, Andrew Johnson Building, 912 South Gay St.  
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Monday, February 3 --- 7 p.m.

Cedar Heights Residents Association (first Mondays)  
5316 Cedar Heights Road  
[Jabrahamson2012@gmail.com](mailto:Jabrahamson2012@gmail.com) or 765-1047

Tuesday, February 4 --- 5 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 4 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, February 4 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, February 5 --- 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”

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

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

Tuesday, February 11 --- 5:30 p.m.

Public Meeting / City of Knoxville



Topic: New Plan on Homelessness in Knoxville  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street at East Fifth Avenue  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/homelessnessplandraft2014.pdf>

Wednesday, February 12 --- 1 p.m.  
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)  
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street  
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, February 12 --- 11:30 a.m.  
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)  
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike  
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, February 12 --- 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, February 13 --- 1:30 p.m.  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>  
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, February 13 --- 5:30 p.m.  
City Council Workshop  
Topic #1: Economic Development Activities in Innovation Valley  
Topic #2: Complete Streets  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street

Thursday, February 13 --- 6 p.m.  
Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)  
Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive  
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, February 13 --- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)  
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Drive  
Alice Wershing at [awershing@aol.com](mailto:awershing@aol.com)

Monday, February 17 --- 7 p.m.  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization  
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)  
Contact Judith Neff for Location  
Judith Neff, [merlin2@comcast.net](mailto:merlin2@comcast.net), 567-7980

Thursday, February 27 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic: Proposed Homelessness Plan  
Main (Large) Assembly Room, City-County Building

Saturday, March 8 --- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Neighborhood Networking Luncheon  
For All City Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Organizations  
Office of Neighborhoods  
David Massey, 25-3232, [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org)

Thursday, March 13 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Knoxville City Council Workshop  
Topic: Pocket Neighborhoods  
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

Friday, March 14 --- 6 p.m.  
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)  
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm Street  
Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Saturday, March 29 --- 9 a.m. till Last Person is heard  
"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

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*\*\* Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

*\*\* May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood e-mail lists and newsletters.*

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