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1. City Council Approves Urban Agriculture on First Reading

Knoxville City Council tonight approved, on first reading, a series of changes to zoning regulations that make it easier for individuals, community groups and businesses to establish community and market gardens throughout the city.

See this PDF document for an explanation of the changes, along with various background materials:

http://knoxvilletn.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_109478/File/Neighborhoods/documents/UrbanAgriculture.pdf

2. Sons Summit to be Held Saturday

The City of Knoxville this coming weekend is hosting a gathering of minority teenage boys and young men to get to the root of the problems and challenges they face in our community.

Sons Summit --- a follow-up from a "Save Our Sons" event held early this year --- is designed to involve boys and young men of color, 12-18 years old. Its purpose is to create dialogue to develop strategies on how to ensure a safe, prosperous and healthy community where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. This is part of a national initiative to increase opportunities for success and reduce violence-related deaths among boys and young men of color.

The event will be held this coming Saturday, June 13, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Knoxville Civic Coliseum ballroom at 500 Howard Baker Jr. Avenue. You may park free of charge in the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum parking garages.

Feel free to share with youth, parents, guardians and individuals whom you believe would be interested in participating in this event. Register on site or online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sons-summit-tickets-17242773600?aff=eac2>.

Please RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, June 12, by contacting Jackie Clay at 865-215-2831 or jackieclay@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. NAC to Ponder Street Closures, Open Streets

The Neighborhood Advisory Council will meet tomorrow --- Wednesday, June 10 --- from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the CAC building, 2247 Western Avenue.

Officials from the City of Knoxville's Engineering and Police Departments will be on hand to discuss policies and procedures governing temporary closures of city streets for neighborhood events.

In addition, Liliana Burbano and Caroline Cooley will discuss "ciclovia" --- the concept of "open streets" or temporarily closing streets to motorized vehicles for the exclusive use of pedestrians and bicyclists. Liliana is in charge of the "[Safe Routes to Schools](#)" program for the Knox County Health Department, and Caroline is president of [Bike Walk Knoxville](#).

Other topics may be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

4. Bike Walk Knoxville to Discuss Open Streets Event, Other Issues

Bike Walk Knoxville (BWK) will meet from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Public House, 212 W. Magnolia Avenue, to discuss an upcoming Open Streets event that BWK is planning in coordination with city staff from several city departments.

Updates will also be presented by Knoxville Alternative Transportation Coordinator Jon Livengood, TPO Bike Program Coordinator Kelley Segars, TPO Regional Greenways Coordinator Ellen Zavisca, and the Greenways Commission.

5. MPC Addresses Neighborhood Signage

The long-awaited and much-debated sign ordinance is back before the Metropolitan Planning Commission at 1:30 p.m. this coming Thursday, June 11.

City Council on April 9, 2015, approved proposed new sign regulations on first reading with the exception of three items that were referred back to MPC for further study. MPC staff is making recommendations to the commission on these questions.

One question was whether street sign banners designating a neighborhood, such as Fourth & Gill, should be exempt from regulation. In a memo attached to Thursday's agenda, MPC staff suggests that banners used to designate a neighborhood can, in

fact, be exempt from the sign regulations because the city already has a policy and permitting process for approving banners within the right-of-way.

If MPC and then City Council follow this recommendation, the current policy will remain in place. For a copy of the current banner policy and application, see http://knoxvilletn.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_109478/File/SpecialEvents/form_banner.pdf.

With input from the Office of Neighborhoods, the MPC staff also notes that current zoning regulations also make it difficult for neighborhoods to site and afford necessary variances for neighborhood entrance signs.

“There are several details regarding the regulation of neighborhood identification (or entrance) signs on private property that require further study and should be a priority as an amendment following the adoption of these sign regulations,” the MPC memo states. See <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org/2015/jun2015/10-B-13-OA.pdf> for the MPC staff memo and recommended ordinance changes.

Look for a public input process later this summer on possible changes to the sign regulations regarding neighborhood entrance signs.

6. KAT Proposes Expanded Hours, Route Expansion

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) is proposing to expand hours and route offerings on Sundays, expand Route 41/Chapman Highway, and make other minor changes.

The Knoxville Transportation Authority (KTA) will vote on these proposed changes at their meeting on Thursday, June 25, at 3:00 p.m. in the City County Building’s Main Assembly Room. If approved, the changes would take effect on Monday, August 24.

The proposal calls for Sunday service to begin two hours earlier (8:15 a.m.) and end with a final trip at 8:15 p.m. --- two hours later than the current service, which ends at 6:15 p.m. In addition, Route 12/Western Avenue and Route 20/Central Avenue would operate on Sundays. Currently, only four routes operate on Sundays: Route 11/Kingston Pike, Route 22/Broadway, Route 31/Magnolia and Route 41/Chapman Highway.

The proposal also includes an expansion of Route 41/Chapman Highway to serve Mountain Grove Shopping Center.

See http://www.katbus.com/pdf/routeproposalpacket_aug2015.pdf for details on the proposed changes and information on how to offer your comments and opinions.

7. North Knoxville Coffee Shop Competes for \$100,000 Grant

K-Brew --- a local coffee shop located on North Broadway between the Fourth & Gill and Old North Knoxville neighborhoods --- is in the running for a national small business grant from Chase Bank.

Chase Bank is giving 20 grants of \$100,000 each to small businesses across the country. Currently K-Brew is leading nationally in votes. Community members can vote online now through June 19 at www.missionmainstreetgrants.com/b/66829.

If it secures the grant, K-Brew plans to use the money on neighborhood-centric projects, including a large cookout/meet & greet event, as well as some other larger plans that build on the existing company.

K-Brew is located at 1328 North Broadway in a storefront that was renovated using funds from the City's Façade Program.

For information on K-Brew, visit their website at knoxvillebrew.com or stop in for a cup of coffee. Questions can be directed to Pierce LaMacchia at hi@knoxvillebrew.com.

8. Neighborhood and Government Calendar

Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3456.

Visit <http://knoxvilletn.gov/calendar> for a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Wednesday, June 10 --- 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

City Business Breakfast

Helping local businesses "do business" with the City of Knoxville

Register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015Business-Breakfast>

Knoxville Civic Coliseum, 500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave.

City of Knoxville, Purchasing Department

Wednesday, June 10 --- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Food Policy Council

(Second Wednesdays but check website for confirmation)

Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue

<http://www.knoxfood.org>; info@knoxfood.org

Wednesday, June 10 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)

Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road

Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, June 10 --- 4:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisory Council, City of Knoxville

(Second Wednesdays except December)

CAC / L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.

http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_departments_offices/neighborhoods/

David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, June 11 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

<http://www.knoxmpc.org>

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

Thursday, June 11 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, June 11 --- 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)

Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Dr.

Alice Wershing, awershing@aol.com

Thursday, June 11 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association

(Second Thursdays except December and January)

South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road

Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t_caruthers@hotmail.com

Friday, June 12 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.

North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)

Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 a.m.

Open to North Knoxville Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Business Owners

Meeting location varies. Check Website for location. <http://northknoxvillebpa.org/>

Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.

Friday, June 12 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)

Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.

Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Saturday, June 13 --- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Lonsdale Multicultural Community Market (Second Saturdays)

Pavilion, Lonsdale Park, 1317 Louisiana Avenue

Latino Task Force and **Lonsdale United for Change**

Emma Cosigua, 201-207-8801, or Rosie Noriega, 865-405-0931

Saturday, June 13 --- Noon – 3 p.m.

Sons Summit

A gathering of minority boys and young men of color, ages 12-18, to address problems and challenges they face in our community.

Knoxville Civic Coliseum Ballroom, Howard Baker Avenue

City of Knoxville, sponsor

To attend, RSVP by 5 p.m. June 12 to jackieclay@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2831.

Sunday, June 14 --- 2 p.m.

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association
(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)
Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue
John Yates, 865-588-8883, john.a.yates1950@gmail.com

Monday, June 15 --- 6 p.m.

Annual Potluck Picnic
West Hills Community Association
The Gazebo, West Hills Park, 7624 Sheffield Dr.
Ashley Williams, 313-0282, ac.will@yahoo.com

Monday, June 15 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
"Birdhouse"/Fourth & Gill Center, 800 North Fourth Avenue
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 16 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, June 16 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
<http://edgewoodpark.us/>

Wednesday, June 17 --- 12 Noon

Eastport/Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch (Third Wednesdays)
Lee Williams Senior Center, 2240 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Sylvia Cook, 206-3433, sylviacook5901@comcast.net

Wednesday, June 17 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association (Third Wednesdays)
Graystone Presbyterian Church, 139 Woodlawn Pike
Kelley DeLuca, 660-4728, kellydeluca@gmail.com

Thursday, June 18 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Meeting location varies
Doug Minter, Dminter@knoxvillechamber.com, Knoxville Chamber, 637-4550
<http://www.eastknox.org/>

Thursday, June 18 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/boards_commissions/historic_zoning_commission/

Kaye Graybeal, 215-3795, kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org

Thursday, June 18 --- 12 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 18 --- 4 p.m.

City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building
Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp>

Thursday, June 18 --- 7 p.m.

Old Sevier Community Group
(Third Thursdays, January-November)
South Knoxville Elementary School Library, 801 Sevier Avenue
Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

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

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

Monday, June 22 --- 2 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

Knox County Commission
(Fourth Mondays, January-October. Third Mondays, November-December)
www.knoxcounty.org/commission
Agenda: Click on "Information" and then "Commission Agendas"
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting

Tuesday, June 23 --- 6 p.m.

Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Rd.
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Tuesday, June 23 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_council
Agenda: <http://knoxvillecitytn.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

Wednesday, June 24 --- 9 a.m.

Infill Housing Design Review Committee (Fourth Wednesdays)
Re: infill housing in central city neighborhoods with IH-1 overlay
<http://www.knoxmpc.org/zoning/infill.htm>
Jeff Archer, 215-3821, jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org

Wednesday, June 24 --- 9 a.m.

Transportation Planning Organization (**TPO**) Executive Committee
(Fourth Wednesdays, Jan.-Oct., and Third Wednesdays, Nov.-Dec.)

Small Assembly Room, City County Building
Agenda: <http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/execagen.htm>
Dori Canon, 215-2694, dori.canon@knoxmpc.org

Thursday, June 25 --- 9 a.m.

Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, January-October)
“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

Saturday, June 27 --- 9 a.m. until last person is heard

“Coffee with the Councilman”
(Usually the 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, June 30 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Wednesday, July 1 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Towne Area Business & Professional Association (First Wednesdays)
Neighborhood Residents and Leaders encouraged to attend
New Harvest Park Community Building
Chair, Justin Sterling, JSterling@simon.com

Monday, July 6 --- 1:00 p.m.

East Knoxville Community Meeting (First Mondays)
Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway
Michael Covington, 865-274-7958, mdecov@hotmail.com

Monday, July 6 --- 4 p.m.

Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)
Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.
Bill Jackson, 221-4402

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

Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays except holidays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
David Anderson, (803) 259-6289, dander19@utk.edu

Monday, July 6 --- 7 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (First Mondays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Ave. at Henegar St.
Bill Hutton, 773-5228, s_wlhutton@yahoo.com

Tuesday, July 7 --- 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 7 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_council
Agenda: <http://knoxvillecitytn.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

Monday, July 13 --- 1:30 p.m.

Montgomery Village Residents Association (Second Mondays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

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

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

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

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Michael Meadowview: Marian Bailey, 525-5625
Cold Springs: Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, July 13

Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays)
Board Meetings: 6 p.m. Monthly
General Membership Meetings: 7 p.m., April, September, November
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike
Daniel Dunn, 387-6390, daniel.dunn06@yahoo.com

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

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

Monday, July 13 --- 6:30 pm

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike
Katherine Johnson, 566-1198

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

Community Potluck
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)

Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

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

Historic Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Andie Ray, 548-5221

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

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Belle_Morris
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Tuesday, July 14 --- 9 a.m.

Transportation Planning Organization ([TPO](#)) Technical Committee
(Second Tuesdays)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building
Agenda: <http://www.knoxtrans.org/meetings/techagen.htm>
Dori Canon, 215-2694, dori.canon@knoxmpc.org

Tuesday, July 14 --- 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org/>

Tuesday, July 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, July 14 --- 4-5 p.m.

City of Knoxville Greenways Commission
(2nd Tuesdays, even-numbered months)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
http://knoxvilletn.gov/government/boards_commissions/greenways_commission/
Lori Goerlich, Parks & Recreation Dept., 215-2807

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

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

Tuesday, July 14 --- 6-7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.
Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.
Monthly on a Tuesday: Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

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

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch

(Third Tuesdays in January, March, May, July, September and November)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Dr.
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Saturday, July 25 --- 1 p.m.

Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Quarterly)

3004 Boright Drive
Lola Alapo, 525-1520, BorightGroup@gmail.com

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

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Shelley Conklin, 686-6789

Monday, August 3 --- 6-8 p.m.

Wesley Neighbors Community Association

(First Mondays, even-numbered months)
West Knoxville Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Rd.
John Heins, 297-7045

Thursday, August 6 --- 6 pm

Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch

(First Thursdays, even-numbered months)
Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silver Hill Drive
Anna Compton, 599-0724, amcompto@gmail.com

Monday, August 17 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)
All are welcome to attend.
New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Lane
Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Saturday, September 19

10th Annual Mechanicsville Homecoming
10 a.m. – Community Parade from Fifth Avenue and University Avenue
11 a.m. – Celebration at Danny Mayfield Park
Mechanicsville Community Association (MCA)
Contact MCA to participate in parade or reserve booth space.
David L. Gillette, Celebration Chair, 356-1179, dgillette33@gmail.com

Monday, November 9 --- 7 p.m.

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May)
Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway
Eston Williams, 406-5412

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