



Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 9, No. 37 – Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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1. Developer to Meet with South Haven Neighborhood

The **South Haven Neighborhood Association** next Tuesday will meet with the developers of the “Baker Creek Bottoms” development proposed for the former Sevier Heights Baptist Church site.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the old chapel on the church grounds at 3706 Sevier Heights Road in South Knoxville.

In order for the development to move forward, a change in zoning (from R-1 to C-3) will be required, as well as a Sector Plan Amendment (OS to GC) and a One Year Plan Amendment (OS to GC).

The MPC hearing on these matters was scheduled for this Thursday, Oct. 13, but the developer has asked for a postponement to give the neighborhood and other stakeholders a chance to get more information. Anyone interested may attend the October 18 meeting and learn more about the proposal.

For more, contact Linda Rust, president of the neighborhood group, at 865-679-9924.

2. Neighborhoods Rally to Oppose Cell Tower in Burlington

Three neighborhood organizations --- Burlington Residents Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, and Town Hall East --- are expected to attend Thursday's meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Commission to oppose the siting of a Verizon Wireless cell tower in Burlington.

MPC meets at 1:30 Thursday in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Verizon's request for a use-on-review comes just as Knox Heritage begins gathering photos and oral history so it can nominate the Burlington Commercial District to the National Register of Historic Places. See story below.

At least two of the groups are circulating petitions opposing the tower location. Town Hall East posted [this change.org link](#) and asked its neighbors and friends to "pass it along to others you think have an interest in the outcome of this decision."

As noted in [last week's Advisory](#), Town Hall East President Doug Toppenberg, who is an attorney, believes Verizon's application fails to meet the criteria required of cell towers, despite strong federal regulations that limit the ability of local governments to deny cell towers.

Meanwhile, the MPC agenda contains several other items, including proposals for new developments in Deane Hill, the Mineral Springs/Whittle Springs area, Kingston Pike at Lindsay Place, and Lonsdale, just to name a few. [See the agenda](#).

3. Knox Heritage Seeks Burlington History, Photos, Information

[Knox Heritage](#) is inviting interested residents and business owners to attend a dinner meeting next week to share what they know about the history of the Burlington Commercial District.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the Burlington Branch Library, 4617 Asheville Highway. Complimentary dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Hollie Cook at hcook@knoxheritage.org

With funding from a City Historic Preservation Grant, Knox Heritage is working to gather the material needed to nominate the Burlington Commercial District to the National Register of Historic Places. The nonprofit is seeking information and stories on the people and businesses in Burlington from 1915 until 1970, and it is collecting oral histories and photos from the area.

4. Vote for Beaumont Magnet Academy!

Beaumont Magnet Academy (BMA) has been chosen as one of 15 finalists for the \$100,000 "Dream Big Teacher Grant," which is sponsored by Farmers Insurance --- and the school needs your vote to bring the grant home.

BMA's proposal for the \$100,000 is to create several arts-themed areas on the existing BMA playground. The new playground features would be available for both school and community use.

Everyone is asked to vote ***daily*** online through October 31, 2016, to choose Beaumont as one of six \$100,000 winners. Beaumont is the only Tennessee school in the contest, and anyone in the nation can vote to help BMA win.

To vote, visit www.votebma.com. Click on 'Vote Now', click on 'Dream Big Finalist, Sheryl Burchett, Knoxville, TN'. It will ask several questions including your email address, and then hit 'Submit'. You will receive an email. To complete your vote and have it count, you must click the link provided in the email.

5. Third East Knoxville Cleanup Set for October 22

The community group Five Points Up is hosting the "third ever" East Knoxville Community-wide Cleanup on Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The event kicks off at the Harvest Center Plaza parking lot, 2410 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Anyone who lives, works, worships and plays in East Knoxville is invited to participate.

Participants should meet at the kickoff event and then disperse into their own neighborhoods to pick up litter. Breakfast items, lunch, beverages and the use of cleanup tools, gloves and supplies will be provided to participants at no cost. The event will also feature tips on maintaining a clean community.

In addition to Five Points Up, participating groups include AmeriCorps, CAC East Neighborhood Center, East Knoxville Business & Professional Association, Eternal Life Harvest Center, HomeSource, Knox County Health Dept., Our Community Organization (OCO), Project GRAD, Smoke-Free Knoxville, The Village of Knoxville, and WJBE radio. For more information, call 546-5125 or 215-5187.

6. Date Set for 'Neighborhoods to Nature' Walk

Mayor Madeline Rogero, several members of City Council, and other city officials will gather with the residents of six different neighborhoods on Monday evening, October 24, in the city's second "Neighborhoods to Nature" Walk.

Elected leaders and department heads will meet the residents of these neighborhoods at various starting points that afternoon, walk together to Malcolm-Martin Park, and spend time engaged in several activities at Beardsley Farm.

The neighborhoods are Beaumont, Mechanicsville, Old Mechanicsville, Ridgebrook, West View, and Western Heights. The walk will help identify any obstacles to walking to these destinations and encourage young people to "walk to nature." Participants will enjoy the music of DJ Sterl the Pearl, obtain information about area services, and tour the Farm's gardens, barn and new education center.

7. Save the Date: Broadway Corridor Concept Plan

Set aside Tuesday evening, Nov. 1, to see the results of a year-long effort to imagine how the Broadway Corridor might look as a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly center of community life and commerce in North Knoxville.

North Broadway between East Fifth Avenue and I-640 has been the focus of the Broadway Corridor Task Force, which is composed of six neighborhood organizations, the North Knoxville Business & Professional Association, and local businesses.

To support the group's effort, the City's Community Development Department retained the East Tennessee Community Design Center to conduct a design workshop last November and then work with volunteer architects to address the challenges and opportunities that exist on the corridor.

After many months of communicating with Task Force members and businesses up and down Broadway, the Design Center is now ready to present its concept plan to the public.

The Nov. 1 meeting will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 North Broadway. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last approximately 75 minutes. Mayor Madeline Rogero will be on hand to help celebrate the vision that has been created.

The Broadway Corridor Task Force meets from 5-6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at KCDC (Knoxville's Community Development Corp.) at 901 Broadway.

8. KAT Wants to Know: Why Not Take the Bus?

KAT – [Knox Area Transit](#) – is hosting eight “Transit on Tap” listening session to get input from central city residents on public attitudes toward the bus system.

KAT is looking for answers to these questions: What is keeping you from using KAT? What would you like to see? What is missing? What would entice you to ride? Would you like a new route?

You can take KAT's brief online survey at <http://bit.ly/KATonTap>. Or look for KAT staff at any of the following events:

Thursday, Oct 13, 5-6:30 p.m., Schulz Brau Brewing, 126 Bernard St.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 5-6:30 p.m., Alliance Brewing, 1130 Sevier Avenue

Friday, Oct. 21, 8-9:30 a.m., Remedy Coffee, 800 Tyson Street

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 5-6:30 p.m., Crafty Bastard Brewery, 6 Emory Place

Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30-9 a.m., K Brew, 1138 North Broadway

Thursday, Nov. 3, 8-9:30 a.m., Three Rivers Coffee Roasters, 1120 Sevier Avenue

Wed., Nov. 9, 5-6:30 p.m. Last Days of Autumn Brewing, 808 East Magnolia Ave.

Friday, Nov. 11, 7:30-9 a.m., Wild Love Bakehouse, 1625 North Central.

9. Bring Police and Safety Concerns to PARC This Week

The Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) is a civilian oversight committee that audits the discipline process and the policies and procedures of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD).

The purpose is to strengthen the relationship between the citizens of the City of Knoxville and the KPD; to assure timely, fair and objective review of citizen complaints while protecting the individual rights of police officers; and to make recommendations concerning citizen complaints to the Chief of Police and to the Mayor.

By making sure citizen concerns are addressed by an independent body, PARC aims to improve the relationship between members of KPD and the citizens they serve. This is an open forum that allows citizens to voice concerns or gain information related to public safety.

PARC meets quarterly, and its next meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at New Vestal United Methodist Church, 115 Ogle Ave. For more, contact Lisa Chambers at 215-3966 or visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/parc>.

10. City, KCDC Sponsor Jobs Initiative Friday

A “jobs initiative” will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this coming Friday, Oct. 14, at North Ridge Crossing (formerly Christenberry Heights), 712 Breda Drive.

Along with food trucks, the East Tennessee Mobile Career Coach will be on hand. Career Coaches are mobile centers with services similar to what is found in a Tennessee American Job Center. Vehicles arrive on the scene to provide a mobile computer lab with Internet access, create a venue for workshops, and serve as a recruitment center for companies seeking to match needs with prospective employees.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Knoxville’s [Save Our Sons program](#) and KCDC (Knoxville’s Community Development Corp.).

11. City to Provide Update of South Waterfront Form Based Code

The public is invited to an Oct. 20 public meeting to discuss updates to the South Waterfront Form Based Code, which was first adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Commission and City Council in 2007 and has periodically been updated over nine years.

The meeting will be held at the same time (7 p.m.) and place (South Knoxville Elementary School, 801 Sevier Avenue) as the regular monthly meeting of the Old Sevier Community Group. All South Waterfront stakeholders are invited to attend and participate.

The proposed changes are described as “legal housekeeping” – eliminating conflicts with other sections of City Code or clarifying language in the South Waterfront Form Based Code that is confusing.

Details of the proposed changes will be presented at the meeting. Pending any revisions, they will first be considered by the Metropolitan Planning Commission and then go to City Council for adoption.

12. BZA Decisions Can Impact Your Neighborhood

Fifteen properties are on the agenda for next week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Established by city ordinance, BZA hears appeals of denials of building permits by the city's Building Inspections Department. The board, consisting of five citizens appointed by the Mayor, meets at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

BZA meets next Thursday, Oct. 20. Addresses on the agenda include 2932 Alcoa Hwy, 3630 Dance Avenue, 1903 Fairmont Blvd., 204 Gore Road, 4315 Kingston Pike, 2900 Knoxville Center Drive, 5656 Lyons View Pike, 4829 Maple Sunset Way, 660 N. Gallaher View Road, 100 S. Broadway, 6811 Sherwood Drive, 2201 Sutherland Avenue, 109 W. Anderson Avenue, 4801 Westover Terrace, 516 W. Jackson Avenue.

The BZA agenda is posted on the city website. Browse to www.knoxvilletn.gov/boards and click on Board of Zoning Appeals. The agenda is posted no later than the Monday prior to the BZA meeting each month.

13. Be a Friend Festival Set for This Friday

Be a Friend Festival --- sponsored by the disABILITY Resource Center and the City of Knoxville --- will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 14, at the Ashley Nicole Dream Playground at Caswell Park, 620 Winona Street.

The festival is designed to promote positive relationships among children, raise awareness, and promote friendships and acceptance of one other. Features include, climbing walls, obstacle courses, artwork, music, demos, food, prizes and more.

To participate, and/or to sponsor, contact Katherine Moore, Festival Coordinator, at 637-3666 or kmoores@drctn.org.

14. Reminder: Meetings This Week

Here is a friendly reminder about upcoming neighborhood events that were covered in this newsletter previously. See the [Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) for details.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4:30 p.m.: The **Neighborhood Advisory Council** will host a speaker from the [Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking](#). Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 5 p.m. --- The **RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association** is celebrating installation of a neighborhood sign and also a sculpture that was donated to the city. 200 East Hill Avenue (corner of East Hill and Volunteer Landing Lane).

Thursday, Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m. --- **City of Knoxville** is holding a public meeting to provide details of major street and utility upgrades projects on North Central Street. Central United Methodist Church, 201 E. Third Avenue.

Thursday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m. --- Neighborhood leaders will discuss the challenges and rewards involved in starting and sustaining a neighborhood organization. Sponsored by the **Office of Neighborhoods**. United Way building, 1301 Hannah Avenue. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

15. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (clickable to online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

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. For an English interpreter, contact David Massey at 215-3232 or dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov.

Other Calendars

Here are several other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [Birdhouse Community Center](#)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Knoxville Mercury](#) (weekly community paper)

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