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1. Parkridge Elects New Board, Officers

After a few months of reorganizing and identifying priorities for 2018, members of the Parkridge Community Organization came together last night to elect their 2018 board of directors and officers.

The new board members are Lynne Randazzo, president; Matt Foster, vice president; Brittney Allen and Sydney Poker, co-secretaries; and Greta Schmoyer and Morgan Wilson, co-treasurers; as well as Lynda Blankenship, Peggy Klein, and Albert Nelson.

"The Office of Neighborhoods would like to thank all who have participated in this reorganization process -- including over 70 people who showed up to the continuation of the Annual Meeting last night, all the volunteers who stepped up, all those willing to serve, and all who have served," stated Debbie Sharp, assistant neighborhood coordinator. Sharp facilitated three straight meetings of the group during the reorganization.

"Parkridge has passion, energy, diversity, and a drive to succeed. We all look forward to what this organization can accomplish."

2. Mayor Rogero to Meet with NAC

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero will meet with the Neighborhood Advisory Council ([NAC](#)) on Wednesday, Feb. 14, to ask questions of and get input from NAC members on a variety of neighborhood-related subjects. All are welcome to attend.

Appointed by the Mayor, the NAC is a 15-member volunteer council that meets from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

3. West Hills Residents Oppose Housing Development

Several West Hills residents are opposing a proposed development of 45 detached residential units on individual lots on a 12.4-acre parcel near the corner of Broome Road and Middlebrook Pike.

The proposal for “The Cove in West Hills” was postponed from the January meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Commission ([MPC](#)) and is slated to be heard again at the February MPC meeting that begins at 1:30 p.m. this Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The new sub-division would have a single outlet to Broome Road, which West Hills residents contend already has a severe traffic problem, especially after the addition of other recent developments.

“Broome Road is a very narrow road, without a shoulder on much of it, hills and curves the entire length and is not capable of handling safely the traffic it already has, not to mention the additional traffic of 30 more homes,” one resident declared in an email to the MPC commissioners. Also mentioned in various emails were concerns about storm water runoff and higher density compared to other parts of West Hills.

The parcel is zoned for planned residential. MPC staff is recommending approval of a concept plan and use on review subject to 12 conditions. For more, see the [details on this agenda item](#).

Neighborhood organizations are encouraged to keep track of the MPC agenda to determine if any new developments are proposed in or near your neighborhood or that might have implications for neighborhoods down the road.

*** [See the MPC agenda page](#).

*** [Sign up for MPC email notices](#).

*** [See videos of past MPC meetings](#).

*** [View a map](#) of pending MPC cases to determine if any proposed developments are in or near your neighborhood.

4. Groups Offer a Citizen’s Academy for Planning

East Tennessee Quality Growth and the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County are offering a “Citizens Academy for Planning” from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 24, at the City County Building.

This is a two-day workshop for those who want to learn more about the role of local planning such as Metropolitan Planning Commission and how the planning process can be utilized to effect change in our communities. The goal is to provide participants with an understanding of the tools and skills needed to navigate planning and land use.

There will be a light breakfast at 8:30, lunch, and a reception to follow on Feb. 24.

Participation is free for Knox County residents. There is a \$30 fee for anyone outside the county, plus the purchase of optional reading material. [Applications](#) are now being accepted. For more information, email ETQG at info@etqualitygrowth.org.

5. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week

Just four 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, Feb. 15. The properties at 3207 South Haven Road and 1221 N. Central St. will come up under old business. The new business items are 2917 Tazewell Pike and 221 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Keep up with how the BZA might impact your neighborhood. Watch for the signs indicating that there is a pending decision on a particular piece of property. Most signs are for Metropolitan Planning Commission issues --- which are also important --- but signs with the word "variance" are BZA items.

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.

6. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (clickable to online calendar)

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Other Calendars

Here are 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)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)

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