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1. Knoxville Neighborhoods Mourn Lynn Redmon

Members of the Norwood Neighborhood Association --- and government officials and neighborhood advocates all across Knoxville --- are mourning the loss of Lynn Redmon, who died last week. He was 72.

As the longtime president of Norwood Homeowners Association, Redmon was a familiar face at meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Commission and Knoxville City Council. In those forums he argued persuasively and passionately for sensible commercial development --- and against rezonings and uses-on-review that would harm the fabric of residential neighborhoods.

At last Saturday's Neighborhood Conference, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero remembered Redmon as a person who earned the respect of everyone in local government, even those with whom he disagreed. He was a strong neighborhood advocate who never burned a bridge, who stuck to the issues and facts, and who valued personal relationships.

Redmon freely offered his advice and knowledge about government, zoning, and related matters to others, including Community Forum, a group of neighborhood advocates who meet monthly to discuss planning and zoning issues.

In addition to friends and church members, his funeral service on Sunday drew a number of current and former elected officials who said they were indebted to Redmon for his political advice and his legendary voter lists culled from years of study.

An active member of Norwood United Methodist Church, he was an avid photographer and enjoyed computers and traveling. He was preceded in death by his wife Ann Harris Redmon and his parents. He is survived by his three daughters, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and longtime companion Susan Rickabaugh. In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made to the Norwood UMC Food Pantry.

2. South Woodlawn Elects New Board

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association has elected its new board for the year, and Raymond Alldredge was reelected president.

Debbie Helsley was elected vice president, Sylvia Woods was reelected secretary, and Janice Tocher was reelected treasurer. The three district representatives are Sara Baskin, Danny Gray and Melody Moneymaker. In addition, Janine Al-Aseer, Hilary Gallegos, Andy Blanchard and Debbie Sharp are the at-large representatives for the next year. Leaving the board are Kenny Bradley and past president Shelley Conklin.

3. Massey to Retire, Mayor Appoints Sharp

Change is in store for the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods.

David Massey, who has served as the Neighborhood Coordinator since May of 2008, will retire in June. Mayor Madeline Rogero has appointed Debbie Sharp to succeed Massey in that role. Sharp has worked in the Office of Neighborhoods since September of 2014, when she was named the Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator.

The City has posted the Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator position. Visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/jobs to see the job description and learn how to apply for the position. The job will be posted for two weeks. All inquiries should be directed to Melissa Foster at 215-3072.

[Read the press release.](#)

4. Kirk Anderson is the Good Neighbor of the Year

Kirk Anderson, a longtime resident of the Timbercrest neighborhood, was named the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year at last Saturday's Neighborhood Conference at Hotel Knoxville. [See this web page](#) for the full press release and photographs.

Timbercrest resident James Newbill accepted the award from Mayor Madeline Rogero on Anderson's behalf. Newbill and his wife, Clara, who have lived in the neighborhood for more than 50 years, nominated Anderson based on his generosity and frequent assistance. Mayor Rogero also honored these other nominees:

- *** **Helen Bachrach**, president of RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association.
- *** **Sylvia Cook**, founder of Eastport / Five Points Neighborhood Watch.
- *** **Yarrish Cook**, a member of Mechanicsville Community Association.
- *** **David Gillette**, vice president of Mechanicsville Community Association.
- *** **Stuart Hall**, head of the neighborhood watch for West Haven Village Neighborhood Community Association.
- *** **Paula Minhinnett**, a block captain for Top of the Ridge Neighborhood Watch.

5. Neighborhood Conference Draws 600

Competing with the Big Ears Festival, the March for Our Lives Rally, many neighborhood Easter egg hunts, and preparations for the Marathon, the annual neighborhood Conference drew 600 people at Hotel Knoxville this past Saturday.

Over 65 neighborhoods were represented. Folks from all over Knoxville besieged the information booths, absorbed tons of information from the workshops, took in the luncheon and awards ceremonies, put names with faces, won door prizes (or not), and made connections for their neighborhoods and community organizations.

Look for more conference information in next week's newsletter.

6. Zoning Code Draft Posted, Public Meetings Next Week

The first draft of the City of Knoxville's proposed new zoning code has been posted online --- just in time for public meetings next Monday and Tuesday and two others later in April.

Work on the zoning code, which has not been updated in over 50 years, is dubbed "Recode Knoxville." Visit <https://recodeknoxville.com/> to learn more about this important effort for all of Knoxville, including our residential neighborhoods.

The draft is a result of months of discussion and public input, with more meetings and public input to follow before a final draft is placed before the Metropolitan Planning Commission ([MPC](#)) and Knoxville City Council this fall.

[Visit this web page](#) to download the full document or just individual chapters. You can also view [a slide show](#) that was presented last Wednesday to the Recode Knoxville Stakeholder Advisory Committee and last Saturday at the Neighborhood Conference.

The public meetings --- co-sponsored by MPC and the [Office of Neighborhoods](#) --- are open to all but have been scheduled especially for neighborhood organizations. The meetings (which all have the same agenda and presentation) will be held on the following dates. Click on the date for the Facebook page for each event. If you have a neighborhood or personal Facebook page, please post to help communicate these important meetings to all neighbors.

*** [Monday, April 2](#), 6 p.m., O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street

*** [Tuesday, April 3](#), 6 p.m., Woodlawn Christian Church, 4333 Woodlawn Pike.

*** [Thursday, April 19](#), 6 p.m., Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silverhill Drive.

*** [Thursday, April 26](#), 6 p.m., Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7414 Deane Hill Drive.

In addition to attending the public meetings and keeping up with the Recode website, Knoxville residents can stay informed by [subscribing](#) to the Recode Knoxville newsletter.

Amy Midis, a member of the Recode Stakeholders Advisory Committee and the person who scheduled the four meetings, reports that the map assigning the new zoning codes will not be compiled until late June or early July.

“MPC is waiting to hear your feedback regarding the new zoning codes, as well as what zoning designation you feel most accurately reflects your neighborhood,” she stated in a recent email to neighborhood contacts. “Therefore, make sure to review the residential zoning definitions in Article 4 of the document.”

To submit feedback, go to <https://recodeknoxville.com/participate/comments/>, or contact MPC Director Gerald Green at gerald.green@knoxmpc.org or 215-3758.

7. City Offices Closed Friday

City of Knoxville offices will be closed Friday, March 30, for the Good Friday Holiday. Waste Connections WILL run residential garbage and recycling routes on Friday, and downtown trash and recycling will run on its regular schedule throughout the Easter weekend.

The City's recycling centers will be open for recycling use. The Goodwill attendant will be available for household goods donations on Friday until 1 p.m. However, the Solid Waste Management Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed on both Friday and Saturday.

8. 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 Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

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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