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1 . Just 11 Days Left to Register

It's getting close!

You and your neighbors have just 11 more days to register for The Neighborhood Conference, to be held Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Online registration ends at noon Tuesday, March 19. Registrations must be in hand by that date and time to guarantee a box lunch. Early registration also ensures that you get into the workshops you want.

See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/2013conference.pdf> to download the 14-page conference program, which includes the schedule, list of workshops, parking options, and other details.

To register, visit <http://www.planetreg.com/neighborhoodconference> or call 215-3456 to have a hard copy of the program and registration form mailed to you.

If you are a person with a disability and require an accommodation in order to attend and participate in this conference, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scook@cityofknoxville.org no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2013.

2. Parade of Neighborhoods

Over 85 city and county neighborhoods are now represented by the 260+ individuals who have registered (so far) for The Neighborhood Conference, to be held Saturday, March 23, at the Knoxville Convention Center. These include:

Adair Gardens, Alice Bell / Spring Hill, Bearden, Belle Morris, Belmont West, Bishops Court, Bluegrass South, Burlington, Cagle Terrace, Carlton Manor, Center City, Cherokee Ridge, Chilhowee Park, Cleveland Park, Cobblestone Park, Cold Springs, Colonial Village, Corryton, Crest Haven, Crestwood Hills, Cumberland Estates,

Dandridge Avenue, Deer Creek, Downtown, East Magnolia, Edgewood Park, Fairfax-Freemason, Fairmont-Emoriland, Five Points, Forest Heights, Fountain City, Gardenia Heights, Gibbs, Glenmay, Glenview, Gulf Park, Gulfwood,

Happy Holler, Heiskell, Historic Fourth & Gill, Historic Sutherland Heights, Inskip, Island Home Park, Karns, Kensington, Lake Forest, Lakemoor Hills, Laurel Woods, Lincoln Park, Lindbergh Forest/Taliwa/Woodlawn, Lonas Drive, Lonsdale, Marble City, Montgomery Village, Murray Drive/Wilkerson Road, North Hills, Norwood, Oakwood, Old Mechanicsville, Old North Knoxville, Old Sevier Community,

Park City, Parkridge, Pond Gap, Powell, Ritta, Robinson Ridge, Rocky Hill, Sequoyah Hills, Seven Springs, Sevenoaks, Skyland Park, South Doyle, South Haven, South Woodlawn, Sterchi Village, Tatewood, The Holston, Town Hall East, Turkey Creek Woods, Vestal, West Hills, West View, Westmoreland Heights, and Whispering Hills.

Make sure your neighborhood is represented at the conference. Register today!

3. Sponsors Boost the Conference

Produced by the city's Office of Neighborhoods, The Neighborhood Conference of 2013 is made possible, in part, by the generous donations of [Waste Connections](#), the garbage and recycling contractor for the city, which is sponsoring the lunch, and [Home Federal Bank](#), which is sponsoring the continental breakfast.

Other confirmed major donors are:

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4. Sheriff J.J. Jones to Speak; Conference Open to County Residents

Knox County Sheriff J.J. Jones will explain the workings of the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) at the Neighborhood Conference on March 23.

The "Introduction to Law Enforcement" workshop will also include top brass in the Knoxville Police Department. (Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch is unable to attend due to a schedule conflict: a nonprofit board on which he serves.)

Other workshops in the conference are aimed directly at residents of Knox County outside of Knoxville. These include a chance to hear from and meet the members of the Knox County Commission and a session on county codes enforcement.

Many other workshops address issues common to both city and county neighborhoods, including “HOA Legal Issues,” which will address a variety of issues faced by formal homeowner associations.

5. Workshop Focuses on Section 8, Renters, and Landlords

The Neighborhood Conference is not limited to homeowners.

Many workshops and other conference features can be enjoyed by everyone, including those who rent single family homes and apartments. One workshop in particular applies to this group: Rights and Responsibilities of Renters and Landlords.

This workshop should also be of interest to neighborhood groups, particularly those who want to know more about how Section 8 housing works under KCDC (Knoxville’s Community Development Corp.).

The panelists include two experts on fair housing and renters’ rights, a neighborhood leader who is also a developer of single family rental housing, and the KCDC executive in charge of Section 8 housing. Learn how Section 8 works, including the standards that landlords must observe. Get tips on best practices for both renters and landlords.

6. Learn How to Be Prepared in Case of an Emergency

Knoxville and Knox County have an excellent system for dealing with natural and manmade emergencies, but not a lot of people know about it. At the Neighborhood Conference, you’ll get that chance.

The panel on “Emergency Preparedness” features the operations officer for the Knoxville/Knox County Emergency Management Agency (KEMA), the emergency response coordinator for the Knox County Health Department, and the regional director of emergency services for the Knoxville chapter of the American Red Cross.

Is your family prepared if a disaster strikes? This panel can explain what you need for an effective family preparedness plan. The panel will be moderated by Eden Slater, Office of Neighborhoods, who will talk about disaster planning at the neighborhood level.

7. Get Help Planning Your Neighborhood Event

If you’re thinking about having any kind of neighborhood event --- from a cleanup day to a neighborhood fair or tour of homes --- you have a great opportunity to hear from five planning experts (all women, as it turns out) at The Neighborhood Conference.

The workshop on “Event Planning” will help you think through volunteers, timing, staging, logistics, donations, funding, publicity, local government requirements and other aspects of pulling off successful events, large and small.

Panelists are Cheryl Ball of FletcherPR, who has worked on dozens of events; Judith Foltz, who directs the Office of Special Events for the City of Knoxville; Hemal Tailor, senior director of community outreach for Knox County; Jean Davis James, who has been very involved in planning Mechanicsville Community Association's annual homecoming; and Kathy Proctor, chair of the beautification committee for Lakemoor Hills Homeowners Assn.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to plan a dynamite neighborhood event!

8. Door Prizes, T-Shirts, Free Admission, Free Food, Info Booths...Oh my!

If you're looking for a conference that has much to offer in addition to a terrific schedule of workshops, The Neighborhood Conference is the place to be.

Door Prizes

Thanks to the donations of businesses, neighborhoods and nonprofits, The Neighborhood Conference is giving away door prizes at the end of the conference (starting at 2:45) in a transparent effort to encourage everyone to stay for the entire day. For each session you attend and complete a session evaluation form, you get one raffle ticket. Raffle prizes include movie tickets donated by Regal Cinema and Christmas ornaments donated by Old North Knoxville.

If your organization would like to donate a door prize, please call David at 215-3232.

T-Shirt Challenge

WBIR Reporter Eleanor Beck will be judging the T-Shirt Challenge Contest, along with members of the arts community. Awards will be made to both city and county neighborhood organizations for the best silk screen T-shirt and the best homemade T-shirt. There will be a separate category for best T-shirt made by an individual in an unorganized neighborhood. T-shirts will be judged on creativity communicating neighborhood pride and/or promoting the neighborhood.

Thanks to South Haven Neighborhood Association for issuing the challenge!

Free Admission and Free Food

There is no admission fee to participate in the conference. A free continental breakfast and a free box lunch will be provided free of charge to everyone who registers by noon Tuesday, March 19. That's the registration deadline for a guarantee on the food.

Information Booths

In addition to the 32 workshops, this conference will feature over 40 information booths that will distribute all kinds of information useful to individual citizens as well as neighborhood groups.

Just some of the exhibitors include CAC, CAC Office on Aging, Community Design Center, Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN), Council of West Knox County Homeowners, Knox Heritage, Knoxville News Sentinel, KUB, Metropolitan Drug Commission, MPC, PlanET, Red Cross, and Waste Connections (the city's garbage and recycling contractor).

Several City of Knoxville departments will have booths, including Community Development, Fire, KAT, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Service (codes, recycling, trees and solid waste), Stormwater Engineering.

Knox County government booths will include those set up by the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, and the Health, Parks & Recreation, Solid Waste, and Stormwater departments, as well as the Knox County Property Assessor and the Knox County Register of Deeds.

9. 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/>.

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 no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Friday, March 8 --- 6:00 p.m.
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Monday, March 11 --- 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting
Central Business Improvement District
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square
(Future meetings in 2013: 6/10, 9/9, 12/9)
<http://downtownknoxville.org/>
Michele Hummel, 246-2654

Monday, March 11 --- 6 p.m.
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (second Mondays)
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, March 11 --- 6 p.m.
Vestal Community Organization (second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, March 11 --- 6:30 p.m.
Belle Morris Community Action Group (second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue
www.bellemorris.com
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, March 11 --- 6:30 p.m.
Potluck Supper

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Central United Methodist Church, 201 Third Avenue

Monday, March 11 --- 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

Tuesday, March 12 --- 11:45 a.m.

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

Tuesday, March 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, March 12 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, March 13 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Every Second Wednesday)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golfclub Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, March 13 --- 4:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisory Council
(Every Second Wednesday except July and Dec.)
CAC/Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, March 14 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Saturday, March 16 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, March 18 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Location Varies
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net

Monday, March 18 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association
(Third Mondays except June, July, December)

New Harvest Park, just east of Target on Washington Pike.
All are welcome to attend.
Ronnie Collins, 865-637-9630

Tuesday, March 19 --- 10 a.m.
Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council (Third Tuesdays)
CAC/MLB Building, 2247 Western Avenue
(See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/food.asp> for bylaws, community garden toolkit etc.)

Tuesday, March 19 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, March 19 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Tuesday, March 19 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Thursday, March 21 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Speaker: Leroy Thompson, TN Dept. of Economic and Community Development
Pellissippi Community College, 1610 E. Magnolia Ave.,
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

Thursday, March 21 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, March 21 --- 12 p.m.
KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays except July)
Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay Street
See www.kub.org. Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, March 21 --- 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, March 21 --- 6-8 p.m.
Public Forum: How to Insure Access to Affordable, Healthy Food
Food Policy Council, Knox County Health Dept., TN Dept. of Health
Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue
Dinner provided for registered attenders. Call 215-5170.

Thursday, March 21--- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Friday, March 22 --- 5 p.m.

Deadline for Nominations / Fragile Fifteen
Nominate an endangered historic place to be on the list.
Nomination forms on the Knox Heritage web site
Knox Heritage, www.knoxheritage.org

Saturday, March 23 --- 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Neighborhood Conference
Knoxville Convention Center
Office of Neighborhoods
David Massey, 215-3232

Monday, March 25 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

Knox County Commission
(Every Fourth Monday, Jan.-Oct. Third Mondays, Nov.-Dec.)
www.knoxcounty.org/commission
Agenda: Click on "Meetings" and then "Commission Agendas"
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting.
Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Monday, March 25 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Bi-Monthly Meeting (4th Monday, odd months)
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, March 26 – 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

Thursday, March 28 --- 9 a.m.

Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, Jan.-Oct.)
"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

Thursday, March 28 --- 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, March 28 --- 5:30 p.m.

Knoxville City Council Workshop
Re: Outdoor Knoxville/Visit Knoxville 101 Course
Small Assembly Room of the City County Building

Friday, March 29 --- 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, April 1 --- 5:30 p.m.

Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)
(First Mondays except holidays)
CAC/Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue
Dave Gartner, 862-2066

Tuesday, April 2 --- 4:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 2 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 2 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Friday, April 5 --- 4-7 p.m.

Community Fair
Free food. Activities for children. Information on housing programs, homelessness prevention, and a wide variety of public services.
Ashley Nicole Playground at Caswell Park, 620 Winona Street
(Rain Location: Cansler YMCA)
Mark Rigby, Community Development Dept., 215-2235

Monday, April 8 --- 5:00 p.m.

Knox County School Board – Work Session
(Monday before the regular meeting, except holidays)
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

Tuesday, April 9 --- 5:00 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education
Monthly Meeting (Normally first Wednesdays)
Large Assembly Room, City County Building
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on “Board of Education”

Thursday, April 18 --- 6-8 p.m.

Public Forum: How to Insure Access to Affordable, Healthy Food
Food Policy Council, Knox County Health Dept., TN Dept. of Health
Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue
Dinner provided for registered attenders. Call 215-5170.

Thursday, May 16 --- 6-8 p.m.

Public Forum: How to Insure Access to Affordable, Healthy Food
Food Policy Council, Knox County Health Dept., TN Dept. of Health
Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue
Dinner provided for registered attenders. Call 215-5170.

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