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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods to report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods.

1. Beaumont Community Organization Plans Chili Supper

Beaumont Community Organization is holding a chili supper for the neighborhood from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, November 14, in the Beaumont Elementary School cafeteria. All are invited. The price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids ten and under. For more information, contact President Natasha Murphy at 936-0139 or Vice President Janet Smith at 523- 4930.

2. West Knoxville Neighborhood Has a New Name

If you were given the opportunity to name your neighborhood, what criteria would you use to generate the best name possible?

Residents of a West Knoxville neighborhood faced that question on a recent Saturday morning when they gathered to put a name on the neighborhood some of them had lived in for decades.

Located across Montvue Road from West Town Mall, the neighborhood of 107 homes has been listed on www.kgjis.org as "West Hills (South)" and for good reason. It was created around the same time, and apparently by the same developers, as the much larger and better known West Hills neighborhood north of I-40. In fact, the property deeds for homes on Hayden Drive and connecting streets all mention "West Hills subdivision (Unit 10)."

Although "West Hills South" was the name of a neighborhood watch group years ago, neighbors at the meeting say they respond in different ways when asked, "What neighborhood do you live in?"

Back in 2012, a relatively new resident of the neighborhood, Kristi White, began contacting the Office of Neighborhoods, expressing concerns about a needed sidewalk (it's on the list), graffiti-covered storage trailers sitting on a commercial lot on Ray Mears Blvd. across from the neighborhood (they were illegal, and the owner removed them), and her dream for neighborhood signs at the five entrances leading into the neighborhood.

The signs were somewhat problematic. Without a neighborhood organization, there was no readily available means by which to agree on a neighborhood name that could then be placed on entrance signs. Eventually, Kristi and her husband Jerry, along with Megan and

David Erpenbach, decided to put their names and contact information on a flier calling for a community meeting to name the neighborhood.

At the meeting earlier this month, neighbors considered factors that make up a good name, such as: Is it inclusive? Does it express the neighborhood's unique character and location? Is it catchy, memorable and marketable? Is there buy-in from the neighbors? Will they use it when someone asks, "Where do you live?"

After brainstorming a variety of names, and carefully considering and combining the options long enough to bridge differences of opinion, the group decided unanimously that it wanted to keep "West Hills" in the name but to fix the location more precisely.

So... Welcome to "West Hills at Montvue" --- Knoxville's "newest" neighborhood!

3. COIN to Consider New Goals

COIN is discussing possible new goals at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue.

According to COIN, the possible new goals include 1) creating a network of neighborhood leaders who will consider a city-wide response if candidates who are not neighborhood friendly get elected to city office; 2) creating quarterly meetings for neighborhood leaders from different parts of the city to meet and interact; 3) creating a network of neighborhood leaders that will help create a clear description of the positions of neighborhoods on issues brought to the network; and 4) asking the neighborhoods for the major issues facing them and reporting the results to the city.

COIN urges anyone who is interested in discussing these goals, or helping realize these goals, to attend this meeting. Questions may be directed to David Gartner at davidgartner@att.net or 573-2772.

4. MPC Goes to Phase 2 for Rezoning in Inskip

The Metropolitan Planning Commission next Monday will conduct a public meeting to present plans for rezoning several residential portions of the Inskip community from R-2 medium density residential to R-1 or R-1A low density residential zoning districts.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Monday, November 4, at Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road. MPC mailed notices about the meeting to affected property owners, and the Inskip Community Association is helping spread the word.

Last May, City Council asked MPC to review all residential land located within the Inskip neighborhood and to recommend whether portions should be rezoned to low density residential as a means to preserving the integrity, history and stability of the neighborhood.

"MPC staff proposed a phased approach to the potential rezoning to allow for a more

thorough review of properties being involved and to have a manageable number of property owners to contact in this regard,” the MPC letter states. “Phase 1 was considered by MPC in August and approved by the Knoxville City Council on September 17, 2013.”

Now MPC is moving forward on Phase 2 of the Council request, which covers three separate areas within Inskip, roughly described as:

** The triangle bounded roughly by Coster Road, Bruhin Road and Glenoaks Drive, plus several single family residential blocks extending north of Glenoaks.

** Single family residential streets between Central Avenue Pike and Fennel Road, and including E. Inskip Dr., Sylvia Dr., and Elyria Dr.

** The area that includes Coster Rd. north of E. Inskip, portions of Rowan Rd. between Cedar Lane and E. Inskip, and a half block of Scheel Road.

This process actually started in 2009, when City Council asked MPC to study the Inskip area for zoning and land use designation irregularities and to create a small area plan, which was adopted by City Council in March 2011. The Inskip Small Area Plan demonstrated that a majority of the area is still used for detached, single-family houses on individual lots, but the zoning is primarily R-2 multi-family residential.

“Such a discrepancy between land use and zoning can have destabilizing effect on a neighborhood, so the plan recommends rezoning large clusters of single-family houses from the R-2 (General Residential) district to either the R-1 or R-1A (Low Density Residential) district,” explains the letter to property owners.

The rezoning is scheduled to go before the Metropolitan Planning Commission on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Large Assembly Room of the City-County Building. Questions may be directed to MPC staff members Mike Reynolds or Michael Brusseau at 215-2500.

5. Historic Knoxville High School Developers Set Two Design Meetings

Southeastern Housing Foundation and Family Pride Corporation --- the entities selected by Knox County to restore and repurpose Historic Knoxville High School --- will host two design charrettes this month to present key design features and solicit feedback from area residents.

The partners expect to transform the North Fifth Avenue building into an affordable independent living development for seniors.

The first charrette will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Relix Variety Theater, 1208 North Central Street. The second begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, in the fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church, 201 East Third Avenue. (A charrette is defined as an intense effort to solve an architectural or design problem within a limited time.)

The development team along with lead architect Daniel Levy of DKLevy Designs will be on hand to discuss details of the proposal, answer questions and gather input.

Southeastern Housing, an affiliate of the nonprofit Knoxville Leadership Foundation, is providing the financing for the project and will also have an ownership stake. Family Pride will

operate the facility. Family Pride is the same for-profit entity that has restored Oakwood School in the Oakwood/Lincoln Park neighborhood for assisted living for seniors.

Knox County Commission still has to approve the sale of the property, for which Southeastern and Family Pride offered \$500,000.

6. Downtown Summit to Air Development Progress, Challenges

The City of Knoxville has scheduled a “Downtown Summit” to highlight redevelopment projects in downtown Knoxville over the past decade and to hear from a panel of developers about their experiences developing downtown properties.

The summit --- to be held 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street --- will also provide lots of opportunity for public questions, comments and discussion.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation in order to attend the meeting can contact City ADA Coordinator Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scook@cityofknoxville.org.

7. 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/>.

Also see: Community Events Calendar: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/events/events.pdf>

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.

Monday, November 4 --- 5:30 p.m.

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

Monday, November 4 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County School Board – Work Session
(Monday before the regular meeting, except holidays or holiday weeks)
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.”

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

Public Meeting
Rezoning of Single Family Residential Areas in Inskip
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan
Mike Reynolds or Michael Brusseau at 215-2500.

Tuesday, November 5 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 5 --- 6:30 p.m.

Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, November 5 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, November 5 --- 8—8 p.m.

ELECTION DAY
General Election, City of Knoxville
(Five City Council seats)
Knox County Election Commission
For locations and necessary documentation:
215-2480, www.knoxvotes.org

Wednesday, November 6 --- 5 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 6 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting
Plans for Suttree Landing Park and Waterfront Drive
City of Knoxville
South Knoxville Elementary School, 801 Sevier Avenue
Dawn Michele Foster, 215-3035

Thursday, November 7 --- 7:00pm

Design Charrette re Historic Knoxville High School
Southeastern Housing Foundation and Family Pride Corp.
Relix Variety Theater, 1208 N. Central St.
Grant Rosenberg, 207-5828, and Rick Dover, 924-0791

Friday, November 8 --- 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
Fulton High School,
Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.
www.nkbpa.org

Friday, November 8 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm Street

Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Friday, November 8 --- 8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

Equity in East Tennessee: Why Health Equity Matters

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Adewale Troutman (American Public Health Assn.)

Lunch Provided

Sponsors: PlanET, Knox County Health Dept., University of Tennessee

Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue

Ashley Brooks, abrook33@utk.edu

Monday, November 11 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)

Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road

David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, November 11 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.

Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, November 11 --- 6 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)

Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)

Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, November 11 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)

Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Avenue

Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, November 11 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)

South Knoxville Community Center

Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, November 11 --- 6:30 p.m.

Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)

St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway

Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, November 11 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)

Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Avenue

Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, November 11 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)

City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue

www.bellemorris.com

Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, November 11 --- 7 p.m.

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in September, November, January, March and May)
Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway
Mac Goodwin, 524-9954

Tuesday, November 12 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, November 12 --- 6 p.m.
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, November 12 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, November 12 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Tuesday, November 12 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, November 13 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, November 13 --- 1 p.m.
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, November 13 --- 4:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Advisory Council
(Every Second Wednesday, except December)
Venue to be determined
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, November 14 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, November 14 --- 5:30pm
Design Charrette re Historic Knoxville High School
Southeastern Housing Foundation and Family Pride Corp.

Central United Methodist Church, 201 E. Third Ave.
Grant Rosenberg, 207-5828, and Rick Dover, 924-0791

Thursday, November 14 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)
Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, November 14 --- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Drive
Alice Wershing at awershing@aol.com

Thursday, November 14 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (Second Thursdays)
South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road
Paula Gumpman, babyouzo@hotmail.com, 300-4401

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

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

Monday, November 18 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

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

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

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association
(Third Mondays except June, July, December)
All are welcome to attend.
Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

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

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Contact Judith Neff for Location
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net, 567-7980

Tuesday, November 19 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, November 19 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Thursday, November 21 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)

Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Speaker: Representative Joe Armstrong, District 15
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

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

Thursday, November 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, November 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, November 21 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Monday, November 25 --- 5:30 p.m.
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, November 25 --- 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
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, November 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

Tuesday, November 26 --- 6:30 p.m.
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Tiger Top at the Zoo, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

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

Thursday, December 12 --- 6 p.m.
Burlington Homeowners & Residents Association
Next Meeting: January 11, 2014
Burlington Library, Asheville Highway
Kimberley Fowler, ccfp@comcast.net, 524-7094

Saturday, December 28 --- 8 a.m. till Last Person is Heard
"Coffee with the Councilman"
(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

Saturday, March 8, 2014 --- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Neighborhood Conference
Knoxville Convention Center

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