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

1. One More Newsletter This Year

This *Neighborhood Advisory* will publish its last issue of the year next Friday, Dec. 13. Please submit your neighborhood news and topic ideas by close of business on Thursday, Dec. 12.

2. Old North Home Tour This Weekend

Historic Old North Knoxville (ONK) will host its 25th Annual Victorian Holiday Tour of Homes on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8. The December 7 candlelight tour occurs from 4-9 p.m., and the December 8 afternoon tour lasts from 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Advance tickets are on sale until midnight Friday, Dec. 6, for \$10 at area Kroger stores and via PayPal at www.OldNorthKnoxville.com. Day-of-event tickets are \$15; senior tickets are \$10, and children under 12 get in free with an adult.

Details and a preview of the homes can be found at: <http://www.oldnorthknoxville.com>, www.facebook.com/ONKhometour or twitter.com/ONKnoxville.

To complement the tour and encourage holiday decorations all around, Old North Knoxville will hold its annual decorating contest today. Three mystery guest judges will drive by each house in the neighborhood to select three winners each in the traditional (unlighted) and contemporary (lighted) categories.

3. North Hills Schedules Holiday Tour of Homes

The North Hills Garden Club is staging its biennial Holiday Tour of Homes from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, December 14. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the event.

Seven historic homes are on the tour, including the childhood home of Knoxville’s own Patricia Neal, the Oscar and Tony Award winning actress. Patricia Neal (*Hud*, *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*).

Also on the tour: Knoxville Fire Station No. 11, 2611 Whittle Springs Road, and Washington Pike United Methodist Church, 2241 Washington Pike. The church was designed by Charles Barber in 1927. Refreshments will be available at each home.

Begin the tour at the Ticket Kiosk at the corner of North Park Blvd. and Fountain Park Blvd. in the middle of the neighborhood.

Advance tickets are \$10.00; tickets purchased on the day of the event are \$12.00. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free of charge. To buy advance tickets and to see more detailed information, see the event Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Hills-Holiday-Tour-of-Homes/240962375961866>

Or contact Susan Driskell at 387-3836 or swdriskell@comcast.net.

Proceeds from the tour support the work of the North Hills Garden Club, whose members work to maintain the boulevards in the neighborhood and provide support to other charities in Knoxville including Belle Morris and Whittle Springs Schools, the Knoxville Botanical Garden, and Interfaith Health Clinic.

4. Tour de Lights: More than a “Bike Ride”

It's a measure of success when a parade of bicycles requires streets to be closed, and that is exactly what will happen at the annual Tour de Lights later this month.

The 7th Annual Tour de Lights, for the first time, will make its way along a route closed to vehicular traffic. And no wonder: Over 900 decorated bicycle riders participated in last year's ride, and attendance is expected to be even higher this year.

Sponsored by Downtown Knoxville (formerly Central Business Improvement District) and the TPO Bicycle Program, the tour will leave from Market Square at 7 p.m., Thursday, December 12.

All ages and skill levels are welcome on the easy-paced ride, which covers about five miles through downtown and the historic Old North and Fourth & Gill neighborhoods. Residents and others not participating in the parade are encouraged to wave, cheer and sing to passing riders.

Free bike safety checks will be offered from 6 p.m. until the ride starts. Helmets are required, along with a white front light and red rear reflector. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided by Mast General Store and Three Rivers Market.

Prizes will be awarded for best decorated person, best decorated bicycle and best decorated helmet. Judging starts at 6 p.m.

More information is available at www.knoxtrans.org (the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization). Or call 215-3815.

5. Chilhowee Park Launches New Web Site

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, representing one of the oldest neighborhoods in Knoxville, has launched its new website --- www.chilhoweeparkneighborhood.com.

The site, which boasts modern and clean lines, was created by President Paul Ruff's daughter, Lauren Ruff. The site serves as a hub of information about the neighborhood. Links

to historical information are provided as well as meeting time and location, the bylaws, and a portal for submitting questions or comments to the association.

6. 18 to Graduate from Neighborhood Leadership Training Program

Eighteen current and emerging neighborhood leaders have completed the City of Knoxville's "Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations" leadership training program, and they will receive graduation certificates this weekend.

The ceremony — to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue — will feature remarks by members of the class, songs by local singer-song writer R.B. Morris, a poem composed for this occasion by spoken word artist Black Atticus, and the presentation of certificates by Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis.

The graduates are:

Amy Midis — Forest Heights Homeowners Association
Angela Patrick — Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch
Anita Case — Inskip Community Association
Ashley Williams — West Hills Neighborhood Association
Cathy Gonzalez — Old Mechanicsville Neighborhood Interest (OMNI)
Corina Buffalow — Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch
Donna Downen — Glenview Homeowners Association
Donnie Ernst — Wesley Neighbors
Johnnie Bridges — Lonsdale United for Change
Kelle Jolly — Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch
Marian D. Bailey — Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch
Mike Anderson — Historic Edgewood Neighborhood Association
Patty Stinger-Barnes — Fairmont-Emoriland Neighborhood Association and Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association
Robin Miller — Greater Mascot Area Community Group
Stan Webster — Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association
Stefen White — Burlington
Steve Ritter — Lonsdale United for Change
Wendy Cavazos — Montgomery Village Residents Association

These participants rolled up their sleeves and spent two hours each week grappling with the challenges and opportunities involved in creating and sustaining strong neighborhood organizations. Course topics included leadership styles, how to run an effective meeting, making controversial decisions, strategic planning, recruiting and retaining members, and building community by focusing on assets rather than problems.

The 11-week course was doubly enhanced by the fact that the group represented a broad cross-section of neighborhoods in the city, along with one community in Knox County.

Key partners in the effort were Ben Epperson and Liliana Burbano of the Knox County Health Department, which provided the venue for the class and other support. Inskip, Lonsdale and Mascot — three of the neighborhoods represented in the class — participated in the Knox County Health Department's "Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities" program.

The curriculum was created over an 18-month period by a committee that included Bill Murrah, Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization; Donna Hottinger, Westwood Homeowners Association; Linda Rust, South Haven Neighborhood Association; Mary Thom Adams, Town Hall East; Mickeya Harrison, Neighborhood Advisory Council; Terrell Patrick, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch; and Jackie Clay and David Massey of the Office of Neighborhoods.

Members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council provided initial topic ideas and feedback along the way. Further enhancements were made by the course facilitators, Bill Murrah and Ron Davis, and the class itself provided feedback throughout the course. AmeriCorps members Tina Belge and Natalie Crone assisted as well.

The Office of Neighborhoods expects to offer the course at least annually. Watch this newsletter for announcements.

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.

Saturday, December 7 --- 2-5 p.m.

Understanding Place: A Community Dialogue on Race, Geography and Home

Share experiences and concerns in our neighborhoods.

Speakers include William Ison, Dr. Josh Inwood, Andre Canty and Amira Inas Williams

Sponsored by KnowHow, a community organization

Phyllis Wheatley Center, 124 S. Cruze Street

Kaitlin Malick, mmalick@utk.edu, (615) 568-6243

Elizabeth Wright, erwright@gmail.com, (865) 202-5447

Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8

Victorian Holiday Home Tour

Old North Knoxville, Inc.

Saturday, 4-9 p.m. evening candlelight tour

Sunday, 12:30-5 p.m. afternoon tour

<http://www.oldnorthknoxville.com/>

Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, December 9 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)

Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road

David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, December 9 --- 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting

Central Business Improvement District

(Future meetings in 2013: 12/9)
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square
<http://downtownknoxville.org/>
Michele Hummel, 246-2654

Monday, December 9 --- 5-6 p.m.
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, December 9 --- 6 p.m.
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, December 9 --- 6 p.m.
Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Avenue
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, December 9 --- 6 p.m.
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, December 9 --- 6:30 p.m.
Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, December 9 --- 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, December 9 --- 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, December 10 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, December 10 --- 2 p.m.
Western Heights Resident Association (Second Tuesdays)
Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights
Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Tuesday, December 10 --- 6 p.m.
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue

Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, December 10 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>

Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Tuesday, December 10 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)

Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street

R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Tuesday, December 10 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>

Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Wednesday, December 11 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)

West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike

Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, December 11 --- 1 p.m.

100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)

Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street

Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Thursday, December 12 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)

<http://www.knoxmpc.org>

Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, December 12 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)

Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive

Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

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

Thursday, December 12 --- 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

Friday, December 13 --- 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.

Music, gift exchange and other holiday activities

Open to North Knoxville Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Business Owners

O'Connor Senior Center. Winona Avenue

Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.
www.nkbpa.org

Friday, December 13 --- 6 p.m.
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm Street
Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Saturday, December 14 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association: Holiday Brunch/Party
(in lieu of Dec. board meeting)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, December 14 --- 4-8 p.m.
North Hills Holiday Tour of Homes
Historic stops: Seven homes, one church, and one fire hall
Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 on tour day, children under 12 free
North Hills Garden Club
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Hills-Holiday-Tour-of-Homes/240962375961866>
Susan Driskell, 387-3836, swdriskell@comcast.net

Monday, December 16 --- 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, December 16 --- 5 p.m.
Knox County Board of Education – Work Session
(Monday before the regular meeting and the third Mondays, 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, December 16 --- 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

Monday, December 16 --- 7 p.m.
West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)
Executive Committee: Jan., March, April, July, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.
General Meeting: February, May and October
First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Road
Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, December 17 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, December 17 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 19 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Speaker: Alvin Nance, President of Knoxville Community Development Corporation
Location: KCDC, 901 Broadway NE, Knoxville, TN 37917
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

Thursday, December 19 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, December 19 --- 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, December 19 --- 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, December 19 --- 6:30 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henagar Street

Thursday, December 19 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday) --- Rescheduled from Dec. 24
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Saturday, December 21 --- 11:30 a.m.

Special Call Meeting of Knoxville City Council
Purpose: Election of Vice Mayor, Beer Board Chair, and Council representative to
Knoxville Transportation Authority (KAT).
City County Building, Main Assembly Room

Tuesday, December 24 --- RESCHEDULED TO December 19

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

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

Monday, January 6 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education – Work Session
(Monday before the regular meeting and the third Mondays, 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, January 6 --- 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

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

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

Tuesday, January 7 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 7 --- 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 8 --- 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”

Friday, January 10 --- 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

Wednesday, January 8 --- 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

Monday, January 13 --- 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

Monday, January 13 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue
www.bellemorris.com
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Saturday, January 18 --- 10 a.m.

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

Monday, January 20 --- 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 21 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Speakers: Barbara Bunting and Marsha Lehman from the Knox County Master Gardeners
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
<http://edgewoodpark.us/>

Monday, January 27 --- 5:30 p.m.

Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, January 27 --- 7-8:30 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, January 28 – 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, January 28 --- 6:30 p.m.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, January 30 --- 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>

Monday, February 3 --- 6:30 p.m.
Wesley Neighbors Community Association
(First Mondays, even-numbered months)
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road
Donnie Ernst, 207-9355

Thursday, February 27 --- 5:30 p.m.
Knoxville City Council Workshop
Topic: Proposed Homelessness Plan
Main (Large) Assembly Room, City-County Building

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

*** This Advisory is produced on most Fridays of the year.*

*** Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

*** May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood e-mail lists and newsletters.*

*** See past issues at our Website: www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods*

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