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1. One More Newsletter This Year

This *Neighborhood Advisory* will publish its last issue of the year next Friday, Dec. 19. Please submit your neighborhood news and topic ideas by close of business on Thursday, Dec. 18.

2. Booth Registration Opens for Neighborhood Conference

Registration is now open for organizations wishing to have an information booth at The Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Priority will be given to city and county governmental agencies, youth and youth service organizations, nonprofits that had a booth at the 2013 conference, and conference sponsors. However, it is anticipated that booth space will be available for other nonprofits on a first-registered, first-served basis. (Because booth space may be limited, registration does not guarantee a booth.)

The deadline for registration is Monday, Feb. 2, 2015. Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NeighborhoodConferenceExhibitorSurvey>

Booth space is free to governmental agencies and nonprofits. See [Information Booth Details](#) for electrical and Wi-Fi connections, booth table size and decoration, limitations on serving food and beverages, and other details.

“Information booths are an extremely important part of this conference,” noted Griff Ashooh of the Office of Neighborhoods. “For this reason, the schedule for the day allows a full half-hour between sessions to give attendees ample time to visit booths where they can gain valuable information and contacts.”

The 2015 conference is expected to be larger than the 2013 conference, which attracted some 500 participants. There will be 33 workshops on a wide variety of topics, including several that will involve youth and a focus on youth issues. Other features include door prizes, a neighborhood tee shirt contest, entertainment, and the opportunity to meet other neighborhood advocates as well as city and county elected officials.

For more, or to receive hard copies of the forms mentioned here, contact Griff Ashooh, Office of Neighborhoods, at 215-3456 or gashooh@cityofknoxville.org.

Meanwhile, the Office of Neighborhoods is still seeking volunteers to help make the conference a success. Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Knox_Volunteer and fill out the

short application. Or contact Debbie Sharp, assistant neighborhood coordinator, at 215-4382 or dsharp@cityofknoxville.org.

3. Tour de Lights Will Roll December 19

The 8th Annual [Tour de Lights](#) --- set for Friday evening, Dec. 19 --- will cover a 5-mile route from Market Square to Gay Street to Emory Place and then through the Fourth & Gill and Old North neighborhoods, before returning back to downtown.

All ages and skill levels are welcome on the easy-paced ride. Residents and others not participating in the parade are encouraged to wave, cheer and sing to passing riders. Some 700 riders participated last year.

Prizes will be awarded for best decorated person, best decorated bicycle and best decorated helmet. Judging starts at 6 p.m. Free bike safety checks will be offered from 6 p.m. until the ride starts at 7 p.m. Helmets are required, along with a white front light and red rear reflector. Riders are urged to read the [bike safety rules and tips](#) for riding with a large group.

Hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided by Mast General Store and Three Rivers Market. Check out [photographs from previous rides](#) as well as the [Facebook page](#).

Tour de Lights is presented by the City of Knoxville and managed by the Knoxville Regional Bicycle Program, housed within the [Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization](#).

4. City Council Postpones Consideration of Sign Ordinance

Knoxville City Council this week took up the sign ordinance recommendation that the Metropolitan Planning Commission adopted at MPC's November meeting.

However, rather than following the MPC recommendation to hire a consultant to finish developing proposed revisions to the sign ordinance, City Council postponed the matter until its February 17 meeting, for the express purpose of giving the Sign Ordinance Task Force an opportunity to meet again.

MPC made no specific recommendation regarding a number of unresolved issues and competing or overlapping proposals offered by the Task Force as well as MPC staff. See <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org/2014/nov2014/10-B-13-OA.pdf> for a run-down of these various proposals.

City Councilman Duane Grieve said the Sign Ordinance Task Force will meet from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, in hopes of being able to present a set of revisions to City Council at a later date. Under that scenario, it is unlikely that a consultant will be needed.

5. Neighborhood and Government Calendar

Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232.

Visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/> for a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions. See the 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 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Saturday, December 13 --- 4:30-8 p.m.

Candoro Arts & Heritage Holiday Open House Celebration
Come celebrate with Candoro in a Charles Barber designed building
4450 Candora Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920
Trudy Monaco, 384-1273

Sunday, December 14 --- 2 p.m.

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association
(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)
Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue
Marlene Taylor, 951-3773, taylor8246@bellsouth.net

Monday, December 15 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)

Knox County Commission
(Fourth Mondays, January-October. Third Mondays, November-December)
www.knoxcounty.org/commission
Agenda: Click on "Information" and then "Commission Agendas"
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting
Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, December 15 --- 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Tour of the Historic Mabry Hazen House
City People
Seating is limited.
If you are not on the Evite list and you plan to attend, you must RSVP to
citypeople.knox@gmail.com

Monday, December 15 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
"Birdhouse"/Fourth & Gill Center, 800 North Fourth Avenue
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, December 15 --- 7 p.m.

West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)
Executive Committee: January, March, April, July, August, September, November, December
General Meeting: February, May and October
First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Rd.
Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, December 16 --- 5-7 p.m.

Five Points Up Winter Wonderland
Live choir, dance performances, treats, holiday lights
Dr. Walter Hardy Park, 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Five Points Up (a community group based in East Knoxville)
Sarah Bounse, 865-215-5187, sarah.bounse@knoxcounty.org

Tuesday, December 16 --- 6 p.m.

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

Tuesday, December 16 --- 6-7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.
Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.
Monthly on a Tuesday: Dec. 16
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

Tuesday, December 16 --- 6:30 p.m.

Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays, Even Months)
3004 Boright Drive
Lola Alapo, 525-1520, BorightGroup@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 16 --- 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, December 17 --- 3-7 p.m.

Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act
Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike
For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.
For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Thursday, December 18 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Meeting location varies
Doug Minter, Dminter@knoxvillechamber.com, Knoxville Chamber, 637-4550
<http://www.eastknox.org/>

Thursday, December 18 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>
Kaye Graybeal, 215-3795, kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org

Thursday, December 18 --- 12 p.m.

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)
Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay St.
See www.kub.org. Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, December 18 --- 4 p.m.

City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building
Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp>

Thursday, December 18 --- 6:30 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Ave. at Henegar St.
Bill Hutton, 773-5228, s_wlhutton@yahoo.com

Thursday, December 18 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (in lieu of Dec. 23 meeting)
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Saturday, December 20 --- 9 a.m. until last person is heard
"Coffee with the Councilman"
(Usually the 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, December 20 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave.
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, December 20 --- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act
Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.
For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.
For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Tuesday, December 23 --- 6 p.m.
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Rd.
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Tuesday, December 30 --- 6:30 p.m.
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Monday, January 5 --- 4 p.m.
Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)
Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.
Tom Higen, 206-8908

Monday, January 5 --- 6:30 p.m.
Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays except holidays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, January 6 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, January 6 --- 4:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 6 --- 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 7 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.

East Towne Area Business & Professional Association (First Wednesday)
Neighborhood Residents and Leaders encouraged to attend
New Harvest Park Community Building
Chair, Justin Sterling, [<JSterling@simon.com>](mailto:JSterling@simon.com)

Wednesday, January 7 --- 4-6 p.m.

Sign Ordinance Task Force
KCDC, 901 North Broadway

Thursday, January 8 --- 1:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 8 --- 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 8 --- 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 8 --- 7-8 p.m.

Colonial Village Neighborhood Association (Second Thursdays)
South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road
Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t_caruthers@hotmail.com

Friday, January 9 --- 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
Meeting location varies. Check Website for location. <http://northknoxvillebpa.org/>
Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.

Friday, January 9 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.
Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Monday, January 12 --- 1:30 p.m.

Montgomery Village Residents Association (Second Mondays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

Monday, January 12 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, January 12 --- 5-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, January 12 --- 6 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
Magnolia Ave. Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia Ave. (Harrison St. Entrance)
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, January 12

Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays)
Board Meetings: 6 p.m. Monthly
General Membership Meetings: 7 p.m., February, April, September, November
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike
Daniel Dunn, 387-6390, daniel.dunn06@yahoo.com

Monday, January 12 --- 6 p.m.

Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, January 12 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, January 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, January 12 --- 6:30 p.m.

Historic Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Andie Ray, 548-5221

Monday, January 12 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)

City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Belle_Morris
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, January 12 --- 7 p.m.

Town Hall East

(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May)
Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway

Tuesday, January 13 --- 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, January 13 --- 6 p.m.

Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)

Hoitt Ave. Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Ave.
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Wednesday, January 14 --- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Food Policy Council

(Second Wednesdays but check website for confirmation)

Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue

www.knoxfood.org; info@knoxfood.org

Wednesday, January 14 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)

Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, January 14 --- 4:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisory Council, City of Knoxville

(Second Wednesdays except December)

CAC / L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.

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

David Massey, 215-3232

Monday, January 19 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)

All are welcome to attend.

New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Lane

Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

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

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

<http://edgewoodpark.us/>

Thursday, January 22 --- 9 a.m.

Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, January-October)

“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

Monday, January 26 --- 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
Shelley Conklin, 686-6789

Thursday, January 29 --- 3:30 p.m.

Better Building Board

(Last Thursday, January-October. First Thursday, December)

Small Assembly Room, City-County Building

Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp>

Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Friday, January 30 --- 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

Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp>

Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Tuesday, February 10 --- 4-5 p.m.

City of Knoxville Greenways Commission

(2nd Tuesdays every two months)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/greenways.asp>

Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Lori Goerlich, Parks & Recreation Dept., 215-2807

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

Old Sevier Community Group

(Third Thursdays, February-November)

South Knoxville Elementary school library

Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Saturday, March 7, 2015 --- 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Neighborhood Conference

Workshops, Awards, Information Booths, Networking

Knoxville Convention Center

Office of Neighborhoods

David Massey, dmassey@cityofknoxville.org, 215-3232

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