1. Registration Begins for The Neighborhood Conference

Registration is now open for The Neighborhood Conference, a gathering of neighborhood advocates and supporters from all across Knoxville and Knox County on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

The City’s Office of Neighborhoods is producing this conference in cooperation with Knox County and a planning committee of neighborhood representatives. Features include:

*** A welcome from Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett.

*** Over 30 workshops and 100 speakers addressing crime prevention, blight, neighborhood revitalization, grassroots fundraising, tree and yard management, parks and greenways, settling disputes between neighbors, how to start a neighborhood organization… and much more!

*** Over 25 information booths from a variety of governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations.

*** A chance to hear from and meet members of City Council and County Commission, as well as senior staff in both city and county governments.

Most importantly, members and leaders of neighborhood groups will be able to meet, compare notes, and learn from one another.

Get other conference details on the Office of Neighborhoods Website:
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods

Download the conference program --- a PDF file:

Please review the conference program first. Then register at this location:
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/2013conference

If you do not have access to the Internet, call Eden at 215-3456 to receive hard copies of the program and the registration form in the mail.

This conference 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. Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace Realtors is also making a donation. Other sponsorships are available. Call David Massey at 215-3232.

See you in March!

2. CTV Seeks Ideas, Interest in Audio Programs for Neighborhoods

Neighborhoods: Get ready for a new way to tell your stories, air your issues, record your history, and raise your profile.

CTV, the community television station for Knoxville and Knox County, is poised to launch a new digital audio channel featuring a mix of programming that is under-represented on television or radio.

The mix includes storytelling (e.g., a grandson interviewing his grandfather about times gone by), multi-cultural issues and vignettes, panel discussions, news reports, features on city or county government, education, community affairs, and more.

Part of the mix would focus on neighborhoods, including neighborhood biographies. “We are interested in creating collaborations that will result in a collection of audio files shedding light on the unique history, characteristics and issues of our Knoxville neighborhoods,” noted David Vogel, CTV’s general manager.

“We are looking for current and former residents who would enjoy talking about how their neighborhood ‘used to be’, as well as how it is now,” Vogel continued. “We are interested in establishing protocols to encourage neighborhood associations and residents to share audio recordings, current discussions pertaining to important issues of the day, and other special neighborhood events.”

CTV will encourage individuals and organizations to submit the digital audio recordings, which would then be presented on the Internet on a particular day and time… and then be archived on the web site.

Anyone interested in pursuing the idea should contact CTV’s Kevin Jeske at kevin@ctvknox.org or 215-8848.

In addition to the new audio channel, CTV offers community-based video programming and airs and archives many public meetings, including City Council and County Commission. It airs on Comcast 12, Charter 6, Knology 6, and AT&T 99.

3. Discussion Series to Focus on Access to Affordable, Healthy Food

What personal challenges do you face trying to secure food that is affordable and healthy? How can our food “system” do better? What is our most important priority when it comes to food issues? What solutions would you suggest to better meet our food needs?
These are questions that the Knoxville Knox County Food Policy Council wants to ask anyone who is interested in improving the access to affordable and healthy food in our community.

The Council, in cooperation with the Tennessee Dept. of Health and the Knox County Health Dept., is holding a series of discussions on these questions every third Thursday for four months. The sessions will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 21, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at Pellissippi Community College, 1610 East Magnolia Avenue.

Dinner will be served to those who register with the Community Health section of the Knox County Health Department, 215-5170.

4. 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.

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

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

Monday, February 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, February 11 --- 6:30 p.m.
Potluck Supper (6:30) and Annual Meeting (7 p.m.)
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Central United Methodist Church, 201 Third Avenue
http://fourthandgill.wordpress.com/

Monday, February 11 --- 7-8 p.m.
Fountain City Town Hall
Guest Speaker: David Massey, Office of Neighborhoods
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike
Ken Cloninger, 688-6257, kcloninger@comcast.net
Tuesday, February 12 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

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

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

Wednesday, February 13 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Every Second Wednesday)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golfclub Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, February 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

Wednesday, February 13 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting, One Year Plan Amendments
For the West and Northwest Sectors
Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church, 7234 Middlebrook Pike
View the One Year Plan at www.knoxmpc.org
Mike Brusseau, MPC, 215-2500

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

Saturday, February 16 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association (third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, February 18 --- 7 p.m.
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Location Varies
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 20 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting, One Year Plan Amendments
For the North, East and Central Sectors
New Harvest Park Community Center, 4775 New Harvest Lane
View the One Year Plan at www.knoxmpc.org
Mike Brusseau, MPC, 215-2500

Thursday, February 21 --- Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Speaker: Sam McKenzie, Knox County Commissioner
Burlington Library, 4614 Asheville Highway
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

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

Thursday, February 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, February 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, February 21 – 6 p.m.
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Monday, February 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.

Tuesday, February 26 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting, One Year Plan Amendments
For the South Sector
Community Room, Flenniken Landing, 115 Flenniken Avenue
View the One Year Plan at www.knoxmpc.org
Mike Brusseau, MPC, 215-2500

Thursday, February 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, February 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, February 28 --- 5:30 p.m.
Knoxville City Council Workshop
Topic 1: zoning ordinance regulating crematories
Topic 2: zoning ordinance to permit courtyard development in some residential districts
Main Assembly Room, City County Building

Friday, March 1 --- 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, March 4 --- 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

Monday, March 4 --- 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, March 5 --- 4:30 p.m.  
Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)  
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue  
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, March 5 --- 7 p.m.  
Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)  
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street  
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, March 5 --- 7 p.m.  
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)  
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil  
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Wednesday, March 6 --- 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”

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

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

Saturday, March 23 --- 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Neighborhood Conference  
Knoxville Convention Center  
Office of Neighborhoods  
David Massey, 215-3232

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

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