1. Fourth & Gill Tour of Homes Set for April 28

Five historic homes, one side of an historic duplex home, and one newly built home will be featured in Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization’s 2013 Tour of Homes from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, April 28.

The tour begins at Central United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Morgan and Third. The church itself is on the tour. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased at the church on tour day or in advance via http://fourthandgill.wordpress.com/, where additional tour information can be found.

2. Open House to Reveal Transformation of 611 Gill Avenue

For years it was vacant and abandoned, charred by two fires, sitting in the shadow of I-40, one of the last eyesore structures in the historic Fourth & Gill neighborhood.

The owner was unwilling or unable to maintain the house, which was found unfit for human habitation by the city’s Neighborhood Codes office in 2005.

Later, the city’s Community Development Department stepped in. Utilizing the Blighted Property Acquisition Ordinance, the department asked the Better Building Board to determine and later certify the house as blighted. The owner failed to exercise numerous opportunities to rehab or sell the house. Finally, via KCDC, the city went to court, invoking eminent domain to acquire the house at fair market value.

Then, the house was listed on the department’s “Homemakers” list of available city-owned properties and was acquired by Jonathan and Cheryl Ball who promised to restore the house.

Utilizing private financing, they have made good on their promise. The Balls will hold an open house at 611 Gill Avenue from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, when they will show off the result of their work, including original heart pine floors, a gourmet kitchen, and spray foam insulation and other features that qualified the home for LEED and Energy Star certifications. For photographs and more, see www.611Gill.com.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/homemaker/ for more on the Homemaker’s program.
3. North Hills Garden Club Schedules Annual Sale

The North Hills Garden Club will hold its annual sale of perennial plants, baked goods and arts & crafts from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at North Hills Park, located near the corner of Kenilworth Lane and Kennington Drive in the North Hills neighborhood off Washington Pike.

“Club members generously donate many of the wonderful perennials growing in the gardens of these historic homes,” the club stated. “These plants are known to thrive and multiply in our area. This sale is a must-do for gardeners looking for bargains on proven perennials. Select annuals and hanging baskets also available. While shopping for plants, enjoy delicious home-made sandwiches, cookies, and more at the Bake Sale. Beautifully unique arts and crafts are available”

Check out the Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/pages/North-Hills-Garden-Club-Annual-Perennial-Plant-Sale/183224971706866

4. Inskip ‘Eat, Play, Live’ Event Deemed a Success

The following article was written by Betty Jo Mahan, president of Inskip Community Association.

With the organization and support of the Knox County Health Department, Inskip's “Eat, Play, Live” Community Day --- held last Saturday, April 13 --- was a huge success.

We planted 23 edible cherry trees at the Inskip Pool and Park on Bruhin Road and brought about a unique swale system to catch the many gallons of back-washed pool water to filter it and use to help water the new trees, thereby keeping chemicals out of Second Creek.

Jon Livengood with Stormwater Engineering designed the filtering system, which was actually built by Engineering staff. Kasey Krouse, the city’s new Urban Forester, led a demonstration on planting and watering the trees. (You have got to come by and check out the little watering jackets the trees have. They look like little penguin suits to me.)

We continued our “Paint the Pavement” project with 43 more of Inskip's signature "i" circles in the center line of the roads leading from Inskip Elementary School on High School Road over to Bruhin at Inskip Pool and Park. These bright yellow, two-foot circles with a small blue “i” painted in the middle are becoming a recognized symbol for drivers that children may be walking this area and to slow down and watch out!

While all this work was going on, about 10 children enjoyed healthy eating and fun games at the Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center, led by Kindall Aaron and Marsha Spence with the Center for Childhood Obesity, Children's Hospital, and a group of energetic, helpful UT students.
Many thanks and much gratitude for the work of members of the Health Department, including Ben Epperson, Stephanie Welch, Liliana Burbano, Rachel Foster, Cheryl Ball, and Michele Moyers; Ellen Zavisca of Safe Routes to School; Parks and Recreation employees Randy Love and Scott Pfeiffer; and members of the community including Anita Case, Tim Bigelow, Barbara Dyer, Linda Strickland and her grandson, Jimmy the neighborhood painter, and a group of curious neighborhood children. Thanks also to Applebee’s, which provided water and kid’s coupons, and Nature’s Best Organics, which provided mulch for the trees.

Our City Councilman Mark Campen and his family also participated. Altogether, about 35 to 40 individuals were involved, along with 10 different agencies and departments. Amazing coordination!

5. Council to Consider Annual Action Plan

Becky Wade, Director of the City of Knoxville's Community Development Department, is presenting the draft of the Fourth Annual Action Plan to City Council at a workshop on Thursday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City/County Building, 400 Main Street.

This workshop allows City Council a chance to hear about and ask detailed questions on the plan prior to a scheduled vote on whether to approve the plan at its April 30 meeting.

The Annual Action Plan is the fourth annual update to the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. It outlines how the City intends to use funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, to address the needs of low- to moderate-income residents in the areas of homeownership, rental housing, homelessness, neighborhood stabilization and economic development.

Although HUD has not yet notified the City on funding awards for the next program year, the City estimates that it will receive approximately $1,483,872 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), $853,787 in HOME Investment Partnerships, and $139,332 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. These amounts represent a 5% decrease in funds from last year due to the federal sequestration.

The presentation will include the proposed budget for how CDBG, HOME and ESG funds may be used, examples of the types of projects and activities the federal grant awards fund in the City of Knoxville, and how the City partners with community agencies to provide housing and services. Programs impacted by funding cuts will also be discussed.

Copies of the draft plan may be found at www.cityofknoxville.org/development, at the Community Development Department office at 400 Main Street (5th floor of the City/County Building), the Lawson McGhee Library and the four CAC neighborhood centers. Although the public comment period ran from March 15 through April 15, there will be opportunity for the public to comment on the plan at the workshop.

Please contact Linda Rust at 215-2120 or lrust@cityofknoxville.org for more information.
6. 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, April 19 – Sunday, April 21
Outdoor Knox Fest
Urban wilderness hikes, fly fishing class, trail runs, bike maintenance clinics, river paddle, twilight road race, Bikes ‘n’ Blooms Scenic Ride, golf clinic… and more
Most events are free, but pre-registration required
Benefits the Legacy Parks Foundation
Volunteer: volunteer@legacyparks.org
Details: 525-2585 or www.outdoorknoxville.com

Saturday, April 20 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association (third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, April 20 --- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (rain or shine)
Annual Sale (perennials, baked goods, arts & crafts)
North Hills Garden Club
North Hills Park, Kenilworth Lane at Kennington Drive
Search for the sale on Facebook.

Monday, April 22 --- 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, April 23 – 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, April 25 --- 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, April 25 --- 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25 --- 5:30 p.m.
Knoxville City Council Workshop
Topic: Community Development Dept.’s 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan
Main Assembly Room
Linda Rust, 215-2120

Thursday, April 25 --- 6 p.m.
Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC)
[PARC addresses citizen concerns about the Knoxville Police Dept.]
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/parc/
Lisa Chambers, 215-3966

Thursday, April 25 --- 7 p.m.
Old Sevier Community Group
(Fourth Thursdays, February through October)
Stanley’s Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road
Gary Deitsch, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Friday, April 26 --- 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Marble Springs Arbor Day Celebration with new Arboretum
Events include tours of three trails, a photo scavenger hunt, displays and information provided
by local environmental groups, and 5:15 p.m. talk by the city’s urban forester, Kasey Krouse.
Marble Springs State Historic Site, 1220 West Governor John Sevier Highway,
For more: marblesprings@gmail.com, 573-5508, http://marblesprings.blogspot.com/

Saturday, April 27 --- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
“Eat, Play, Live” Lonsdale Community Day
Community Improvement Projects, T-Shirts, Food, Fun
Lonsdale Park & Recreation Center
Activities for Children 5-12 at Lonsdale Recreation Center
All free but register at 215-5819 or www.EatPlayLiveKnox.com

Saturday, April 27 --- 10 a.m.-Noon
“Make it, Take it” Rain Barrel Workshop
Sponsor: Water Quality Forum
Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Avenue
Space limited. Register at 215-5861 or stormwater@knoxcounty.org

Sunday, April 28 --- 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
Historic Fourth & Gill Home Tour
Tickets can be purchased at Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Avenue
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Judith Neff, 865-567-7980

Monday, April 29 --- 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 30 --- 7 p.m.
    City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
    http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
    Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Wednesday, May 1 --- 5 p.m.
    Knox County Board of Education
    Monthly Meeting (First Wednesdays)
    Large Assembly Room, City County Building
    For agenda, work sessions, and other items:
    Visit http://knoxschools.org/. Click on “Board of Education”

Sunday, May 5 --- 2-5 p.m.
    13th Annual Neighborhood Bike Ride and Bike KNX Festival
    Ride leaves at 2:30 p.m.
    Market Square, Downtown Knoxville
    (One of many events during Bike Month 2013)
    Knoxville Regional Bicycle Program
    http://www.knoxttrans.org/bikemonth/index.htm
    See also: http://www.outdoorknoxville.com/

Monday, May 6 --- 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, May 7 --- 4:30 p.m.
    Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)
    Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue
    Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, May 7 --- 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
    Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.
    Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.
    New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road
    Lynn Redmon, 688-3136 or 771-6428

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

Wednesday, May 8 --- 11:30 a.m.
    Community Forum (Every Second Wednesday)
    West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf club Road at Kingston Pike
    Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, May 8 --- 4:30 p.m.
    Neighborhood Advisory Council
Fourteen Annual Vestival
Live Music, Dragonfly Aerial Arts, Humaya Tribal Fusion Belly Dance, Arts, Crafts, and Mother’s Day Brunch
Historic Candoro Marble Company, 681 Maryville Pike, Rain or Shine
$5 suggested donation
http://candoromarble.org/

Saturday, May 11
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: “Make it, Take it” Rain Barrel Workshop
1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: How to paint a rain barrel
Sponsor: Water Quality Forum in association with Blooms Day
UT Gardens
Space limited. Register at 215-5861 or stormwater@knoxcounty.org

Monday, May 13 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, May 13 --- 6 p.m.
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, May 13 --- 6 p.m.
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, May 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

Tuesday, May 14 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, May 14 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, May 14 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Tuesday, May 14 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Thursday, May 16 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Locations vary
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

Thursday, May 16 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp

Thursday, May 16 --- 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, May 16 --- 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, May 16 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

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

Monday, May 20 --- 7 p.m.
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
Location Varies
Judith Neff, merlin2@comcast.net

Monday, May 20 --- 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, May 21 --- 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, May 21 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, May 21 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Monday, May 27 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months)
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Thursday, May 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

Friday, May 31 --- 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

Saturday, June 1 --- 10 a.m.-Noon
“Make it, Take it” Rain Barrel Workshop
Sponsor: Water Quality Forum
New Harvest Park, just east of Target on Washington Pike.
Space limited. Register at 215-5861 or stormwater@knoxcounty.org

Monday, June 10 --- 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting
Central Business Improvement District
Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square
Saturday, June 29 --- 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
“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, 579-2055

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