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1. West Hills to Combine Picnic, Project Updates

This year’s annual potluck picnic at West Hills Park will have the unusual twist of including updates on two health-related projects on the northern edge of the sprawling West Hills neighborhood.

The picnic begins at 6 p.m. Monday, June 17, at the gazebo in the park, with candidates and public officials attending along with residents and members of the West Hills Community Association. There will be zoo animals and fire trucks to entertain the children.

In addition, representatives of Shannondale Nursing Home will be on hand to talk about expansion plans, and officials of Tennova Healthcare will talk about the latest developments in its proposed hospital campus on Middlebrook Pike.

2. Neighborhood Groups Invited to Use This Space

This newsletter is produced primarily for the benefit of resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood groups in the city, including neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, tenant associations, and HOA’s.

However, it is distributed initially to over 900 email addresses, and some neighborhood groups forward it to their email lists. Past copies are posted on the Office of Neighborhoods web site. Readers include members of public bodies such as City Council, County Commission and Metropolitan Planning Commission; other city and county officials; and, of course, other neighborhood leaders.

Using this forum to tell your story not only raises your profile in the city but also helps other groups with ideas for connecting with their neighbors and building a sense of community.

Neighborhood leaders are invited to submit news of officer elections, neighborhood projects, and community events by contacting David Massey at dmassey@cityofknoxville.org or 215-3232.
3. City Seeks Ideas for Development of Lakeshore Park

After an initial public meeting attended by some 200 citizens, the City of Knoxville is now pressing forward with additional appeals to the general public to suggest ways the park can meet the recreational and outdoor needs of area residents.

The park is expanding with the addition of land donated by the State of Tennessee, and therefore the original master plan for the park needs to be updated.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/lakeshore/ for more information and an opportunity to voice your ideas for the future of the park.

4. NAACP Issues Call to Community Organizations, Leaders

The Knoxville Branch of the NAACP is asking community residents and leaders to gather together this Saturday, June 15, in Morningside Park’s Alex Haley Square to air community concerns and challenges… and to make commitments to address them.

The event begins at 2 p.m. with a prayer vigil conducted by KICMA (Knoxville Interdenominational Christian Ministerial Alliance) followed by the “Change the Community” rally. The event is scheduled to conclude at 3:30 p.m.

5. Father’s Day Fishing Event This Sunday

The Parks and Recreation Department is staging its annual Father Day’s Fishing Event this Sunday, June 16, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Victor Ashe Park, 4901 Bradshaw Road, and the whole family is invited.

The park’s two-acre lake contains channel catfish ranging from two to eight pounds that were donated by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, in addition to the existing large-mouth bass and bluegill.

TWRA stocks the lake annually for this event. The Mast General Store is partnering with the City of Knoxville by donating prizes to be given away, including a grand prize for the top three largest fish caught by a father/child team. There's also a prize for the first person to catch the albino catfish that will be put in the lake.

Bring your own bait, tackle, fishing poles, and blankets. Fishing licenses are required for everyone over the age of 13 who will be fishing. Licenses can be purchased at area stores. There is a take-home limit of two fish for this event.

No pre-registration is necessary. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be given away.

6. City Schedules Hearing for Cumberland Avenue
The City of Knoxville is moving forward with plans not only to reduce Cumberland Avenue (in the area known as “the strip”) from four lanes to three, but also to overhaul the building codes for that area to encourage greater density of mixed use development for a more urban landscape.

The City’s Office of Redevelopment will host a public meeting at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, June 18, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street. Representatives of the city’s consultant, Code Studio of Austin, Texas, will be present.

This is a follow-up meeting to the April 4 public meeting on the Cumberland Avenue Form Based Code and will address the comments that were submitted as part of that meeting. In addition to a presentation, there will be opportunity for comments and questions.

After this meeting, the next step will be to finalize the draft and submit it to MPC for consideration. Once recommended by MPC, the new code would then go to City Council for adoption.

Formed-based code is a type of zoning law that allows for mixed uses within the same structure, but the code is written to be more restrictive of building dimensions, setbacks and related matters. On Cumberland, the code likely would allow a mix of residential, commercial and office/institutional uses within the same multi-story building.

6. TDOT to Provide Information on Alcoa Highway Fix

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will hold a public meeting next week to discuss the well-known traffic and safety issues on State Route 115, also known as U.S. 129, a.k.a. Alcoa Highway.

From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Sevier Heights Baptist Church, 3232 Alcoa Highway, TDOT will update the public on the status of the project, present the findings of an environmental review, obtain public input, and answer questions.

The project covers the portion of Alcoa Highway from Pellissippi Parkway to a point just north of the Cherokee Trail intersection.

Basically, according to TDOT, there are two alternatives for addressing a need for increased capacity and level of service, correcting roadway deficiencies, and reducing crashes and improving safety.

Under the no-build alternative, TDOT would do nothing more than normal maintenance. Under the build option, TDOT would widen the highway to three lanes in each direction; build or rebuild seven interchanges; add a median to regulate left-hand turns; and construct frontage and collector roads as needed.

See http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr115/ for maps, answers to frequently asked questions, a project schedule, project history and more.

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/.

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, June 14 --- 6 p.m.
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Saturday, June 15 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, June 17 --- 9 a.m.
Dr. Lee L. Williams Tenant Association (Third Mondays)
Recreation Center, 317 McConnell Street
James Grant Chandler, 200-8697

Monday, June 17 --- 6 p.m.
Annual Potluck Picnic
West Hills Community Association
Candidates and office holders will be present.
Children's Activities: Knoxville Zoo animals and Fire Dept. Trucks
West Hills Park at the Gazebo
Reuben Pelot, 693-0454

Monday, June 17 --- 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, June 18 --- 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, June 18 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, June 18 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting
Form-Based Code for Cumberland Avenue (“the strip”)
City of Knoxville Office of Redevelopment
Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street
Anne Wallace, awallace@cityofknoxville.org, 215-2644

Tuesday, June 18 --- 7 p.m.
   Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
   Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Thursday, June 20 --- 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, June 20 --- 8:30 a.m.
   Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
   http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp

Thursday, June 20 --- 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, June 20 --- 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, June 20 --- 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
   TDOT Public Meeting
   Improvements to Alcoa Highway
   Sevier Heights Baptist Church, 3232 Alcoa Highway
   Mike Russell, TDOT Region 1, 594-2334, Mike.Russell@tn.gov
   http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr115/

Thursday, June 20 --- 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
   11th Annual Downtown Loft Tour and Fundraiser
   (Focusing on Market Square)
   Tour starts at Design Studio, 500 S. Gay Street
   Food, refreshments, silent auction
   Community Design Center
   http://www.CommunityDC.org

Thursday, June 20 --- 6 p.m.
   Meeting of Sixth District Neighborhoods and Constituents
   Hosted by City Councilman and Former Mayor Daniel Brown
   CAC Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue

Thursday, June 20 --- 6:30 p.m.
   Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
   Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
   Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street
Monday, June 24 --- 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, June 24 --- 5:30 p.m.
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, June 24 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting
East City Sector Plan Update
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)
Burlington Library, 4614 Asheville Hwy.
Jeff Archer, 215-3821, jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org
http://www.knoxmpc.org/eastcity2013/index.htm

Tuesday, June 25 – 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, June 25 --- 6:30 p.m.
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Tiger Top at the Zoo, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Tuesday, June 25 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Thursday, June 27 --- 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, June 27 --- 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, June 27 --- 7 p.m.
Old Sevier Community Group
(Fourth Thursdays, February through October)
Stanley’s Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road
Friday, June 28 --- 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 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 Sevierille Pike
Nick Pavlis, 579-2055

Monday, July 1 --- 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, July 2 --- 4:30 p.m.
Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, July 2 --- 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, July 2 --- 6:30 p.m.
Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, July 2 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Monday, July 8 --- 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, July 8 --- 3 p.m.
Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road
David Wildsmith, 219-0417
Monday, July 8 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.
  Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
  CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
  Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, July 8 --- 6 p.m.
  Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
  Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)
  Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, July 8 --- 6 p.m.
  Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
  South Knoxville Community Center
  Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, July 8 --- 6:30 p.m.
  Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
  St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
  Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, July 8 --- 6:30 p.m.
  Community Potluck
  Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)
  Fourth and Gill Park
  Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, July 8 --- 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, July 9 --- 11:45 a.m.
  Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
  (Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)
  Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, July 9 --- 6 p.m.
  Public Meeting
  Central City Sector Plan Update
  Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)
  Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street at East Fifth Avenue
  Mike Reynolds, MPC, 215-3827, mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org
  http://www.knoxmpc.org/centralcity2013/index.htm

Tuesday, July 9 --- 6 p.m.
  Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
  Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue
  Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, July 9 --- 6:30 p.m.
  Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
  Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, July 9 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Tuesday, July 9 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Wednesday, July 10 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, July 10 --- 1 p.m.
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, July 10 --- 4:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Advisory Council
(Every Second Wednesday, except December)
CAC/L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods
David Massey, 215-3232

Wednesday, July 10 --- 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”

Thursday, July 11 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
http://www.knoxmpc.org
Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, July 11 --- 2 p.m.
Western Heights Resident Association (Second Thursdays)
Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights
Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Thursday, July 11 --- 6 p.m.
Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)
Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, July 11 --- 4 p.m.
Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays except holidays)
Montgomery Village Ministry 1124 Cook Dr.
Tonja Warren, 577-5555
Thursday, July 11 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting
East City Sector Plan Update
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)
Washington Pike United Methodist Church, 2241 Washington Pike
Jeff Archer, 215-3821, jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org
http://www.knoxmpc.org/eastcity2013/index.htm

Tuesday, July 16 --- 6 p.m.
Public Meeting
Central City Sector Plan Update
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1933 Texas Avenue
Mike Reynolds, MPC, 215-3827, mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org
http://www.knoxmpc.org/centralcity2013/index.htm

Monday, July 22 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)
This month's program: Annual Seed and Plant Swap and Kasey Krouse, City Arborist
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Monday, August 5 --- 6:30 p.m.
Wesley Neighbors Community Association
(First Mondays, even-numbered months)
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road
Donnie Ernst, 207-9355

Monday, August 19 --- 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, 637-9630

Monday, September 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

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