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1. Community Meeting to Focus on Tennova’s Plans

A community-wide meeting will be held this coming Monday, June 24, on Tennova Healthcare’s plans to build a new hospital complex on Middlebrook Pike in West Knoxville and also drastically reduce operations at its North Knoxville campus, formerly known as St. Mary’s.

Tennova representatives will be present at the meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. in the meeting hall of St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 North Broadway.

Councilman Nick Della Volpe, who has been promoting the meeting, is urging members of North and East Knoxville neighborhood organizations to attend the meeting to ask questions about Tennova’s plans for the Oak Hill site in the Oakwood Lincoln Park neighborhood, the future of healthcare in North Knoxville, the impact on jobs at the current site, and related issues.

2. Mechanicsville Honors Resident, School Employee

The Mechanicsville Community Association (MCA) honored a long-time resident and Knox County Schools employee at an awards ceremony on May 21.

Ruby Elizabeth Patterson lived in Mechanicsville over 60 years, and seventeen of those she worked on the custodial staff at Maynard Elementary School. Patterson died in February of this year. Soon after her death, members of MCA began thinking of ways to honor her memory.

MCA decided to work with Maynard Elementary and the Literacy Imperative to memorialize Ruby during the Maynard Elementary School Awards Assembly. The Literacy Imperative donated four books, which MCA then dedicated to the school’s library in Ms. Patterson’s honor. Two of the books are for children grades K-2 (Storybook Treasury of Animals and Before I Go to Sleep), and two are for children grades 3-5 (Wonders of the World and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s American Heroes: Robert Smalls, The Boat Thief.).

Ms. Patterson’s son Darryl continues to reside in Mechanicsville, and her grandson Sean is a fourth grade teacher at Maynard Elementary.

For more information about MCA, contact Shirley Porter Kellogg, Vice President, at 865-524-0689.
3. Documentary Highlights Work of Community Design Center

Since 1969, the East Tennessee Community Design Center has been helping local governments and community-based organizations, including neighborhood groups, to reimagine public spaces with designs for parks, community centers, unused school buildings, and other projects all over East Tennessee.

To learn more about this nonprofit, tune in to East Tennessee PBS at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23, for the documentary "Good Design: A Half-Century of the Community Design Center." For more, see www.communitydc.org.

4. Neighborhood Groups: You Can Testify on Blighted Properties

Nineteen residential properties and one commercial property are on the agenda for the City’s next Public Officer Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 28.

The Public Officer --- David Brace, director of the Public Service Department --- will hear testimony on buildings that inspectors contend are in violation of the city’s building codes. Testimony can also be made by the property owners, neighbors, neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders, such as lien holders.

The Public Officer then decides whether to issue an order requiring that the violations be addressed in a certain period of time. Failure by the owner to cure the problem may result in the boarding or demolition of a structure, or the cleanup of a dirty or overgrown lot, with costs billed to the owner. A property owner may appeal the Public Officer’s decision to the Better Building Board and ultimately to Chancery Court.

Here are the properties to be considered for action:

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you might wish to consider sending a representative of your organization to the meeting to submit testimony about the impact of the blight on the neighborhood.

Most of these properties are recommended for repair or demolition orders, but the PO will also be asked to confirm several emergency repair/demo orders on buildings on 210 South Elmwood, 104 East Glenwood and 4514 Nora.

The full June 28 agenda, with details on each property, can be found at http://www.cityofknoxville.org/plansreview/agenda_poh.pdf.

5. 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, 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 --- 6-7 p.m.
   Community Meeting: Tennova’s Plans for North Knoxville
   Sponsored by Councilman Nick Della Volpe
   Meeting Hall, St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 North Broadway

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. --- CANCELLED
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
Gary Deitsch, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

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 Sevierville 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

Friday, July 12 --- 6 p.m.
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Monday, July 15 --- 9 a.m.
Dr. Lee L. Williams Tenant Association (Third Mondays)
Recreation Center, 317 McConnell Street
James Grant Chandler, 200-8697

Monday, July 15 --- 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, July 16 --- 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, July 16 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

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

Tuesday, July 16 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Thursday, July 18 --- 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, July 18 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp

Thursday, July 18 --- 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, July 18 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

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

Thursday, July 25 --- 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, 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

Thursday, August 1 --- 5:30 p.m.
City Council Workshop
Topic: Proposed New Zone: Corridor Overlay District
Large Assembly Room, City County Building

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

Thursday, August 15 --- 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.

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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