1. Town Hall East to Host Ice Cream Social

Town Hall East, Inc., the neighborhood organization representing Holston Hills, is sponsoring a free ice-cream social this Monday evening, August 12, from 6-8 p.m. at Tank Strickland Park, next door to the Burlington Library on Asheville Highway.

Besides the free ice cream, there will be music, games and fire trucks for children to enjoy. For more, contact Sharon Davis at 640-5700.

2. Mayor Rogero to Meet with South Knoxville Neighborhoods

Mayor Madeline Rogero will hold a “Neighborhood Connections” meeting with residential neighborhoods in South Knoxville from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, at Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike.

All of the neighborhood associations, watch groups, tenant groups, HOA’s and condo associations in South Knoxville are invited to encourage their members to attend this meeting. Other South Knoxville residents and members of the general public are also invited. The focus will be on South Knoxville issues and concerns.

The Mayor will be accompanied by members of her senior staff in the Building Inspections, Community Development, Community Relations, Engineering, Fire, Neighborhood Codes Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Police, Public Service, and Redevelopment Departments, along with the 311 Call Center, Knoxville Area Transit (KAT), Office of Business Support, and Office of Neighborhoods.

Citizens will have an opportunity to ask questions, report problems, express concerns, and get updates on various city projects and initiatives in South Knoxville.

Although the Mayor accepts invitations to speak to individual neighborhood meetings when her schedule permits, she encourages neighborhood groups to cooperate with one another for a broader “Neighborhood Connections” meeting.
Neighborhood groups interested in requesting a Neighborhood Connections event in their area of town can fill out a form on the City of Knoxville website, at http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods/NCForm.pdf. Questions may be directed to David Massey, Office of Neighborhoods, at 215-3232.

3. City Council Elections Slated for September, November

Five incumbent members of City Council are up for reelection this year to additional four-year terms of office. They are:

Nick Pavlis, District 1, South Knoxville and UT/Fort Sanders
Duane Grieve, District 2, West Knoxville
Brenda Palmer, District 3, Northwest Knoxville
Nick Della Volpe, District 4, Northeast Knoxville
Daniel Brown, District 6, Central and East Knoxville

Nick Della Volpe has drawn an opponent in District 4 --- Rick Staples. And Pete Drew is running against Daniel Brown in District 6. Pavlis, Grieve and Palmer are unopposed.

The primary election (vote within your Council district) is September 24. All registered city voters can vote in all of the Council races in the general election, which is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For more information about how and where to vote, or to view the City of Knoxville election schedule, visit http://www.knoxcounty.org/election/nav_voter.php or call the Knox County Election Commission at 865-215-2480.

4. League Seeks Partners for Candidate Forum

Back in 2011, there were so many candidate forums (for mayoral and City Council races) that it was easy to lose count. Candidates were racing from one forum to the next, and some forums were only sparsely attended.

Now, in 2013, five members of City Council are up for reelection, but just two have opposition. Turnout, typically just 10% of eligible voters in off-year city elections, could be even less this year. But the League of Women Voters of Knoxville and Knox County wants to boost voter turnout while suggesting a coordinated, partnership approach to candidate forums.

“Candidates repeatedly tell us that too many candidate forums take time away from the personal, one-on-one, knocking-on-doors that candidates must do to make their case to voters, and thereby also get out the vote,” notes Theresa Pepin, chair of the League’s Voter Services Committee.

Since the League usually sponsors at least one forum and tries to provide its assistance on others, “too many forums also exhaust League members and degrade our ability to do a good job on behalf of both candidates and citizen education.”
This time around, the League is suggesting a different approach. “This year we would very much like to partner with as many of the city neighborhood organizations as possible to hold a single Candidate Forum that we can adequately publicize and promote for a good city-wide attendance.”

If your organization is interested in partnering with the League, please contact Theresa Pepin at 865-382-4226 or pepin05@comcast.net.

In addition to a forum, the League is planning a number of other non-partisan activities to promote voter education and turnout, from voter registration to a Candidate/Voter Guide in cooperation with the Knoxville News Sentinel.

Here are the key dates for the upcoming elections:

**Monday, August 26** --- Last day to register to vote in the Knoxville City primary election.

**September 4-19** --- Early voting for Knoxville City primary election.

**Tuesday, September 24** --- Knoxville City primary election

**Monday, October 7** --- Last day to register to vote in the Knoxville City general election.

**October 16-31** --- Early voting for Knoxville City general election.

**Tuesday, November 5** --- Knoxville City general election

### 5. Council Postpones Tennova Vote, Schedules Workshop

Tennova Healthcare will have to wait at least until September 17 to find out if it can clear a critical hurdle toward its goal of building a new hospital on Middlebrook Pike.

A vote had been scheduled this week on the Metropolitan Planning Commission’s recommendation to rezone the Middlebrook site --- located across from the Dowell Springs development and adjacent to the West Hills neighborhood --- from A-1 (agricultural) to O-1 (office).

But City Council decided to postpone the vote and hold a workshop on the rezoning at 5 p.m. Thursday, August 29, in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building. At the workshop, Council will hear from Tennova officials as well as supporters and opponents of Tennova’s plans.

Tennova has stated that, due to economics, it can no longer operate a hospital at its Physicians Regional Medical Center (formerly St. Mary’s Hospital) in North Knoxville and instead is laying the groundwork for a later decision on whether to build a new hospital on Middlebrook. The plan has drawn criticism from North Knoxville neighbors who want the hospital to remain where it is, and West Hills residents who don’t want a new hospital in their neighborhood.

If Council ultimately approves the rezoning, Tennova would still have to apply for a use-on-review from the Metropolitan Planning Commission, as well as submit a detailed development plan for the site. A hospital is permitted in an O-1 zone only with a use-on-review. Use-on-review decisions rest with MPC unless appealed to City Council.
6. Council Postpones Dogs and Cats Vote, Plans Task Force

Knoxville City Council this week postponed until January 21 a vote on a proposed amendment to a city ordinance that fixes the maximum number of dogs and cats that can be kept in any one household.

Instead, Vice Mayor Nick Pavlis plans to create a task force to look into the issue. City Law Director Charles Swanson said the amendment does not propose a change in current law --- just a clarification that the law limits the total number of dogs and cats to four per household rather than four per person in each household. Swanson noted that the law is enforced only in response to complaints.

Among many other items, Council:
** Approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $117,100, to provide conceptual and schematic designs for new streetscape improvements on Magnolia Avenue.

** Okayed accepting a $360,000 grant from the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs (including a 25% match of local funds) for the Gang and Youth Violence Reduction Program. One goal of the program is to engage youth before they become involved in gangs.

7. MPC Approves Inskip, Westmoreland Estates Rezonings

The Metropolitan Planning Commission this week voted to recommend to City Council that a broad swath of the Inskip community be rezoned from R-2 (a general residential district that allows multi-unit developments) to a mix of R-1 or R-1A (low density residential).

The action was taken in response to a request from City Council, led by Fifth District Council Member Mark Campen, to determine if the single family areas of Inskip should receive the more protective zoning. The “down zoning” was recommended by the Inskip Small Area Plan adopted by City Council in 2011.

Anita Case, an active member of the Inskip Community Association, spoke in favor of the rezoning. She noted that Inskip is the second most densely populated portion of Knoxville after Fort Sanders, and yet the R-2 zoning allows continued construction of multi-unit apartment housing, often in highly inappropriate locations, such as the middle of blocks that are otherwise single family housing.

In other action, MPC voted in favor of a proposal to rezone a vacant parcel of land at Westland Drive and Morrell Road from R-1 (low density residential) to RP-1 (planned residential). M&M Properties plans to develop assisted living housing on the site at a density of three dwelling units per acre.

The action was taken over the objection of members of the Westmoreland Estates subdivision who spoke against the rezoning. A primary concern voiced by residents is the fact that the only likely entrance into the property would be via what is now a “stub” of Bellingham Drive, just inside the neighborhood’s main entrance, which is located at Lawford Road and Westland Drive.
Both the Inskip and Westmoreland Estates rezonings must be heard at City Council.

8. Making Buildings Accessible to People with Disabilities

The second annual Accessibility Symposium will be held on Friday, August 23, 2013 at the Civic Coliseum from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Symposium is a state-of-the-art, interactive show that will allow attendees to learn about accessibility, what it means, who it benefits, and how easy it can be to create.

The program will be of interest to a wide range of people, including persons with a disability, seniors, professionals who work with these populations, and anyone who designs, builds, renovates, and/or inspects buildings of any kind, including houses.

Participants will experience what it is like to have mobility impairments and navigate an accessible kitchen, bathroom and workspace in addition to “seeing” the difference between a ramp with an appropriate slope and one that is too steep.

In addition, several local attorneys will present information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Professionals in the design and construction industry will learn the legal ramifications for not meeting the standards of the ADA. Finally, providers of services that benefit people with disabilities and seniors will be on hand to offer information and display some of their products.

Visit www.easttennesseeaccessibility.com to register as an attendee, exhibitor, or sponsor. For more, contact Mary Stonaker at marystonakerdesigns@gmail.com or 865-951-9977 or Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@cityofknoxville.org.

The Symposium is a partnership between the City of Knoxville and the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI).

Accommodations for people with disabilities will be provided upon request if request is made no later than August 20, 2013, to Stephanie Brewer Cook, City ADA Coordinator, via email or by calling 865.215.2034 (V) or 865.215.4581 (TTY).

9. 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.

Community Events Calendar: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/events/events.pdf
Monday, August 12
First Day of School, Knox County Schools
Half Day for Students

Monday, August 12 --- 3 p.m.
Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, August 12 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.
Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.
Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Avenue
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, August 12 --- 6:30 p.m.
Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, August 12 --- 6:30 p.m.
Community Potluck
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Avenue
Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, August 12 --- 7 p.m.
Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue
www.bellemorris.com
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, August 12 --- 7 p.m.
West Hills Community Association – Executive Committee
Church of the Nazarene on Vanosdale Road
Reuben Pelot, 693-0454

Tuesday, August 13 --- 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Mayor’s Neighborhood Connections
South-Knoxville-Wide Community Meeting with Mayor Rogero and her staff
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
David Massey, Neighborhood Coordinator, 215-3232

Tuesday, August 13 --- 6 p.m.
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, August 13 --- 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, August 13 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, August 13 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Wednesday, August 14 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, August 14 --- 1 p.m.
100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, August 14 --- 4:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Advisory Council
(Every Second Wednesday, except December)
Venue to be determined
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, August 15 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Speaker: Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero
Chilhowee Park Pavilion nearest Beaman Street
Charles Morgan, cwm826@aol.com, Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113
www.EastKnox.org

Thursday, August 15 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp

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.

Thursday, August 15 --- 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, August 15 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

Saturday, August 17 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, August 19 --- 9 a.m.
Dr. Lee L. Williams Tenant Association (Third Mondays)
Recreation Center, 317 McConnell Street
James Grant Chandler, 200-8697

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, August 19 --- 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, August 20 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, August 20 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Tuesday, August 20 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Thursday, August 22 --- 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, August 22 --- 7 p.m.
Old Sevier Community Group
(Third Thursdays, February through October)
Stanley’s Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road
Gary Deitsch, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Monday, August 26 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)
Knox County Commission
(Third Mondays, Jan.-Oct. First 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, August 26 --- 5:30 p.m.
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Tuesday, August 27 – 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, August 27 --- 6:30 p.m.
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Tiger Top at the Zoo, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, August 29 --- 3:30 p.m.
Better Building Board
(First Thursday, Dec.)
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp

Thursday, August 29 --- 5:00 p.m.
Knoxville City Council Workshop
Topic: Tennova Healthcare’s Rezoning Request on Middlebrook Pike
Main Assembly Room, City County Building

Friday, August 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

Monday, September 2
Labor Day
Local Government Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3 --- 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.”

Tuesday, September 3 --- 6 p.m.
Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, September 3 --- 6:30 p.m.
Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, September 3 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, September 3 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Wednesday, September 4 through Thursday, September 19
EARLY VOTING
Primary Election, City of Knoxville
Knox County Election Commission

Wednesday, September 4 --- 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, September 5 --- 4 p.m.
Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Tonja Warren, 577-5555

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
Tuesday, September 10 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Thursday, September 12 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
http://www.knoxmpc.org
Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, September 12 --- 6 p.m.
Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)
Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, September 12 --- 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Drive
Alice Wershing at awershing@aol.com

Friday, September 13 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.
North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)
Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 am
Location varies
Contact: Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.
www.nkbpa.org

Friday, September 13 --- 6 p.m.
Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Saturday, September 14 --- 10 a.m. – Dusk
Mechanicsville Homecoming
Parade begins at 10 a.m. at University & Fifth Avenues
Fair begins at 11 a.m. in Danny Mayfield Park
Mechanicsville Community Association
David Gillette, 254-7319

Monday, September 23 --- 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
Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Tuesday, September 24
ELECTION DAY
Primary Election, City of Knoxville
(Five City Council seats)
Knox County Election Commission

Saturday, September 28 --- 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, 454-7216

Tuesday, October 1 --- Times Vary
National Night Out

Saturday, October 12
Centennial Conservation Expo
Celebrating 100th anniversary of 1913 National Conservation Exposition
and a century of conservation in East Tennessee
City of Knoxville and Partners
Chilhowee Park
www.knoxconservationexpo.com

Wednesday, October 16 through Thursday, October 31
EARLY VOTING
General Election, City of Knoxville
Knox County Election Commission

Tuesday, November 5
ELECTION DAY
General Election, City of Knoxville
(Five City Council seats)
Knox County Election Commission

Saturday, March 8, 2014 --- 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Neighborhood Conference
Knoxville Convention Center

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