1. Lyons View Neighborhood Honors a Favorite Son

Over 150 people came together on Saturday, July 5, to dedicate a new pavilion erected to celebrate a unique African American community in West Knoxville and to honor one of its favorite sons.

The pavilion --- constructed with the help and support of too many companies, entities and individuals to enumerate here --- was dedicated to the late William E. "Sonny" Davis Jr., who was heralded as a man who inspired his own children and others in the neighborhood. He was an avid reader, gardener, sportsman, environmentalist, and caregiver for his family and community.

Funds were raised mostly from private donations. Many attendees at the event purchased and wore commemorative tee shirts which carried one of Davis’s favorite slogans: “Where there is a Will, there is a way.”

The pavilion was sited between the Lyons View Community Center and playground and will serve as a community focal point along with those assets, all of which belong to the neighborhood organization, the Lyons View Community Club.

Lyons View --- located near The Episcopal Church of The Ascension and bordered by Lyons View Pike, Walden Street, and Northshore Drive --- was the home of many African American domestics who worked for white families along Lyons View Pike and nearby neighborhoods. A highlight of the July 5 celebration was the ongoing relationships among all of those families and the memories they share. For many, the event was a homecoming.

2. City Posts Job Opening in Office of Neighborhoods

The City of Knoxville is accepting applications for Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator, a new position in the Office of Neighborhoods.

The person hired for this position will play a role in the entire spectrum of Office of Neighborhoods activities, including The Neighborhood Conference, the “Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations” leadership training program, and this “Neighborhood Advisory” newsletter. Reporting to Neighborhood Coordinator David Massey, this person also will have
primary responsibility for implementing and administering the Neighborhood Small Grants Program for low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Applications will be accepted online until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

A PDF document with the job description, salary range, minimum qualifications and needed skills can be viewed or downloaded here: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/development/neighborhoods/AssistantNeighborhoodCoordinator.pdf

Go to http://www.cityofknoxville.org/employment/applyjob.asp to apply for this position. Read all of Step 2 and follow the instructions for creating an account; uploading your resume, references and writing samples; and filling out the application. (Steps 3 and 4 do not apply to this job opening.)

Browse to http://www.cityofknoxville.org/employment/ for related information on applying for a job with the city – including how to contact the Civil Service Department for assistance with the online application process.

The new position, first announced by Mayor Madeline Rogero in her budget address last spring, does not increase the overall number of employees working for the city, because another department was able to give up a vacant position.

3. Climate Change Rally Slated for Saturday

Former Mayor and Sixth District City Councilman Daniel Brown and Erin Gill, director of the city’s Office of Sustainability, are two of the featured speakers this weekend at a downtown rally celebrating effective climate change policies.

The rally will occur from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Market Square Stage. The rally will feature Einstein Simplified (an Improv comedy troupe) and musicians including jazz singer Kelle Jolly, Chamber(s) and The Emancipators. There will also be giveaways and information booths.

Other speakers will be Rev. John Butler, NAACP; Rev. Barbara McKinney, Clayborn Temple AME Church; Dean Rivkin, UT College of Law; and Dr. Jack Fellows, director of the Climate Change Science Institute at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Visit www.climateknoxville.org for more information, including a list of the Climate Knoxville partners and supporting groups and individuals.

4. Urban Gardens Meeting Monday Evening

The City of Knoxville’s Office of Sustainability will conduct a public meeting from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday, July 14, at Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street, to present drafts of proposed ordinances that would allow, and also regulate, community gardens and market gardens on privately held land in the city. Personal gardens are not affected.
Feedback from the public meeting and from later comments will be addressed as the Office of Sustainability prepares final recommendations for ordinance changes, which would then route through the Metropolitan Planning Commission before landing at City Council.

The PowerPoint presentation shown at the meeting will be posted at the Sustainability web page later in the week. See www.cityofknoxville.org/sustainability. Comments can be sent to Sustainability@cityofknoxville.org.

5. Learn about Solar Panels at Community Solar Fair

Children and adults alike can learn about solar energy at the University of Tennessee’s Spectrum Community Solar Fair, an interactive solar energy exhibit, at Knoxville Center Mall on Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This event will be located on Mall Level 2 next to J.C. Penney. It is free and open to the public. The exhibit explains how solar energy creates jobs and adds to the nation’s electric power resources.

At 10:30 a.m., ARIES Energy will explain how to install solar panels on your home --- the process, pay-back period, impact on electricity bills, and related issues.

Experts from the Tennessee Valley Authority will speak at 11:30 a.m. regarding its Green Power Providers program. Children’s activities and games will take place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The Muse Knoxville (formerly the Discovery Center) will be on hand to provide fun activities showcasing science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Sponsors include the City of Knoxville and TN-SCORE, as well as ARIES Energy, The MUSE Knoxville and the U.T. Spectrum program. Request more information via SPECTRUM@utk.edu.

6. Great Schools Partnership to Add South Knoxville Elementary

The Community Schools initiative is expanding to include South Knoxville Elementary School beginning this fall, and the Great Schools Partnership is taking applications for a site resource coordinator.

“The energy around the South Knoxville waterfront redevelopment makes this an ideal time to create a community school at South Knoxville Elementary,” says Stephanie Welch, Vice President of Operations for Community Schools at the Great Schools Partnership. “The school is in the middle of the South Knoxville waterfront, and will play a key role in bringing partners together for student, family and community success.”

Community Schools are a strategy for aligning community resources for student success, family health and neighborhood safety. Community Schools stay open into the evening and offer additional instructional time as well as recreational, arts, mental health, adult education and other services.
Each Community School is managed by a site-steering committee composed of school staff, teachers, parents, businesses and other community leaders. Community Schools are funded through a blend of public and private contributions.

To obtain a job description for the Community Schools Site Resource Coordinator, contact Stephanie Jinkins, vice president of finance and human resources for Great Schools Partnership, at sjinkins@projectgradknoxville.org.

In addition to South Knoxville Elementary, the Knox County Schools and the Great Schools Partnership also provide Community Schools at the following locations: Christenberry Elementary, Green Magnet Academy, Lonsdale Elementary, Norwood Elementary, Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Academy and Vine Middle Magnet School. Pond Gap Elementary is also a Community School under a partnership between Knox County Schools and the University of Tennessee.

For more on Great Schools Partnership, call 215-4501 or visit the website at www.greatschoolspartnership.com.

7. BZA Decisions Can Impact Your Neighborhood

If your neighborhood cares about how close a building can be to the street or a neighboring property (known as setback requirements); the size, height and shape of commercial signs; parking lots and driveway widths; the number of required parking spaces for nearby businesses; and related issues, then you may wish to pay close attention to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Established by city ordinance, BZA hears appeals of denials of building permits by the city's Building Inspections Department. The board, consisting of five citizens appointed by the Mayor, meets at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Keep up with how the BZA might impact your neighborhood. Watch for the black and white signs indicating that there is a pending decision on a particular piece of property. Most signs are for Metropolitan Planning Commission issues --- which are also important --- but signs with the word “variance” are BZA items.

The BZA agenda is posted at http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp no later than the Monday prior to the BZA meeting each month.

A neighborhood group that keeps track of BZA will request and study the paperwork on a particular appeal, decide whether to take a position on the appeal, and then attend the BZA meeting to voice the group’s support or objections.

Decisions of the BZA can be appealed within 15 days of the BZA decision to Knoxville City Council. Appeals of a City Council decision are made to Chancery Court within 60 days of a City Council decision related to BZA.

8. Neighborhood and Government Calendar
Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232.

Visit http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/ for a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions. See the Community Events Calendar: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/events/events.pdf

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 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

Friday, July 11 --- 6 p.m.
   Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)
   Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.
   Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Monday, July 14 --- 3 p.m.
   Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)
   Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.
   David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, July 14 --- 5-6 p.m.
   Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
   CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
   Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, July 14 --- 5:30-7:00 p.m.
   Public Meeting
   Topic: Zoning Changes to Enable Urban Agriculture
   Office of Sustainability, City of Knoxville
   Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine
   Jake Tisinger, 215-2065, jtisinger@cityofknoxville.org

Monday, July 14
   Fountain City Town Hall (Second Mondays)
   Board Meetings: 6 p.m. Monthly
   General Membership Meetings: 7 p.m., February, April, September, November
   Church of the Good Shepherd, 5337 Jacksboro Pike
   Daniel Dunn, 387-6390, daniel.dunn06@yahoo.com

Monday, July 14 --- 6 p.m.
   Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
   Magnolia Ave. Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia Ave. (Harrison St. Entrance)
   Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, July 14 --- 6 p.m.
   Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)
   Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.
   Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, July 14 --- 6 p.m.
   Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
   South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike
   Newman Seay, 577-4593
Monday, July 14 --- 6:30 p.m.
Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Andie Ray, 548-5221

Monday, July 14 --- 6:30 p.m.
Community Potluck
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809

Monday, July 14 --- 7 p.m.
Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.
www.bellemorris.com
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Tuesday, July 15 --- 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.
Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.
Monthly on a Tuesday: July 15, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 16
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

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

Tuesday, July 15 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, July 15 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
http://edgewoodpark.us/

Wednesday, July 16 --- Noon - 1 p.m.
Eastport / Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch (Third Wednesdays)
Lee Williams Senior Center
2240 M. L. King Jr. Ave
Sylvia Cook, sylviacook5901@comcast.net or 237-6940

Thursday, July 17 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. Meeting - 8 a.m.
East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders
Meeting location varies
Doug Minter, Dminter@knoxvillechamber.com, Knoxville Chamber, 637-4550
http://www.eastknox.org/

Thursday, July 17 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
Thursday, July 17 --- 4 p.m.
City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building
Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp

Thursday, July 17 --- 5:30 p.m.
Knoxville City Council Workshop
Topic: Pension Plan Revision
Main Assembly Room, City-County Building

Thursday, July 17 --- 6 p.m.
Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC)
PARC addresses citizen concerns about the Knoxville Police Dept.
Community Evangelistic Church, 2650 Boyd’s Bridge Pike
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/parc/
Lisa Chambers, 215-3966

Thursday, July 17 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Ave. at Henagar St.
Bill Hutton, 773-5228, s_wlhutton@yahoo.com

Saturday, July 19 --- 10 a.m.
South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave.
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, July 19 --- 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Spectrum Community Solar Fair
Learn about solar energy, solar panels, etc.
Fun for the whole family
Knoxville Center Mall, Level 2 near Penney’s
spectrum@utk.edu

Monday, July 21 --- 7 p.m.
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)
“Birdhouse”/Fourth & Gill Center, 800 North Fourth Avenue
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, July 21 --- 7 p.m.
West Hills Community Association (Third Mondays)
Executive Committee: January, March, April, July, August, September, November, December.
General Meeting: February, May and October
First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Rd.
Ashley Williams, 313-0282

Tuesday, July 22 --- Noon
Slide Show and Presentation
History of Freedmen’s Mission Historic Cemetery at Knoxville College
Cemetery Restoration Committee
East Tenn. History Center, 601 South Gay Street
Carole Ann Borges, caroleann1@yahoo.com, 865-742-5494

Tuesday, July 22 --- 6 p.m.
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Rd.
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, bettymahan@knology.net

Tuesday, July 22 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Thursday, July 24 --- 9 a.m.
Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, January-October)
“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, July 24 --- 7 p.m.
Old Sevier Community Group
(Fourth Thursdays, February-October)
Stanley’s Greenhouses, 3029 Davenport Road
Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Monday, July 28 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)
Knox County Commission
(Fourth Mondays, January-October. Third Mondays, November-December)
www.knoxcounty.org/commission
Agenda: Click on “Information” and then “Commission Agendas”
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting
Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 28 --- 5:30 p.m.
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays, except May and December)
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Ave.
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, July 28--- 7-8:30 p.m.
South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)
Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike
Shelley Conklin, 686-6789

Tuesday, July 29 --- 6:30 p.m.
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Thursday, July 31 --- 3:30 p.m.
Better Building Board  
(Last Thursday, January-October. First Thursday, December)  
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building  
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp  
Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Friday, August 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  
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp  
Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Monday, August 4 --- 4 p.m.  
Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Monday)  
Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.  
Tom Higens, 206-8908

Monday, August 4 --- 5 p.m.  
Knox County Board of Education – Work Session  
(Monday before the regular meeting and the third Mondays, 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, August 4 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays)  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.  
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Monday, August 4 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Wesley Neighbors Community Association  
(First Mondays, even-numbered months)  
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Rd.  
Donnie Ernst, 207-9355

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

Tuesday, August 5 --- 6 p.m.  
Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)  
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora St.  
Charles Wright, 637-1802

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

Wednesday, August 6 --- 5 p.m.  
Knox County Board of Education
Thursday, August 7 --- 8:30 a.m.
City Tree Board (First Thursdays)
Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Ave.
www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/treeboard
David Vandergriff, Tree Board Chair, 215-2340, dgriff@tennessee.edu

Thursday, August 7 --- 7 p.m.
Cedar Heights Residents Association (First Thursdays)
5316 Cedar Heights Rd.
Jessica Abrahamson, Jabrahamson2012@gmail.com or 765-1047

Sunday, August 10 --- 2 p.m.
Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association
(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)
Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue
Marlene Taylor, 951-3773, taylor8246@bellsouth.net

Tuesday, August 12 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, August 12 --- 2 p.m.
Western Heights Resident Association (Second Tuesdays)
Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights
Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Tuesday, August 12 --- 4-5 p.m.
City of Knoxville Greenways Commission
(2nd Tuesdays every two months) August 12, October 14, December 9
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/greenways.asp
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
Lori Goerlich, Parks & Recreation Dept., 215-2807

Tuesday, August 12 --- 6 p.m.
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
Hoitt Ave. Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Ave.
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Wednesday, August 13 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Rd.
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, August 13 --- 4:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Advisory Council, City of Knoxville
(Second Wednesdays except December)
CAC / L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods
Thursday, August 14 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
http://www.knoxmpc.org
Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, August 14 --- 2 p.m.
Montgomery Village Residents Association (Second Thursdays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492, or Wendy Cavazos, super1mommie@gmail.com

Thursday, August 14 --- 6 p.m.
Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)
Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, August 14 --- 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch (Second Thursdays)
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Dr.
Alice Wershing, awershing@aol.com

Friday, August 15 --- 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m.
North Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Second Fridays)
Breakfast at 7:45 am, Meeting at 8 a.m.
Open to North Knoxville Residents, Neighborhood Groups, Business Owners
Meeting location varies
Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.
www.nkbpa.org

Monday, August 18 --- 7 p.m.
Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association
(Third Mondays except June, July, December)
All are welcome to attend.
New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Ln
Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Tuesday, August 19 --- 6:30 p.m.
Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays, Even Months)
North Hills Baptist Church, 2901 Fairway
Lola Alapo, 525-1520, BorightGroup@gmail.com

Thursday, August 21 --- 12 p.m.
KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)
Historic Miller’s Building, 445 S. Gay St.
See www.kub.org. Click on “About Us” at top of the page.

Saturday, September 20
9th Annual Mechanicsville Homecoming
10 a.m. – Community Parade
11 a.m.-8 p.m. – Celebration
Mechanicsville Community Association
David L. Gillette, Celebration Chair, 254-7319, dgillette33@gmail.com
Saturday, September 27 --- 9 a.m. until last person is heard
“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 14 --- 7 p.m.
Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association
(Second Tuesday, First Month of Each Quarter)
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College St.
Rev. Dr. John A. Butler, 617-2603, johnanthonybutler@gmail.com

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