1. Mechanicsville Community Association to Host New Year’s Eve Ball

Mechanicsville Community Association is ringing in 2015 with a New Year’s Eve Ball at the Knoxville College Student Center, 901 Knoxville College Drive.

Festivities will begin at 10 p.m. Dec. 31 and last until 2 a.m. Jan. 1. MCA’s treasurer, Eugene Bailey, a DJ who goes by the name Geno, will provide the music. Appetizers will be served. Tickets are $35 per couple in advance or $20 per person at the door. For advance tickets or more information, contact any MCA officer, including MCA Vice President David Gillette at 865-356-1179. Or see the Facebook page.

2. Businesses Step Up to Support Neighborhood Conference

Home Federal Bank will sponsor the breakfast at The Neighborhood Conference, which will be held Saturday, March 7, 2015, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Home Federal was the breakfast sponsor for this same conference in 2013.

Other confirmed sponsors so far this year are Cannon & Cannon Consulting Engineers, Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace, the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, and First Tennessee Bank. All were 2013 sponsors as well.

“The budget for this conference requires general fund dollars as well as private donations,” noted David Massey of the city’s Office of Neighborhoods, which is organizing the event. “We greatly appreciate local businesses that not only recognize the importance of our residential neighborhoods, but also help defray expenses for our efforts to support these neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations.”

The Neighborhood Conference will feature 33 workshops on a wide variety of topics relevant to residential neighborhoods and all types of city and county neighborhood organizations, including neighborhood watch groups, neighborhood associations, tenant associations, and homeowners associations.

Nominations are now being accepted for the Good Neighbor of the Year Award, which will be presented by Mayor Madeline Rogero at the conference.
In addition, registration is now open for information booths. Certain conditions apply. See this page for booth registration and other features of the conference. Registration for individual attendees will start in late January.

3. City Seeks Proposals for Historic Preservation

The City of Knoxville is requesting proposals from owners of historic residential or commercial buildings located within the City of Knoxville who are seeking funding or partial funding for improvements.

The buildings must be a) located within H-1 or NC-1 historic overlay districts, b) listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or c) eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Proposed improvement projects may be "stand alone" projects or may be part of larger rehabilitation projects.

Monies for these projects will come from a $500,000 Historic Preservation Fund that Mayor Madeline Rogero and City Council created in the current year budget.

See http://www.cityofknoxville.org/purchasing/bids/0224_historic.pdf for contract requirements, evaluation criteria, submission forms and other details. Applications are due by February 24, 2015.

4. “Coffee with the Councilman” Is This Saturday

Vice Mayor and First District Councilman Nick Pavlis will hold his quarterly “Coffee with the Councilman” this Saturday, December 20, instead of the last Saturday of the month, due to the holidays.

As usual, he will be at the Roundup Restaurant, 3643 Sevierville Pike, starting at 9 a.m. and will stay until the last person is heard. The event is open to all city residents. “I hope to see you there for a great breakfast, fellowship, and discussion of any city matter,” he said in a recent email to constituents.

5. Volunteers Needed to Drive Seniors and People with Disabilities

Interested in helping other people? Providing a much-needed community service? Driving a hybrid car?

How about receiving First Aid and CPR certification free of charge? Getting a discount to an AAA membership?

These are among the benefits of becoming a volunteer in CAC’s Volunteer Assisted Transportation program. After training, volunteers utilize CAC-owned hybrid sedans or wheelchair-accessible mini-vans to take individuals to appointments, shopping and other errands.
Drivers must be at least 21 years of age, have a minimum of three years’ driving experience, and have an excellent driving record. For the protection of the clients, drivers must also participate in an initial physical and drug screen and be subject to random drug screening.

For more information or to volunteer, call Nancy Welch, Assistant Program Manager, at 865-673-5001.

6. Here Is the Garbage and Recycling Schedule for Holidays

Waste Connections, the city’s household garbage and recycling collector, will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25, and Thursday, Jan. 1, in observation of Christmas and New Year’s Day. There will be no garbage or recycling collection on either of those Thursdays.

If your trash or recycling pick-up is normally on Thursday, it will fall on Friday during those two weeks. If your pickup is normally on Friday, it will be on Saturday.

Downtown trash and recycling will not be picked up on Dec. 25. Collections will resume on Friday. Downtown trash and recycling will run on its regular schedule January 1.

The city's recycling centers will be open for recycling use, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available for household goods donations on the two holidays. The city's Solid Waste Management Facility located at 1033 Elm Street will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

7. 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.

Saturday, December 20 --- 9 a.m. until last person is heard
“Coffee with the Councilman”
(Usually the 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

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

Saturday, December 20 --- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sign Up for Health Insurance Coverage under the Affordable Care Act
Trained volunteers will be available to help with the enrollment process.
Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.
For appointment or best walk-in time, call (844) 644-5443.
For more, call 311 or visit www.cityofknoxville.org/affordablecareact/

Tuesday, December 23 --- 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, December 30 --- 6:30 p.m.
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Wednesday, December 31 --- 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.
New Year’s Eve Ball
Music by Geno
Tickets $35 per couple in advance, $20 per person at the door
Knoxville College Student Center, 901 Knoxville College Drive
Mechanicsville Community Association

Monday, January 5 --- 4 p.m.
Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)
Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.
Tom Higens, 206-8908

Monday, January 5 --- 6:30 p.m.
Parkridge Community Organization (First Mondays except holidays)
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, January 6 --- 11:45 a.m.
Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
(Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

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

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

Tuesday, January 6 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Wednesday, January 7 --- Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.  Meeting - 8 a.m.
East Towne Area Business & Professional Association (First Wednesday)
Neighborhood Residents and Leaders encouraged to attend
New Harvest Park Community Building
Chair, Justin Sterling, <JSterling@simon.com>

Wednesday, January 7 --- 4-6 p.m.
Sign Ordinance Task Force
KCDC, 901 North Broadway
Ordinance change proposals located here:

Thursday, January 8 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
http://www.knoxmpc.org
Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, January 8 --- 6 p.m.
**Lonsdale Homes Resident Association** (Second Thursdays)
Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, January 8 --- 6:30-7:30 p.m.
**Greenwood Heights Neighborhood Watch** (Second Thursdays)
Corner of Buttercup Circle and Sundrop Dr.
Alice Wershing, awershing@aol.com

Thursday, January 8 --- 7-8 p.m.
**Colonial Village Neighborhood Association** (Second Thursdays)
South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road
Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t_caruthers@hotmail.com

Friday, January 9 --- 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. Check Website for location. http://northknoxvillebpa.org/
Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.

Friday, January 9 --- 6 p.m.
**Beaumont Community Organization** (Second Fridays)
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.
Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Monday, January 12 --- 1:30 p.m.
**Montgomery Village Residents Association** (Second Mondays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

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

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

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

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

Monday, January 12 --- 6 p.m.
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, January 12 --- 6:30 p.m.
Community Potluck
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.
Liz Upchurch, 898-1809, lizupchurch1@gmail.com

Monday, January 12 --- 6:30 p.m.
Historic Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Andie Ray, 548-5221

Monday, January 12 --- 7 p.m.
Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Ave.
http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Belle_Morris
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Monday, January 12 --- 7 p.m.
Town Hall East
(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May)
Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway

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

Tuesday, January 13 --- 6-7 p.m.
Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.
Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.
Monthly on a Tuesday: Dec. 16
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

Wednesday, January 14 --- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Food Policy Council
(Second Wednesdays but check website for confirmation)
Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Avenue
www.knoxfood.org; info@knoxfood.org

Wednesday, January 14 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, January 14 --- 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
David Massey, 215-3232

Thursday, January 15 --- 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, January 15 --- 8:30 a.m.
Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp
Kaye Graybeal, 215-3795, kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org

Thursday, January 15 --- 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.

Thursday, January 15 --- 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, January 15 --- 6:30 p.m.
Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (Third Thursdays)
Monday, January 19 --- 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

Monday, January 19 --- 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 Lane
Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

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

Tuesday, January 20 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

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

Tuesday, January 20 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
http://edgewoodpark.us/

Thursday, January 22 --- 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

Monday, January 26 --- 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.
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, January 26 --- 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
Shelley Conklin, 686-6789

Thursday, January 29 --- 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, January 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
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp
Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

Sunday, February 8 --- 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, February 10 --- 4-5 p.m.
City of Knoxville Greenways Commission
(2nd Tuesdays every two months)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/greenways.asp
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
Lori Goerlich, Parks & Recreation Dept., 215-2807

Monday, February 16 --- 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

Tuesday, February 17 --- 6:30 p.m.
Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays, Even Months)
3004 Boright Drive
Lola Alapo, 525-1520, BorightGroup@gmail.com

Thursday, February 19 --- 7 p.m.
Old Sevier Community Group
(Third Thursdays, February-November)
South Knoxville Elementary school library
Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Saturday, March 7, 2015 --- 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Neighborhood Conference
Workshops, Awards, Information Booths, Networking
Knoxville Convention Center
Office of Neighborhoods
David Massey, dmassey@cityofknoxville.org, 215-3232

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