1. Love Towers, South Woodlawn Elect Officers

Love Towers Fellowship Association has elected new officers. They are Bill Jackson, president; Joyce Lynch, vice president; Shelley Jackson, secretary; Bobby Hilgerson, assistant secretary; Karen Kaiser, treasurer; and Brenda Wolfe, representative to the Knoxville Tenant Council.

Outgoing officers include Mickey Norris, president; Gary Hutchinson, vice president; and Judy Breedon, treasurer.

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association has elected a new board for the coming year. Officers are Shelley Conklin, president; Danny Gray, vice president; Dara Hitson, secretary; and Rosie Collins, treasurer.

To ensure geographic diversity on its board, SWNA elects at least one board member from different areas of the neighborhood. Area board members are Sylvia Woods, district 1; Marianne Hitchcox, district 2; and Debbie Sharp, district 3. At-large representatives are Janice Tocher, Steve Madden, Raymond Aldridge, and Andy Blanchard. Stepping off the board are Sara Baskin, Betty Spangler, and Roe Lyle.

2. Help Clean up First Creek and the Greenway This Saturday

Old North Knoxville, Inc. (ONK) is calling for volunteers to help clean up First Creek this coming Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The clean-up is part of an effort spearheaded by ONK and the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association (NKBPA) to improve the appearance and safety of the entrance to the First Creek Greenway near Broadway and Cecil Avenue. ONK and NKBPA received a Parks and Recreation Department Challenge Grant for the project.

“We will meet at the corner of Hoitt and Luttrell streets to divide the territory,” according to an email blast sent by Lauren Rider of ONK. “We will be sharing the area with volunteers working to clear invasive species from the entrance to the First Creek Greenway on Broadway near the paint store.”
“We need volunteers to work for any or all of the time. If you have small children, or need flat stable ground to work on, you can pick up trash in the main areas of the greenway. More adventurous souls can walk the banks of the creek, occasionally using a grappling hook to snare items in the water and pull them up onto the shore for retrieval.

“Even more adventurous (and lucky) souls can don waders and enter the creek waters (assuming it's not a rushing river) and help us remove trash and large items like shopping carts from the creek bed. Our invasive species team will be cutting limbs, pulling kudzu, and making room for new signage and other improvements.”

Rider notes that the inventory of items pulled from the creek is quite interesting and includes an aged pay phone, a tiki doll, an inflatable girlfriend, the drive shaft from an 18-wheeler, and even more. Volunteers can keep anything they find --- as long as it's not contraband, Rider adds.

Bring hedge-clipping tools, as well as gloves and hip waders if you have them. ONK will provide gloves, trash bags, drinks and snacks. Also, the organization will provide a pizza lunch at the end of the event. If possible, please inform ONK if you plan to volunteer. Contact Rider at 964-3905.

3. Buffat Trace HOA Seeks Advice on Roofers

The Buffat Trace Homeowners Association is getting ready to start a multi-year program to re-roof all of the homes in its subdivision, and the group would like to hear from similar developments to see how they have handled this task.

Located in the Alice Bell Spring Hill area, Buffat Trace is a Planned Unit Development (PUD), which has very specific zoning and setback requirements. All living units are attached in two-, three- or four-unit pods. Although each homeowner owns his or her own home and the land it sits on, the HOA is responsible for yard maintenance, exterior painting and roofing.

If your HOA has similar responsibilities, and you have experience to share regarding roofers, going out for bids, and managing a multi-year roofing contract, please call Gene Mathis, the Buffat Trace president, at 556-0399. Depending on the response and the need, this issue could be the topic of a future workshop sponsored by the Office of Neighborhoods.

4. City Council to Tackle Sign Ordinance

Knoxville City Council will hold a special call meeting on Thursday, April 9, in hopes of hammering out the details of a new sign ordinance.

The meeting will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room, in case the monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Planning Commission is still underway in the Large Assembly Room.

See this [MPC document](#) for further information.
5. MPC Updates Web Page on Proposed Zoning Changes

The staff of the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) has updated the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes section of its web site. Three of the new features are:

*** City Historic Properties Demolition Delay Ordinance --- This item will be heard by MPC on April 9. The amendments propose changes to city building code and zoning code to create a 60-day delay for demolition permits involving historically significant structures, and add a section related to existing state law that requires certain review procedures for pre-1865 residential structures.

*** City Sign Ordinance Amendments --- The sign ordinance amendments are still being reviewed by City Council, with a Special Called Meeting scheduled for April 9. Although not confirmed, the amendments may be referred back to MPC for a recommendation at its May 14 regular meeting.

*** City Pet Services Amendments --- These amendments have been referred by City Council back to MPC, and will be heard on April 9. A revised version of the draft ordinance is being prepared, and will soon be available for review.

See http://agenda.knoxmtpc.org/preagenda.pdf (starting March 26) for the preliminary agenda for the April meeting of MPC.

6. Citizens Can Testify on Blighted Properties This Week

Blighted properties will be front and center at two public meetings this week.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, consider attending the appropriate meeting to submit testimony about the impact of the property on the neighborhood. Full agendas for these two meetings can be found here: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp

First, the Better Building Board --- meeting at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building --- will hear an appeal of a public order on 211 Gilbert Lane, and will consider a request from the city’s Community Development Department to certify 3037 East Fifth Avenue as blighted.

The BBB earlier determined that the East Fifth Avenue property is blighted, so the certification of blight is the next step in a process that could result in the city’s purchase of the property at fair market value using the powers of eminent domain. That could occur if the owner fails to take corrective action.

If the city does acquire the property either through negotiation or eminent domain, then it would eventually be put up for sale via the Homemaker Program.

In addition, 21 properties are on the agenda for the next Public Officer Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, also in the Small Assembly Room.
The properties that have been approved to be heard for repair/demolition orders are: 3310 Ashland Avenue (including accessory structure), 2904 Atoka Lane, 200 East Burwell Avenue, 310 East Burwell Avenue (accessory structure only), 1721 Crestview Street (including accessory structure), 4530 Holston Drive Lot #10, 804 Houston Street, 2143 Keith Avenue (including accessory structure),

2822 London Circle (including accessory structure and fence), 4609 Millertown Pike, 432/434 East Morelia Avenue, 2412 Selma Avenue (including accessory structures), 3019 Sevier Avenue (including accessory structure), 909 Sidebrook Avenue, 3630 Skyline Drive (including accessory structures), 1009 Sunrose Road, 2915 Tecoma Drive, 4117 Van Dyke Drive, 2445 Washington Avenue and 2742 Wilson Avenue.

At this meeting, 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 will decide 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.

7. Knoxville Scores to Host Home Energy Savings Fair

Are you interested in reducing your home’s energy consumption? If so, come learn how to compete in the “Knoxville Scores with Energy Saving” challenge.

*Knoxville Scores* urges Knoxville residents to get a home energy audit and increase the energy efficiency of their homes. *Knoxville Scores* kicks off its contest with the Home Energy Savings Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the Community Action Committee building, 2247 Western Ave.

“If the cold winter weather left you with a high power bill, come to the Home Energy Savings Fair and meet the weatherization contractors, utilities, and educators who can help you tame that bill both in winter and summer,” says Knoxville Scores team member Louise Gorenflo.

Knoxville is one of 50 cities across the nation chosen to compete in a two-year, $5 million competition to see which city can reduce its energy consumption the most. The City, as well as the public schools in Knoxville, is participating in reducing their energy consumption to help the city reach its goal.

At the Home Energy Savings Fair, learn how to participate in the challenge, reduce the energy consumption in your home, and compete for door prizes. For more, visit [www.knoxvillescores.org](http://www.knoxvillescores.org) or email ClimateKnoxville@gmail.com.

8. Neighborhood and Government Calendar
Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3456.

Visit [http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/](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](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/events/events.pdf)

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@cityofknoxville.org or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

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**Tuesday, March 24 --- 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

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**Wednesday, March 25 --- 9 a.m.**

Infill Housing Design Review Committee (Fourth Wednesdays)
Re: infill housing in central city neighborhoods with IH-1 overlay
[http://www.knoxmpc.org/zoning/infill.htm](http://www.knoxmpc.org/zoning/infill.htm)
Jeff Archer, 215-3821, jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org

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**Thursday, March 26 --- 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

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**Thursday, March 26 --- 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](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp)
Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

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**Friday, March 27 --- 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](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp)
Cheri Hollifield, 215-2119, chollifield@cityofknoxville.org

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**Saturday, March 28 --- 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
Monday, March 30 --- 5:30 p.m.
   Public Meeting on ULI Report
   East TN History Center
   uli@cityofknoxville.org

Tuesday, March 31 --- 6:30 p.m.
   Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)
   Administration Building, Knoxville Zoo
   Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Tuesday, March 31 --- 7 p.m.
   City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
   http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
   Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf

Wednesday, April 1 --- 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

Thursday, April 2 --- 6 pm
   Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch
   (First Thursdays, even-numbered months)
   Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silver Hill Drive
   Anna Compton, 599-0724, amcompto@gmail.com

Monday, April 6 --- 1:00 p.m.
   East Knoxville Community Meeting (First Mondays)
   Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway
   Michael Covington, 865-274-7958, mdcov@hotmail.com

Monday, April 6 --- 4 p.m.
   Love Towers Fellowship Association (First Mondays except holidays)
   Love Towers Community Room; 1171 Armstrong St.
   Bill Jackson, 221-4402

Monday, April 6 --- 6-8 p.m.
   Wesley Neighbors Community Association
   (First Mondays, even-numbered months)
   Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Rd.
   John Heins, 297-7045

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

Tuesday, April 7 --- 11:45 a.m.
   Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission
   (Tuesday before MPC’s monthly meeting)
   Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, April 7 --- 4:30 p.m.
**Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch** (First Tuesdays)
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Ave.
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, April 7 --- 5:30 p.m.
Public Meeting
Community Development Department, City of Knoxville
Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan
John T. O’Connor Center, 611 Winona Street
Linda Rust, 215-2120, lrust@cityofknoxville.org

Tuesday, April 7 --- 6 p.m.
**Mechanicsville Community Association** (First Tuesdays)
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora St.
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Tuesday, April 7 --- 6-7 p.m.
**Norwood Neighborhood Watch** – 6 p.m.
**Norwood Homeowners Association** – 7 p.m.
Monthly on a Tuesday: Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 14, Aug 11, Sep 8
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136

Wednesday, April 8 --- 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, April 8 --- 11:30 a.m.
Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)
Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, April 8 --- 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, April 9 --- 1:30 p.m.
Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)
http://www.knoxmpc.org
Agenda: http://agenda.knoxmpc.org

Thursday, April 9 --- 5:30 p.m.
City Council Special Call Meeting
Topic: Revisions to the Sign Ordinance
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Thursday, April 9 --- 6 p.m.
**Lonsdale Homes Resident Association** (Second Thursdays)
Community Building, 1956 Goins Dr.
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, April 9 --- 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, April 9 --- 7-8 p.m.
**Colonial Village Neighborhood Association**
(Second Thursdays except December and January)
South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Road
Terry Caruthers, 579-5702, t_caruthers@hotmail.com

Friday, April 10 --- 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/](http://northknoxvillebpa.org/)
Becky Dodson, becky.dodson@hma.com, 545-6750.

Friday, April 10 --- 6 p.m.
**Beaumont Community Organization** (Second Fridays)
Community Room, Solid Waste Transfer Station, 1033 Elm St.
Natasha Murphy, 936-0139

Sunday, April 12 --- 2 p.m.
**Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association**
(Second Sundays, even-numbered months)
Marble City Baptist Church, 2740 Sutherland Avenue
John Yates, 865-588-8883, john.a.yates1950@gmail.com

Monday, April 13 --- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Home Energy Savings Fair
Community Action Committee building, 2247 Western Ave
Louise Gorenflo, ClimateKnoxville@gmail.com

Monday, April 13 --- 1:30 p.m.
**Montgomery Village Residents Association** (Second Mondays)
4600 Joe Lewis Rd. #175
Ronnie Thompson, 604-6492

Monday, April 13 --- 3 p.m.
**Northgate Resident Association** (Second Mondays)
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Rd.
David Wildsmith, 219-0417

Monday, April 13 --- 5-6 p.m.
**Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch** (Second Mondays)
Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.
Michael Meadowview: Marian Bailey, 525-5625
Cold Springs: Terrell Patrick, 525-4833
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, April 13 --- 6 p.m.
Lyons View Community Club (Second Mondays)
Lyons View Community Center, 114 Sprankle Ave.
Mary Brewster, 454-2390

Monday, April 13 --- 6 p.m.
Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Old Maryville Pike
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, April 13 --- 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, April 13 --- 6:30 p.m.
Historic Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)
St. James Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway
Andie Ray, 548-5221

Monday, April 13 --- 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

Tuesday, April 14 --- 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, April 14 --- 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

Tuesday, April 14 --- 6 p.m.
Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)
Hoitt Ave. Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Ave.
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, April 14 --- 7 p.m.
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)
http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil
Agenda: http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf
Wednesday, April 15 --- 12 Noon
**Eastport/Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch** (every 3rd Wednesday)
Lee Williams Senior Center, 2240 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave
Sylvia Cook, 206-3433, sylviacook5901@comcast.net

Thursday, April 16 --- 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, April 16 --- 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, April 16 --- 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, April 16 --- 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, April 16 --- 7 p.m.
**Old Sevier Community Group**
(Third Thursdays, January-November)
South Knoxville Elementary School Library, 801 Sevier Avenue
Gary Deitsch, 573-7355, garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net

Saturday, April 18 --- 10 a.m.
**South Haven Neighborhood Association** (Third Saturdays)
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave.
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, April 20 --- 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, April 20 --- 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

Monday, April 20 --- 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, April 21 --- 6 p.m.
Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Dr.
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, April 21 --- 6:30 p.m.
Lonsdale United for Change (Third Tuesdays)
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Ave.
Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, April 21 --- 7 p.m.
Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays, except December)
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail
http://edgewoodpark.us/

Monday, April 27 --- 5 p.m. (zoning at 7 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 7 p.m.
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Saturday, May 2 --- 1 p.m.
Boright Area Neighborhood Watch (Quarterly)
3004 Boright Drive
Lola Alapo, 525-1520, BorightGroup@gmail.com

Monday, May 11 --- 7 p.m.
Town Hall East
(Second Mondays in November, January, March and May)
Fellowship Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 409 Asheville Highway
Eston Williams, 406-5412

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