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November 2017

Next Meeting • Monday, November 13 • 7:00 PM
~ Love Living in Your Home: Local experts tell you how ~
Eastminster Fellowship Hall • 4904 Asheville Hwy

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Renew or Join T.H.E.

Renew your dues or join T.H.E. for only \$10 per adult member per year, Sept–Aug. Complete the form on page 2, and send it with your dues to: Town Hall East, P.O. Box 14259, Knoxville TN 37914...
OR just come to the next meeting!

T.H.E. Meets...

2nd Mondays in Sept, Nov, Jan, March, and May at 7:00 pm
Eastminster Fellowship Hall,
4904 Asheville Hwy

Check out T.H.E.'s Facebook page

And stay abreast of goings-on in your neighborhood:
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President's Message

Dear Members, Neighbors, and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the late arrival of Fall as much as I am. However, as we approach the end of the year and holiday season, I hope you will take a moment to reflect on the tragedies that have befallen our country this year, both natural and man-made. Take a moment to appreciate the good fortune we have of living in the quiet and peaceful neighborhoods of East Knoxville where we've avoided fire, flood, earthquake and deranged individuals, and take time to remember those who have not.

There are a few matters of Town Hall East business I would like to bring to your attention this month. First, while our organization is strong, our membership meetings are well attended, and our Board is active and committed, our paid membership numbers have inexplicably dropped. This may be because the Newsletter is now being emailed rather than snail-mailed, or maybe because members have been too busy to write and mail a check. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so now while you are thinking of it to keep our organization solvent and functional. Our dues are quite minimal, and we've been careful stewards of our small budget, but we have expenses that must be covered, and we depend upon the commitment of our members to do so.

Also, we have recently had feedback from some of you on the development projects brewing in East Knoxville. Some of that feedback, however, has come after decisions have been made, after public hearings have been held, and after the time Town Hall East can have any influence on the matter. Our commitment is to represent the interests of our association. We do our best to send out timely email blasts when these issues arise. In exchange we ask that you communicate your concerns to our Board to assist us in addressing those matters that affect your community.

An opportunity for before-the-fact input is the proposed traffic calming on Chilhowee Drive which runs through Chilhowee Hills and Holston Hills. The intersection of Chilhowee and Sunset Drive, with its limited sight line is particularly problematic. Complaints have been made to the city engineering department, which has in turn invited us to participate in exploring available options. Should there be a traffic light there? Should there be a four-way stop sign? Should it be left as is? This is a matter that will affect the daily commute of hundreds of people, and if you want your voice heard on the matter, please send an email to townhalleast@gmail.com. We will do our best to represent the preferences of the neighborhood in negotiating this matter.

Finally, I hope you will plan to attend our Membership Meeting on November 13 at 7 p.m. at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Our topic is "We Know You Love Living in the East Knoxville Area and We Know Your Home Is an Investment." There will be a panel of realtors, a contractor, a home inspector, an architect, and a landscaper who will give tips on maintaining our homes, and on preserving the value we have invested in them; it will be well worth your while to hear the advice these professionals have to give. We will also be honoring those city councilmen leaving their posts before the end of the year, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Doug Toppenberg
Town Hall East President

**Remember to renew your membership...
and encourage your neighbors to join Town Hall East!**

Knoxville Short-Term Rentals: Update

Last week, Town Hall East blasted an email, inviting you to attend the November 1 meeting in which the East Towne Business Alliance (ETBA) hosted Crista Cuccaro, attorney with the Knoxville City Law Department. Cuccaro’s topic was Short Term Rentals, what they are, how city codes impact them, what owners want and whether voters can decide their future.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can still learn more from Cuccaro’s PowerPoint slide presentation, which is attached to the email that transmitted this newsletter.

In addition, you can find the latest draft ordinance and answers to frequently asked questions here: http://www.knoxville.gov/government/city_departments_offices/plans_review_inspections/short_term_rentals

Subscribe to Mayor Rogero’s Weekly Newsletter

Mayor Madeline Rogero’s weekly email newsletter, published on Mondays, features brief news and updates on her activities and perspectives on City events and issues.

This week’s issue covers a tree planting by Sequoyah Hills Elementary students, the upcoming Central Street makeover, a link to photos of last Sunday’s Open Streets event in South Knoxville, and a link to a Knoxville family’s Halloween decorations that were featured on “Good Morning America.” Also, look for a list of upcoming events.

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Join us on Monday, November 13, at 7:00 pm for “We Know You Love Living in Your East Knoxville Home”...

These local experts in home ownership and enhancement will provide you with all the information you need to care for, enjoy, and boost the value of your home, inside and out:

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Hours:
 Mon, Thurs 10:30am–8:00pm
 Tues, Wed 10:30am–5:00pm
 Fri, Sat 1:00–5:00pm
 Closed Sundays
 Story Time Wed 10:30am
 Ages 3–5

BURLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY from Jeff Johnston. Call 525-5431 for info or to sign up for classes.

Date	Time	Event	Ages
Nov 4 • Dec 1	3:30pm	Afternoon Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
Nov 5		Daylight Savings ends	
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30	9–10am	Senior Fitness	
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
Nov 11		CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	
Nov 13 • Dec 11	10:30am	Coffee, Doughnuts, & Movie: “War for Planet of the Apes” • “Dunkirk”	Family
Nov 13 • Dec 11	5:30pm	Family Movie Night: “Cars 3” • “Despicable Me 3”	Family
Nov 14 • Dec 12	10:30am	Crochet Mania: Info: lhelms@knoxlib.org	All ages, skills
Nov 16 • Dec 21	5:30pm	Game Night: Wii, cards, board games, snacks	Family
Nov 23–24		CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	
Nov 27 • Dec 18	5:30pm	Coloring: Books, markers, pencils available	Adults
Nov 27 • Dec 18	6:00pm	Evening Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
Nov 30 • Dec 28	5:00pm	Robotics@The Library! Kits provided	11–18
Dec 25–26		CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS	

DUES: September 2017 – August 2018

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone number _____ Email: _____

Are you willing to receive the newsletter via email? yes no

- _____ \$10/person Active Member: live in City Wards 13, 30, 31
- _____ \$10/person Associate Member: live outside the above Wards, but want to stay informed
- _____ \$50/person Business Member: own/manage a business in the above Wards, support the neighborhood and T.H.E.
- _____ Total enclosed

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