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January 2018

Next Meeting • Monday, January 8 • 7:00 PM

~ Gerald Green, Executive Director of Metropolitan Planning Commission ~

Eastminster Fellowship Hall • 4904 Asheville Hwy

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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

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Burlington Commercial District rises again!

The building at 3900 Martin Luther King Ave (the intersection with Fern Street) is under major renovation to create five tenant spaces.

President's Message

Members, Neighbors and Friends,

As I write this on December 29, my thoughts turn to wishes, hopes and goals for Town Hall East in the coming year. I think of the New Year as a time to look forward rather than backward, to consider what can be done rather than what has been accomplished. To that end, I have asked our board members and officers to express their aspirations for 2018.

Board Member Sharon Davis states that her "2018 wishes are to meet more Town Hall East eligible neighbors who may be interested in becoming involved in our wonderful community development projects." Vice President David Lee says that while "Town Hall East board has taken several steps to communicate more effectively with members and potential members . . ." his hope for the coming year is that better communication "will be successful in both increasing our membership and encouraging more people to speak out forcefully on issues that concern us in East Knoxville."

Board Member Millie Ward hopes we can increase our membership in Town Hall East. She suggests we consider activities that other community organizations located in our service area may not be doing, and to get more input from members as to what they would like us to present at our membership meetings. Board Member Michael Moore would like to see more attendance at our programs, activities that reflect the demographics of our community, and a greenway from Downtown Knoxville to Holston Hills.

Board Member Sandra Korbelik wants Town Hall East to "closely monitor zoning code revisions and development that impact East Knoxville while cultivating a sense of community within our neighborhoods." She wants us to "encourage and support all efforts that positively showcase East Knoxville," and to "increase communication in East Knoxville between business, neighborhoods, developers, and the City."

My wishes as president are to see more rehabilitation of the commercial districts of East Knoxville, and to see more young families move into our neighborhoods with an eagerness to preserve and improve. It is also my hope that we have large turnouts for our membership meetings held on January 8, March 12 and May 14. A lot of work goes into planning these meetings, and our guest speakers have much to impart to the benefit of East Knoxville. I hope you will plan to attend.

Those are our wishes for the New Year. What are yours? I encourage you to share your wishes and ideas with us as we plan an agenda for the coming year. We see ourselves as working not only for the neighborhoods but for each of you.

Happy New Year!

Doug Toppenberg
Town Hall East President

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

Recode Knoxville: Major Revision to Zoning

Anyone and everyone who lives, works, visits or even drives through East Knoxville needs to be aware and involved in the major revision to the Knoxville Zoning Code known as Recode Knoxville. Development in our city is guided by the Zoning Code: the type of use and where it goes, the layout of parking and landscaping, building size, sidewalks, lighting, signage, etc. This effort to revise our code is timely and profound. Timely because Knoxville’s zoning code hasn’t undergone a thorough review in half a century and many of the current provisions are so obsolete that they hinder quality sustainable development. Profound as it may impact all aspects of our daily life – working, shopping, living, recreation, and transportation.

There are 5 major players in the Recode Knoxville project: MPC Commissioners and staff / the planning consultant Camiros / a public stakeholder advisory committee / we, the public / and our Councilors who will make the final decision. A lot depends on we-the public, we are the foundation of opinion and political leverage; we are the ones most likely to be affected.

How do we learn more about this? Come to the next Town Hall East meeting on January 8th, 7 PM, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Hwy. Gerald Green, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission will describe Recode Knoxville and the myriad ways we can influence the work.

And so you know, the public can also attend the next Public Stakeholder Advisory Committee which will be Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 West Main Street West, Knoxville TN 37902.

Gerald will also explain the Short Term Rental amendment to the Knoxville Municipal Code. This new law allows short term rentals in commercial districts and owner-occupied residences throughout the City’s residential districts.

Town Hall East welcomes Gerald and his presentation on Recode Knoxville as well as the new Short Term Rental law. This is an important neighborhood meeting and we encourage a strong attendance. East Knoxville is a great place to live.

Join us on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 pm for “Recode Knoxville and how you can influence it” with MPC Executive Director Gerald Green...
 Don’t miss your chance to ask questions, get answers, and contribute your thoughts on Knoxville zoning revisions, as well as the Short Term Rental law’s impact in commercial and residential areas of our city.



[from left] THE President Doug Toppenberg looks on as landscaper Amber Houser, architect Jonathan Miller, realtors Sharon Davis and Marty Hancock, home inspector David Crowe, and general contractor Jeff Petrik anticipate their presentations at the November 13 Town Hall East meeting, while KPD Officer Boston updates the audience.

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



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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	AGES
Jan 4 • Feb 1	5:30pm	Papercraft: Origami and TBA	
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	9–10am	Senior Fitness	All ages, skills
Jan 5 • Feb 2	3:30pm	Afternoon Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
Jan 8 • Feb 12	10:30am	Coffee, Doughnuts, & Movie: “Dunkirk” • TBA	Family
Jan 8 • Feb 12	5:30pm	Family Movie Night: “Lego Ninjago” • TBA	Family
Jan 8, 22, 29	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
Jan 9 • Feb 13	10:30am	Crochet Mania: Info: lhelms@knoxlib.org	All ages, skills
Jan 10	10:30am	KSO Quartet for Kids	
Jan 15		CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	
Jan 18 • Feb 15	5:30pm	Game Night/Robotics	
Jan 22 • Feb 26	5:30pm	Coloring: Books, markers, pencils available	Adults
Jan 22 • Feb 26	6:00pm	Evening Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22	9–10am	Senior Fitness	All ages, skills
Feb 5, 12, 26	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
Feb 19		CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY	

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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