



Town Hall East, Inc.  
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# Town Hall East Newsletter

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March 2018

**Next Meeting 7:00 PM • Monday, March 12**

**~ Gus Paidousis, Knox County Schools Chief of Security ~**

**Eastminster Fellowship Hall • 4904 Asheville Hwy • !! Girl Scout Cookies at 6:30 !!**

## T.H.E. Board of Directors

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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

## Girl Scout Cookies, March 12, 6:30–7:30pm

Support neighborhood Girl Scout Troop 20596 at their cookie booth 6:30–7:30pm at our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, raising funds to complete their Outdoor Leadership Journey, maintain the pollinator garden at Eastminster, participate in the Tiny Trees project for East Tennessee Children's Hospital, and more. This year, donated cookies will go to Knox Area Rescue Ministries where the girls have chosen to volunteer with the Every Bed, Every Day project. Get all your favorites for \$4 a box; specialty S'mores and Toffee-tastic (gluten free) are \$5.

## President's Message

Dear Members, Neighbors and Friends,

I am watching stray snowflakes fall from the sky as I write this column, yet last week I turned my air-conditioner on after the temperature hit 80°. Is Spring here or not? Somebody please tell me whether to wear a short sleeve shirt or a winter jacket.

As you probably know, Town Hall East's fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31 each year. This means we are beginning the wind down for our 2017–2018 calendar. Part of our Spring ritual involves appointing a nominating committee and electing board members and officers for the coming year. This year will be a challenge as three of the four officers, including myself, are term limited, and three of the nine board members will be coming off their three-year terms. This creates a need for service-minded individuals and provides opportunities for those with a vision for our community.

Membership on the board of Town Hall East involves attendance at monthly board meetings, the planning of and participation in our bimonthly membership meetings, assistance with the publication of our newsletter, and involvement in one or more of the committees that work for the betterment of our end of the city.

Are you interested in maintaining and improving the parks and greenways, serving as a liaison with the schools in our area, or interacting with our city and county governments? Would you like to like to work toward maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods and protecting against blight? Is it your vision to see a more robust commercial district in Burlington and on Asheville Highway? If so, there are opportunities for you to take a leadership role with Town Hall East and work toward those goals.

It has been one of the goals of my presidency to be as inclusive of our members as possible, and to tap into human resources from all walks of life in our community. We have had on our board young people and retirees, we've had professionals and blue-collar workers, and we've had members of various ethnic and religious backgrounds. Frankly, this has infused energy into our organization and expanded our horizons. We would like to continue to see full and representative participation in this organization, and I encourage you to consider whether you would be willing to serve in a leadership role.

The nominating committee will be meeting in the coming weeks and if you would like to be considered for a position within our organization, please send an email to [townhalleast@gmail.com](mailto:townhalleast@gmail.com) with your name and phone number, and a brief summary of your interests and experience. We will make certain all such submissions are forwarded to the committee for consideration.

I hope to see you all at our membership meeting this coming Monday.

Doug Toppenberg, President  
Town Hall East



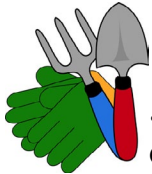
**Remember to renew your membership...  
and encourage your neighbors to join Town Hall East!**



## Join us on Monday, March 12, at 7:00 pm for Knox County Schools Chief of Security Gus Paidousis

Gus Paidousis, Chief of Security for Knox County Schools, will speak about current safety and security measures in place in Knox County Schools. Mr. Paidousis was appointed Chief of Security for the Knox County Schools by Dr. Jim McIntyre in May of 2013 after 30 years of service with the Knoxville Police Department (KPD).

He was involved in the development of the department's School Resource Officer (SRO) program and assisted with the selection and assignment of KPD's first SROs. Mr. Paidousis is active in a variety of local, state, federal and international initiatives relating to child protection.



### T O W N H A L L E A S T W O R K S !



#### ...at Sarah Moore Greene Magnet School

On Saturday March 3rd, several members of THE joined teachers and parents of Sarah Moore Greene Magnet School and members of the Greater Schools Partnership to begin installation of a 9-hole disk golf course in the greenway area behind the School. The group of workers braved the chilly weather to help create beds for the 9 concrete golf tees and net post holes that hold the net "holes." We also enjoyed a picnic of hotdogs, chips, fruit and donut holes.

Other contributors to the course are Vulcan Materials, Smoke-free Knoxville, and the Knoxville Disk Golf Association. The course will be finished in April and will be open to the community.

—*Millie Ward, THE Schools Committee*

#### ...and at Tank Strickland Park

On yet another Saturday, February 24, THE Vice President *David Lee* organized Town Hall East members and volunteers from UT and Keep Knoxville Beautiful to add protective mulch to 20+ trees and shrubs in Tank Strickland Park.



Volunteers break out the rakes and shovels at Tank Strickland Park, February 24, 2018.



**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
Mar 1 • Apr 5	5:30pm	PaperArt craft: Stamping Part 1 & 2	
Mar 1,8,15,22,29	9–10am	Senior Fitness	All ages, skills
Mar 2 • Apr 6	3:30pm	Afternoon Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
Mar 12 • Apr 9	10:30am	Coffee, Doughnuts, & Movie: "Murder on the Orient Express" • "Victoria & Abdul"	Family
Mar 12 • Apr 9	5:30pm	Family Movie Night: "Wonder" • "Coco"	Family
Mar 13 • Apr 10	10:30am	Crochet Mania: Info: lhelms@knoxlib.org	
Mar 15 • Apr 19	5:30pm	Game Night/Robotics	
Mar 26 • Apr 23	5:30pm	Coloring for Adults: Books, markers, pencils available	Adults
Mar 26 • Apr 30	6:00pm	Evening Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
Mar 30		CLOSED fro GOOD FRIDAY / EASTER HOLIDAY	
Apr 2,9,16,23,30	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
Apr 5, 12, 19, 26	9–10am	Senior Fitness	All ages, skills

**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

**Send your payment to: Town Hall East, Inc., P.O. Box 14259, Knoxville, TN 37914.**

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