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# Town Hall East Newsletter

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**Next Meeting 7:00 PM • Monday, May 14**

*~ Dawn Michelle Foster, Knoxville Office of Redevelopment ~*

**Eastminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall • 4904 Asheville Hwy**

## 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

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## President's Message

Dear Members, Friends and Neighbors,

It's that time of year again. School is ending, summer is around the corner, and our membership year is coming to a close. On behalf of the Town Hall East Board I want to say it has been a pleasure working with this outstanding neighborhood association and its many dedicated members this year.

Before we look forward to the coming year, it's time to say goodbye to several dedicated and hard-working leaders. Board member Jeff Petrick has served Town Hall East for many years, including as past president. Treasurer Desiree Folger has diligently managed our meager funds for longer than she originally agreed to. Board member Mimi Meredith has improved the quality of our bimonthly newsletters, and has distributed them in a regular and timely manner. Secretary Brenda Brooks has had the unenviable job of keeping up with and recording our business. And it is also time for me to step aside and let capable hands take over leadership of this great organization.

This year's nominating committee has presented a particularly good slate of candidates for these open board and executive positions. I encourage you to review the bios, on page 2, for David Lee (president), Sharon Davis (vice president), Kim Raia (secretary), Rachel Honeycutt (treasurer), Clint Waddell (board), Sam McKenzie (board), and Kim Trent (board). Then, if you like what you see, please come to our membership meeting on May 14 and enthusiastically vote these volunteers into their nominated leadership roles.

Please note that our featured speaker on May 14 is Dawn Michelle Foster, director of the City of Knoxville's Office of Redevelopment. She will be updating us on the Magnolia Avenue Streetscapes Project which we hope will be the catalyst for further development in East Knoxville.

Finally, I encourage you all to attend the Burlington Vision Plan Public Presentation this Thursday, May 10 at 6 PM at the Burlington library. The Burlington Residents and Business Association has been working with the East Tennessee Community Design Center for the last year planning the rehabilitation of this historic and nearby commercial district, and I look forward to seeing their plans.

I hope to see you at our membership meeting on May 14.

Doug Toppenberg, President  
Town Hall East

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

## Join us on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 pm for an Update on the Magnolia Corridor by...

**Dawn Michelle Foster** is the Director for the City’s Office of Redevelopment. She joined Mayor Madeline Rogero’s administration as Deputy Director in 2012 and now oversees the Redevelopment Office and works with private developers who want to invest in the City. Dawn Michelle’s hometown is Louisville, Kentucky. She has a BS degree from Western Kentucky University and a Master’s from the University of Tennessee in Urban and Regional Planning. In Louisville, she worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, managing federal and state construction projects. She’s served several neighborhood organizations, including Town Hall East, East Knoxville Business and Professional Association, and the East Knoxville Business Alliance. She’s been a board member with BZA and the Knoxville-Knox County Public Building Authority (PBA). Currently she participates with the Smoky Mountain Regional Greenway Council, City Greenways Commission and the City’s Façade Improvement Program. She loves being with her family and spending time outdoors either in her garden, walking her dog, playing tennis, or biking. Being a Kentucky girl, she loves thoroughbred horses. In her spare time, she volunteers at the Shangri La Therapeutic Riding Academy (STAR), grooming horses or prepping stalls. She also assists young children and adults during riding lessons as part of their therapy.

**Bryan Berry**, Project Manager, has 13 years of combined experience in urban planning from the City of Clearwater, Florida, and Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission. He has been with the City of Knoxville for more than two years, where he works on a variety of projects, including the Magnolia Avenue Streetscape project. He has a graduate degree from The University of Tennessee in Urban and Regional Planning and is fascinated by shiny objects.

## ...and for the Election of TOWN HALL EAST Officers and Directors

Town Hall East holds its annual election of officers and directors during our May meeting. Here for your consideration is the slate of officers and new board members compiled by T.H.E.’s Nominating Committee.

**President: David Lee** is currently Vice-President of Town Hall East. He is a retired UT faculty member (German) and he has lived in Holston Hills since 1970.

**Vice President: Sharon Davis** is currently serving on the Town Hall East board. She is a realtor with Hammontree Real Estate and has held various offices in T.H.E., including two years as President. She heads the Parks Committee and was very active in the effort to establish Tank Strickland Park.

**Secretary: Kim Raia** is an Environmental Consultant for UT’s Institute for Public Service and in this capacity she works with counties and organizations throughout East Tennessee as part of the Institute’s County Technical Assistance Service.

**Treasurer: Rachel Ray Honeycutt** is a realtor with Trotta Montgomery Real Estate, who has recently moved to Holston Hills. She is a board member for Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee and has two children, one currently in the Knox County school system.

### Board Members:

**Clint Waddell** is a project manager at Partners Development, a real estate development firm that performs its own at-risk projects as well as owners’ representative/project management services in the commercial, industrial, institutional and higher education sectors. Before moving with his wife and three children to Holston Hills, he served as president and vice president of the Park Place Homeowners Association in the Park Ridge Community.

**Sam McKenzie** is an operations manager for ORNL. From 2008 to 2016 he served on the Knox County Commission as the representative from District 1.

**Kim Trent** has recently stepped down after fifteen years as executive director of Knox Heritage, where she distinguished herself as a strong supporter of historic preservation. She is currently working as a realtor with Coldwell Banker and as an independent consultant through her firm Kim Trent Preservation Strategies.

**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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# TOWN HALL EAST AT WORK

## Recode Knoxville

—*Sandra Korbelik, THE Board of directors*

Every once in a while there can be a fundamental change in how “Things Are Done.” We are facing that fundamental change right now as it affects the philosophy and process that guide development here in the City of Knoxville. Recode Knoxville proposes a significantly new Zoning Ordinance. So different, in fact, that MPC staff states it cannot be directly compared to our existing Ordinance.

**Why a New Ordinance?** The original ordinance was written more than 50 years ago, at which time there was an emphasis on suburban development. The result has been a sprawled, less efficient pattern that left some parts of Knoxville behind.

**What is Zoning?** Zoning regulates what structures and land can be used for and how it can be developed. Uses are categorized by districts, which are depicted on a zoning map.

**Why Should I Care?** Where you live, shop, drive, work, and play are all influenced by the Zoning Ordinance.

**What Are Some of the Proposed Changes?** More staff-level approvals, a bigger mix of uses, some zone districts removed and/or combined, and some new ones added.

**Who Cares?** The League of Women Voters wants to make certain the review process will allow for public notice and involvement. Several agencies want to ensure that residences remain affordable. Protection of hilltops and steep terrain are environmental concerns. Neighborhood associations are looking at the provisions allowing accessory apartments. Home occupations and the location of new cell towers should be looked at. How tall can buildings be and how is that measured? These are just a few of the questions raised when reviewing the proposed Ordinance.

Several Recode Knoxville presentations have been made and several are coming up:

**May 16th @ 8:30 am – 1:00 pm**

City of Knoxville Public Works Complex, 3131 Morris Avenue. Background on the draft ordinance will be presented at 9 a.m. and noon. Stake Holder Advisory Meeting, Small Assembly Room, City/County Building 400 West Main Street West.

City Council Work Session 5:30 to 7:00 PM City Council, Large Assembly Room, 400 West Main Street West.

**May 17th @ 3:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

Church of the Good Shepherd, 5409 Jacksboro Pike, Background on the draft ordinance will be presented at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**May 18th @ 7:30 am – 11:30 am**

Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association Clubhouse, 916 Shamrock Ave, Background on the draft ordinance will be presented at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**May 19th @ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Overcoming Believers Church, 211 Harriet Tubman St, Background on the draft ordinance will be presented at 10:30 a.m.



Knox County Schools Chief of Security Gus Paidousis addresses neighbors’ concerns and questions at the May 12, 2018 T.H.E. meeting.



**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
May 3 • Jun 7	5:30pm	PaperArt craft: Paper Baskets & Old Books	
May 4 • Jun 1	3:30pm	Afternoon Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
May 5 • May 19	2:00pm	Saturday Cinemas: “Spiderman: Homecoming” • “Thor: Ragnarok”	
May 7, 14, 21	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
May 8 • Jun 12	10:30am	Crochet Mania: Info: lhelms@knoxlib.org	
May 10, 17, 24, 31	9–10am	Senior Fitness	All ages, skills
May 14 • Jun 11	10:30am	Coffee, Doughnuts, & Movie: “Breathe” • “Only the Brave”	Family
May 14 • Jun 11	5:30pm	Family Movie Night: “Jumanji” • “Paddington 2”	Family
May 17 • Jun 21	5:30pm	Game Night	
May 21 • Jun 25	5:30pm	Coloring for Adults: Books, markers, pencils available, with music and tea	Adults
May 21 • Jun 25	6:00pm	Evening Lego® Club: Info: 525-5431	4–11
May 23	10:30am	DOLLYWOOD PENGUIN PLAYERS	
May 28		CLOSED for MEMORIAL DAY	
May 30	11:00am	The ZOO—with animals!	
Jun 4, 11, 18, 25	9–10am	Yoga	All ages, skills
Jun 6	11:00am	MAGIC with Michael Messing	
Jun 7, 14, 21, 28	9–10am	Senior Fitness	All ages, skills
Jun 20	11:00am	TaeKwondDo with Steven Strouss	
May – June		ALAN JONES ART DISPLAY	

## Engaging Neighborhoods

—*Sandra Korbelik, THE Board of directors*

11 Thursday evenings x 2-hour training sessions = 22 hours of exposure on how to build neighborhood community through “Engaging Neighborhoods,” the Office of Neighborhoods class that recognizes Knoxville depends on neighbors socializing and working together to build a strong community. Town Hall East was represented at the class, where practical tips on organization, developing leaders, and getting results were discussed and role played. Attendance at the class made T.H.E. eligible for a \$500 grant, which we plan to use to improve our website. Want to learn more? Check out “Building Powerful Community Organizations - a Personal Guide to Creating Groups That Can Solve Problems and Change the World” by Michael Jacoby Brown.



**A National Garden Club Inc. Standard Flower Show**  
**“Through the Garden Gate”**

Open to the Public **May 31, 1 - 4 P.M.**  
 John T. O’Connor Center  
 611 Winona Street  
 Knoxville, TN 37917

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HORTICULTURE      DESIGN      EDUCATION      BOTANICAL ARTS

“It is our wish that you enjoy an imaginary trip through our house and tour of its garden as you visit “Through the Garden Gates” Flower Show! Visitors are welcome to take notes and pictures to comment and ask questions of the Flower Show Committee”

KNOX COUNTY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS  
 HONORARY CHAIRMAN, Connie Barker, President KCCGC

GENERAL CHAIRMAN, Rebecca Shular, Flower Lovers GC  
 GENERAL CO-CHAIR, Connie Wallace, District IV Federation of Garden Clubs