

TOWN HALL EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

April 2019

From Our Prez David Lee to You

Got a project you would like to see Town Hall East working on? Our top priority is to finish the final phase of the plan for Tank Strickland Park by building a platform and picnic table, preferably with a roof, overlooking the lower half of the creek that flows through the park. But we are considering other ideas as well – such as expanding on the work for which the Community Club received funding last year. They proposed refurbishing the old pillars in Holston Hills on which street names were painted. There are similar pillars in both Chilhowee Hills and Holston Heights and restoring some or all of them might be a way to emphasize the closeness and continuity of our member neighborhoods. Please share your ideas with us. There are various sources of funding, and if a deadline is past and we can't get to it this year, we can carry it over to next year. Send ideas to

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Neighborhood Meeting MONDAY MAY 13th

Who's Running for City Mayor & Why?



Hear and meet the candidates

7 PM Fellowship Hall - behind
Eastminster Presbyterian Church
4904 Asheville Hwy

MAYORAL CANDIDATES— OUR MAY 13TH PUBLIC MEETING

Four active candidates with 4 reasons to run for Mayor of Knoxville: Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis, and Marshall Stair. (More details on their presentations available on the following page)

As reported in a March 5th Knoxville News Sentinel article, the candidates identified Knoxville's biggest noncommercial issues as:

Burkhardt—homelessness and focusing on mental health help and job training for the homeless.

Kincannon -affordable housing and homelessness with one impacting the other.

Mannis - economic development, recruiting new businesses and vocational training to help create quality jobs. .

Stair—affordable housing and ensuring that people need to feel new projects benefit them.

TAKE A STROLL AND KEEP OUR ADOPTED PARK CLEAN

Two years ago Town Hall East renewed its commitment to helping keep Tanks Strickland Park clean and we officially adopted the park. If you would like to help on occasion to walk around the park and pick up litter, please send us your name via email to townhalleast@gmail.com. The flat part of the park can be covered in about forty-five minutes or less, and we will provide you with gloves and a phenomenally efficient set of light weight tongs to pick up items without even bending over.

OTHER NEWS

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BURLINGTON LIBRARY

Town Hall East actively supports our Burlington Library through posting library events on our Face Book page and emailing their event calendar to our membership.



MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidates will present their platform, address the three questions below and then respond to written questions submitted from the audience. Pencils and paper will be available at the meeting.

1. What do you think are the greatest budgetary problems facing the city and how would you handle them?
2. The city has started to improve the Magnolia Corridor and to develop a plan to improve Chilhowee Park. Are you satisfied with the progress so far and what would you do to further or enhance these efforts?
3. The former East Towne Mall / Knox Center continues to decline and to exert a negative impact on the surrounding area. What could the city do to aid in the revitalization of this facility?

RECODE KNOXVILLE - MAY 14TH—3 PM City/County Building

Mark your calendars for an extremely important City Council meeting! The final zoning code draft is available on line and will be formally presented to City Council. Will they vote on it as a First Reading or will this be a Study Session? What changes were made in this latest draft? Copy the link below for a summary of the changes.

https://aroberto76.wordpress.com/2019/04/26/recode-knoxville-exploring-draft-5-summary-of-revisions/?fbclid=IwAR3I2HpAtACKLdtiNs5klzp6mjRdtCX_sh3EO9BcUbmJ3vmGIVSMprOnohI

KNOX COUNTY GROWTH POLICY PLAN UNDER REVISION

As required by the State of Tennessee, our county and cities have worked together to identify where there should be Urban, Planned Growth, and Rural development. Knox County Mayor Jacobs has asked to amend the Growth Policy Plan by removing these categories.

Knox County provides services to city and county residents through the library system, public health, public education, road improvements, and emergency services. These services must be extended to all new development, no matter how far removed or scattered. Would the County be able to pay for this?

Two public meetings will be held and will be announced to our membership when the date/time is determined.



Burlington / Recode

A 2040 vision for Burlington / Magnolia Avenue / East Knoxville

First Friday Exhibit, with students—come if you can!

Friday, May 3, 2019 4 PM TO 7 PM

Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church: Cruze Hall (at the back)

4615 Asheville Highway (across from the Burlington Public Library)

- 4:00 pm Doors open to all
- 4:30 pm Brief Remarks
- 4:45 pm One-minute student presentations (12) and
One-on-one discussions with students
- 5:30 pm Open to the public: come at any time, to share ideas

Architecture students from the University of Tennessee will propose a vision for a future Burlington, with a focus on creating a walkable neighborhood, with public spaces, diverse businesses, & affordable housing.

The East Tennessee Community Design Center worked with the Burlington Area Residents Association to outline community interests and aspirations. While this was a starting point, designs for the future are based on the proposed new *Recode* for the City of Knoxville. The students also met with over fifty residents, city staff members, elected officials, local professionals and many others who were interested in the student work.

As a disclaimer, all student projects are hypothetical. Professor Marleen Kay Davis FAIA is thankful to all those who met with the students, providing insight and input for student design ideas.

Town Hall East Board Nominations

NOMINATIONS submitted by the T.H.E. Nomination Committee are found below. No other nominations were submitted by petition of the members, so these will be the nominees up for election.

Voting occurs at our May 13th neighborhood meeting.

For President—David Lee has been President of Town Hall East for the last year after previously serving as Vice-President and board member. He is a retired UT faculty member (German) and he has lived in Holston Hills since 1970.

For Vice-President—Sandra Korbelik is a current Board member. She is a retired City Planner and is Vice Chair of the East Tennessee Community Planning Alliance, President of the Native Plant Rescue Squad, on the League of Women Voters Board, Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum Board, and creates our T.H.E. newsletter.

For Treasurer —Sharon Davis has enjoyed volunteering with her neighbors on the Town Hall East, Inc. Board and has served in all positions. When a past President, her board was instrumental in encouraging the City and County to acquire the degraded parcels that now are the welcoming Thomas (Tank) Strickland Park, next to the Burlington Library. She still heads that Parks committee. Professionally she has served hundreds of families during her 40 years as a REALTOR with Hammontree Real Estate and a property Investor.

For Secretary —Kim Raja is finishing her first term as Secretary. She 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.

Additional nominations to the Board are:

Board—Michael Moore has served on T.H.E Board for three years and has lived in Holston Hills since 1989. He is a veteran having spent six years in the military. He retired from Y-12 in 2014 after 43 years as a supervisor in maintenance facilities.

Board —Michael Aktalay is finishing his first term on the T.H.E. Board. He is an Architect with Sanders Pace Architecture and has lived in Holston Hills for the past 8 years.

Board—Mira Nash is currently serving on the T.H.E. Board approaching one year of service. She is a Patient Services manager in the Women's Health Services Clinic with the Knox County Health Department.

Fun Facts about Town Hall East Neighborhood Association

Town Hall East Neighborhood Association is among the larger neighborhood associations both in geography and number of households.

Neighborhood meetings are held the second Monday during September, November, January, March and May, in the Eastminster Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 7 PM. The Board meets monthly, the first Thursday at 6:00 PM usually at the Holston Hills County Club.

An ice cream social called Scoops is one of our major events and is held in Tank Strickland Park during the late summer.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

- Waffle House— located between the Exxon gas station and I-40 west bound on ramp, our Asheville Hwy waffle house has been demolished and a new, much larger Waffle House is under construction.
- Aldi Grocery Store— a new grocery is under construction at the corner of Love's Creek Road and Miller Pike, across the street from Food Lion.
- Stovers is Moving- The Asheville Highway store at the Burns Road intersection is closing and will consolidate with their Oak Ridge store. Items are discounted as they try to clear the inventory. Closing will be this summer.
- Rutledge and Asheville Highway— City Councilors approved \$250,000 to study re-designing this intersection to improve traffic flow and direction.

Knoxville Botanical Garden— **May 4th** and **May 6th** Volunteer Day

Come out and join the Botanical Garden for a massive workday at the Gardens! On May 4th, we are partnering with **Comcast for their annual Comcast Cares nationwide volunteer day**. There will be over 200 **Comcast employees volunteering out here on the grounds that day**, getting so much good work done around the grounds! There will be plenty for children and adults to do.

Come join us as we remove invasive species, care for our historic buildings and garden plots, maintain our trees and trails, and revitalize our family and children's spaces! Then, stick our for a light lunch provided by **Comcast!**

Volunteer May 4th 8AM to 1 PM sign up at <https://www.comcastinthecommunity.com/Project/Detail?projectId=12178>, as an External User Login. This is a ComCastCares event and the garden needs at least 25 volunteers from the community. A final volunteer date is May 6th 9AM to 1 PM.

Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum Face Book page, go to Events.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Burlington Future Vision presentation **May 3rd**.

4 PM TO 7 PM Chilhowee Hills Baptist Church: Cruze Hall (at the back) 4615 Asheville Highway (across the Burlington Public Library)

East Knoxville Community Meeting **May 6th** Burlington Library 6pm. Councilwoman Mckenzie will give an update on what's happening in Knoxville City Government and her vision for the District. Also on the program will be Knox County Clerk of Courts Mike Hammond to discuss the importance of Jury Duty. EKCM is an entity that meets monthly and includes 24 community, homeowner, resident organizations including several business & professional associations

East Knoxville Business and Professional Meeting Next month's meeting will be **May 16 7:45AM** at Beardsley Farm. The East Knoxville Business & Professional Association's mission is to foster a connection between businesses and organizations for the mutual advancement, growth and development of East Knoxville.



How's Your Logic?

Can you put 50 coins into 10 envelopes such that each envelope contains a different number of coins?

Last issue Logic answer: This was an index number problem used in economics. To compare the two grocery store prices the consumer should have chosen based on the sale prices in each store.