

# TOWN HALL EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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April 2020

## **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING CANCELED**

### **May Meeting Cancelled, T. H. E. Board Election to be Held by Email or Mail**

Even if the warnings against large gatherings are lifted by early May, many Town Hall East members will be reluctant to attend a membership meeting. That consideration convinced the T.H.E. Board to cancel the meeting scheduled for May 11th. The annual election that is a feature of the May meeting will be held via email or by mail if no email address is available.

We will work over the next weeks to be sure that in households with two members but only a single email address each member will get a vote. Only members who have paid their annual \$10 dues are eligible to vote.

### **Upcoming County and State Primary Election**

Our intended program for the May meeting was a candidate forum featuring the two candidates for the District 1 County Commission seat, Dr. Dasha Lundy and Reginald Jackson, and the Democratic primary candidates for the Tennessee House of Representatives District 15, incumbent Rick Staples and challengers Sam McKenzie, Ovi Kabir and Matthew Park. These races will be decided in the August 6 election. We will look for ways to bring information on these candidates to you in the coming weeks. The voter registration deadline is July 7 and early voting runs from July 17 through August 1. Absentee ballots must be requested by July 30.



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## In Memoriam: Mac Goodwin

Conrad (Mac) Goodwin, a past President of Town Hall East (2012-2014) and an inspiration to many in the immediate community and beyond, died on April 3 at his home on Westover Drive. We would like to share this post from the Holston Hills Facebook site that was written by Judy Powell Roy

“For those that don’t know, I am sad to say that Mac Goodwin passed away late last night from a rare aggressive form of cancer. He was surrounded by his wife Lydia, stepson Alex and daughter in law Sheleagh, as well as close friends Tyler and Maja Roy. Unfortunately, relatives from out of town were not able to be here due to the situation in our world.

Mac was a pillar in our community. He served many years on Town Hall East and was a past president. He was also a member of MPC appointed by the Mayor. He wrote college geography books with Lydia and Alex.

Mac was truly a Renaissance Man, an activist with a kind loving heart and a giver in so many ways. Mac loved to entertain and often had pizza parties at his home, cooking in his outdoor wood fired pizza-oven. He welcomed so many people to his home, his life and into his heart. He loved music, gardening, and people. He was involved with the Slow Foods Group and had friends of all ages, and nationalities. He and Lydia, with their generosity would frequently open their homes to many. They loved to empower and support so many young individuals with their passion and goals. It was not uncommon to see students and musicians stay at their home from across the country and even from overseas for months at a time. That’s how Tyler my son met his wife Maja. She was a guest of Mac and Lydia’s visiting from Slovenia. They also created an official Slovenian Consulate at their home.

He would always welcome you with fresh food from his garden or a glass of wine and a smile. He loved to share his fresh figs, flowers and goodies from their massive garden. He was such a sweetheart and a dear man. I will miss my dear friend as I know many will.

There is going to be a shrine that a friend of his is setting up at the end of their driveway where people can leave a note or memory of Mac.



*Judy Powell Roy*



## BURLINGTON LIBRARY



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

### **President's Thoughts**

In the midst of all the negatives, there still are some positive experiences coming out of this pandemic . One is seeing so many people out walking with or without family pet and enjoying what has been gorgeous weather and spectacular spring flowers and trees. Another is the cleaner air due to a reduction in traffic. And yet another is some extra time to spend either with family or actually reading the instructions for that complicated camera you bought but never really understood. Let's enjoy those opportunities while doing all that we can to keep one another healthy and to help people who might be in desperate need because of the loss of family income.

*David Lee*

### **Traffic Studies Postponed Due to Lack of Traffic**

Just at the moment when Town Hall East members and local residents had collected over 100 signatures to enable traffic surveys to go forward on East and West Sunset Road and Green Valley Drive, traffic fell off precipitously due to the closure of schools and business throughout the city. Eden Slater from Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods, who oversees the process, reported that the City's Department of Engineering would not conduct any studies under these abnormal conditions and would wait until normal traffic resumed before proceeding with

### **Corona Bagpiper**

Tyler Roy has been delighting some Knoxville neighborhoods, including his home base of Holston Hills, walking the streets in full Scottish regalia and playing his bagpipes. Besides entertaining large numbers of home-bound residents, Tyler has encouraged listeners to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank (<https://community.secondharvestetn.org/>), and thousands of dollars have been contributed as a result of his efforts.