

# TOWN HALL EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

September 2019

## *From Our Prez David Lee to You*

It should have been obvious to me years ago, but after sitting through quite a few hours of Recode meetings, I am beginning to understand just how important and influential each single member of our City Council is. There are only nine of them. They decide questions that will have a profound effect on the present and future well-being of our community. The Mayor proposes, Council disposes. Without Council's consent, ordinances do not pass. They are the actual decision makers. That fifth vote in 5-4 decision changes our lives for better or worse.

The issues are often vexed and complex. How to manage significant pension obligations? How to deal with the homeless problem? How the new zoning code will be altered as problems present themselves?

We want to elect Council members who will invest the enormous amount of time required to understand the issues, who will take the time to listen to their constituents, and who will have the courage to stand up for what they believe.

The candidates for the four open Council seats in this year's election will be with us at our meeting on September 16. This is your opportunity to hear them and to judge which of them will make the strongest contribution to our future. Your presence will also send a signal to the candidates that the neighborhoods of Town Hall East are active and engaged and deserve their attention.

*David Lee*

**CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE SEAT A,**  
Lynne Fugate & Charles Lomax

**CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE SEAT B,**  
David Hayes & Janet Testerman

**CITY COUNCIL AT LARGE SEAT C,**  
Amy Midis & Amelia Parker

**District 5 City-wide vote**  
Charles Al-Bawi & Charles Thomas



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**Neighborhood Meeting**  
**MONDAY Sept 16th**

**Final Vote for City Council**  
**Meet the Contenders!**



**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

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

October 16, 2019—Early Voting Starts  
**November 5, 2019—Election Day**

East Knoxville News

- Our neighborhood association
- Development News
- Community Events
- Knoxville/Knox County
- Quiz

## 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.



## Tennessee Valley Fair

Chilhowee Park  
3301 East Magnolia Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37914

(865) 215-1471

September 6, 2019 to September 15, 2019  
Price: Adults \$10, Senior Citizens \$8,  
Children 6-11 \$7, Children 5 and younger  
FREE



Did you know?

The Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center contains about 81 acres and includes leasehold interests of The Muse, Tennessee Valley Fair, and Golden Gloves Charities. It also include the 57,000 square foot Jacob Building, the Homer Hamilton Theater with a seating capacity of 4,500, and a 3-acre lake. It is next to the Knoxville Zoo. The City of Knoxville has commissioned a Strategic Plan for the park and exposition center.



### **Thank You Nick Della Volpe!**

After years of unsightly curb clutter and grey rocks and no action from the Walgreens manager, Nick took action and fired off a letter to Walgreens Corporate CEO. Shortly afterward topsoil and landscaping were installed.

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

- **Waffle House**— located between the Exxon gas station and I-40, our new Asheville Hwy waffle house is **Open for Business** and it looks gorgeous inside.
- **Perc City Coffee Shop—Grand Opening** is October 9th. Soft opening sometime late September, so check it out when you drive past the intersection of Beaman and Magnolia, next to Chilhowee Park.
- **Hattie's Heart and Soul Food**—will be opening soon at 4301 Asheville Highway, across from the Karm property.
- **Apartment Development**—under preliminary site preparation on the vacant lot at 4504 Holston Drive, the former Rays Mobile Home Park.
- **Archers BBQ**— 5200 Rutledge Pike @ Chilhowee intersection. Their fifth restaurant is now **Open for Business** and serving Memphis-style hickory smoked BBQ with all the fixin's

## OTHER NEWS

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) is proposing route and schedule changes to several routes which, if approved, would take effect in Jan 2020. **Route 34** – Burlington: Remove a 3-block portion at Catalpa, Kirk and Lilac streets, keeping the bus straight on Fern to improve route performance.

Vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles are on the rise across Knoxville. Please be sure to lock your vehicles and do not leave any desirable merchandise visible.

Magnolia Corridor Phases I and II are on schedule to be completed by November, 2019. Phase III, Bertrand to Cherry has preliminary design funding.

2020 Census is hiring and preliminary address and living space identification has started. Bilingual employees earn \$25 an hour, general employees can make up to \$15.50 an hour.

<https://2020census.gov/en/jobs/pay-and-locations.html>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Tennessee Valley Fair**—September 6, 2019 to September 15, 2019 at Chilhowee Park.
- **East Knoxville Celebration of Neighborhoods**— September 20th, 5:30 to 8:30 PM, Mule Barn, Knoxville Botanical Garden. Neighborhood leaders and active paid members are invited to this get acquainted gathering. RSVP 865 544 8974
- **Knoxville Botanical Garden 10th Annual Green Thumb Gala**—September 29th 5 PM to 9 PM. an evening of food, cocktails, auctions and FUN on the beautiful LeConte Meadow! KBGA is a privately owned and operated Garden supported through donations and membership. <http://knoxgarden.org/classes-events/green-thumb-gala-2019/>
- **Knoxville Community Development block grant**—meetings are being held in Lonsdale, East Knoxville, Mechanicsville and South Knoxville to identify ways to improve housing and employment. Call 865 215 2865