

**NEXT MEETING – MARCH 10, 2003:
MAYORAL CANDIDATE FORUM AT JOHN T. O'CONNOR SENIOR CENTER**

We invite all members of the community to attend a mayoral candidate forum hosted jointly by Fountain City Town Hall, Alice Bell-Spring Hill Neighborhood Association, and Town Hall East on Monday, March 10, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at John T. O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street. We are pleased to welcome both declared candidates: Bill Haslam and Madeline Rogero. After four terms, Mayor Ashe is term-limited and therefore ineligible to seek reelection. While it may seem early in the game, the mayoral race has already been at high speed for the past couple of months. Prepare now for the primary election on September 30th and general election Nov. 4th. And don't discount the importance of the primary ... if either candidate garners more than 50% of the vote, it's a done deal. Find out more about the candidates at their election websites www.billhaslam.com and www.madelinerogero.com (coming soon).

HOLSTON RIVER FESTIVAL ARRIVES APRIL 26TH!

WHERE: Holston River Park, 3300 Holston Hills Road **WHEN:** 11:30-6 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE
WHY: T.H.E. turns 40!! **WHAT:** Music, children's activities, food, exhibits ... something fun for everyone!
ADMISSION: Free!

The day you've been waiting for is almost here! Town Hall East turns 40 and is celebrating by inviting all of Knoxville to join in the fun. We're showcasing East end talents and boy do have talents ... musicians, artisans, exhibitors, and activities ... a few are highlighted here, but you'll be able to find a detailed listing of participants on our website very soon. Don't miss it!

MUSIC BY:

Hector Qirko & Don Cassell
Maggie Longmire
Louise Mosrie
Mark Boling with UT Small Jazz Ensemble
Knoxville Opera Company
A Touch of Classical string quartet

First, we must thank our City Council Representatives for their generous support of this event. Mark Brown, Larry Cox, Rob Frost, Steve Hall, Joe Hultquist, Nick Pavlis, Barbara Pelot, Jack Sharp & Ed Shouse contributed \$6,000 of their discretionary funds to cover festival infrastructure costs such as rental of tents, stage, sound system, insurance costs, publicity, etc. We couldn't pull this off without you!

FUN FOR THE KIDS:

Children's carnival by Chilhowee School Beta Club
Fun stuff & critters by the Knoxville Zoo
Activities & storytelling by the Burlington Branch Library
And more ...

We'll be showcasing a marvelous lineup of musicians who live in the area (see inset) plus a few of their friends. There will be plenty of children's activities along with fun

for adults, too. And don't miss your chance to own the first ever Town Hall East t-shirt featuring some great East Knox highlights! Follow the website for up-to-date information as the day draws nearer. As always, you can find us at www.kornnet.org/towneast. We do have a bit of room to squeeze in a couple of more craftspeople and artisans, so don't hesitate to call SOON and share your talent. Please contact Melissa Hansen-Petrik at 523-9117 or melissahp@comcast.net.

GROWN UPS CAN HAVE FUN, TOO!

Bazaar featuring works by neighborhood artisans & other surprises
Golf clinics by the Holston Hills Country Club
Workshops & demonstrations by Cortese Tree Specialists
Several great exhibits & activities by local groups
Enjoy free water while visiting with State Rep. Joe Armstrong
Food by local eateries
And more, more, more!

Finally, **WE NEED FEST DAY VOLUNTEERS:** Please contact Melissa, too, if you are willing to help with morning set-up, evening take-down, volunteering an hour or two at Town Hall East Central selling t-shirts, managing the Silent Auction fundraiser (we have GREAT stuff!), signing up new members, and distributing Fest maps, schedules, and information. Speaking of the Silent Auction, we ask that area residents consider donating a piece of area memorabilia, artwork, or small antique/collectible item. We have collected some wonderful items so far, which

will be used to raise funds for Town Hall East. But, the bigger the auction, the more the fun, and the more dollars raised to keep your neighborhood organization in top notch shape. We also need folks to manage the Music Station for our musicians selling their CDs plus distributing performance schedules & other information. We'll probably think of some more things we need your help with, too, so please call today and volunteer. OR find us at the mayoral candidate forum March 10th where we'll be doing volunteer sign-ups and distributing publicity flyers to post in businesses, churches, and public places throughout Knoxville.

Thanks again to committee members Linden Craig, Deb Haines, Melissa Hansen-Petrik, Barbara Owens, Patty Shea, Rosalie Strohmman, and Mike Talley for pulling together this city-wide celebration of Knoxville's East end.

PROGRESS, PROGRESS, PROGRESS IN NC-1 ZONING EFFORTS: The past year has shown great progress toward our efforts to develop the first phase of neighborhood conservation zoning in our area. This is the largest area ever to undertake this effort in Knoxville, so our great strides this past year owe a great debt of gratitude to many, many dedicated volunteers. Last summer, several folks dedicated their time to pore through old City Directories down at the East Tennessee Historical Society to determine when approximately 1,000 homes in the area were built. Thanks go to Chuck Bentz, Gail Breitenfeld, Brenda Brooks, Darla Garrison, Carole Gary, Linda Morris, and Carol Newsom for their tireless efforts. Following that, our fearless team of volunteer photographers has nearly finished photographing these homes to catalog home styles. Thank you so much to coordinator Sharon Davis and her worthy photography team of Bert Benedict, Linden Craig, Steve Ellis, Mac Goodwin, David Hughes, Mark Jordon, Anne Merrill, Tim Miller, Steve Nash, Libby Rasmussen, and Dwight Van De Vate, Sr. as well as her colleague Jeanne Sant. We have been blessed to have so many volunteers step forward ... if you helped in this effort and we've had a memory lapse, please accept our apologies and let us know so you may be properly recognized in the May newsletter.

So what's the next step? We're still looking for several folks with an eye for detail to review the photographs and work with MPC Planner Ann Bennett to write design guidelines for the first phase target area. Architects, designers, those with a penchant for classifying design features ... WE NEED YOU! The first phase includes much of Chilhowee Hills plus the parts of Holston Hills that are predominantly 50+ years in age. Please contact Melissa Hansen-Petrik to volunteer for this project (523-9117 or melissahp@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE UPDATE: We're pleased to welcome Darla Garrison as the newly appointed Chair of the Community Development Task Force. Our group has also grown to include Carr Hagan, Lydia Pulsipher, and Yvonne Prichett. Please contact Darla at darlagarrison@comcast.net or 406-7511 to get involved in this effort. In coming months we will be setting priorities and developing a marketing plan to attract new residents and businesses to the area. Please help us by continuing to identify neighborhood needs and letting us know how you would like to see our area grow and prosper.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A LEADER IN TOWN HALL EAST? With May elections on the horizon, the nominating committee (Bert Benedict, Dawn-Michelle Foster, Jeff Petrik, and Doug Upton) is seeking Town Hall East area residents for the offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer as well as three directors to fill three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Directors are limited to serving two consecutive three-year terms. Terms for President, Vice President, and Treasurer are one year and officers are limited to two consecutive one-year terms. If you are interested in being considered for office or would like to nominate someone for office, please contact a member of the nominating committee. Their contact information is available on our website or call 523-9117 for details.

ONE LAST REQUEST FOR 2002-2003 DUES: Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership for the 2002-2003 year ... your support keeps the newsletter coming to your door. We certainly appreciate the outpouring of dues and donations since the last newsletter. To be sure the newsletter keeps coming to you, please send dues today. It's easy! Just check your mailing address ... if it says "Pd thru 8-2003" or later, you're in good standing. If it has an earlier date or "Join today!" please do consider supporting your neighborhood organization. If you receive the newsletter via email and aren't sure if you paid this year or not, please send an email to melissahp@comcast.net or inquire at the meeting. Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to Tom Helms, Treasurer (see membership form below). More and more members are opting to receive their newsletter via email, which saves us printing and mailing costs. Thanks so much!

JOIN / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ ... Are you willing to receive the Newsletter via email? ____yes ____no

Please provide an email address if would like us to inform you of happenings between newsletters.

- _____ \$10 Active membership: I live in city ward 13, 30, 31, or 75 (or still in the county but adjacent to ward 75)
- _____ \$10 Associate membership: I live outside wards 13, 30, 31, or 75 but would still like to receive the newsletter and keep informed of Town Hall East activities
- _____ \$25 Business membership: I own or manage a business in city ward 13, 30, 31, or 75 and would like to support the neighborhood and the residents of Town Hall East

Please remit payment to: Tom Helms, Treasurer, Town Hall East, P.O. Box 6207, Knoxville, TN 37914.