

**NEXT MEETING – SEPT. 8, 2003: City Council Candidates Forum**  
***Be an Informed Voter***

We invite all members of the community to attend our first meeting of the 2003-04 year on Monday, September 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. We are pleased to welcome candidates for city council at large seats A, B, and C as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> district seat. Don't miss this opportunity to meet them all prior to the September primary. Early voting runs September 10-25 at 4 locations, including Knoxville Center Mall in the County Clerk's office on the lower level outside JCPenney. The primary election itself is on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The two top vote-getters in each race will move on to the general election (early voting October 15-30 and Election Day November 4<sup>th</sup>). While Town Hall East area residents are ineligible to vote in the 5<sup>th</sup> district primary, we do vote in the 5<sup>th</sup> district general election, so take this opportunity to become an informed voter! Let us not

forget there are also two other important offices being filled this go around: Mayor of Knoxville and City Judge. Candidates for mayor are George Hamilton, Bill Haslam, Boyce McCall, and Madeline Rogero. Candidates for City Judge are Mark Jendrek and John Rosson. *Which lever will you pull? Come test their mettle!*

**\*\*T.H.E. "DISCOVER EAST KNOXVILLE" t-shirts will be for sale at the meeting. Only \$10 most sizes\*\***  
You NEED one!! ...and they make great gifts.

**SPRING PLACE PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND LOVES CREEK GREENWAY:** Knox County Parks and Greenway coordinator Karen Nolt reports the County will begin improvements at Spring Place Park on Loves Creek Rd. this fall. Some \$20,000 has been earmarked by the County this year to refurbish the picnic shelter and footbridge to the spring area, to build a walking trail around the park, and possibly add other amenities for the playground. Plans are to meet with Spring Place community representatives Felicia Kerr, Bill Baird and Nancy Andrews (who have worked hard to get needed attention for the park) and County Parks representatives Doug Bataille and Karen Nolt on October 2 to discuss plans and options for Park rehab. The Parks Dept. also plans to work with the UT Art Dept. to seek a student design for a creative sculpture at the natural spring to dispense its flow—a sponsor will be needed once the design has been selected.

T.H.E. reps will also be working with Spring Place to mark and rough out the location of a natural greenway trail segment extending from the park's edge to Buffat Mill Road. The trail would meander off-road north along the creek (between the creek and RR tracks) for about ½ mile until the creek crosses under Loves Creek Road at Buffat Mill. Someday this segment will be part of the overall trail extending from Knoxville Center Mall to Holston River Park and to downtown from there. We also hope to do a trail segment along Love's Creek near Holston Middle. Over time, these trail segments and sidewalk improvements will merge into the overall trail.

**HOLSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION/RENOVATION:** Sam Anderson and the School Board architect Mr. Lewis presented plans at our last meeting for a \$8.5 M expansion and renovation of Holston Middle School. \$5.1M in funds for the new addition have been budgeted for this year, with construction to begin this Fall. Another \$3.4 M will be used next fiscal year for renovations (once the new space is finished). It is likely that T.H.E. residents will be redistricted back to this long-standing neighborhood facility. This is great news for the Hood. We thank the School Board and especially Sam Anderson for tackling this needed upgrade of our community school. Good schools are essential for our continued restoration of the area.

**HOLSTON RIVER FESTIVAL REPRISE! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND,** Holston River Festival 2: The Sequel will take place at Holston River Park on April 24, 2004, in conjunction with the Dogwood Arts Festival. A barebones committee pulled it together this year as a Town Hall East anniversary celebration, but we could really use your help to make this a successful annual event. We are pleased to be working with Ed Pasley and the great folks at Dogwood Arts to make this a great East Knoxville feature event. We are now recruiting committee chairs to take charge of the following areas: Music/entertainment, food, transportation, publicity, fundraising, silent auction, vendors and demonstrations, and children's activities. Please call and volunteer today ... Melissa Hansen-Petrik at [melissahp@comcast.net](mailto:melissahp@comcast.net) or 523-9117.

**City Council Candidates**

<i>At large seat A</i>	Joe Bailey Hubert Smith Charles Thomas
<i>At large seat B</i>	Norris Dryer Alonzo Montgomery Jean Teague Chris Woodhull
<i>At large seat C</i>	Mostafa Alsharif Nicholas Ciparro Marilyn Roddy
<i>5<sup>th</sup> District</i>	Bob Becker Tim Wheeler

**INTRODUCING THE EAST CITY REVITALIZATION COALITION:** The T.H.E. Community Development Task Force born last year has evolved into the ECRC. This coalition retains several T.H.E. members but has been created as a new entity to revitalize a larger area, specifically the south portion of the East City Sector along Asheville Highway-Burlington-Magnolia to Cherry St. ECRC will focus on five areas: marketing, revitalization, schools, beautification, and safety. ECRC has created goals and action plans for each area and will require help from T.H.E., Burlington Homeowners and Residents Association, Chilhowee Park Homeowners Association, local merchants associations, and business owners on Asheville Highway and Burlington, etc., for implementation. ECRC is a way for all local organizations to come together, gather ideas and work jointly to revitalize East Knoxville. If you have a great idea to share please contact a T.H.E. board member who serves on ECRC: Darla Garrison (ECRC co-chair), Yvonne Pritchett, Melissa Hansen-Petrik, and Dawn-Michelle Foster. ECRC will depend on volunteers for several projects and we hope for your participation. Thank you!

**ECRC FEATURE BUSINESS: THE LUNCH HOUSE:** A small white brick house sits just off Asheville Highway in Burlington only a stone's throw from the First Tennessee Bank. While the house hails from an earlier time, it is currently home to The Lunch House, one of the most successful restaurants in East Knoxville. Misty Bullock and her family, residents of West Knoxville, opened The Lunch House about 13 years ago. While the restaurant is just a few blocks from most Town Hall East residents, many have yet to experience this neighborhood eatery featuring home-style southern cooking. When Misty and her family first opened The Lunch House, there was just a small dining area. They eventually expanded into an adjacent addition and in time added a third dining hall. Their business now has a consistent customer base of 150-200 per day. Most customers are repeats including lawyers, doctors, firemen, policemen, and local neighbors. Recent visitors include the Dallas Cowboy's Offensive Lineman Coach. If you are looking for a home cooked meal and a friendly place where "everybody knows your name," The Lunch House is the place to go for breakfast and lunch. For more on The Lunch House and a other East Knoxville eateries, see the August 21 issue of MetroPulse cover story "Eatin' East" at [http://www.metropulse.com/dir\\_zine/dir\\_2003/1334/t\\_cover.html](http://www.metropulse.com/dir_zine/dir_2003/1334/t_cover.html).

**KNOXVILLE BOTANICAL GARDENS AND ARBORETUM SEEKS FUNDING:** KBGA continues to be in serious need of FUNDING FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE. This costs \$5,000/month and they have not had nearly enough funding to maintain the grounds. Please help in any way you can. Skip a lunch or two and send them a check (big or small!) today! T.H.E. sent out an email plea in June which netted the KBGA \$960 ... thanks to everyone who already donated! If you haven't already (or wish to again), please send donations to: Knoxville Botanical Gardens & Arboretum, P.O. Box 14156, Knoxville, TN 37914. This is a section 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so gifts are tax deductible. They would also love to have volunteers help with weeding, pulling vines out of trees, and clearing underbrush ... if you're interested in helping or even heading up the effort, contact Jim McDonough at 584-5675 or [mcdonoughinc@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdonoughinc@yahoo.com). Do your part to support this East Knoxville treasure! The KBGA has applied for grant funding to aid development and also expect to be named to the National Register of Historic Places soon.

**GOOD NEWS AT CHILHOWEE—JACOBS BUILDING RENOVATION:** The Mayor and City Council approved \$2 million August 21 for remodeling of the Jacobs Building in Chilhowee Park this fiscal year. Present plans call for adding central air conditioning and insulation to masonry walls and upgrading the electrical service needed to support the new systems. That upgrade will enable Chilhowee to book more summer events at the exhibition grounds. Also slated for renovation, funding permitting, are new building entry doors, handicap accessible bathrooms and a lift to the balcony, some combination of exterior repainting, brickwork or other rework or enhancement of the building façade and windows. T.H.E. is interested in this renovation because Chilhowee Park and the Knoxville Zoo are two of the economic engines in our area whose success can help spur the needed economic revitalization along Magnolia Avenue.

**TIME TO WRITE NC-1 GUIDELINES:** If you have an interest in design and architecture and wish to help write design guidelines, please call Melissa Hansen-Petrik at 523-9117 or [melissahp@comcast.net](mailto:melissahp@comcast.net).

**CHILHOWEE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY:** A cleanup and beautification day is scheduled for September 13th at Chilhowee Intermediate School. Flowers and 15 yards of mulch have been donated so far, thanks to the Holston Hills Community Club and Alana Merrill. We will plant pansies in the school colors of blue and yellow. T.H.E. volunteers are needed to plant, mulch, pull weeds, and cleanup anytime between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Please contact Darla Garrison at 406-7511 or [darlagarrison@comcast.net](mailto:darlagarrison@comcast.net) to schedule a time for participation. We can use any of the following: rakes, wheel barrows, powered edger, pitch forks, shovels, weed claws, soil, good working bodies, and donations. Please let me know if a powered edger is available, otherwise we'll possibly rent one. Hope to see you there.

**2003-2004 DUES ARE NOW DUE!! JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

Support Your Community Organization

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ... Are you willing to receive the Newsletter via email? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$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: Town Hall East, Inc. , P.O. Box 6207, Knoxville, TN 37914.