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Veterans Day County Closings

All County government offices

All County Convenience Centers

Hours Change at New Harvest Park Farmers Market

Hours of operation for the Farmers Market at New Harvest Park have changed to 3-6 p.m. There are only two more Thursdays to visit the Market until next season -- Nov.

I'm pleased to be able to share with you a couple of items of progress for our County this week. We have just today opened the County's sixth senior center and this week we broke ground on an exciting regional complex. Also this week, we began a program with Character Counts to put special signs at our County parks. I want to encourage everyone to come out for two very special events happening this week surrounding our celebration of Veterans Day on Tuesday. We have information about all of these things and much more in this week's newsletter.

Mike Ragsdale

New senior center opens today in Carter community

Facility boasts 1,000 square foot exercise room

Knox County's sixth senior center opened today with County officials gathering for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Center is joined to the Carter Library with a beautiful multi-purpose garden that was designed to facilitate programming. Both are adjacent to Carter Park on Asheville Highway in eastern Knox County.



The Center has approximately 6,200 square feet, which includes a 1,000-square-foot exercise room that is fully equipped and operational. The facility also includes its own computer lab, rooms for meetings, cards and dance, and kitchen recreation space. With the library, senior center and park, the Carter Community now has some 30 acres of space in which to gather.

Ground was broken on the facility in September 2007. The project was completed well within the initial budget of \$1.4 million. Studio Four Design was the architectural firm with construction by JA Fielden General Contractors. The Public Building Authority managed the project.

The Carter Senior Center is located at 9036 Asheville Highway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37924. Initial hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

County joins in launch of Pellissippi Place

Regional economic growth defined as partnership benefit

Pellissippi Place, a collaborative research and development park, broke ground this week in East Tennessee's Innovation Valley. The partnership is the first of its kind and includes Knox and Blount Counties and the cities of Alcoa and Maryville. "By creating such an attractive venue for research and development firms, we are greatly enhancing the benefit each of our communities will receive." said Mayor Mike Ragsdale.



Pellissippi Place is being developed on a 450-acre tract of land where Pellissippi Parkway (I-140) intersects with Old Knoxville Highway (S.R. 33). The first construction phase consists of realigning Clayton Road and building the main

Knox County Calendar

November 10
Neighborhood Night
Blue Grass Elementary

November 11
County holiday
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Veterans Day Parade
(streamed live on
wbir.com)
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Ribbon-cutting at
Tenmile Greenway

November 13
New Harvest Park
Farmers Market
(**New hours: 3-6 p.m.**)

November 15
Grand opening of
East Tennessee
Veterans Memorial

November 17
County Commission

November 20
Final Farmers Market
at New Harvest Park
this season (3-6 p.m.)

November 21
knoxAchieves Day

November 27
County holiday

November 28
County holiday

**Can you spare
one hour a week?**
**Eastern County
schools most in need
of volunteers**

Our first and second grade teachers still need you to come in for one hour a week to read with their students. The greatest need is in the following schools, all but one one

boulevard to open 100 acres for technology companies. Additional improvements by the Tennessee Department of Transportation will expand S.R. 33 from two lanes to four from Hunt Road to Sam Houston Road.

The entire park plan includes a festive retail corridor settled along a river walk. Mixed-use space will be available for residential and professional office linked by an expansive pedestrian walkway. The business and research component of Pellissippi Place is projected to open in 2010.

Parade, memorial will honor East Tennessee veterans

WBIR to broadcast both events

The annual Veterans Parade will step off at 10:45 a.m. next Tuesday, November 11th in downtown Knoxville. This year's parade will pay special tribute to women veterans, those who have served and those who are serving today. Veterans Day, formerly Armistice Day, marks the November 11, 1918 end to World War I. The parade is sponsored by American Legion Post 2 and will be streamed live on WBIR.com. John Becker will be the on-air commentator.

The grand opening of the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial is set for Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 a.m. on World's Fair Park. The \$2.5 million memorial honors the memory of veterans from 35 East Tennessee counties. It includes more than 5,400 names from World War 1 to present day conflicts. The Memorial also commemorates 13 Medal of Honor winners from East Tennessee. Governor Bredesen has been invited to attend the ceremony, which will be broadcast live on WBIR.

CHARACTER COUNTS! unveils signs at sports fields

Tarleton Park first in County to get signs

The Knoxville/Knox County CHARACTER COUNTS! organization has unveiled phase one of a program to place signs at sports fields around the community. The first signs are in place at John Tarleton Park and are designed to remind coaches, parents and participants of the importance of displaying the six pillars of character as they relate to sporting events:

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| Trustworthiness | Respect | Responsibility |
| Fairness | Caring | Citizenship |

The county's John Tarleton Park hosts over 3,000 people on weeknights and Saturdays for the Knox Metro Youth Football program which has games on all five fields, four days a week. Because of those numbers, John Tarleton Park was chosen as the first site to receive the signs.

CHARACTER COUNTS! plans to expand the program to all local sports fields over the next few years. Fundraising efforts have begun to underwrite the cost of the signs. Opportunities are available for individuals and organizations or corporations to sponsor signs at other parks throughout the city and county.

For more information, please contact Knox County Parks and Recreation, 215-6600.

Special recycling events set Nov. 14-15

America Recycles Day and medication collection event

Knox County is joining the City of Knoxville and other sponsors in two important recycling events next weekend. On **Friday, November 14th**, our local celebration of **America Recycles Day** will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Market. The event is designed to enhance public awareness about the importance of recycling. It coincides closely with the recent launch of the Knox County Green Team, an employee-driven initiative that promotes recycling and energy efficiency. Other event sponsors are ALOCA, the Knoxville Recycling Coalition, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, University of Tennessee, Waste Connections of Tennessee, and Green Mountain Coffee. Contact the Knoxville Recycling Coalition at 525-9694 or check out their website at www.knoxvillerecycles.org.

On **Saturday, November 15th**, the County and City Solid Waste Offices and the County Health Department are participating in a **medication collection event** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at K-Mart on Kingston Pike. This event is to help ensure proper disposal of unused medication and

offers an opportunity for residents to turn in unwanted, outdated prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines on a no-questions-asked basis. Also on hand will be members of the City Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, UT Academy of Student Pharmacists, and the Knoxville Police Department.

If you can't attend the event, you can take old medications to the Knoxville Police Department Safety Building located at 800 Howard Baker, Jr. Avenue.

"Knoxville Remembered" calendars available now

Give a gift of Knoxville's history

Knox County Public Library's 2009 calendar, "Knoxville Remembered" is now on sale. This one-of-a-kind calendar features images from the McClung Digital Collection and the Beck Cultural Exchange Center that offer a glimpse into Knoxville's past. See how Knoxville's architecture, entertainment and fashion have evolved over the last hundred years through these captivating photographs.

The cover features a photograph of the Emporium Building from July 1927. Other pictures include the University of Tennessee Football Team's picture from 1924, Federal Judge Hastie's South Knoxville childhood farmhouse from around 1912, and even children from November 10, 1947 posing in the Children's Room of Lawson McGhee Library. The photographs are all from the first half of the 20th century.

Calendars are available for \$10 at any library location. Checks can be made payable to the Friends of the Knox County Public Library. Proceeds benefit the Knox County Public Library. Contact any library location for more information. In addition to all Knox County Public Library locations, calendars will also be available at the Museum of East Tennessee History. There are a limited number, so act quickly!

Join us in our efforts to make Knox County *A Great American Community*. **Become a part of the conversation.** Tell us about our programs and services that are working for you, and the ones that aren't. **Support our teachers** and the great work they are doing to educate our children. **Get involved** with the workforce development effort. **Participate** in the great events our libraries and parks departments offer, like the summer reading challenge and the Second Saturday at the Cove concert series. County government starts with you, the citizen, so **join in!**

Sincerely,

Mike Ragsdale, County Mayor
Knox County, A Great American Community

of which are in the eastern part of the County:

- Bonny Kate
- Corryton
- East Knox County
- Gap Creek
- Sunnyview
- West View

To volunteer, call 215-4770 or fill out an application online at the [County website](#).

Suggestions or comments?

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