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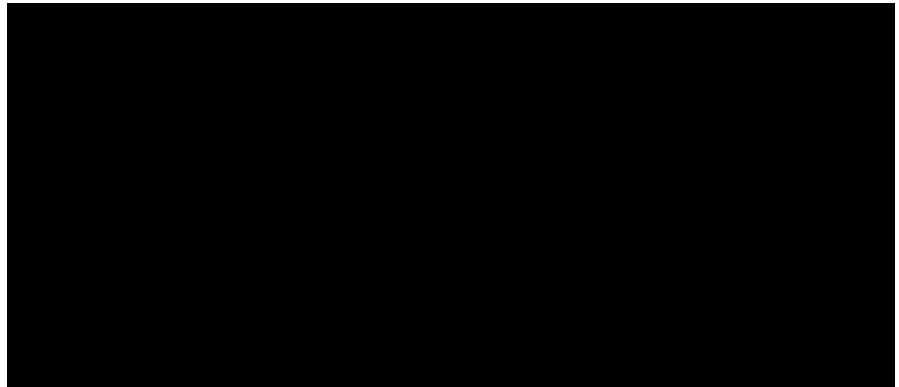
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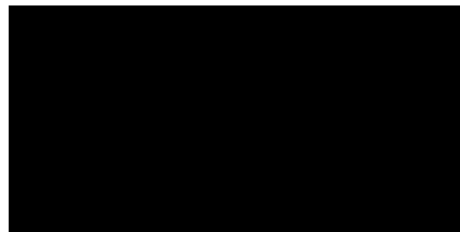


*Administration Director Ellen Adcock, Animal Center Director Randy Keplinger and city Special Projects Manager Kathy Darnell pause during the busy afternoon marking the Animal Center groundbreaking.*

Mayor Victor Ashe and Knox County Executive Tom Schumpert joined other dignitaries and hundreds of animal lovers for the groundbreaking celebration of the Knoxville-Knox County Animal Center on Sunday afternoon, June 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 3111 Division Street.

"We wanted individuals throughout the city and county to help us celebrate. This was an important milestone in our cooperative success to address animal welfare," said Mayor Ashe. "We invited everyone to bring their family, friends *and* pets."

"Even in its temporary facility, the animal center has made tremendous progress in



*A participant demonstrates his agility.* dealing with animal overpopulation," said County Executive Schumpert. "We look forward to the building of our new \$3.1 million center, with approximately 20,000 square feet. We wanted all interested Knox Countians to

be involved literally 'from the ground up,' as they joined us in the groundbreaking."

Highlights of the festive afternoon included dog agility demonstration, border collie sheep herding demonstration, canine law enforcement demonstration as well as AC Pet Placement Partners and their rescue animals and balloon animals, magic tricks, and face painting.

The project manager is the Public Building Authority and Rentenbach Contractors is the construction manager.

The planning, architectural design and engineering consultants are the team of Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon and the nationally recognized animal center design firm of Gates, Hafen and Cochrane Associates from Boulder, Colorado.

Other members of the BWSC team include the Knoxville-based firms of Corporate Interiors, Hall Communications and Marshall & Company Architects.

Opening on January 1, 2001, the animal center received almost 12,000 animals during calendar year 2001.

Adoptions are available at the location on Division Street as well as the two Knoxville Pet Supplies Plus, 4856 Harvest Mill Way (off Broadway in Fountain City) and 7101 Kingston Pike.

# Mayor's Message



I had hoped that in delivering my monthly message that I might be able to remark on the state budget resolution, but as of yet, there is none. I fear what the situation is as you read these words. I have been truly disappointed in what has been going on in the legislature.

For example, the recent House Finance Committee hearings have been part for show and part for real. Clearly some testimony as to cuts was designed to inflame public sentiment needlessly because the legislature could have marked where cuts will and will not occur. Additionally, when Transportation Commissioner Bruce Saltsman says mass transit will be cut, he wants to protect the asphalt industry and let low income folks who ride the bus suffer. These sort of scare tactics are reprehensible and, of course, the legislature can step in and halt it by writing the appropriate language.

Parks need not be closed if the legislature would enact a fee system for the parks as many other states have.

I am one person who believes the state does need more money and competent management as well. The sales tax should be extended to items not now covered. The cap should be lifted. The gas tax should be increased with the extra cents going to schools and other important concerns.

However, the local option for revenue which cities and counties have should not be toyed with or suspended for one year which will become many years.

On a more positive note, I was happy to participate in the groundbreaking of the Knoxville-Knox County Animal Center. This is a clear example of how city and county government can work together to address a need in our community. In our prior arrangement with an animal welfare agency, taxpayers' money was not being put to good use and even more money was demanded. We (the city and county) simply realized we could do a better job. Having a well-run animal center certainly contributes to our goal of making Knoxville cleaner and safer.

# News About People

## New Hires

- Harry E. Backhurst, Public Service Worker I
- Tracy Lea Berry, Animal Control Officer
- Benton R. Bettge, Automotive Service Worker
- William H. Clark, Jr., Public Service Worker
- Reece E. Davis, Automotive Service Worker
- Jeffrey Adam Jennings, Guard
- Robert D. Jones, Public Service Worker I
- Jonathan Lee Parris, Transportation Officer
- Kathy L. Shrader, Office Assistant I
- Charles M. Webb, Jr., Public Service Worker II

## New Hires, Firefighters

- Russell E. Acuff
- Scott E. Ambs
- Keith G. Amos
- Keith A. Booker
- Randall S. Bowman
- Stephen M. Davis
- Eric D. Farmer
- Freddie C. Franklin, Jr.
- Stanford D. Franklin
- William C. Glenn
- Justin L. Goehring
- Peter-John Hayes
- Pamela S. McKittrick
- Robert W. Medders
- James R. Morsch
- Pete A. Osborne
- Rodney C. Phipps
- Ryan W. Reagan
- Jason A. Roark
- James B. Rogers, Jr.
- Brent A. Roth
- Curtis D. Scott
- David L. Wear

## In Memoriam

- Roy Walden, Equipment Operator II

## Promotions

- Nancy Heatherly Curnutt, Pension Board Supervisor
- Daniel R. French, Firefighter
- Lewis Richard Gilbreath, III, Equipment Operator II
- Ricky Wayne Loveday, Firefighter

## Promotions, Police Officers

- Renee Elizabeth Carter
- Rhett Jackson Carter
- Stanley F. Cash, II
- Lynette D. Clay
- Richard Keith Dixon, II
- Michael Benjamin Fowler
- Glenn Todd Greene
- John Anthony Holmes
- Jess Brady Humphrey
- Shawn Eric Peoples
- Samuel Paul Shaffer
- Bonnie K. Solomon
- Christopher Adam Stephens

## Service Recognition

- 10 Years
  - Donald Richard Emmett, Jr., Engineering
- 30 Years
  - Reed P. Campbell, Police
  - Herchel J. Dixon, Finance
  - Barry L. Hill, Police
  - Richard J. Laurent, Police
  - Will E. Miles, Jr. Public Service
- 35 Years
  - Billy R. Bright, Engineering
  - Boyd H. Collins, Fire

## Retirees

- David E. Battershell, Auditorium/Coliseum Guard
- Pat E. Cureton, Fire Assistant Chief
- Paul O. Hayes, Master Firefighter
- Donald W. Roth, Fire Officer

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## **KPD Warehouse Warrior Winners**

Members of the Knoxville Police Department recently participated in the taping of an episode of DIY's *Warehouse Warriors*. The three-member police officer team from the Knoxville Police Department competed against a three-member team from the Huntsville, Alabama, Police Department. Both teams were invited to the Knoxville studios of the DIY Network on March 22, 2002. The teams were given an assignment to design and build two unique versions of the same structure. Previous projects have included a doghouse, patio furniture, gazebo,

entertainment center and a boy's bed. The two police teams were asked to build a girl's playhouse.

After several hours of designing and building their structure, a panel of three judges named KPD's the winning team. Each member of the winning team received a gift certificate from Sears.

The KPD team members included Officers Russ Saylor, Rick Eastridge and Sgt. Keith DeBow. This was the officers' first time competing in a competition that tests their building skills.

*Parks and Rec's Maureen Tipton and Cagle Terrace recently hosted an engineering public meeting regarding sidewalk and greenways improvements. Robin Hodges and Sandy French register visitors.*

### **Officers Nab Kidnapping Suspect**

Mayor Victor Ashe and Police Chief Phil Keith recognized four officers for their help in the arrest of a kidnapping suspect and the safe return of her two-year-old male victim.

On May 11, 2002 the E-911 center received a call from the Oak Lawn, Illinois Police Department looking for help in locating a kidnapping suspect. The Illinois Police agency had uncovered information that suggested the suspect and her victim may be staying at the Nations Best Motel on Kingston Pike. Four Knoxville Police Department officers were dispatched to investigate.

Officers Tammy Bowman, Joe Austin, Bobby Maxwell, and Jafar Flemming were able to track down the suspect and the child. The suspect was taken into custody and the child was returned to the legal guardian.

As a result of the officers' quick action, the Oak Lawn Police Department has awarded the officers with special commendations. The commendations praise the officers' dedication to their duty by ending this ordeal quickly and peacefully.

Chief Keith said, "Without the officers' quick action this suspect would have continued on the run. This arrest allowed the child to be returned home to its rightful guardian. These officers are deserving of this special recognition."

The suspect taken into custody, Michelle Bernard, was extradited to Illinois where she will face charges.

### **"Play All Day" Is The Way To Pay For Downtown Fun**

Here's your chance to enjoy it all and support a good cause, too! The Volunteer Landing Business Association has gotten together and sharpened their pencils to develop the "Play All Day" pass for \$24.95.

Groups involved include Three Rivers Rambler, Tennessee Riverboat Company, Paddleboats and Aquacycles at Volunteer

stretch your fun from July 21 to August 10.

Get a fast start on the fun with the Volunteer Landing Ice Cream Sundae Sunday on July 21 from 2-5 p.m. All kinds of frozen treats will be served at the Volunteer Landing, and come back during the weekend of August 2-5 for the Arts and Culture Alliance Market Days. During this time performing artists, visual artists and Arts & Culture Alliance member exhibitors will be throughout the Volunteer Landing attraction area with fun for all! Bring all of your friends family . . . there's plenty of free parking and lots to do!!

***"So many activities, most will need more than one day to use the entire pass!"***

***Liza Zenni, Executive Director,  
Arts & Cultural Alliance***

Landing Marina, James White's Fort, Blount Mansion, Gateway Regional Visitor Center and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

This represents more than a 50% discount off regular admission. This is a great opportunity to support the Arts and Cultural Alliance and enjoy the attractions of Volunteer Landing . . . even it takes you more than one day to do it all.

Go for an overdose of fun and try to everything in one day or take your time and

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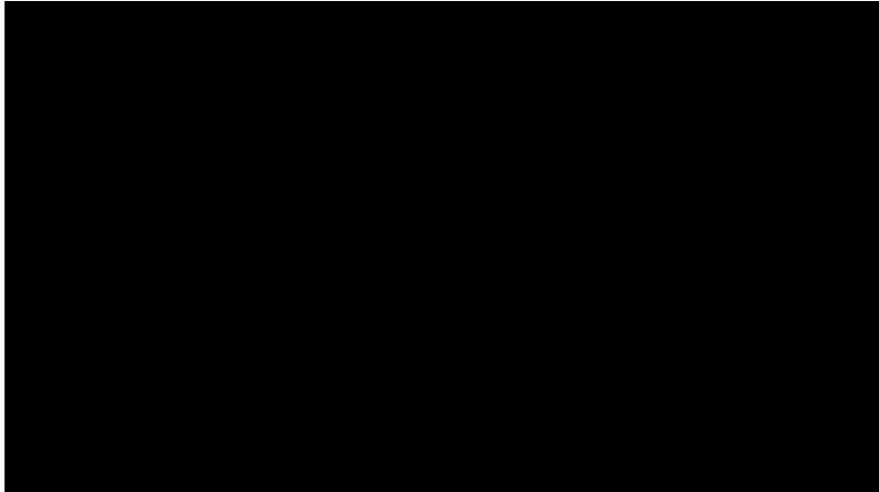
***Thanks to the many city employees who have joined Team Knoxville in support of the 35,000 visitors with us for the AAU Junior Olympic Games.***

***Still want to help? Call Valerie Coleman at 215-4163 or Lisa Richardson at 522-3777.***

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***When asked what he thought about when he struck out, Babe Ruth said, "I think about home runs."***

# City Employees Impact Market Square Plans



*Among many city employees attending the Market Square meetings were Special Events' Mickey Foley (center with arm extended) and Public Service's Buddy Harrell (to her right).*

The activity level on Market Square Mall was high during the last week in June, but it wasn't just from the great music streaming from the Air Force Band at Thursday noon-time, Sundown in the City performers on Thursday evening or even the squeals of delight from the children enjoying Mayfield's

ice cream giveaway on Friday. Much of the bustle surrounded the development process of the first phase of Kinsey Probasco and Associates' Market Square Mall plan.

On Monday City Council approved the \$8 million contract that would authorize Kinsey Probasco & Associates to start three

major initiatives, plus authorize the firm to coordinate development with Market Square property owners. Kinsey Probasco subsequently held planning sessions on Thursday and Friday in the old Watson's Building on the square.

Along with design proposals and usage ideas, the developers heard the good, the bad and sometimes the ugly from a number of city employees participating in the process. Public restrooms misuse, rain runoff, storage space for city supplies as well as water and power availability were among the many "unglamorous" but necessary topics that some of the dozen participating city employees addressed. Public service employees Allen Graham, Bob Barker and Buddy Harrell and engineering's Steve King were constructive in the practicality aspects of the proposals.

Kinsey Probasco committed to having the final plans finished by the fall with new staging, landscaping, reconfiguration of Krutch Park as it relates to Market Square and Gay Street, along with other amenities completed by the spring.

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