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Late '25 goal for N. Watt Publix

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It's official — Publix will be opening in Westerly Commons shopping center at the corner of North Watt Road and Kingston Pike in Farragut.

"As Publix announced earlier in the week, Schaad Companies, LLC (owner) and CHM, LLC (development manager), are pleased to announce the future development of Westerly Commons on property owned by the Schaad family for decades, at the northwest corner of Kingston Pike and Watt Road in Farragut," announced Budd Cullum, partner/president of CHM, LLC./Cullum Properties Inc.

The construction crew has yet to break ground.

"We hope to begin site preparation work in the next 30 days," he added, noting the tentative schedule to open the store would be late 2025.

Along with Publix, Cullum said there will be 10,000 square feet of small shop space and one to two out-parcels as well.

"The Publix and 10,000 square feet of (other) shops will have 278 parking spaces, not including the future out-parcel," Cullum said.

While there is leasing interest, he said there are no other tenants to announce yet.

"I think, with the residential growth in the area, combined with Publix's superior operations, this store should be very successful," he added. "I think everyone in the West Farra-

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Splashed at The Pad



Brandon L. Jones

The start to a gorgeous weekend in Farragut was enjoyed at McFee Park's Splash Pad Saturday, June 15, where John Blosser tries to put the 90-plus-degree day on ice running through the water jets in a sparse piece of shade. (See related story and additional photos in Community, starting on page 2B)

8-court Pickleball plan for Mayor Bob Park

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After months of waiting for a solution to its courts, Farragut and area pickleball players got some good news.

Of the \$17.6 million approved for in Capital Investment Program projects in its 2025 budget, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved funding for a new, lighted pickleball facility at Mayor Bob Leonard Park during the Board's meeting Thursday, June 13.

Furthermore, they approved a \$110,000 contract for professional services to design the courts and parking to Ross/Fowler, a Knoxville architectural firm.

Last year, Brass Lantern subdivision residents sought a solution to the noise emitting from the pickleball courts at McFee Park. The Town responded by closing the four courts.

Pickleball players reacted by showing up in force to a Board meeting to plead for the courts to re-open. After a Nov. 29 meeting between the subdivision residents and pickleball players, it was agreed the pickleball courts would remain closed with the provision there would be new pickleball courts at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.

"Pickleball has been a well-discussed topic in our community, in the Parks and Athlet-

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Town Budget OK'd, but greenway issue hot topic; lawsuit threatened

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Despite objections from a few residents on hand, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, in a 4-1 vote, approved its 2025 budget, which included the \$500,000 allocation for the Turkey Creek greenway expansion and road improvements, on final reading during its meeting Thursday, June 13.

While Alderman David White voted against the motion to approve the budget with the Turkey Creek project funding, Mayor Ron Williams, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and Aldermen Drew Burnette and Scott Meyer voted for the motion.

"I'm fine with keeping the Turkey Creek greenway and road improvements in the budget," Meyer said. "If we have to take it out later because of legal matters, then we'll take it out there."

"My thought is this has always been a road project; with it comes along what we've always done, and

that's a sidewalk or walking trail," the mayor said about the greenway and road project. "The curve (on Turkey Creek Road) is a dangerous curve. In the afternoons it's a blinding, (with) sun in your eyes. It's something that homeowners down there are aware of."

Contesting the greenway funding at the meeting included Randal L. Roberts, who is seeking the Ward II (South) Alderman seat opposing Burnette in the upcoming election.

"I'd like to address the matter concerning Farragut's proposed spending of an estimated \$2.5 million to put a 1,600-foot sidewalk on Turkey Creek Road," Roberts said.

"In all reality, by the time it's built, it's going to look a lot more like \$3 million," he added. "First off, is this really needed? For all the times I've been down that



White

road, not once did I see anyone walking in that area.

"It's doubtful that we'll ever generate the pedestrian traffic that would warrant that type of expenditure. It's another one of those things that was built on paper, but in reality is it really needed, especially with the costs involved?"

Although Burnette voiced mixed feelings on "being on the fence" on the greenway project and wants a legal opinion, he went ahead and voted in favor of the budget and its funding for that project, saying, "This (\$500,000 for the greenway expansion) being added to the budget shouldn't, in my opinion, trigger a lawsuit.

"I don't know how we would be sued just by adding this in the budget," he added. "It keeps it in there, and then we could have a legal opinion."

"(The project) may not even make it through the Planning Commission, but if it does, then we would have something to consider later."

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Town, Knox County Early Voting July 12-27

Farragut and Knox County Early Voting times and days run from Friday, July 12, through Saturday, July 27, for the County General and Town of Farragut non-partisan elections, plus state and federal primary elections, all ending on Election Day Thursday, Aug. 1.

• List does not include times for either Karns Senior

Center or Meridian Baptist Church (south). Watch for local election locations in our June 26 issue:

- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, July 12
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13
- (City-County Building, Downtown Knoxville, is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 13)
- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, July 14, through

- Thursday, July 18
- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, July 19
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20
- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, July 21, through Thursday, July 25
- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, July 26
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27.

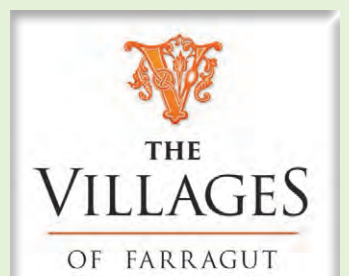


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Pickleball

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ics Council and at this Board level,” Town Parks and Recreation director Ron Oestreich said. “You know our history; you know our challenges with the courts at McFee.”

“When Mr. Oestreich reached out to us, we ... prepared the concept drawing you see on the screen,” said David Craig, principal for landscape architecture with Ross/Fowler. “We think that there may be another concept or two that you might want to consider ... to explore alternatives for that layout.”

Meanwhile, Brass Lantern resident George Ellis praised the Board for its action.

“We have asked noise levels to come down by moving or eliminating noise-provoking sports games and seeing new pickleball courts being planned for (MBLP at) Watt Road,” Ellis said. “It’s another step in the right direction the Town has taken.”

“Pickleball players get more

courts; we, in the area, get quieter yards, and we can actually use our back porches again. It’s a win-win.”

“After much discussion over the past year, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has directed staff to begin the design process for building an eight-court, lighted pickleball complex with an adjacent 25-vehicle parking lot at Mayor Bob Leonard Park,” Oestreich said. “This new complex will be located in the southwest corner of the park, where grass rectangle Field 6 is currently located.”

“The entirety of this design proposal also includes the moving of the field lights from the west side of Field 6 to the west side of the adjacent rectangle Field 5,” the Parks and Rec director added.

“The proposed Design Firm, Ross/Fowler, will provide the following for this project, as specified in the proposal and attached AIA contract: conceptual designs, construction documents, project bid and construction administration.”

KCSO reports

• **At 8:33 p.m., Friday, June 7, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff’s Office Teleserve Unit to report theft of services from the CM Chicken, 115 Brooklawn St.**

Complainant said “three listed unknown suspects dined in the restaurant, ordered \$80 worth of food and left around (8:15 p.m.) without paying,” the report stated. “Complainant advised the suspects left in a white Honda.”

• **At 3:47 p.m., June 7, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft from McFee Park, 917 McFee Road.** Complainant reported a purse, with a debit card and credit card, vehicular keys and driver’s license “were sitting under a bucket hat, on a table, at the park,” the report stated. Value of loss was listed at \$385. “Complainant said she saw the listed items under the hat around (2 p.m.), and noticed around (3:15 p.m.) they were no longer there. The complainant advised she will speak with her bank and cancel the cards.”

• **At 10:13 p.m., Monday, June 3, officers were dispatched to Village Veterinary Clinic, 11301 Kingston Pike, in reference to a suspect/**

arrestee “laying in the grass of the business with his butt out in view of the public,” the report stated.

“Officers made contact with the arrestee, and while speaking to the arrestee his eyes were pinpoint, and advised officers he smoked meth yesterday,” the report further stated. “The arrestee then retracted his statement by saying it was last week and was unable to tell officers when exactly he smoked last. The arrestee then became belligerent with (reporting officer) by stating ‘it is time to scuffle since you’re an officer.’ I took the arrestee into custody without incident, and he (was) transported to the Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility to be booked.”

• **At 3:56 p.m., Sunday, June 2, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve unit to report theft from a Lanesborough Way residence.** A complainant reported he let the suspect, his friend, enter his home and use his restroom. Complainant advised that during this time, the suspect stole his wallet, which held his driver’s license and several credit cards and debit cards (\$120 value).

New Publix

From page 1A

gut/Dixie Lee area will be extremely excited.”

The grocery chain’s building

will be 48,387 square feet.

The Turkey Creek Publix in Farragut will remain open, according to Cullom, adding the new store “will be slightly larger, but similar.

“However, Publix constantly innovates with certain new features on new stores.”

There will be no gasoline station nor car charging station, initially.

Towncalendar

• **Visit Farragut is presenting a bluegrass concert, free of charge, on the summer solstice from 6 to 8 p. m., Thursday, June 20, at Founders Park at Campbell Station, 405 N. Campbell Station Road.**

Performers for the concert will be Brand New Box of Matches, who “deliver classic country-inspired acoustic-roots music with a modern twist,” a VF press release stated, along with Tim Decker and Tennessee River, whose mission “is to preserve bluegrass music.”

Food trucks will be onsite for the event, and yard games will be set up for an evening of family fun.



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Letter to the editor

Sound off at FMPC not to reduce traffic lane widths

This Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m., at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestown Blvd., the Farragut Planning Commission will vote on the Farragut Mixed-Use Town Center Vision Plan.

This, if approved, will go to the Mayor and Aldermen — and if approved in that body, this will become an ordinance.

This is the next-to-last item of a very long agenda. This is so important, it should be heard in a Special Call(ed) meeting as the only agenda item.

Farragut residents need to know this vote will approve tree-filled medians in the middle of Concord Road, Campbell Station Road and Jamestown Boulevard. It will reduce traffic lane width at Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road. Residents have been vocal they do not want this.

It is very important that residents come to this meeting and speak. There are serious problems with this plan that should be removed.

Lawrence Segrest, Farragut

Special Letter to Editor candidate advocacy alert

Announcement that Wednesday, June 26, is the last issue in which a Letter to Editor could be published favoring a candidate seeking elected office (on the ballot through Thursday, Aug. 1), which would run in our Wednesday, June 26, issue.

There is a 600-word max, with no letter running that attacks any candidate. Deadline to submit is noon, Monday, June 24.

There is a minimum two-week period between the final published letters touting a giv-

en candidate and the beginning of Early Voting (Friday, July 12), with one exception:

Should such a letter (June 26) mention issues that his/her opponent(s) would consider reflecting negatively on their opponent, that candidate could respond in our Wednesday, July 3, issue only (no later).

Also, that opposing candidate herself/himself must be the one to respond — no campaign official, relative, supporter, etc — and the letter must ONLY clarify his/her position on the

issue brought up by the opponent: no other issues or touting your candidacy would be allowed for expression.

presstalk

In 2021, we were told that vertical mixed-use was not viable in our Town Center area because we would need a parking garage.

Now, the Town Center Vision Plan (up for vote by the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission this Thursday, June 19), includes a line item titled: "Build a municipal parking deck adjacent to Biddle Farms Development (330 spaces)."

The Town is the responsible party. Why was a parking structure not viable then but it is now? Who knew this was part of the plan?

- **Presstalk rules:** keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 865-671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week);
- keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@farragutpress.com);
- libelous and malicious comments will not be published; profanity will be edited out;
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Milestone Montage makes memories

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Jamie Mikol of Farragut launched a home-based business, Milestone Montage, LLC., last month to make special events more memorable.

"Milestone Montage is a service where I create custom video montages to be shown at special events or gatherings," said Mikol, who also has been a writer for Knoxville Moms website for five years. "It basically just allows the guests to go down memory lane with whomever's being celebrated."

"I can use pictures or video," she added. "I can take it either already digitized or I can also take hard-copy pictures and VHS or VHS-C tapes."

Mikol can create montages for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement parties, college or high school graduations, open houses, awards or special recognitions and business milestones, such as anniversaries.

"Any event where you have a large group gathering, and you want to go down memory lane (to take a) journey to this moment," she said.

Regarding montages for funerals or memorials, "if it's a quickly planned funeral, that's not enough time for me to truly put together a meaningful package," she said. "But some people have celebrations of life that are planned out into the future, and I can do something. I just ask to have all the materials at least one month before the event."

Mikol started the business because "I wanted the flexibility of being readily available to my kids, but I also love celebrating the big moments, the big milestones, in our lives," she said.



Mikol

"And, I want to help people celebrate those when they get together with those important people in their lives," Mikol added.

Having gone to school for TV and film production, Mikol's passion was editing.

"This allows me to focus on just that part of production while fulfilling a need for people's milestone events," she said.

Before starting her business, Mikol was a stay-at-home mom for 10 years.

"Before that, I was in advertising," she noted.

With her youngest child going into kindergarten, "I kind of felt like I really needed to reignite a flame from within me while still fulfilling my own passion," Mikol said.

To learn more about Milestone Montage, visit www.milestonemontage.com

"All the information is there," she said.

FWKCC action for Bake that Dough; 'Joe's' Farragut Mixer

business briefs



Photos by Tammy Cheek

(Above) Bake That Dough co-owner Darien Stathakis (with scissors) joins her partner, Aaron Clure, to her left, as they cut the ribbon for the shop during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event at the new business, 10700 Virginia Pine Way, Suite 106, in Hardin Valley, Tuesday, May 21. Also on hand included Darien's parents, Diane Stathakis (to Darien's right) and Dean Stathakis (to Clure's left); Darien's sister, Dana, second from left; Clure's mother, Natalia Shultz (behind Darien); and employee Chloe Pocius, far left.



Shop Farragut/FBA welcomed Farragut businesses to mingle during a SF/FBA Farragut Mixer in Cotton Eyed Joe, 11220 Outlet Drive, earlier this spring. From left were Anita Dunford, owner of Knox Massage and Wellness, 11410 Kingston Pike; Candace Viox, owner of Water Into Wine bistro & lounge, 607 N. Campbell Station Road; John Volpe, founder of Southern Tequila & Taco Festival; Michelle Armstrong, mortgage consultant with OnQ Financial, 11911 Kingston Pike; and Michelle Austin, general manager of JCPenney, 11434 Parkside Drive. Shop Farragut will hold its next BIZ Mixer from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, at Hurricane Cycles, 138 West End Ave.

• **Covenant Health and Covenant Medical Group welcome Aaron G. Margulies, MD,** to Fort Loudoun Breast and General Surgery, a newly opened breast care and surgery center.

Margulies is board-certified in general surgery. He also holds diplomate certifications from the American Board of Surgery and the National Board of Medical Examiners.



Margulies

Margulies attended medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He completed his residency in general surgery at University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, and his fellowship in breast cancer surgery was at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute in Little Rock. He is accepting new patients.

• **Tennessee Society of CPAs recently announced the election of its 2024-25 Knoxville Chapter officers:** Lindsey N. Franks, CPA, of Crowe LLP, president; Jennifer M. Blackwood, CPA, of PYA, P.C., president-elect; Daria Cooper, CPA, of KPMG, LLP, vice president of education; Janna M. Lowther, CPA, of LBMC, assistant vice president of education; Grant Daugherty, CPA, of Pugh CPAs, vice president of membership; and Aaron O'Dell, CPA, of Kruggel Lawton CPAs, secretary/treasurer.

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Chase cuts ribbon in Town Center

Chase bank, 11242 Kingston Pike in Farragut Town Center, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Thursday, May 9. Front row, from left, includes James Vonderhaar (holding ribbon); Karina Tomera, private client banker; customer Sue Ashley; Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; Deidre Vonderhaar (with scissors), branch manager; and Samantha Vonderhaar (holding ribbon). Others on hand, in no order, are Kristy Lindstrom, associate banker; Asa Anderson, associate banker; Suzanne Schriver, a commercial banker; Dale Trezise, relationship banker; A.D. Lavalle, market director for Chase branches; Dan Lally, government banking; Ciara Perrin, private client banker; Mark Cassara, regional sales lead; April Ergenbright, associate banker; and Kevin Bhavsar, a lead associate of operations.



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Hot Topic

From page 1A

“We did reach out to other counsel to try to give us an opinion and give us some guidance on this issue,” Town administrator David Smoak said, with Town attorney Tom Hale having a conflict of interest in the matter. “That counsel has not had a chance to review it yet, so obviously it’s bad timing because we have the budget going on tonight.”

“... You can include it tonight and take it out if you find it’s something we don’t need to move forward on,” he added.

During a break in the meet-

ing, Hale confirmed he does have a conflict in that he has represented Shirley Harkins, one of three homeowner families represented by Knoxville attorney John Neal trying to stop the proposed greenway expansion through their yards.

Williams agreed the Board does need to get legal advice on the project. “I think that’s a good idea,” he added.

White detailed his opposition to adding the \$500,000.

“I think it’s not only ridiculous, it’s really asinine, really, to claim a greenway is going to be public transportation,” he said. “... What I see is some property owners who have

owned their property; they live there, they own it, they have a right to enjoy it. And we want to cross 25 feet into somebody’s yard and put a greenway for other people to walk and ride bicycles.”

White, who made a motion to approve the budget minus the greenway funding before it failed for lack of a second, said about the greenway’s path, “That’s not only unfair, that’s silly.”

Regarding the new state law, Povlin read Chapter 10:34, that was amended to state: “Public use does not include recreational facilities, recreational purposes or parks, private use

or benefit or the indirect public benefits resulting from high economic development and private economic enterprise, including increased tax revenue and increased employment opportunity, except as follows: A. The acquisition of any interest in land necessary for a road, highway, bridge or other structure, facility or project used for public transportation.

“The line item in the CIP, when we approved the budget on first reading ... reads, ‘Turkey Creek Greenway road improvements,’” she added.

“I read the new law,” Williams said. “The new law is

relevant to Parks and Rec., but if we weren’t fixing a road, I think it would be a different story, but we are fixing a road, so I think a legal opinion would go a long way on that.”

The Board’s vote came on the heels of opposing comments from Neal and several residents. “We’re going to get involved in a lawsuit,” warned Neal, who referred to a letter published in farragutpress Wednesday, June 12, and e-mailed to Board members detailing his project objections.

(More on a traffic spending consideration, mentioned at this meeting, and residents’ reactions in next week’s issue.)



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Member-Guest Day for 18-Hole Ladies at FDCC

Seventeen four-woman teams, divided into Sherlock Holmes Flight and Miss Marple Flight and playing an 18-hole 2-net low ball format, resulted in seven teams being recognized as top finishers during Fox Den Country Club's annual 18-Hole Ladies Club Member Guest Day, held Thursday morning and early afternoon, June 13.

Team results in Sherlock Holmes and Miss Marple are listed below their photos.

Putting Contest winners, Sherlock Holmes: member Kathy Jackson (2 feet, 9 inches) and guest April Rouleau (1 foot, 7 inches); Miss Marple: member Debbie Siddons (4 feet, 8 inches) and guest Kelly Aschenbrenner (5 feet, 8 inches).

Straightest Drive (Hole No. 8), Sherlock Holmes: Annette Stevens and Patty Manney; Miss Marple: Sandy Thompson and Jean Tenhulzen.

Closest to Pin winners (Hole No. 2), Sherlock Holmes: Stephanie Haywood (10 feet, 1 inch) and Katie Brinker (5 feet, 10 inches);

Closest to Pin (Hole No. 13), Miss Marple: Jean Tenhulzen (21 feet); Sherlock Holmes: Annette Stevens (15 feet, 11 inches).

As for helping to make the Member-Guest Day possible, special thanks went out during the post-event celebration in the FDCC main ballroom to 18-Hole Club member Linda Hopkins.



Photos by Alan Sloan

Sherlock Holmes Flight champions (129, 15-under total to par) were, from left, Stephanie Haywood, Katie Brinker, Whitney Childers and Beth Bader.



Sherlock Holmes Flight runner-ups (131, 13-under total to par) were, from left, April Rouleau, Julie Meier, Sharon Kelly and Annette Stevens. Kelly earned an eagle on Hole No. 17.



Miss Marple Flight champions (129, 15-under total to par) were, from left, Kay Hinkle, Sally Hedgepeth, Debbie Siddons and Ellen Reeves.



Sherlock Holmes Flight third-place team (134, 10-under total to par) included Brigina Wilkerson, left, and Carol Hornstra. Not pictured are Patty Manney and Missy Corcoran.



Miss Marple Flight second-place team (130, 14-under total to par) were, from left, Kim Matthews, Audrey Hodge, Chamie Riley and Manuela Davis.



Sherlock Holmes Flight fourth-place team (136, 8-under total to par) included, from left, Linda Trotter, Janet Kincaid and Kathy Metcalf. Not pictured is Rosemary Overton.



Miss Marple Flight third-place team (132, 12-under total to par) were, from left, Jean Tenhulzen, Sue Oh, Judy Strandquist and Mary LeMense.

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'Quest for Knowledge Summer Library Adventure' in Town June 27

STAFF REPORTS

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Knox County Public Library's Farragut branch will host "Quest for Knowledge Summer Library Adventure," with events including some scientific magic with retired chemistry teacher Dr. Al Hazari.

He will present "Fun with Forensics: Adventures in Chemistry" for children in fifth through seventh grades starting at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, June 27, in the Farragut branch library, 417 N. Campbell Station Road.

The event is free and open to the public. "I've been going to the Knox County Public Libraries for the past 25 years, mostly in June but sometimes in July," said Hazari, who taught for about 25 years and retired from the University of Tennessee nine years ago. "They asked me to visit at least half the libraries. There are 18 different branches for Knox County Public Libraries.

"I managed to get to all of them over the years," he added. "It's a lot of fun."

See HAZARI on Page 5B

"I've been going to the Knox County Public Libraries for the past 25 years, mostly in June ..."

-Al Hazari, scientific magician for children

From tots to teens, McFee Splash Pad a sure heat-beater

Scores of youth from all around enjoy cooling waters

BRANDON L. JONES

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When you're under a heat dome that nearly encompasses a quarter of the country — or at least will soon according to popular news and the feel of stepping outdoors — there are really only a handful of ways of really keeping cool. And kids are far better at it than adults.

Such was evident Saturday, June 15, at the Splash Pad in Farragut's McFee Park, where a load of kids splished and splashed the day away.

Now, genuine concern is being avoided here, just for anybody who wants to really knit-pick the particulars of serious temperature woes. The objective here is to highlight that kids fare far better at getting dressed to get absolutely-serious-fun-time-soaking-wet-drenched than adults, who simply try and look cool while dodging getting wet as kids run about, making staying dry impossible.

At least that was observed at the park, the welcoming refuge from the day's otherwise nagging heat.

One parent tried to look cool while his kids took every opportunity to give him hugs they'd otherwise avoid like the plague because they'd just gotten soaked by a bucket of water, one of the more popular attractions here, and wanted to come spread the love.

Kids playfully (but literally) will push one another out of the way for a chance to have these buckets, surely 15 feet in the air, drop their payloads on them.

Kids sometimes seem to think of cooler, brighter things than their parents, running around with the water guns those older should've brought, the hat the parents should've worn, and a change of clothes.



Photos by Brandon L. Jones

(Clockwise from left) Caroline Shorter enjoys getting soaked; a group of kids in the packed McFee Park get dumped on by one of the park's Splash Pad water bucket attractions; (clockwise from top left) twins Bailey and Quincy Wertz — down from Richmond, Virginia, to visit their grandparents — are hard at play with new pals James Turner and Ella D'Angelo at the Splash Pad in Farragut's McFee Park Saturday, June 15.

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A semi-tractor trailer load of food will be distributed from 8:30 a.m. until all food has been handed out. School supplies, gently used children's clothing and coats also will be given away. Any area residents in

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The tournament is a four-person scramble with morning and afternoon tee times available on Monday, July 8, at the private Tennessee National Golf Club outside of Loudon. Proceeds support CCS's ever-improving and growing ath-

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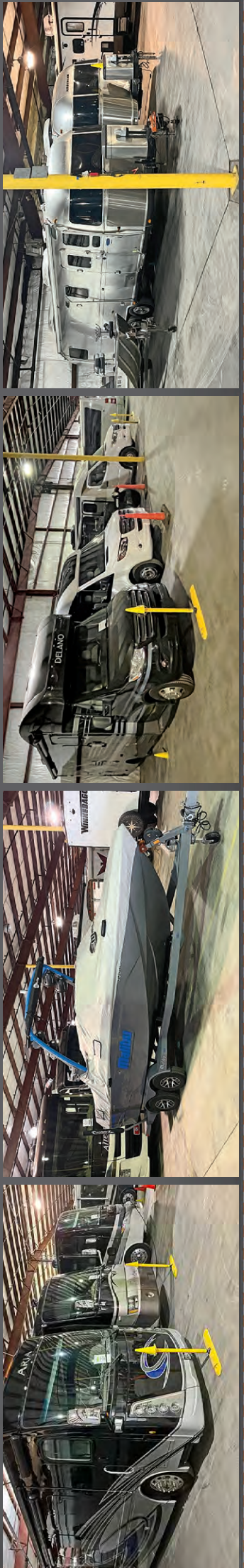
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• **Marble Springs State Historic Site, 11220 West Gov. John Sevier Highway in Knoxville, continues its 2024 programming season** with the next installment in its educational series, “Beyond Petticoats: Courage and Conviction in 18th-Century Women.”

This month’s event, “Un-

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Splash pad

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FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Farragut Community Center Medium Classroom
 Tuesday, June 25, 2024 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes for the May 28, 2024, meeting.
2. Selection of a new youth representative for the upcoming 2024-2025 program year.
3. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.
4. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Thrive Physical Therapy, located at 153 Brooklawn Street.
5. Review of a primary permanent ground sign for Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church, located at 725 Virtue Road.
6. Review of a primary permanent ground sign for Dollar General, located at 13024 Kingston Pike
7. Review of a primary permanent ground sign for Advance Auto, located at 13020 Kingston Pike
8. Staff report – status update, Town of Farragut Wayfinding Signage Program.

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA • June 20, 2024

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1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes for the May 16, 2024 meeting
3. Appointment of Youth Representative
4. Discussion of a Town of Farragut Wayfinding Schematic Design Plan (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
5. Request for approval for sidewalk and street improvements to Admiral Road and portions of Sonja Drive (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
6. Discussion and public hearing on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for Parcel 15402, Tax Map 130, west of the Cotton Eyed Joe’s, from C-2 to OD-RE/E, 3.1 Acres (Cox Universal Group, Applicant)
7. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for a new hotel concept for the property at 11320 Outlet Drive (formerly approved as a Skore Hotel), 4.34 Acres, Zoned OD-RE/E (Land Development Solutions, Applicant)
8. Discussion on an amendment to the development concept plan for the commercial portion of the Kingston Pike Village/Farragut Junction Planned Commercial Development (PCD) project at the southwest intersection of Kingston Pike and S. Watt Road (Daniel Smith, Applicant)
9. Discussion and public hearing on amendments to the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22 - Article 5. Driveways and Other Access Ways, Section 22-147. Traffic Impact
10. Discussion and public hearing on approval of the Town of Farragut Mixed Use Town Center Vision Plan (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
11. Discussion and public hearing on amendments to the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update involving the following locations: 1) Updating the land purchased by Knox County Schools off Boring Road to reflect a Civic/Institutional land use designation, 2) Updating the land purchased by the Town of Farragut off McFee Road to reflect a Parks and Recreation land use designation, 3) Updating the areas that are currently shown as Medium Density Residential and Low Density Residential south and east of the Ford property and the Park Place Subdivision to reflect a Very Low Density Residential land use designation, and 4) Updating the areas that are currently shown as Medium Density Residential along a portion of Concord Road to reflect a Low Density Residential land use designation in the northern portion and a Civic/Institutional land use designation for the Pleasant Forest Cemetery and the area abutting the cemetery to the north (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
12. Approval of utilities
13. Citizen forum

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Photo submitted

Hazari

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The programs usually feature a magician, a representative from Zoo Knoxville and "a scientist who thinks sometimes he's a magician. That's me — Dr. Al," Hazari said.

"This has been my thing to do — visit the public libraries and basically share with everybody (ages) 2 to 102 the joy of learning about science, learning about chemistry and just learning," he said.

Hazari will be conducting experiments that bubble and "magical tricks that are really science," he said.

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The event, hosted by Pinnacle at Turkey Creek and sponsored by Concord Veterinary Hospital, Zoomin Groomin, Zoom Room and Pet Super Market, treated dogs to pools and fans to cool off while their owners shopped for toys, treats and services and browsed the booths.



From left, Kasi Lawson with TVA Employee Credit Union, Ashley Lynch with Pinnacle at Turkey Creek and volunteer Karli Gardner



Katherine Clark, left, served by Casey Arwood of Concord Veterinary Clinic



Riverdog Bakery's Hawks family: from left, Conley, 15, Ridley, 11, and mom, Sonja



Angelica Hodges with golden retriever, Atlas



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Golden lab, Q, cooling off



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