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Concerns mount over greenways, property use and Town planning

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After hearing from Farragut Alderman Joe LaCroix during his March 11 Office Hours meeting, some residents raised concerns about how eminent domain could affect their properties and the Town's long-term direction.

Those concerns were discussed further during a March 18 meeting at the farragutpress.

"My concern is there are misrepresentations that the Town has made concerning this situation," said Shirley Harkins, a Turkey

Creek resident who is involved in an active lawsuit against the Town regarding eminent domain.

The lawsuit came about after the Town included Turkey Creek Road in its 2026 Capital Investments Program even though a lawsuit was filed to stop what residents perceived to be the threat of eminent domain. Knoxville attorney John Neal filed the complaint in Knox Chancery Court in July 2024.

According to the lawsuit, "... The Town has long planned for this condemnation. During this entire process the project has variously been identified as the

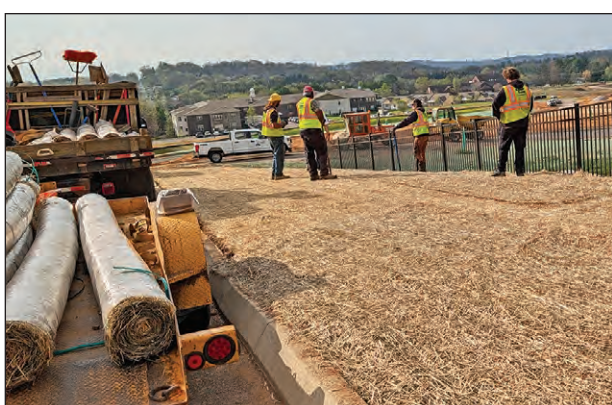
Turkey Creek Greenway Extension, the Turkey Creek Greenway Connector or the Turkey Creek/Brixworth Greenway Connector. As recently as March 28, 2024, the Town adopted a 2024 "Strategic Plan" in which it referred to 'funding for Turkey Creek Road Greenway Connection.' "There is not one document promulgated by the defendants, which suggests that there is any purpose for the project other than extension of the greenway. The proposal by the engineering firm engaged



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A paved walking path parallel to Turkey Creek Road, which starts at the Brixworth subdivision entry, comes to an abrupt stop a little less than a mile from the entrance.

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Construction on Stonemeade subdivision continues off Boring Road as developers prepare to start building houses this week.

Stonemeade, Boyd Station plans move forward

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Farragut Municipal Planning Commission can expect to see final plats for two subdivisions being built in the Town when it meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in Farragut Town Hall.

Russ Rackley, owner and engineer with Rackley Engineering, discussed the final plats for the Stonemeade subdivision off Boring Road and Phase 2 of The Grove at Boyd Station during a Farragut Municipal Planning Commission Staff/Planner meeting Tuesday, March 31.

The Stonemeade subdivision, which will be located just west of Baldwin Park subdivision and across from the new Farragut Area Elementary School currently under construction, will have 32 house lots and seven open-space lots.

"It was rezoned a few months ago to R-3 [Residential District], the same as Baldwin Park," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "So, it will probably be very comparable to the house floor plans and the general look and feel of this subdivision compared to Baldwin Park.

"The stormwater detention pond is in the southeast corner," he said. "They've got some walking trail connections into Baldwin Park in two locations and also down into Village Commons and a vehicular connection into Village Commons Boulevard.

"One thing we will do is set up a time next Monday to do the site inspection," Shipley added. "I was out there the other day, and it's a little further behind than The Grove at Boyd Station."

"I just went out there this morning ... they've got all the slopes matted and pretty much everything's backfilled," Rackley said.

"We've got open-space sidewalks scheduled for the end of the week, street signs for the end of the week," said Anderson Baker, development manager with Homestead Land Holdings LLC. "Everything should be done by the end of the week."

"We've got everything scheduled out and a really nice week to do this finish work that typically holds us up," said Brian Mohnney, president of Saddlebrook Properties. "The plan is that we shouldn't have a problem.

"The final grading was done yesterday," he

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Rain can't stop Easterfest



Photos by Jake Nichols

Thirteen-year-old Gio Menjivar reaches out to pet a llama at the First Baptist Concord "Easterfest."

Saturday, April 4, First Baptist Concord held its annual "Easterfest" on its campus at 11704 Kingston Pike. A brief rain poured during the afternoon, but people soon emerged from their umbrellas for a fun-filled afternoon with a petting zoo, inflatables and the long-awaited Easter egg hunt, as children snatched up a whopping 16,712 eggs on the Concord Christian football field. See more on page 5A.

Ken Carroll gives his grandson, 1-year-old Abe Carroll, a better view of First Baptist Concord's "Easterfest."



Growth, safety take center stage at GOP forum

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Concord Farragut Area Republican Club members heard from two candidates seeking Knox County Commission seats during a meeting Thursday evening, April 2.

Members also had an opportunity to ask questions of David Amburn, a candidate for Knox County sheriff.

Garrett Holt and Kimberly Glenn are running in the Republican Primary on May 5. Holt is seeking the at-large Seat 11 while Glenn is running for at-large Seat 10.

Holt, who grew up in Knox County, graduated from West High School and the University of Tennessee. He works in real estate and now is pursuing medical school while running for office. "It's not about the next

four years or the next eight; it's about what Knox County looks like in 10 or 20 years," he said. "My motto for this campaign is how we get proactive instead of reactive about maintaining what makes Knox County a special place to live.

"We're one of the fastest-growing communities, not just in Tennessee — we're No. 2 in the state — but in the United States," Holt added.

"People are attracted to this community.

"With that, we have a lot of growth demands being put on the county," he said. "That increases demands on our roads, infrastructure, educational system, EMS and safety services.

"As I look toward serving in this role, what we've done historically isn't necessarily the

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formula that works for Knox County moving forward," Holt said.

Glenn has served as communications director for the Knox County Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Tom Spangler for more than seven years.

"Public safety is near and dear to my heart," she said. "I care about all of Knox County. I will work hard; I will show up for you."

When asked whether she would recuse herself from a vote involving budget matters concerning the sheriff's office, Glenn said she would if necessary.

"If I feel like it's something

I need to recuse myself from, I will," she said.

When asked about their stance on raising taxes, neither candidate gave a direct answer.

"I can't answer yes or no because I don't know," Glenn said.

"That's a question I get asked all across the county — 'Are you for or against a tax increase?'" she said. "What I can tell you is for the first year, if elected, we're going to have time to do due diligence."

"You know our roads are in poor condition; you know our infrastructure is strained; you know we have an astronomical amount of growth," Glenn said.

"For the first year, we will be

working on this Commission's budget and the mayor's budget," she said. "We'll be working off someone else's budget for a year, and that gives us time to do our due diligence."

"I am eager to work with Commissioners, the mayor, other elected officials and the public to hear what you need," she said.

Amburn said one of the greatest challenges facing the sheriff's office is continuing to recover from post-COVID-19 staffing shortages.

"However, it wasn't just COVID," he said. "After COVID, it was a perfect storm. You had defunded police, bail reform, COVID and a new generation entering law enforcement — not just at the



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Knox County Commission candidates Garrett Holt and Kimberly Glenn shared their stories in Fruition Café Thursday evening, April 2. Holt is running for County Commission At Large Seat 11 while Glenn is aiming for the At Large Seat 10.

sheriff's office.

"We have a lot of challenges, especially with our pay scale," Amburn added.

He also cited maintaining the detention facility while continuing to ensure public safety as another major challenge.

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said. "The final stabilization is happening now. Open-space sidewalks will be done today (March 31) ... we should start building homes after Monday, depending on the Town inspection."

"You might see vertical homes in two months," Mohney added.

"About a week before Christmas, there was that strong wind that came through and blew down the trees," Baldwin Park resident Patrick McKerran said. "I was wondering if the trees would be cleaned up beside the greenways ... from Baldwin Park to Village Green."

"We'll take a look," Baker said.

"If we need to pick up the trees, we'll pick them up," Rackley added.

On a similar note, The Grove at Boyd Station, located off Boyd Station Road between McFee Road and Boyd Station Road, encompasses 15 lots on 16.15 acres.

"It's pretty small in terms of house lots," Shipley said. "There's a future phase here that will be attached single-family, and you'll have an access that lines up with another

phase over here.

"Of course, you've got the roundabout here on Boyd Station Road," he added.

The roundabout was part of road improvements to Boyd Station Road in an agreement between the developer and the Town.

Part of Boyd Station Road has been closed for improvements, including construction of the roundabout in front of the subdivision, since last year.

"The Town is sharing the cost of the road improvement with Saddlebrook," Town Communications manager Wendy Smith said. "The developer has done the work, and they are financially responsible for improving the road that fronts The Grove at Boyd Station."

"The Town is sharing the cost of construction of the roundabout and half of the road widening and the full cost for approximately 400 feet of roadway from the end of the subdivision to McFee Road," she said in a later interview March 31. "The good news is that Boyd Station Road is expected to be open next week."

"It's been a good partnership," Town engineer Darryl Smith said in the later interview. "We're glad it's finally done."

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from the Town by Wendy Smith

Town center at Biddle Farms cooperative kicks off with successful meeting

As the Communications manager for the Town of Farragut, one of my favorite things is being in the room when Town staff and members of the community decide to trust each other. When there's trust, productive things can happen.

This occurred recently when Community Development staff met with a group of Town Center at Biddle Farms business owners and managers. The goal of staff was to establish the Town Center at Biddle Farms Cooperative. The Cooperative would build relationships, share concerns, find solutions and coordinate events with the goal of making the Town Center a vibrant, connected commercial district. Visit Farragut, the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce (FWKCC) and the Farragut Business Alliance would also have a seat at the table.

After a discussion of the proposed purpose of the Cooperative, business owners spoke up. Brad Hamlett of Bradley's Chocolates said the store hadn't had the foot traffic they'd hoped for. Matt Trowbridge of SweatHouz complained about the Town's permitting process.

This honesty was the first step of the trust-building process. Community Develop-

ment director Mark Shipley said his department is working to reduce permitting delays by keeping owners and tenants informed during construction regarding issues that could impact the project timeline. Ideas then began to flow for how to attract customers to Biddle Farms. Visit Farragut representative Donna Spangler talked about plans to host special events in the Biddle Farms green space. FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock suggested hosting a "crawl" that would showcase multiple businesses with a walking event. Christina Rister from Anchor 934 Apartments (now 90 percent leased) said she could highlight Biddle Farms businesses and events in move-in packets.

"There's so much we can do together to make (Town Center at Biddle Farms) the vibrant space it was intended to be," Christina said. "This is a really exciting time for the Town."

The meeting ended with enthusiasm from all participants and a commitment to encourage other Biddle Farms businesses to participate in the Cooperative. The group will meet again soon to discuss a charter.

The magic ingredient of this successful meeting was

that participants felt heard. They were given permission to express concerns, and when they did, Town staff listened and committed to finding solutions. I predict this will lead to a successful public/private partnership.

Listening is one of the most important roles of local government and I look forward to future opportunities for the Town to participate in trust-building engagement.



Photo Town of Farragut

Ambassador of the Year



Photo Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Julie Blaylock, left, and FWKCC Board chairman John Volpe present Charlene Waggoner, director of commercial building solutions with City Wide Facility Solutions and farragutpress account executive, with the Ambassador of the Year Award during the Chamber's Speaker Series: Knox County Mayoral Candidate Luncheon, which took place in Rothchild Catering and Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Thursday afternoon, April 2.

Knox County Mayoral Candidate



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Knox County Mayoral candidates, from left, Beau Hawk, Betsy Henderson, Kim Frazier and Larsen Jay, responded to questions in a panel discussion for Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's Speaker Series: Knox County Mayoral Candidate Luncheon, which took place in Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Thursday afternoon, April 2. The event raised \$1,000 for Concord Adult Enrichment Services.

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- Gary Benson, Grand Marshal 2025 Knoxville Walk to Make Alzheimer's a Memory



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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my support of Alderman Joe LaCroix. Even before he was appointed alderman last year to fill the unexpired term of the late David White, Joe had promised to keep his constituents informed, and one way was to hold public meetings twice a month prior to upcoming Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings. He has kept that promise.

Additionally, Joe wrote a letter to the editor to the Farragut Press in March in which he was very positive and called for decorum and civility in the upcoming election. He wrote this letter in response to a citizen who complained to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen about perceived personal attacks against them. It is very clear that Joe was willing to entertain that notion and take action even though that person then went on to publicly attack Joe on social media for

doing exactly what they asked him to do.

Joe is an informed, caring and knowledgeable Alderman and candidate for the South Ward. As a former Town employee, he has a unique perspective on how the Town operates, and he has insider knowledge on how best to address and solve problems. Joe embodies the concept of a candidate who wishes to help and serve the Town, which is what should be the driving force of any campaign.

It is an all-volunteer, unpaid position to serve on the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and anyone who is brave enough to step up and serve should be supported and commended, not unfairly criticized by fellow candidates or anyone else who tries to run our Town from the sidelines.

Sincerely,
Michelle Hollenhead
Farragut

Concerns

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by the Town suggested three possible alternatives for the extension, one including only a minor 2-foot widening of the road in connection with the greenway work.

"Then, on April 24, 2024, the Tennessee Legislature replaced T.C.A. 29-17-102 with a new version that prohibits the condemnation of private property for "recreational facilities, recreational purposes or parks. ... (except for) (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 lawsuit stated. "... Suddenly, the Turkey Creek Greenway extension was no longer a greenway project. ... The Town promptly adopted a new budget that referred to the project as "Turkey Creek Greenway/Road Improvements." The mayor (Ron Williams) wrote an email on June 13, 2024, in which he stated that the project was "primarily to improve safety" on a "dangerous curve" and he referred to the greenway work as "sidewalk/trail extensions." "When the defendants met to consider the proposed budget, the mayor even stated that he had always thought of this as being a road improvement project," it stated. "In other words, the Town tried to evade the statute by renaming the 'Greenway Extension' as a road improvement project with related sidewalks. "Plaintiffs aver that this is essentially an effort by the defendants to defraud them by renaming the project while still accomplishing the long-intended seizure of their property for a greenway extension."

The statute to which the lawsuit referred was Senate Bill 1984 (2024), which restricts eminent domain for parks and recreational facilities. The

bill explicitly excludes recreational facilities, parks and greenways from the definition of "public use." But, the prohibition does not apply to projects necessary for public transportation, such as roads, highways and bridges.

Harkins said the Town did not have right-of-way in some cases and alleged engineering plans showed potential property impacts down to "the 100th of an acre." She also questioned the approval process for plans brought forward May 16, 2024.

"There was never any discussion," she said. "It was brought up for an up-or-down vote."

Residents also raised concerns about the feasibility of proposed greenway and road projects.

"There's massive quantities of rock that will have to be drilled out," Harkins said. "It would be extremely devastating to the first property."

Evans Road resident Greg Wiberley, a candidate who is currently running for South Ward alderman, said earlier proposals would have required taking part of his property.

"They wanted to take at least 20 feet of my property," he said.

Wiberley also questioned shifting project plans and feasibility, saying some routes were previously deemed "unconstructible."

"They're trying to take a country road and turn it into an urban streetscape," he said. "It's just not practical."

Tegwyn Pryse, also an Evans Road resident, expressed concern about impacts to her family property.

"That would be devastating for my mom to see," Pryse said.

Residents also cited concerns about tree removal, traffic changes, wildlife disruption and maintenance issues tied to greenways.

Harkins said a greenway near her property could create unwanted impacts.

"My front yard will become a big dog poop park," she said.

In response, Town officials said eminent domain is not the preferred approach but remains a legal tool when necessary.

"The first thing is we don't want to go to eminent domain," LaCroix said. "It's not our plan."

He explained the Town evaluates roads based on surface conditions and structural integrity before determining whether improvements are required. If upgrades are needed, engineers design plans based on topography, roadway classification and existing right-of-way.

"If we can put a road in within the current right-of-way, that's what we do," LaCroix said.

If not, the Town may need easements for drainage, slope or construction, he said. Property owners are approached with appraisals and negotiations before any further action is taken.

"There are four types of easements that we deal with: construction, drainage, slope and fee simple," LaCroix said, noting fee simple acquisitions involve purchasing property when necessary.

Town attorney Tom Hale said eminent domain is a long-standing legal authority.

"The Constitution of the United States allows the government to take people's property for public use, provided it pays market value," Hale said.

He added the Town historically has worked with property owners without litigation.

"We didn't have to file a lawsuit," Hale said. "We were able to reach an agreement."

Town administrator David Smoak said planned projects are intended to improve infrastructure and address drainage and slope issues.

"We're legitimately doing road improvement projects to benefit the public," Hale added.

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Shoplifting:

A complainant reported March 23 that two female suspects stole merchandise from Kohl's Department Store on Kingston Pike. The suspects selected multiple clothing items and exited without paying before leaving in a white SUV. The reported loss totaled \$491.

Attempted vehicle theft:

A complainant reported an attempted vehicle theft March 16 at a residence on Rifle Range Drive. The complainant stated she could not see the suspect well, just that they were in dark clothing. She identified it to be a man. He was driving a tow truck with no company name and attempted to remove a vehicle but was unable to do so due to limited space. The suspect left the scene.

Theft:

A West Knoxville resident reported March 28 that her daughter's iPhone was taken during an event at a school on Beaver Ridge Road. The device was later recovered after a man stated he found it in the grass and returned it to the victim.

Burglary:

A complainant reported March 16 that an unknown suspect entered a detached garage on Concord Road through an unlocked door and stole a lawn mower valued at about \$5,000.

Vandalism:

A West Knoxville man reported March 18 that an unknown suspect damaged a chimney at a home on Silver Spur Lane using a BB gun. The damage was estimated at \$200, and similar incidents were reported in the area.

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First Baptist Concord's annual "Easterfest"



Far left: The Filler children — Paxton, Blakely, Lainey and Makinley — huddle underneath an umbrella during a light rain shower at First Baptist Concord's "Easterfest" on Saturday, April 4.

Left: Members of the Waddell family huddle together as rain pours at the First Baptist Concord "Easterfest" on Saturday, April 4. From left to right are: Debbie and Aubrey Waddell, Acelyn Waddell, Brianna Waddell, Ike Waddell and Austin Waddell.

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Mary Grace Adams, 6, slides down an inflatable slide at the First Baptist Concord "Easterfest" on Saturday, April 4.

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Bringing a century of service to Farragut

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With more than a century's tradition behind it, First Century Bank has made Farragut its home at 130 Concord Road.

"I love it," FCB community outreach manager Shanna Browning said about the new location. "I think it's exciting for us as a bank. I love being able to expand."

"Our soft opening was Monday, April 6," Browning said. "At some point, we'll do a grand opening with a ribbon cutting."

Browning grew up in Knoxville, so "for us to continue to be present in the Knoxville area but also go a little further west for us is great," she added. "I love that we're growing and expanding, and I think [Farragut is] a great market for us to be in."

Browning said FCB president/CEO Rob Barger started looking at growing areas in which to expand. With its Farragut location, now it has 10 branches: Market Street in downtown Knoxville, Northshore Drive, Emory Road in Powell, Maryville, Sneedville in Hancock County, Harrogate, New Tazewell, its main branch in Tazewell and in Maynard-

ville in Union County.

"We just felt like that area in Farragut is really growing, and we just wanted to be part of that growing community," she said.

FBC is a full-service bank, able to handle transactions, open accounts, certificates of deposit, money markets, "any kind of account that [the customer] wants to open, we can open," Browning said. "We'll have a commercial lender and a consumer lender at that branch."

Currently, the commercial lender will be Jay Smith, who also will be working out of FCB's downtown branch.

"I've always told Rob Barger, our bank president, that I think what truly sets us apart is relationships and our customer service," Browning said. "We don't necessarily look at just being transactional; we want to be intentional and relational with our customers."

"We appreciate those friendships," she added. "Being from a rural community, we're pretty well-known on the north side of us."

"It could be in the Knoxville area or in the Farragut area — where there are a lot of other banks — you have to be set apart," Browning said. "You



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Serving customers at First Century Bank's new branch are, from left, are business development banker Riley George and relationship bankers Kaylee Braden, Jamie Duke and Justin Bowden.

don't want to be like everybody else.

"We really focus on being intentional with our customers because we see them out in the community," she said. "Where

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Farragut Culver's franchise owner opens new restaurant

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With locations in Cedar Bluff, two in Murfreesboro and Alcoa, Culver's owner Ron Dresen of Farragut expanded his restaurant franchise into Powell, opening that location at 112 W. Emory Road, Monday, March 23.

"We're excited to open and begin welcoming guests through our doors with the warm hospitality Culver's is known for," franchise owner Ron Dresen said. "When Powell and North Knoxville residents are looking for handcrafted meals cooked to order and tasty frozen treats, we'll be ready to serve them."

"I've been trying to get into Powell since I opened in [Cedar Bluff] Knoxville, and I opened in Knoxville in 2017," he said. "It's been a chore. We're excited though."

At the ribbon cutting on March 23, the Dresens welcomed the franchise's founder, Craig Culver, CEO/COO/vice president of operations. Known for its ButterBurgers

and frozen yogurt, Culver's originated in Sauk City, Wisconsin, serving fast-casual food cooked to order.

"Culver's Fresh Frozen Custard is handcrafted in small batches in-restaurant throughout the day and gets its legendary creamy decadence from high-quality, fresh Wisconsin dairy," a press release stated. "Guests can customize their frozen treats with more than 30 mix-ins and toppings."

Other guest favorites include chicken sandwiches and fresh garden salads. Side options include crinkle cut fries and Wisconsin cheese curds. Kids' meals are also available.

The Powell location will serve guests from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, apart from some holidays.

For more information, visit www.culvers.com, www.culvers.com/facebook, www.x.com/culvers or www.instagram.com/culvers.

Culver's donated a percentage of all sales that day to

Pedal for Alzheimer's, a local organization supporting those who are impacted by Alzheimer's, according to a press release.

And, to highlight the Dresens' support of education, the restaurant gave away free books to all children in attendance, the release added.

With five Culver's restaurants, "it's a challenge," he admitted. "We've probably got almost 550 employees now between the five."

Dresen, who moved to Farragut in 2003, has been a part of the Farragut community for more than 23 years. Before that, he and his wife, Anita, grew up in Wisconsin, about 45 minutes away from the first Culver's.

"I'm not a normal restaurant guy," Dresen said. "I didn't grow up in the restaurant industry ... I'm an engineer by degree. I ran heavy manufacturing companies for 25 years."



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Culver's franchise owner Ron Dresen, front row, far left, is joined by family members for the grand opening of his new restaurant in Powell.

But having grown up near the original Culver's in Wisconsin, he and Anita got married after the first one opened in 1984.

"I think Culver's has grown now to over 1,061 from a restaurant standpoint," he said. "It's grown steadily over

the years.

"Every time we went back to Wisconsin to see family, we kept seeing them on the road," Dresen said. "So, finally one day we decided we should look into it, and a year later, we got our first one built and opened up."

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Lady Ads dominate, improve to 8-0 in district

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Farragut High School entered this week as the only team with a perfect District 4-4A record, and the Lady Admirals kept that undefeated mark intact with a victory over McMinn County Monday night, April 6.

through its league schedule has included several lopsided victories; and before the Lady Admirals dismantled the Lady Cherokees, 14-1, Monday night, they made short work of Kingston Pike rival Bearden on Tuesday, March 31.

Farragut (17-4 overall, 8-0 in the district) routed the Lady Bulldogs, 10-0,

in five innings at BHS's Kim Hazelwood Field.

The Lady Ads got off to a quick start as they scored twice in the top of the opening frame as Hannah Grace Johnson came up with an RBI single. Johnson later came home as Rylee Raby reached on an error, making the score, 2-0.

It was a night of small

ball for Farragut, which had only one extra-base hit, a double by Raby. The Lady Admirals, however, collected 10 hits and took advantage of five errors. Farragut also was patient at the plate as they drew five walks.

FHS coach Nick Green would've preferred a bigger power display from his squad, but he certain-

ly wasn't going to complain about the apparent lack of style points.

"We put pressure on them and we did a good job running the bases. I did get one runner thrown out, but we're going to be aggressive," Green said. "We didn't club them like I would've liked, but we had hits and we had walks.

"And we took advantage of some things that they gave us."

Farragut also had six stolen bases in the contest and were retired in order only once, in the top of the fourth frame.

In the second, Farragut added three more runs and extended its ad-

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Brummitt boosts Ads in complete game shutout



Jake Nichols

Farragut pitcher Travis Brummitt Jr. (22) fires a fastball toward the plate against Rhea County on Monday, April 6, at the Ballpark at Farragut. Brummitt's heater worked for him throughout the night as he tossed a complete-game shutout in the Admirals' 7-0 win over the Golden Eagles.

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Travis Brummitt Jr. fired a fastball toward the plate, a red zero glowing on the scoreboard behind him.

He tossed six more goose eggs on the board throughout the evening, posting a complete game shutout in a 7-0 win over Rhea County on Monday, April 6.

It was a nice bounce-back for the Admirals, who moved to 7-0 in District 4-4A after losing to Lakeway Christian 5-0 last week.

But it also marked an impressive response from Brummitt Jr., who found his sweet spot under a cotton candy sky.

"Coming off my last start, I struggled a little bit and didn't have my best stuff," Brummitt Jr. said. "So it was good to come out and do what I needed to do."

The Pellissippi State signee was businesslike in his approach, setting down the Golden Eagles' first four batters. He gave up an error and a single before plucking 17 outs in the next 18 RCHS at-bats.

"To see him go a complete game and have his stuff late in the game is big for us," Farragut coach Garrett Copeland said. "He's continued to take strides in conditioning and stretching out games, and it's effective."

So was Brummitt's heater, which rendered Rhea County helpless throughout the night.

"Mainly 2-seam and 4-seam," Brummitt said. "Just beat them with it, and they didn't do anything with it until that last inning."

And even when the visitors did start to make contact, left-fielder Neyland Williams made a diving grab to close out the win.

Farragut saw a similar effect at the plate, going 12-for-27 as a team. Brummitt went 2-for-4 with 2 RBI, Cole Creasman finished 2-for-2 for 2 RBI and as many walks, and Braxton Tye posted a 2-for-3 outing with 1 RBI. Creasman had the biggest hit of the night, knocking a solo homer to center in the bottom of the fifth as part of an efficient night for FHS.

"Good approach," Copeland summarized. "I think we hit some balls hard, even ones we didn't get results on. Just trying to continue to stay in the middle of the field. First inning wasn't great but we got better from there."

Overall, it was a welcomed change for FHS, which traveled to Rhea County yesterday after its bounce-back Monday night.

"Last Thursday was like our 15th game in 17 days, so you could see they were a little tired," Copeland said. "They did a good job in resting and responding, and to get to 7-0 in the district is a good start. Still got things to work on, but they responded well."



Jake Nichols

Farragut's Grayer Dunagan prepares to make contact with a ball during a match against Bearden on Tuesday, March 31, at West Hills Park.

Bearden, Farragut trade narrow wins

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Longtime rivals Bearden and Farragut renewed acquaintances on the tennis court early last week at West Hills Park.

The two teams split a pair of matches on Tuesday, March 31, with the Lady Bulldogs edging the Lady Admirals, 5-4.

Farragut's boys won, 5-4.

The Lady Admirals were without several of their top players, who had prior academic commitments.

"That was our first loss of the season for the girls," Farragut coach Joan Swanson said. "We have players (on both teams), who are committed. We have the valedictorian and we have the salutatorian."

"We have chess masters and scholars. We had two tight matches and that just shows the depth of this team. We have nine seniors (combined), but we also have some young players who have stepped up. We have a talented team."

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Rivalry tilt highlights lacrosse slate

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Last Tuesday, March 31, Farragut took a 3-1 lead over Bearden in the second quarter of their rivalry match.

Unfortunately for the Lady Ads, that is about where their momentum stopped.

BHS outscored FHS 16-6 from that point on, claiming a 17-9 comeback victory to mark its first-ever win at Farragut, per head coach Dawn Coe.

"It was awesome," Coe said. "They worked hard, and we had a really slow start. It took us a while to get going and for us to really move the ball and get open, but we broke it open going into the sec-

ond half. For the younger ones to experience that and the ones who have been here fighting for it since they were in eighth grade, it was great. I was so proud."

Coe noted how impactful the team's chemistry has been toward its 7-3 record, having lost 10 seniors to graduation before starter Sarah Schaefer tore her ACL earlier this season.

"Some have had some experience, and I have some playing with no experience," Coe said. "They are locked in, they want to learn and have a fire about them. It's awesome to watch them come together."

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Wins

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The Lady Admirals won at No. 1 singles as Riley Turner (who normally plays in the No. 5 singles) defeated Claire Jenkinson, 8-3.

Farragut also won at No. 2 singles as Olivia Lu defeated Maggie Miller.

Bearden won at No. 3 singles as Emily Odom earned a victory. At No. 4, Farragut's Cindy Li defeated Addison Smith.

Bearden's Josie Chattin (No.5) and Sophie Perez (No. 6) notched wins.

In doubles, the Lady Bulldogs won in the No. 1 spot and at the No. 1 and No. 3 spots. The Lady Admirals won at No. 2 doubles.

In the boys match, Farragut's Leyton Lu defeated Nitin

Deshpande, 8-1. Bearden won at No. 2 as Yejoon Ham edged Grayer Dunagan, 8-5. The Bulldogs won at No. 3 singles as Tyler Gilday Skyler Meade, 9-7.

At No. 4: Farragut's Lukas Bukovsky notched an 8-4 win over Will Casciano 8-5. The Bulldogs won at No. 5 singles as AJ Pilant outlasted Kori Faulkner, 8-5. Bearden also won at No. 6 singles as Hudson Goodman defeated Albert Liu, 8-2.

Farragut won two of the three double matches.

Bearden coach Mary Watkins has been pleased with both of her teams this season.

"It's been good," she said. "The boys have already qualified for the playoffs, so we'll see what happens.

"We've seen a lot of improvement."

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vantage to 5-0.

Raby, who went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs, had a two-run single, and Jameison scored when Dajah Means reached on an error.

The Lady Admirals scored two runs in the third, extending their advantage to 7-0.

Taylor Albright reached on

an error, scoring Callie Brown and Raby drove in another run with a single, bringing home Albright, who was 2-for-3. She scored three runs.

In the fifth, Farragut scored three more runs to set up an early ending due to the TSSAA mercy rule.

Farragut pitcher Hudson Bradford posted a solid performance in the circle as she tossed a five-hit shutout. She

went five innings. She had nine strikeouts in the contest.

Bearden's Jenna Gonzales and Bailey Hauge had two hits in the game and Banjo Dunne doubled in the bottom of the first inning.

The Lady Admirals closed out the week with a 10-0 victory over Maryville in a non-district game on Wednesday, April 1.



Jake Nichols

Bearden's Taylor Brusseau (11) sprints away from Farragut's Samantha Casos (19) during a match between the Lady Admirals and Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, March 31. Bearden won 17-9, though both teams have clinched wins since then, too.

Rivalry

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On the same night as Bearden's West win, Farragut showed a similar fire in a 13-0 drubbing of Science Hill on Senior Night.

FHS coach Savannah Thomas came away impressed with her team's resolve, especially coming off the Bearden loss.

"There were a lot of tears, there were a lot of heads that immediately went down after the game," she said. "But we broke down what went wrong and how to fix it then had an additional captains meeting.

"They felt that loss unlike any other we've had this season. So I was extremely proud of their ability to pull their heads out of being so upset to coming out with a 13-0 win."

She also noted the impact of this senior class, specifically the senior captains — Amelia and Amadea Evans, Jane Danzo and Sirilla Cretton-Gilbert — as they have "far exceeded" Thomas' expectations.

"I've coached for over 10 years cumulatively, but this is my first time being a head coach for high school girls," Thomas said. "So this class holds a special place in my heart."

On the boys side, Farragut has suffered a couple close losses lately, albeit to teams that undoubtedly will help the team's mettle once the post-season rolls around.

FHS lost to Briarcrest Christian 10-6 on March 20 before losing to Baylor 8-7 in a double-overtime heartbreaker. But the Ads bounced back in a hurry, trouncing Science Hill 23-6 on Tuesday, March 31.

"Even though we lost, we love those games," head coach Ben Sachs said. "It proved that we can compete with those nationally-ranked teams, so it showed our kids we have the mettle to make a deep run."

Their tough slate will continue in April as FHS will face Ravenwood on Friday, April 10, before taking on Hillsboro the next day.

Matthew Kitchener and Finn Sachs led the team with 3.2 and 3.0 goals per game, respectively, with Brock Lockhart at 2.9.

Ben Sachs also credited Bennett Elton for his work in face-offs, adding Ian Fanta has tallied a 52.6 save percentage to this point with impressive defense from Carson Tucker.

The Ads will wrap up their home slate on Friday, April 24, against Hardin Valley. The Hawks have lost six of their first nine matches this season but found the net seven times on Good Friday, April 3, in a 7-1 win over Dobyms-Bennett.

"If we don't play tough games now, we won't be prepared for the playoffs," Sachs said. "I'm really proud of our boys and excited with what they're doing."

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Spring shows hitting local school stages

Staff Reports

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Over the next few days and weeks, students across the area will take the stage for various spring productions in west Knoxville and Farragut.

At Farragut High School, the Admirals Performing Arts Company and the FHS Advanced Acting class will present "The Outsiders" at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 7-8. Tickets will be \$5 at the door, and the shows will be held in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium at FHS, 11237 Kingston Pike. A play based off the novel by S.E. Hinton, "The Outsiders" follows protagonist Ponyboy Curtis as he navigates the social scene of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1965. In a city divided among the higher-up "Socs" and scrappy "Greasers," Ponyboy, his band of friends and the Socs learn their lives aren't so different from one another.

Bearden High School Theatre will be presenting "Jane Eyre," which will be "a stage adaptation originally devised in 2005 by director Katie Alley, featuring an original score," according to the school's theatre website. The show will run from Thursday through Sunday, April 24-26, with the

Thursday and Friday shows set to begin at 7 p.m. each night at BHS, 8352 Kingston Pike. That Saturday will feature two shows, one at 2:30 and another at 7 p.m., and there will be a final show Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at BeardenTheatre.com. Advance purchase is recommended due to limited onstage seating.

Hardin Valley Academy will host "The SpongeBob Musical," based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg and the book by Kyle Jarro. In the production, audience members will get a closer look at SpongeBob, Patrick and all the happenings in Bikini Bottom. The play will run Friday through Sunday, April 24-26, with shows at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets will cost \$5 each for children 12 and under and \$10 for adults, and they are available through the HVA Theatre Arts Instagram page.

Knox Catholic's Irish Arts Theatre Company will feature Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," inspired by the 1997 teleplay starring Brandy and Whitney Houston. The show will run Friday through Sunday, April 24-26, and from Friday to Saturday, May 1-2.



Tammy Cheek

Christian Academy of Knoxville will present "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" Thursday through Saturday, April 16-18. Leading the cast are, from left: Thomas Brown as Gideon Pontipee, holding Mallory Anderson as Alice; Noah Standifer as Daniel, holding Addy Giles as Liza; Micah Krowowski as Benjamin, holding Bella Smith as Dorcas; Benton Blevins as Adam Pontipee holding Presley Sharp as Millie; Michael Bonanno as Caleb, holding Mamie Douglas as Ruth; George Brown as Ephraim, holding Annie Jacobs as Martha; and Devin Young as Frank, holding Lilly Creel as Sarah.

The April 24-25 shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night, as will the show on Friday, May 1. The Sunday, April 26, show will take place at 2:30 p.m., and

there will be shows at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. They will take place inside St. Gregory the Great Auditorium at KCHS, 9245 Fox Lonas

Road. Tickets can be found at this link: <https://knoxville-catholic.com/irish-arts/>.

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Rotarian of the Month



Tammy Cheek

Rotary Club of Farragut member Cindy Kraus, left, receives the Rotarian of the Month Award from club President Candace Viox during a RCF meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, April 1.

Master gardeners announce April events

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Knox County Master Gardener events in April are plentiful. Highlights, include additional Dogwood Arts events scheduled with master gardeners.

- Master gardener Shelia McNeely will present how to start seeds. "Starting Spunky Sprouts" will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road, and 11 a.m., Saturday, April 18 at Cedar Bluff Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive.

- Master gardener Gina Bond will lead wildflower hikes from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, and from 10 to 11:30, Tuesday, Apr. 21, at South Knoxville's Dean's Woods.

For location details and reg-

istration, go to:

<https://www.dogwoodarts.com/event-details/hikes-blooms-deans-wood-wildflower-hike-2026-04-07-10-00>

- A beginner gardening workshop will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 10, at Beardsley Farm, 1741 Reynolds St. The event is free, but registration is required at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eWJ4qawJjuz902rsnbKa1iIejTol72y1Rzfh5ReP4k/viewform?edit_requested=true

- Farragut Branch Library will host a plant clinic with a master gardener from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, April 11 and April 18, at 417 N. Campbell Station Road.

- An Ijams nature walk with master gardeners Gina Bond and Nancy Howell and Ijams staff Kyle Preston will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday,

April 14. Register at Register at:

<https://www.dogwoodarts.com/event-details/hikes-blooms-ijams-nature-center>

- Master gardener Cid Letsinger will answer garden and plant questions from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18, at the Norwood Branch Library, 1110 Merchant Dr.

- A garden basic garden class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18, at Payne Ave. Missionary Baptist Church, 2714 Martin Luther King Blvd. The free event requires preregistration by going to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11ksKVWLiLaPft4E-q4fmeMIxp4JC-2G-vspzw-3gKAKIM/viewform?edit_requested=true

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Spring shows
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Concord Christian School will host its production of "The Prince of Egypt: The Musical" 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, and 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, in First Baptist Concord's Worship Center, 11704 Kingston Pike. The production involves a cast of 35 and crew of 15. Tickets are \$20 per person and are being sold on the school's website, concordchristianschool.org or at https://ow.ly/yprt50Yo2eZ. The musical, which is open to the public, depicts the story of Joseph in Genesis 37. Jacob's favorite son, who had prophetic dreams, was gifted the magnificent robe by his father, but Joseph's favored status spurred his brothers' jealousy and they sold him into slavery in Egypt.

Christian Academy of Knoxville Theater will present its spring musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, and 3 and 7 p.m., Saturday, April 18, in the Christian Life Center of CAK, 529 Academy Way, Knoxville.

"Seven Brides" is a romantic comedy musical, set

in 1850s Oregon, about Adam Pontipee, who marries and brings his new wife Milly to his mountain cabin. Milly civilizes Adam's six unruly brothers but they kidnap six women as wives. In the cast of 44 and crew of six, seniors Benton Blevins plays Adam, and Presley Sharp plays Milly in the musical.

New to CAK, Mandy Askins, theater and music teacher and worship arts teacher, learned "the spring musical is such a big deal in every high school." After polling the students, she was told they wanted to do a "golden age" show.

The high-energy full-scale Broadway-like musical is open to the public. Tickets are on a multi-tier schedule based on seating: Tier 1 (closest to the stage), \$31; Tier 2 (middle), \$26; and Tier 3 (further back of auditorium), \$21; and general admission is \$16. Tickets are available on the school's website at cakwarriors.com/events/tickets. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Webb School of Knoxville held its latest production, "Something Rotten," on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28, at 7 p.m. and March 1 at 3 p.m.

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- The first annual Phi Slam Tennessee Open Pickleball Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 11, from noon to 6 p.m., at Premier Pickleball Club Knoxville. The event is open to all who register. Phi Slam is a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides alcohol-free events for college students. Learn more and register at www.phislam.com/utpickleball.

- The American Red Cross is joining forces with positive lifestyle brand, Life is Good, to invite donors to show the power of doing good by giving blood.

Those who come to give blood or platelets now through April 12 will get an exclusive Red Cross x Life is Good T-shirt while supplies last. See RedCrossBlood.org/LifeIsGood for details.

- Knox County Schools will host Preschool and Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday, April 14, giving families the opportunity to register rising preschoolers and kindergartners for the 2026-27 school year. Families can pick up an enrollment packet at their child's zoned school. Find zoned schools by visiting KGIS.org. Preschool Roundup is open

to families of children entering preschool. Thirty-one elementary schools will host events, with times varying by school. A full list of participating schools and times is available at knoxschools.org/preschoolroundup. Kindergarten Roundup is available to families of Knox County children who will be 5 years old by Aug. 15, 2026. All KCS elementary schools will participate. A list of school-specific times and helpful kindergarten entry information can be found at knoxschools.org/kindergartenroundup.

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN WORKSHOP AGENDA

Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Farragut Town Hall • 11408 Municipal Center Drive

I. Roll Call
II. Business Items
A. Review of Program Changes
B. Review of Fee Schedule
III. Adjournment

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FARRAGUT CODE OF ORDINANCES

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the adoption of an amendment to the Farragut Code of Ordinances will be held by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee at 6:00 p.m. on the 14th day of May 2026, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934, to hear citizen comments on the following ordinance:

Ordinance 26-07, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 4. General Provisions and Exceptions, Section VIII. - Farragut Municipal Flood Damage Prevention Regulations, Section C. General Provisions., 2. Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard, to update the referenced Community Panel Numbers for Q243G and Q244G, to reference the LOMR effecting these panel numbers and that became effective February 10, 2026

Background information and a copy of the proposed ordinance will be available online in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen packet for the April 23 and May 14 meetings or the recorder's office for anyone who desires to examine the information in advance of the hearing.

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Minutes
A. March 26, 2026 Workshop Meeting Minutes
B. March 26, 2026 Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting Minutes
IV. Mayor's Report
V. Ordinances & Resolutions
A. Ordinances
1. First Reading
a. Approval of Ordinance 26-07, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee on First Reading, Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Investment Program Fund Budget, Passed by Ordinance 25-10
B. Resolutions
1. Approval of Resolution R-26-07, Appointment of Town Recorder
VI. Business Items
A. Approval of Contract with CDM
Smith, Inc. for Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Union Road Improvements.
B. Approval of Contract with Butler Appraisal Group, LLC for Appraisal Review Services for Virtue Road/Boyd Station Road Project.
C. Request for approval of the Forget Me Not 5K and 10K on April 18, 2026 starting and finishing at the Village Green Shopping Center and involving streets within the Village Green Subdivision (Troy Andrew Degges, Applicant)
D. Approval of Second Amendment to Response Agreement for Fire, Emergency and Environmental/Hazardous Materials between Rural/Metro Fire Department, Incorporated and the Town of Farragut
VII. Citizens Forum
VIII. Town Administrator's Report
IX. Town Attorney's Report
X. Adjournment

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

I) Call to Order
II) Approval of Agenda
III) Approval of Minutes
A) Approval of minutes for the March 19, 2026 meeting.
IV) Action Items
A) Request for approval of design plans for a traffic signal at the intersection of Jamestowne Boulevard and N. Campbell Station Road
B) Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for Phase 2, Unit 1 of the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision, 16.15 Acres, 15 Lots, Zoned OSMR (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant)
C) Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Stonemeade Subdivision, Parcels 070 and 072, Tax Map 142 off Boring Road, 39 Lots, Zoned R-3 (Lynch Surveys, LLC, Applicant)
D) Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for a covered canopy and enclosure along a portion of the Ingles storefront at 11847 Kingston Pike, Zoned C-1 (Robertson
Loia Roof, P.C., Applicant)
E) Discussion and public hearing on Resolution PC-26-04, a resolution to amend the Future Land Use Map for 11830 Kingston Pike from Very Low Density Residential to Office/Light Industrial (Marzolf Investment, Applicant)
F) Discussion and public hearing on Resolution PC-26-05, a resolution for Planning Commission recommendation on Ordinance 26-08, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for 11830 Kingston Pike from General Single-Family Residential (R-2) to Office (O-1) (Marzolf Investment, Applicant)
V) Discussion Items
A) Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 3. - Specific District Regulations, to replace Section V. - Rural Single-Family Acre Residential District (R-1-S-A), with the Rural Large-Lot Estate District (RLE)
VI) Approval of Utilities
VII) Citizens Forum

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Gardener

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Gardener project, will have open gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Apr. 18-19, at 1943 Tennessee Ave.

• A tree walk Thursday, April 23, at Racheff Gardens and Arboretum will begin at 5:30 p.m. with master gardener Tom Welborn. Register at: <https://www.dogwoodarts.com/event-details/hikes-blooms-racheff-house-gardens>

• Burlington Branch Library will have a master gardener from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, to answer garden questions. The library is located at 4614 Asheville Hwy.

• Guided nature walks will be available 9 a.m., Saturday, April 25, and 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, at Collier Preserve, 316 W. Emory Road, with master gardener Sara Bryant. Additionally, master gardeners will assist at several upcoming plant sales:

- Talahi Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 11, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 S Northshore Drive. Visit <https://knoxvillegardenclub.org/792-2/>
- University of Tennessee Gardens from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, on UT campus.
- Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at 2743 Wimpole Ave, Knoxville. Visit <https://www.knoxgarden.org/events>
- BLOOM Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at 6228 Anderson Drive, Knoxville. Visit <https://central-bearden.org/thebloomcenter/>

For more information or to ask a question online, visit <https://www.knoxcountymastergardener.org/ask-a-master-gardener/>

For more information on garden events, visit <https://www.knoxcountymastergardener.org/events-news/>

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Farragut Intermediate School's Family Fun Night

Games, treats, a silent auction and inflatables highlighted the activities at Farragut Intermediate School's Family Fun Night, Friday, March 27.

Presented by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization, the event featured something for all ages. While adults checked out the silent auction items and bake sale, youngsters headed for the games, activities in the gymnasium and the inflatables, as well as the cotton candy, popcorn and pizza.

"Normally, we sell 200 tickets," said Christie Knapper, PTO webmaster. "We probably have 100 volunteers. Most of them are students from [Farragut High School]."



Brianne Harmon, seated left, checks in Dee Rudolph



From left, FIS fourth-grader Katerina Humphrey, Jason Humphrey, Izaak Griffin, Caysen Griffin and mom Jamie Griffin



FIS fourth-grader Elena Cameron (pink) drawing



Stephanie Jeffrey, left, and Sara Belfore man the bake sale.



Volunteers, from left, Cynthia Anderson, Kyra Fowler and Alison Cox



FIS fourth-grader Annaliese Stevens, left, gets a tattoo from Caroline Rhyne



Volunteer FHS junior Kinsley Morgan



From left, Emily Long, Heather Clow and Kristi Potter



Left: Lilia Bautista, left, with granddaughter Olivia Chandler

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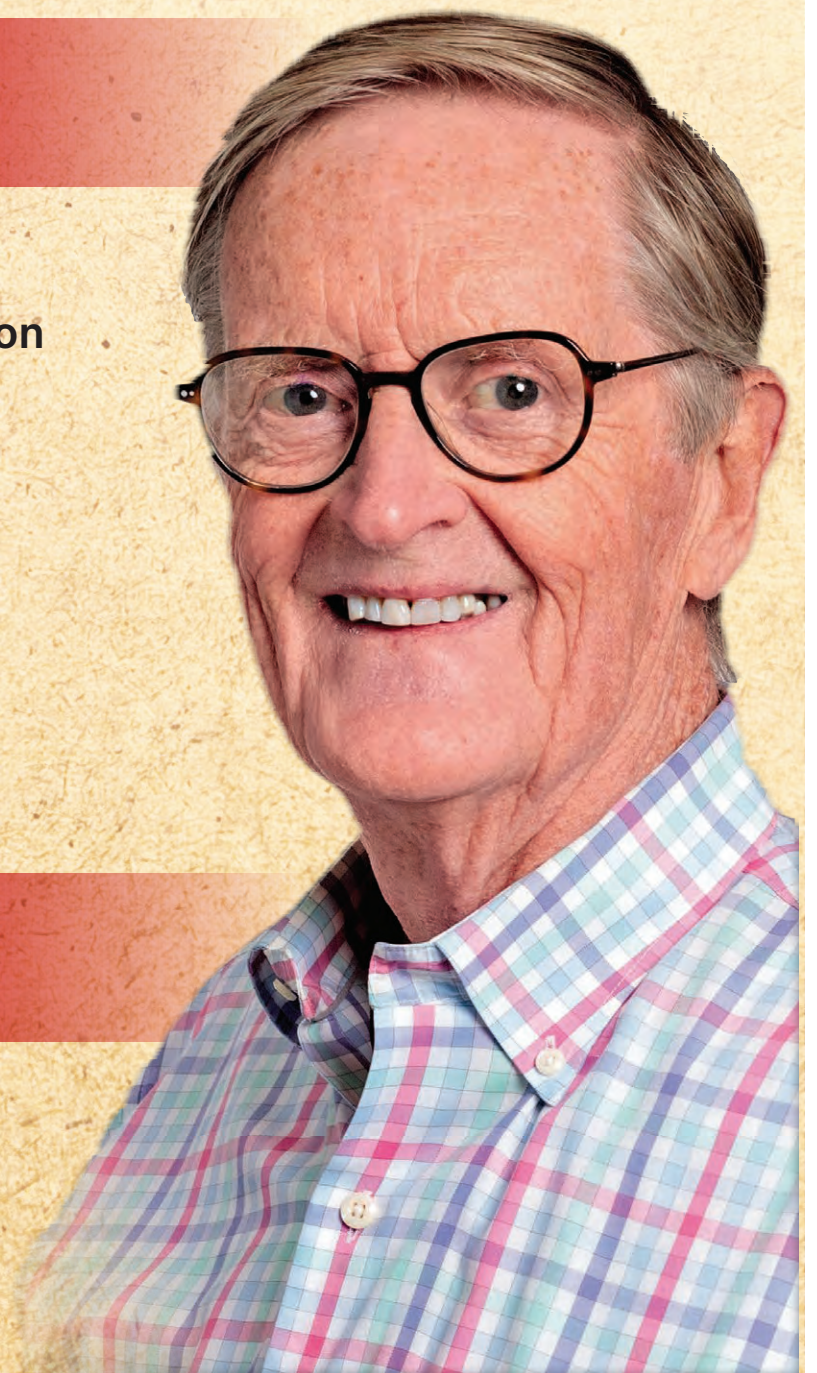
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Thursday, August 6, 2026

- FEDERAL/STATE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTIONS
- KNOX COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION
- TOWN OF FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Offices on the Federal/State Primary (Republican and Democratic) ballot:

- Governor
- US Senate
- United States House of Representatives, District 2
- Tennessee Senate - Districts 5 and 7
- Tennessee House of Representatives - Districts 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 89, and 90
- Republican State Executive Committeeman - Districts 5, 6, and 7
- Republican State Executive Committeewoman - Districts 5, 6, and 7
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- Democratic State Executive Committeewoman - Districts 5, 6, and 7

Offices on the Knox County General ballot:

- Criminal Court Judge, Division I (to fill an unexpired term)
- County Mayor
- County Commission - Districts 3 and 7
- County Commission - Seats 10 and 11
- Trustee
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- Board of Education - Districts 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9

Offices on the Town of Farragut Municipal (non-partisan) ballot:

- Mayor - Town of Farragut
- Alderman, Wards 1 and 2 - Town of Farragut

Schedule:

- Friday, May 8, 2026** - First day to request an absentee ballot (90 days prior to election)
- Tuesday, July 7, 2026** - Final day to register to vote before election
- Friday, July 17, 2026** - First day of Early Voting period
- Monday, July 27, 2026** - Final day to request an absentee ballot (10 days prior to election)
- Saturday, August 1, 2026** - Final day of Early Voting period
- Thursday, August 6, 2026** - Election Day

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

KNOX COUNTY REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

Offices on the ballot:

- Criminal Court Judge, Division I (to fill an unexpired term)
- County Mayor
- County Commission - Districts 3 and 7
- County Commission - Seats 10 and 11
- Trustee
- General Sessions Judge, Division IV (to fill an unexpired term)
- Sheriff
- Circuit Court Clerk
- Criminal Court Clerk
- County Clerk
- Register of Deeds
- Board of Education - Districts 1, 4, 6, 7, and 9

Schedule:

- Wednesday, April 15, 2026** - First day of Early Voting period
- Saturday, April 25, 2026** - Final day to request an absentee ballot (10 days prior to election)
- Thursday, April 30, 2026** - Final day of Early Voting period
- Tuesday, May 5, 2026** - Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

FEDERAL/STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Offices on the ballot:

- Governor
- US Senate
- United States House of Representatives, District 2
- Tennessee Senate - Districts 5 and 7
- Tennessee House of Representatives - Districts 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 89, and 90

Schedule:

- Wednesday, August 5, 2026** - First day to request an absentee ballot
- Monday, October 5, 2026** - Final day to register to vote before election
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026** - First day of Early Voting period
- Saturday, October 24, 2026** - Final day to request an absentee ballot
- Thursday, October 29, 2026** - Final day of Early Voting period
- Tuesday, November 3, 2026** - Election Day



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through
April 30, 2026

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				<p>Knox County Election Commission Hannah Hopper, Chair Julie Gautreau, Secretary Bob Bowman Eddie Smith Adronicus Thomas Christopher S. Davis, Administrator</p> <p>Knox County Courthouse, Room 229 300 Main Street • Knoxville, TN 37902 P: 865-215-2480</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. www.knoxvotes.org</p> <p><small>A federal or State of Tennessee issued photo ID is required to vote, unless an exception applies. College student IDs will not be accepted. To learn more about the law and its exceptions, please call 865-215-2480 or visit www.GoVoteTN.com</small></p>

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

April 15 through April 30

10 am to 6 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday • 10 am to 7 pm - Wednesdays • 10 am to 1 pm - Saturdays • Closed Sundays

NEW - FARRAGUT

Farragut Community Center
239 Jamestowne Boulevard, Farragut

NEW - NORTHWEST KNOXVILLE

Old Firestone Building
(in front of Expo Center)
5523 Clinton Highway

EAST KNOX COUNTY

Carter Senior Center
9040 Asheville Highway

EAST KNOXVILLE

Eternal Life Harvest Center
at Five Points
2410 Martin Luther King Avenue

NORTHWEST KNOX COUNTY

Karns Senior Center
8042 Oak Ridge Highway

NEW - HALLS

Faithway Baptist Church
(across from Halls Senior Center)
4402 Crippen Road

NORTHEAST KNOX COUNTY

Gibbs Ruritan Club
7827 Tazewell Pike, Corryton

WEST KNOXVILLE

Downtown West
1645 Downtown West Boulevard,
Unit 40

NORTHEAST KNOXVILLE

New Harvest Park
4775 New Harvest Lane

SPECIAL HOURS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

DOWNTOWN

City-County Building, Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street
(SPECIAL HOURS: 8 am - 4 pm on Saturday, April 25)

SOUTH KNOXVILLE

Meridian Baptist Church, 6513 Chapman Highway
(SPECIAL HOURS: 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesdays; 10 am - 5 pm on Thursday, April 23)

Guide on ID Requirements when voting

All voters must present a federal or Tennessee state ID containing the voter's name and photograph when voting at the polls, whether voting early or on Election Day, unless an exemption below applies.

Understand what ID's are acceptable

Any of the following IDs may be used, even if expired:

- Tennessee driver license with your photo
- United States Passport
- Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government
- United States Military photo ID
- Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo

* First time voters who register by mail or using Online Voter Registration, if the ID is expired, the voter must also present one of the following :

- a copy of a current utility bill,
- bank statement,
- government check,
- paycheck, or
- other government document that shows the voter's name and address.

Understand what IDs are NOT acceptable

The following IDs are NOT acceptable:

- College student IDs
- Photo IDs not issued by the federal or Tennessee state government are NOT acceptable. This includes county or city issued photo IDs, such as library cards, and photo IDs issued by other states.

Understand who is exempt

The following individuals are exempt:

- Voters who vote absentee by mail
- Voters who are residents of a licensed nursing home or assisted living center and who vote at the facility
- Voters who are hospitalized
- Voters with a religious objection to being photographed
- Voters who are indigent and unable to obtain a photo ID without paying a fee

Source: sos.tn.gov/elections/voter-id-requirements

Did you know?

In Tennessee, it's easy to vote and hard to cheat.

Thanks to the election laws passed by the General Assembly and administered by the 95 County Election Commissions, Tennessee has been consistently ranked **NUMBER ONE IN THE NATION** for **ELECTION INTEGRITY** by The Heritage Foundation.

Learn more at sos.tn.gov/elections/services/tennessee-election-integrity



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AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Find out!

Visit the Tennessee Voter Registration Lookup at
tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup

Enter your county, name and birthdate to retrieve your registration information.

There are many ways to register to vote in Tennessee.

The deadline to register before the May 5 Knox County Primary Election has passed. But if you are not registered, you may do so before the July 7 deadline to vote in the August 6 elections.

Use one of the following methods:

Use online voter registration to conveniently register to vote or update your voter registration.

Download and complete the Voter Registration Application and mail the application to your county election commission.

Pick up voter registration applications in person at the following locations:

- County Election Commission Offices
- County Clerk's Offices
- Public Libraries
- Register of Deeds Offices

Register during a transaction with one of the following agencies:

- Department of Health (WIC program)
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Safety (motor vehicles division)
- Department of Veteran's Affairs

Visit sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/how-to-register-to-vote for links to online registration forms and more information.

VOTE CONSERVATIVE MIKE DAVIS FOR KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF ON MAY 5TH

EARLY VOTING RUNS APRIL 15TH-30TH

Born and raised in Knoxville, **Mike Davis is a tough-as-nails lawman who has dedicated more than 30 years** of his life to protecting and serving our community and nation.

Mike's law enforcement career began in the Knox County Sheriff's Office as a correctional officer and Post Certified Deputy Sheriff.

Mike then joined the DEA, where he led complex investigations and multi-jurisdictional Task Forces to dismantle violent drug trafficking cartels. He oversaw the training of new agents, executed search warrants and removed threats from our streets.

Mike is prepared to use his life's experience as a lawman to take on the worst in our society who threaten the safety of our families.

MIKE DAVIS

ROT SHERIFF

Mike being sworn in as a DEA Agent

A Lawman.

Not a Politician.

MIKE DAVIS:

A KNOX COUNTY LAWMAN TO KEEP US SAFE



- ### THE DAVIS PLAN
- ★ Make Knox County the Worst Place to be a Criminal
 - ★ Dismantle Drug Trafficking Operations
 - ★ Cooperate 100% with ICE to Detain and Deport Illegals
 - ★ Operate the Office with Toughness and Transparency
 - ★ Empower the School Patrol Unit to Protect Our Children
 - ★ KCSO will be Unified and Merit based



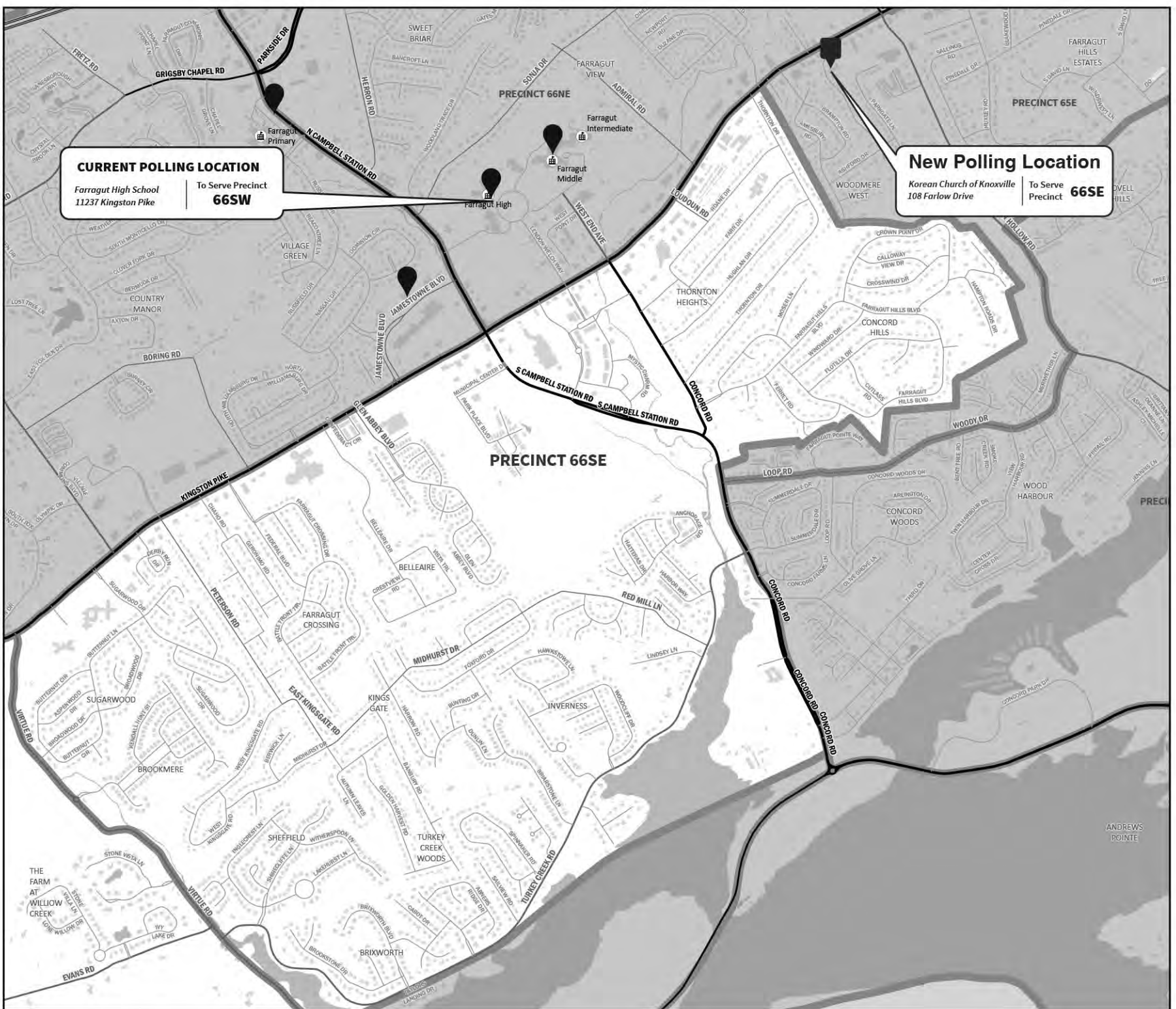


Notice of Election Day Polling Place Relocation

On January 28, 2026, the Knox County Election Commission approved a polling place relocation for the area shown below. Affected voters will receive notice by mail prior to the May 5, 2026 election. More detailed boundary lines and polling place locations may be viewed at KGIS.org and knoxvotes.org

NEW ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE

Precinct 66SE
KOREAN CHURCH OF KNOXVILLE
 108 Farlow Drive, Knoxville, 37934



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EXPERIENCE YOU TRUST. LEADERSHIP YOU DESERVE.



**Nick
McBRIDE**
FOR KNOX COUNTY TRUSTEE

- Experience You Can Trust
- Proven Fiscal Responsibility
- Transparency & Accountability
- Deep Roots in Knox County

Why Nick is Running for Knox County Trustee

For more than 35 years, he's served the people of Knox County. He has seen firsthand how important it is for taxpayers to have leaders they can trust to manage public money responsibly.

Nick is running for Knox County Trustee because our community deserves honest leadership, fiscal responsibility, and transparency in the office that collects and protects your tax dollars.

Learn more at ElectNickMcBride.com

Paid for by Committee to Elect Nick McBride, K.Ray Pinkstaff, CPA, JD, Treasurer

COMMUNITY FIRST

REPUBLICAN
KIM 
FRAZIER
FOR KNOX COUNTY
MAYOR



**PROVEN.
PRINCIPLED.
EXPERIENCED.**

electkimfrazier.com

Paid for by Kim Frazier for Mayor, Pat Sanford Treasurer, US Navy Veteran

VOTE David AMBURN

KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF



LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- ★ Corrections Officer
- ★ Patrol Officer
- ★ Fleet Management
- ★ Detective
- ★ Narcotics Detective
- ★ Federal Task Force Officer
- ★ Director Of Homeland Security
- ★ Narcotics Captain
- ★ Chief Of Detectives



A Message from David

For 34 years, I have proudly served the citizens of Knox County through the Sheriff's Office. I began my career in Corrections and worked my way through nearly every operational division. I have gained the experience necessary to lead this agency with a clear vision, grounded in strength and integrity.

Today, I serve as Chief of Detectives, supervising the Detective Division and the Fleet Program while managing numerous multi-million-dollar budgets. I have led the Narcotics Unit for almost 10 years, removing a significant number of dangerous criminals, firearms, and drugs from our streets. Under my leadership, our unit was honored with the 2024 Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association Unit of the Year.

As Sheriff, I will build upon the strong foundation established by Sheriff Spangler. Our county is growing quickly, which means calls for service are increasing. I want to put more deputies on the street to deliver faster response times and keep our neighborhoods safe. I will work to staff every school with an officer and to implement a special response team to address critical incidents or threats to our schools. To combat the rise in crime, I will implement cutting-edge technology and restore proactive policing units.

With your vote, I commit to making the citizens of Knox County feel safer in their homes, schools, and businesses. As a Knox County native, I am dedicated to your families just as I am to my own. I will work hard as your Sheriff, and my number one priority will always be your safety.

AMBURNFORSHERIFF.COM

People have been asking J.J. a question: “Why run again?”

The answer is simple.

J.J. has already carried the responsibility of leading the Knox County Sheriff’s Office. He didn’t step into leadership overnight, he worked his way through the ranks, learning every level of the department before serving two full terms as Sheriff.

During that time, he managed one of the largest operations in Knox County, supported the men and women behind the badge, and made the difficult decisions that come with protecting our community.

Public safety isn’t something you figure out as you go. It requires experience, leadership, and a steady hand.

That’s why J.J. is stepping forward again — to continue serving the people of Knox County with the same commitment and dedication that has defined his career.

**SAFETY
THROUGH
EXPERIENCE**

VOTE



**JIMMY “J.J.”
JONES**

FOR KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF



CHAMBER LIFE

"MISSION: TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE, AND CREATE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS AND EDUCATION THAT ENCOURAGE MEMBER SUCCESS."

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2026 Business EXPO

Pre-Register to Save; Members Attend at No Cost

The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's annual Business EXPO will take place Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 12 to 4 p.m. at The Venue at Lenoir City, 7690 Creechwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City.

Presented by Slamdot, 2026 EXPO booth spaces are officially sold out. The Chamber appreciates the strong support from members and the greater business community.

With an estimated 500-plus attendees, the EXPO provides an opportunity to network, discover new service providers, and connect with local businesses from across the region. General admission is open to all. Pre-registered Chamber members may attend at no cost by registering through the member portal. Non-members may purchase advance tickets at two for \$5. Tickets at the door will be \$5 per guest, with on-site purchases card-only.

Chamber member businesses that do not have a booth still have an opportunity to participate through the EXPO Swag Bag program. For \$100, member businesses may provide up to 300 promotional items to be distributed to attendees. Swag bags offer a way to maintain visibility during the event. Swag bag items must be delivered by April 9 to the Chamber office, 11826 Kingston Pike, Suite 110.

To pre-register or purchase tickets, visit farragutchamber.com > Events > Business EXPO.

The Chamber thanks presenting sponsor Slamdot; EXPO sponsor First Century Bank; business-level sponsors Lenoir City Utilities Board (LCUB), CertaPro Painters, and Y-12 Federal Credit Union; community-level sponsors Simply Magical Vacations by Amy, NerdsToGo, Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Studio, and UT Federal Credit Union; media sponsors Farragutpress and WFIV; and swag bag sponsor Graphic Creations, Inc.



Lunch & Learn *to Focus on* Marketing on a Budget

The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce will host its next Lunch & Learn, Marketing on a Budget, Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SouthEast Bank – Farragut, 12700 Kingston Pike.

Marketing looks different for every business, but most share one common challenge: working within a budget. This panel discussion will feature local professionals sharing how they market effectively while managing

costs, including where they focus their time and resources and how they make marketing decisions.

Panelists include Jeremy LaDuke, founder of Epic Nine Marketing Outfitters; KaDee Andreasen, development director of the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley; Amy Shewmake, owner of Simply Magical Vacations by Amy; and Brannan Gillenwater, president of Gillenwater Flooring & Kitchen Gallery. Each brings a

A poster for the "Marketing on a Budget" event. The text reads: "a Farragut West Knox Chamber Lunch N' Learn event", "MARKETING ON A BUDGET", "Thursday, May 7 | 11:30am - 1pm", "SouthEast Bank Farragut". Below this, it says "Our Panel:" followed by four circular portraits of the panelists: Jeremy LaDuke (Epic Nine Marketing Outfitters), KaDee Andreasen (Humane Society TN Valley), Amy Shewmake (Simply Magical Vacations by Amy), and Brannan Gillenwater (Gillenwater Flooring & Kitchen Gallery). The background is purple with a geometric pattern.

different perspective, from non-profit to small business to established businesses.

The event will begin with lunch and networking from 11:30 a.m. to noon, followed by the program and audience questions from noon to 1 p.m.

Admission is included for Chamber members, who must log in to register. Non-members may attend for \$15.

To register, visit farragutchamber.com > Events.

HOW IT'S MADE

KNOXVILLE EDITION

INSIDE LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH THE
FARRAGUT WEST KNOX CHAMBER



Friday, June 26 | 10 - 11:00am

1110 Gilbert Dr.
Knoxville 37923



Chamber's How It's Made:

Knoxville Edition Tour Series Heads to Dalen Products

The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's How It's Made: Knoxville Edition continues with a behind-the-scenes tour of Dalen Products, a new Enterprise Chamber member and third-generation, family-owned manufacturer rooted in Knoxville since 1975.

Founded by engineer Neal Caldwell, Dalen Products began with the Automator for tomato gardening and has grown into a company known for designing practical, patent-protected solutions that help gardeners across the country. Many of its original products remain in use today, while others have evolved through decades of innovation.

Attendees will tour Dalen's manufacturing facility and observe the processes involved in producing, assembling, and preparing products for distribution. The visit will include a closer look at Dalen's well-known owl deterrents—one of the company's most recognized

products, used by organizations including NASA. The tour also provides an opportunity to learn more about the company's long-standing commitment to people, community, and environmental stewardship.

This is an approximately one-hour walking tour through a manufacturing facility. Attendance is limited to 25 participants. Comfortable shoes and clothing suitable for an industrial environment are recommended. Light refreshments may be provided.

The tour is free to attend and open to both Chamber members and the community.

The tour will take place Friday, June 26, 2026, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Dalen Products, 1110 Gilbert Dr., Knoxville, TN 37932. Participants should arrive by 9:45 a.m.

Registration details are available at farragutchamber.com > Events.

Networkings

Hampton Inn Knoxville West at Cedar Bluff | *March 5, 2026*



General Manager Steven Lawrence (far left) and Market Sales Manager Tracy Hicks (pink blazer) are joined by colleagues for a photo opportunity while hosting an evening Chamber networking event at their beautiful Cedar Bluff hotel location.



(L to R) New Chamber member Jonny DeBerry of *Volunteer Roofing & Siding* and Makhira Ralston of *State Farm Insurance – Josh Ellis Agency* pause for a photo while networking.

JCPenney – Turkey Creek | *March 26, 2026*



General Manager Michelle Austin (far left) and her team gather for a group photo while hosting a morning Chamber networking event.



(L to R) New Chamber member Nathan Schofield of *Best Buy Metals* and Chris Latka of *Y-12 Federal Credit Union* pause for a photo while making connections.

Ribbon Cuttings

Checkmat Knoxville Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy

March 3, 2026



Owner and third-degree black belt Kevin-James Gonzalez and his wife (both centered, holding scissors) are joined by students and community members to celebrate the opening of Knoxville's new world-class Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu academy.

Finn's Restaurant & Tavern

March 10, 2026



Co-owners Ben Harmon (center, holding scissors) and Will Camp (to his left) are joined by family, friends, and Chamber members to celebrate their new ownership of Finn's Restaurant & Irish Tavern, serving Irish cuisine in one of Knoxville's oldest homes.

Haven Chiropractic & Wellness and Haven Animal Chiropractic

March 18, 2026



Owners Colin Hickey (left, holding scissors) and Kari Hickey (right, holding scissors) are joined by colleagues and community members to celebrate the opening of their dual chiropractic clinic, formerly West Knox Chiropractic, offering services for both people and animals.

Provisions

March 25, 2026



Co-owners Kevin Cook (holding scissors) and April Cook (to his left) are joined by family and community members to celebrate the opening of Provisions, an outfitter and boutique offering men's and women's apparel along with home goods and gifts.

SCAN TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Use the QR code to view our April events calendar and stay up to date on networking, workshops, and Chamber happenings all month long. Don't miss a chance to connect!



Did you know?

Did you know that marketing does not have to feel overwhelming for a small business owner? But it does require intention. If you want better results, it comes down to focusing on the right fundamentals and staying consistent. Below are six practical steps to help you build a stronger, more effective marketing approach.

Define your target customer with precision. Instead of trying to reach everyone, focus on who is most likely to buy from you. Consider age, lifestyle, location, and habits. A local sandwich shop in Farragut should prioritize nearby customers. Clear targeting improves efficiency and strengthens return on investment.

Invest consistently in your marketing and treat marketing as a core business function. While a common guideline is around 10% of your gross revenue, the exact number will

vary for each business. When budgets get tight, marketing is often the first thing businesses cut; maintaining visibility during those times is what keeps your pipeline active and your business growing.

Build strategy around your customer behavior, not yourself. Your personal preferences do not always reflect your customers' behavior. The platforms, channels, and content you enjoy may not be where your audience spends their time. A good reminder: if your ads are placed effectively, you may not even see or hear them yourself. The goal is to reach your customer, not yourself.

Review performance on a regular basis. Identify what works, what fails, and what may require adjustment. Explore new tools such as streaming TV, geofencing, retargeting, contextual digital ads, or struc-

tured social media campaigns.

Pay attention to your audience's behavior. Study what your customers watch, listen to what they engage with. Identify efficient opportunities that align with habits. Less obvious placements can deliver strong results, often at a lower cost.

Do your research before you invest. Understand the environment where ads appear. Evaluate programming, content, and audience fit. Reviewing details like programming, content, or audience fit can help you avoid mismatches and ensure your message is delivered to your target customer.

Strong marketing is not about doing everything, it is about doing the right things consistently. The TS-BDC stands ready to assist business owners with guidance, strategy, and support for effective marketing growth.



Workforce & Jobs

Town of Farragut – Multiple Positions

The Town of Farragut is hiring for several positions across Parks and Recreation and **Public Works, including Park Maintenance Technician I, Public Works Technician I, Recreation and Event Attendant, and Seasonal Public Works Crew.** These roles support the maintenance of public spaces, infrastructure, and community events. Candidates should be dependable, service-oriented, and able to work in team environments.

For more information or to apply, visit townoffarragut.org > Job Opportunities.

Kitchen Tune-Up –

Kitchen Sales Representative

Kitchen Tune-Up is hiring a full-time kitchen sales representative to guide homeowners through the design and remodeling process, from initial consultation to completed project. Responsibilities include meeting with clients, developing and presenting kitchen layouts

and material selections, building trust-based relationships, and collaborating with design and installation teams to ensure a seamless experience. Candidates should have strong communication skills, an interest in design, and experience in sales or a related field, along with the ability to stay organized and work directly with clients.

For more information or to apply, visit kitchentuneupknoxville.tn.careerplug.com/jobs.

Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. (SCHAS) – Caregiver

Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. (SCHAS) is hiring caregivers to provide non-medical, in-home support including companionship, assistance with daily activities, light housekeeping, meal preparation, and errands. Caregivers support clients in maintaining independence, dignity, and safety while helping improve their quality of life. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, have

a valid driver's license and reliable transportation, and be able to pass required background checks and a drug test.

For more information or to apply, visit schas.org/careers.

McLain's Painting – Painter / Painting Craftsman

McLain's Painting is hiring painters to join its team of professional craftsmen. No experience is required, as the company provides extensive training. Responsibilities include interior and exterior painting, working with a team to complete residential projects, and delivering high-quality customer service. Candidates should have a reliable vehicle, a valid driver's license, no criminal history, and the ability to pass a drug test. Full-time, year-round positions are available with opportunities for growth into management roles.

For more information or to apply, visit mclainspainting.com/employment.

THANK YOU

to our
Enterprise Members!

A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above-and-beyond Enterprise Membership:



*Thank you for your
NEW Anchor Enterprise Membership!*

Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in March

Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online?

Visit www.farragutchamber.com and click "Join the Chamber!"

Scan the QR code to learn about our new members!



THANK YOU for Renewing Your Membership!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks to these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of March. We can count them as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

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Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc.
Anchor 934 Apartment Homes
Bowen Door Service
C12 East Tennessee
Cannon & Cannon, Inc.
Crye-Leike Realtors
Dolly Parton Children's Hospital
Epic Orthodontics-Joseph Hicks, DDS, MDS
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar
Foxy Locks, LLC
GarageExperts
Global Medical Response
Heritage Realty

Hilton Knoxville Airport
Hot & Cold Air Co.
Knox Audiology
Matlock Tire Service &
Auto Repair - Hardin Valley
Monster Tree Service of Knoxville
OneDigital
Pinnacle Assisted Living
Primerica
Senior Care Authority of Knoxville
Shine of Knoxville
Simply Magical Vacations by Amy
Slate, Disharoon, Parrish & Associates
Smiley Swirl of West Knoxville

Smyrna Ready Mix Concrete
Southern Tequila & Taco Festival
TN Pro Home Inspections
TNBank
United Real Estate Solutions
UT Federal Credit Union
Volunteer Ministry Center
Wanda Malhotra |
Wellness Realtor JHG |
Brand Strategy & Certification |
Targeted Advertising
Whitecap Strategy Partners
Zoom Drain Knoxville

Enterprise Club

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continued Development Grant Program above and beyond their annual dues.

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VICE ADMIRAL



COMMANDER



CAPTAIN



ANCHOR

