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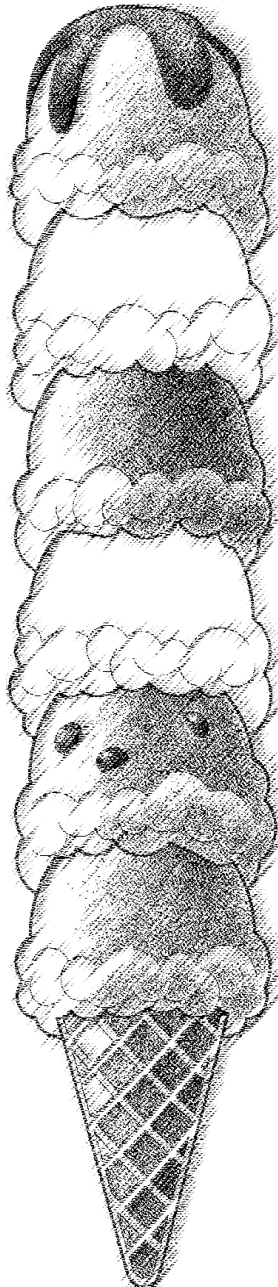
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Neighborhood Potluck
Monday, July 18th, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Inskip Pool, Bruhin Rd.

Come take care of neighborhood business, enjoy some summer grub, and take a dip in the huge Inskip pool. As is custom, the Social Committee will provide a hearty meat dish, along with drinks, cups, plates, and utensils, but please bring a covered dish to share with your neighbors. It's good also to bring a blanket or chairs for sitting. And remember your towels and swim suits—hopefully we won't get rained out this year!

Directions to Inskip Pool & Park (687-9919):

- head south on Broadway
- turn right onto N. Central St., drive 1.6 miles
- N. Central becomes Bruhin Rd., drive 0.8 miles
- The pool will be on your right, at 4204 Bruhin Rd.

Neighborhood Ice Cream Party
Saturday, August 13th, 3–5 p.m.
Kay Newton's Yard, 1006 Luttrell St.

Our neighborhood has won a grand prize in Edy's Two Scoop Neighborhood Salute Block Party. Out of thousands of entries, the ice cream company awarded Fourth and Gill a block party—another great chance to get together and cool off this summer. Meet at Kay Newton's yard, 1006 Luttrell St.

Edy's will be providing cartons of their new Slow Churned Grand Light ice cream, which has half the fat of regular, and a third fewer calories. (No, they don't think we're fat!) Their special blending process is supposed to make it taste as creamy as regular—come try it out. We'll have the cold treats, and water to whet your whistle, but all you pregnant ladies will have to bring your own pickles!

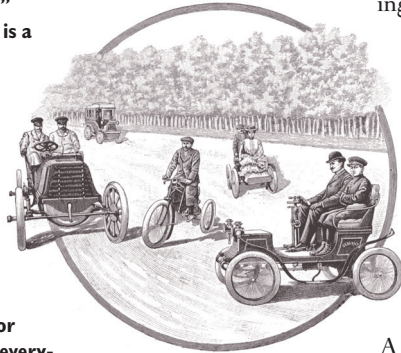
Thank you, Edy's, for choosing Fourth and Gill!

(If you can donate freezer space a few days beforehand, or help with set-up/clean-up the day of, please call Joey at 673-9001.)

Update on Traffic Calming

As of June 1st, the city's Residential Traffic Safety Committee's recommendations have moved from the "Enforcement" stage (which neighborhood president Jonathan Wimmer discussed at the last potluck) to the "Engineering Solution" stage. The engineering stage is a somewhat labor-intensive, ten-step process whereby a neighborhood can request (no guarantees) traffic calming measures and devices. In addition to navigating several channels of bureaucracy, there would be some expense to the neighborhood. Since the city can't afford (financially or time-wise) to do everything everyone in every neighborhood wants, their goal is to implement calming measures and devices that encourage drivers to follow posted speed limits and that have broad neighborhood support.

So, if you have something in mind for Fourth and Gill in terms of traffic calming, present it at the next potluck. If we have broad support for it, we will set the process in motion. E-mail Jonathan with questions: jonathan@alamosteakhouse.com.



I-40: Sound barriers, trees, Sixth Ave. office

Right now the neighborhood's freeway committee is focusing primarily on sound barriers (a.k.a. noise walls). It was determined that, for a majority of Fourth and Gill—west of the freeway, that is—raising the height from current specifications wouldn't do much good. The height varies up to 19 feet, depending on the area.

The main concern is the lack of a sound wall on the east side of the interstate. Placing one there doesn't conform to TDOT standards. The cost should be spread over the units in the historic area, which would be 40,000 - \$60,000 per unit, but \$25,000 per unit is the TDOT budget. We don't want to forget our neighbors on Fourth and Fifth, including the apartment building by Sassy Ann's, so how do we share in the expense?

In that area there is also excess land, which the committee proposed that TDOT could sell for development (preferably zoned residential) to offset the price of the additional sound wall. The idea was interesting to them and they will be going before TDOT offices to try to develop a plan. We'll not be holding our breath, however, as TDOT has never been known to sell any of their right-of-way.

A key rallying point of the committee has not changed throughout this process: the right-of-way through our neighborhood is not being expanded. TDOT has also agreed to not remove any more trees than absolutely necessary. They have marked the larger trees (mostly on Fourth and Glenwood) with red flags so the contractor will know not to chop.

TDOT will soon be opening a portable office on Sixth Ave., where the contractor will be stationed, and which will be accessible to everyone. There you can peruse plans and submit feedback. To get on the Smart-FIX40 hotline, which sends list members updates regarding street work and closures, call 329-GO40.

Direct your concerns and input to members of the freeway committee: **Bill Pittman, Larry Fitzpatrick, Jim Ullrich, Dwight Guinn, Jeff Talman, or Gordon Coker** (as well as members from the Old North and Parkridge neighborhoods).

Figuring out those tricky school zones . . .

If you're wondering where your kids will be going to public school, it can be a bit tricky figuring out our neighborhood's zoning. Basically, if you live south of Caswell Ave. you are zoned for Austin-East High Magnet and Vine Middle Magnet. If you are north of Caswell, you are zoned for Fulton High and Whittle Springs Middle. If you're north of Wells Ave., you're zoned for Christenberry Elementary. If you are south of Wells, you are zoned for Beaumont Honors Magnet Academy. Be sure—especially if you are on or near dividing lines—to also consult the KGIS (the Knox County/KUB Geographic Information System at www.kgis.org)—although sometimes it gives conflicting data.

Beaumont is one of three elementary schools with a magnet program. Beaumont offers an enriched program for all students in music and the arts and also provides magnet students with an accelerated curriculum. Green Magnet specializes in math & science, and Sarah Moore Greene Magnet specializes in technology. Beaumont is the only elementary school in the county that offers an accelerated curriculum, meaning the students in that class are taught at a very fast pace.

If you are not zoned for Beaumont, your child must apply to the magnet program and pass an IQ

test. If they pass, they are then put into a lottery to allocate the available slots for out-of-zone magnet students. If you are zoned for Beaumont and think your child would thrive in a very fast-paced learning environment, you still must apply and take the test, but if your child passes, then he or she will automatically be placed into the magnet program. Any child may apply to a magnet school during the spring; Beaumont is the only one that requires an IQ test. The School Board recently adopted a new policy for magnet schools that gives priority admission (but not a guarantee) to siblings of current students.

Vine Middle Magnet Performing Arts & Sciences Academy is the only magnet middle school and Austin-East Performing Arts & Sciences Magnet High School is the only magnet high school. One benefit of both Austin-East and Fulton is that if your child maintains a C grade average and graduates on time, they will be eligible for a \$1,000 per year scholarship through Project GRAD, for college or other post-secondary education.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the school zones for Fourth and Gill, please contact our neighbor and school board representative, **Indya Kincannon**, at 546-7098 or indyak@hotmail.com.

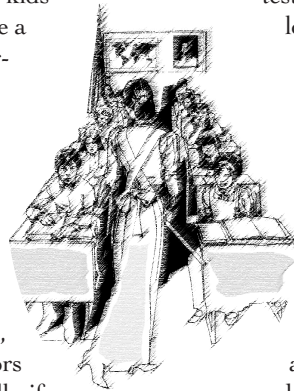
Nominations sought for Board seat

With Indya Kincannon and Mary Anne Hoskins rotating off the neighborhood board, we are seeking a nomination to fill only one seat (we had 14 seats filled and the bylaws provide for 13). Being a board member gives you the opportunity to guide our neighborhood and give back to this community.

Generally speaking, expectations are:

- regular attendance at monthly board meetings, held the third Monday of each month at the neighborhood center (or alternate location);
- service to at least one of the standing committees or task forces;
- participation in neighborhood activities.

Please note that each term is for three years, and one seat may be shared by a couple (which helps with attendance if one can't make it). There is, however, still only one vote per seat even if it is shared. (If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please confirm that person's availability and interest beforehand.) The board will be taking nominations at the July potluck or anytime before the August board meeting.



Neighbor News



Happy birthday to **Max Novinger**, who turned 2 on April 10th, and to **Madeline Goodman**, who hit the big 4 on April 11th. Happy birthday also to **Dahlia & Georgia Barton-Kincannon**, who celebrated their 4th and 2nd birthdays (respectively) on April 23rd and June 16th.

Mazel tov to **Olivia Talman**, whose family celebrated her bat mitzvah on May 28th.

Congratulations to **Claire Coker** and her team, Tataru's Cheer Starz, who shone in a Panama City, Florida national competition the weekend of April 16th. The Starz, an all-girl cheer-leading and tumbling troupe, took second place in the competitive junior category.

Well done, Indya! **Indya Kincannon**, our neighbor and school board representative, was recently inducted into the Leadership Knoxville Class of 2006. Forty-seven nominees were chosen this year, based on their interests, leadership abilities, and personal commitment to the Knoxville area. Might she be well on her way to a future mayoral candidacy? Learn more about Leadership Knoxville: <http://www.leadershipknoxville.com>.

Beth Nelson, of Gratz St., recently accepted a teaching position at Fulton High School. Beth did her student teaching at Fulton while earning a master's degree in education at UT and is very excited about joining the Fulton faculty full-time. Congratulations to Beth! We're glad to see teachers live and teach in our community.

Our condolences to **Louise Inman**, whose sister (in Morristown) passed away May 8th.

Brian O'Connor, who currently lives on Deery St. with roommate **Russell Smith**, plans to move into his renovated house at 1108 Luttrell St. by the end of August. He and his stepdad and stepmom are spending all their free time getting the new home up to snuff, including sheetrock and new lighting. Damage from a prior electrical fire, which started in one of the bedrooms, stressed the need to rewire the entire house, and they recently passed the rough-in electrical inspection. Brian is a producer for Jupiter Entertainment and has lived in the neighborhood off and on for the past five years.

Welcome back to **Meagan Carter** and her daughter, **Starling**. In September they (along with four cats) made Eleanor St. home after moving from the Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood. Meagan's fiancé, **James Henry**, used to reside at 1224 Luttrell St. and has also made the move into the Knoxville Housing Cooperative house at 704 Eleanor. Meagan used to work at the food co-op and, five years ago, lived in the housing co-op house at 930 Gratz St. She is the new business manager for the housing co-op (James used to be president), and currently teaches religious studies at UT. She's also the youth leader for Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Kingston Pike, coordinating the Sunday school program as well as youth group activities on Wednesdays. As if she's not already busy enough, Meagan has also taken on neighborhood watch block captain duties for the 700 and 800 blocks of Eleanor. Starling is just as on-the-go as her mom. This summer she's taking acting classes at Actor's Co-op, she's active in the Quaker Youth program, and this fall she'll be entering the 8th grade at Nature's Way Montessori School. James currently works at McKay Used Books & CDs, in addition to being active in housing rights, filmmaking, and music.

Kevin & Caoilte Pickle, new tenants at 941 Eleanor, moved in May 1st. Both Kevin and Caoilte (pronounced like "Kelty") work for UPS. He's a Fulton High grad and Knoxville native, she's from Georgia, and the couple was living in Ft. Sanders prior to moving to Fourth & Gill. Welcome!

Steve Hendricks, making the move all the way from Helena, Montana, has taken up residence at 910 Gratz. He's busy finishing up writing a book, as well as getting the new house ready for his wife, **Jennifer**, and his son, **Elliot** (age 3), to move in at the end of June. Steve hasn't yet submitted to the wily charms of any Fourth & Gill stray cats, but he brought with him **Cubby**, the family's cocker-chow mix. They heard about the neighborhood from **Ben Barton**, who is on UT's recruitment team—Jennifer will be starting as a new law school professor this fall. Welcome to Knoxville! (And it looks like Mr. Barton is heading our neighborhood recruitment team as well—keep up the good work, Ben!)

Bernadette Quiggle, daughter of **Lori & Rob Quiggle** of Third Ave., spent the first weekend in June in Washington, D.C. seeing the sights with her Safety Patrol group from Beaumont Elementary. The students took a bus, along with students from other area schools, up to the capitol. Bernie helped earn her way by selling candy and tickets to a magic show. Her favorite monument was the Lincoln Memorial—she was surprised at how big it was!

Praise be! **Tina Rosling & Eric Ohlgren** report that they are *this* close to finishing work on 1231 Luttrell St., which will soon have a new owner. Quick—somebody call Ripley's! Seriousness, though, Guys—the place is looking fabulous. Doing a summer renovation is most definitely sweat equity.

~ Send items to **Joey Cody** at 673-9001 or octobercomm@comcast.net



Max Novinger



(Left to right): **Madeline Goodman**, a friend from PCK, and **Asher Weisfeld**.

Pooch Poo, Part II

In May, City Council unanimously voted to pass an ordinance barring pet owners from allowing their animals to defecate on public or private property other than their own. This ordinance now covers not only the CBID (Central Business Improvement District) but also the entirety of the city limits. Knoxville should start smelling better this summer as a result. So pet-owners: if you're not in your own yard, please scoop the poop—or you may be facing a stinky fine: first offense = \$25 plus court costs (usually around \$100), second offense = \$50 plus costs, and so on.

Q & A on Historic Overlay

Q. Are prefabricated homes (i.e. "kit" houses) allowed on empty lots?

A. Yes. Any historic overlay's restrictions on the design of new buildings have little to do with the way they are built, and in all of Knoxville's historic districts there are houses that were "kit" houses or were built from mail-order plans.

But new designs must meet the design guidelines that are adopted for each district. In other words, their appearance must be consistent with the district's architecture. The Historic Zoning Commission, with neighborhood input, approved two prefabricated houses for the Tazewell Pike NC-1 about a little over a year ago. Both have been completed, and both are appropriate in design for the area where they are built. As manufacturers become more aware of the desire for designs that are derived from historic eras, historic neighborhoods can probably expect to see more and more of these types of infill buildings. There are already a number of "catalog house plan" firms producing designs that fit well into Victorian-era neighborhoods. Visit www.historicaldesigns.com/siteindex.html to take a look at some plans produced by one of these design services.



For individual questions about Historic Overlay compliance, please contact our neighbor and resident historic zoning expert, **Sandra McCall**, at 673-0169 or **Ann Bennett** at Metropolitan Planning Commission at 525-2500 (ann.bennett@knoxmpc.org).

Significant sidewalk improvements being done — let's take care!

With the coming of the Dogwood Walking Trail this spring and the high volume of pedestrian traffic it would generate, the neighborhood organization requested that the city evaluate sidewalk conditions on Luttrell St. After this evaluation a work order was written to repair, as necessary, all sidewalks on Luttrell, from Glenwood to Fourth Ave. At this printing the work has progressed to Caswell Ave. and by the end of the year the entire work order will be completed. This is the first significant sidewalk work in our neighborhood in many years and, when the frustrations of construction are over, it will be a major benefit to our already pedestrian-friendly community.

Let's show our appreciation to the city and refrain from damaging our new walkways by parking on the sidewalks and up on curbs!



Spotlight on a Local Business

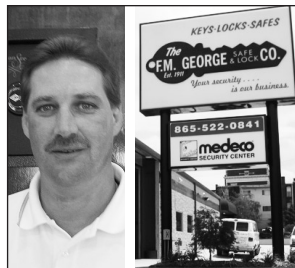
F.M. George Safe & Lock Co. • 622 N. Central

"We can open any lock—the impossible just takes a little longer."

In April, venerable lock company, F.M. George, was forced to move from its Magnolia Ave. location (due to the interstate work), and into our neighborhood. This is their fifth new location, since opening for business in 1911. Despite much pressure to move out west, this family business decided to stay here because it has always been in the downtown area.

If you're looking for locks, keys, safes (they sell, open, repair, and move 'em), access systems, or door or window hardware, F.M. George—which also used to be everything from a gunsmith to a shoe store over the years—can get what you need. They serve the general public along with contractors, school systems, hospitals, banks, etc.

Even if you don't need any services right now, you should still stop by and take a look at all the custom-built counters, displays, and workbenches; great Knoxville memorabilia; and antique tools on



William Peters, F.M. George's VP, has run the company since 1990. His mother, Marian Swann, is a 3rd-generation owner.

display. Along with the historical documents and equipment, F.M. George offers the latest in home and business security. A very popular product for the company is Medeco brand high security locks, which are individually patented and require authorization for key duplication. (Tennessee has a "do not duplicate" law, which makes it illegal to make copies of a patented key.) These are highly recom-

mended for new homebuilders and those renovating old homes—who knows how many copies of your key are floating around out there! The store also just added the Emtex line of specialty replication hardware—perfect for those of you in the midst of an historic renovation. While you're there, be sure to pick up some of their free informational brochures (courtesy of the National Crime Prevention Council) on keeping your home, belongings, and family safe.

F. M. George is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and is now located at 622 N. Central (down from the former Comcast building). Phone 522-0841.

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