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Knox County News

A message from the medical director about the H1N1 vaccine

Oct. 9, 2009

The H1N1 influenza vaccine will soon be available for anyone who wishes to take it. The vaccine will be available through all the usual outlets, private physicians, health departments and pharmacies.

The **National Centers for Disease Control** and the Food and Drug

Administration have licensed the H1N1 vaccine (as they do every year for the seasonal flu vaccine) and **recommend that everyone eligible get vaccinated. As a physician working in public health, I agree.**

The H1N1 vaccine has been produced with the same tried-and-true technology used for seasonal flu vaccine. In spite of all the rumors, **there is no sound scientific reason not to take the H1N1 vaccine** if you normally get a seasonal flu vaccine.

Your **seasonal flu vaccine will not protect you from H1N1** flu. Remember, getting vaccinated against the flu is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

Respectfully,

Martha Buchanan, MD
Medical Director
Knox County Health Department



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Meeting to gather Public Input Consolidated Northwest Knox County Senior Center

Cedar Bluff Elementary School Library
705 North Cedar Bluff Road
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Knox County is exploring the feasibility of developing an expanded senior

Movies on Market Square

**Tonight:
CANCELLED**
*Wallace and Gromit in
the Curse of the Were-
Rabbit (G)*

center to serve Northwest Knox County and the Town of Farragut. There is currently no senior center in the area of Powell, Karns, Solway, Amherst or Cedar Bluff. The current Frank Strang facility is overcrowded and has inadequate parking facilities. Knox County wants to find out if we could better serve our senior citizens with a larger senior facility in a more central location that would offer expanded programming and have more adequate parking.

10/16 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade
(PG 13)

FREE!! Movies start around 8:00--as soon as it's dark enough!

Is your Ready Kit ready?
You could win a Midland Weather Radio

KEMA (Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency) has Ready Kit Bags available to help you prepare for emergencies. And they are free!! Just drop by the KEMA Office at 605 Bernard Avenue.

The bag has a check list of items needed that you need to put in the Kit. Just follow the check list, fill the bag and you will be READY!

And if you fill your bag now, you could win a Midland Weather Radio. Here's what you do:

Use the bag to get started on your Ready Kit.

1. Look around your home for items that you may already have on the checklist.
2. Purchase the rest of the items that you need.
3. Take a picture of you and your family with your Ready Kit. Post the picture on the Knoxville Knox County Emergency Management Agency Facebook page or email it to dfox@cityofknoxville.org.



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You will then be entered to win a Midland Weather Radio. Two radios will be given away each Monday throughout October.

Knox County Calendar

- October 15**
New Harvest Park Farmers Market *
- Community Diabetes Management Class *
- Healthy Youth Healthy Future:* Lunch and Learn @ Home Depot East at Mall Road
- October 16**
Movies on Market Square: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (PG 13)

Scarecrows in the Park--in just two weeks!
Registration closes October 16th

It's not too late to join in the fun of Scarecrows in the Park. The deadline has been extended to October 16th. This exciting new celebration at New Harvest Park benefits the Legacy Parks Foundation. So create and enter your Scarecrow in the contest!



Not sure what to do? There are plenty of examples on the Internet, including the Atlanta Botanical Garden [Scarecrows in the Garden](#) and Huntsville Botanical Garden [Scarecrow Trail](#).



A \$100 prize will be awarded to the winner in each of the two categories (Adult/Professional and Student/Youth)! Second place will receive a free shelter rental at any Knox County Park!

Scarecrow Schedule:

- October 16** - Registration form & payment due to Knox County Parks and Recreation.
- October 21**- Bring completed scarecrow to New Harvest Park from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. at 4775 New Harvest Lane.
- October 22-23** - Scarecrows on display and ballots accepted from the community.
- October 24** - Announcement of winners at the Harvest Festival with storytelling, pumpkin painting, etc.
- November 1** - Scarecrows must be removed from the park. Any remaining after this date will be disposed of or recycled by Ijams Nature Center.



(Dr. Seuss scarecrow photo from Huntsville Botanical Garden website; Baby in Highchair scarecrow photo from Atlanta Botanical Garden website)

James Agee Centennial Film Festival Opens October 23rd

Remember 100 years of Agee on the silver screen

Knox County Public Library is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of James Agee by teaming up with TAMIS (Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound) and the University of Tennessee to present the [James Agee Centennial Film Festival](#) October 23-25, 2009.

Although generally remembered as an author, James Agee was known in his lifetime for film criticism, screenplays and other film work. The public is invited to celebrate his love of cinema with screenings of movies that influenced him, those that were championed by him, and even Agee's own work.

The Festival features an impressive collection of unique and rarely seen films, paired with lectures and commentaries by Agee scholars. It is hoped



that a weekend-long celebratory screening of Agee's work in film can help promote a re-

evaluation of James Agee's important work within the motion picture industry, in which he spent a good portion of his latter-day career.

The James Agee Centennial Film Festival is part of the James Agee Centennial Festival. See the complete schedule of events, view rare historic pictures of the Agee family, and learn more about the speakers and films at www.knoxlib.org/agee100.

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Scarecrow Trail entry deadline
- October 19**
Commission's Finance Committee Meeting
- October 20**
Commission's Intergovernmental Committee Meeting
- October 21**
Healthy Youth Healthy Future: Teen Health Fair, South Doyle High School
- *
Scarecrow set up at New Harvest Park
- October 22**
New Harvest Park Farmers Market
- *
Scarecrow Trail opens, vote for your favorite scarecrow
- *
Healthy Youth Healthy Future: Lunch and Learn @ Clayton Homes Corporate Office
- *
Scarecrows in the Park trail opens
- *
Community Diabetes Management Class
- October 23**
James Agee Centennial Film Festival Opens
- *
Visit Scarecrow Trail and vote for your favorite scarecrow
- October 24**
Harvest Festival at New Harvest Park
- October 26**
Commission Meeting
- October 28**

Midweek closings at Dutchtown Convenience Center beginning October 14th

Reconstruction expected to last 4 to 6 weeks

Beginning October 14th, the Knox County Convenience Center on Dutchtown Road will close on Wednesdays and Thursdays to accommodate reconstruction of the garbage compactor pads and the installation of a new site drainage system. This alternative schedule is anticipated to last four to six weeks, depending on the weather. Citizens may call 966-1701 to hear a phone message with the closing schedule each day.

When reconstruction is completed, the new center will:

- be 30 feet wider
- have more recycling options
- have a new office with a recycling information center
- have a new traffic flow pattern to increase safety and reduce backups onto Dutchtown Road
- have a turn lane on Dutchtown Road
- include a Goodwill attended donation center
- replace the bulky waste open-top boxes with a compactor unit
- have a fully paved area for loose metal, appliances and tires

The Dutchtown Convenience Center has the second highest traffic and disposal volume in Knox County, second only to the Halls Convenience Center. In 2008, the center handled more than 8,000 tons of trash and 850 tons of recyclables. The center averages 1,400 vehicles a day with more than 2,000 visitors on Saturdays. Wednesdays are the lowest volume days.

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

Best regards,

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

Brown Bag Green
Book

October 29
*Healthy Youth Healthy
Future: Teen Health
Fair, Central High
School*



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