



KNOX COUNTY A Great American Community



Knox County News

County honors emergency responders, values volunteer service on 9/11

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Although an unexpected rain kept volunteers from working on many of the outdoor projects scheduled for September 11th, the day was well marked by anyone's estimation. Beginning with a morning ceremony on Market Square to mark the National Day of Service and Remembrance, Mayor Mike Ragsdale explained the importance of community service, "On a daily basis, many of the things we



accomplish only get done because of volunteers. Our mobile meals program relies on volunteers. Our KnoxAchieves college program relies on volunteer mentors. Volunteers lead literacy, environmental and charitable initiatives. In our community, thousands of projects happen because of volunteers." The ceremony concluded with a processional to the 9/11 memorial at the City County Building.

While Knox County had special volunteer projects going on today as part of Operation Red, White and Blue, there are ongoing volunteer programs in the county, including Mobile Meals. There was a pleasant surprise for Mobile Meals volunteers when they returned from their delivery routes this morning -- the opportunity for a free massage. Seventeen students from the Tennessee School of Therapeutic Massage decided that helping those who already give back to the community was what they wanted to do to mark this Day of Service.

Earlier this week, Johnson Bible College students completed one of the Operation Red, White and Blue projects. More than 25 students spent the afternoon painting the picnic shelter at Corryton Park.

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Become a Read With Me Volunteer!

Contact Sandy Garber today at 215-4770.

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Movies on Market

Square

Tonight:

Field of Dreams (PG)

9/18 The Goonies (PG)

9/25 Kung Fu Panda (PG)

10/2 Casablanca (PG)

10/9 Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)

10/6 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG 13)

FREE!! Movies start around 8:30--as soon as it's dark enough!

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Knox County Calendar

September 12
Second Saturday at the Cove
Knoxville Symphony Brass Quintet

Knox County's Operation Red, White and Blue was more than a slate of community service projects. It was designed to honor emergency service



workers like firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical professionals. According to Ragsdale, "Across our community today, red, white and blue symbols are on display in honor of the brave men and women who respond to crises that put them in harm's way."

He encouraged all everyone to remember our emergency responders for the outstanding service they provide to our community.

H1N1 and You: A Town Hall Meeting Live on WATE

Thursday, Sept. 17th, 7-8 p.m.

Knox County Health Dept. Auditorium

Panelists: Commissioner Susan Cooper, Tennessee Dept. of Health; Mark Jones, KCHD Director; Dr. Martha Buchanan, Knox County Medical Director; Superintendent Jim McIntyre, Knox County Schools; Dr. Lori Patterson, East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Special comments by Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale Emcee, Lori Tucker, WATE Anchor

Knoxville Symphony Brass Quintet closes Second Saturday series

Program launch set for September 16th on Market Square

The Knoxville Symphony Brass Quintet will be the final act of this season's Second Saturday Concerts at The Cove tomorrow from 6 until 8 p.m. The Brass Quintet will play a variety of festive outdoor pieces, including Fairest of the Fair by John Philip Sousa; Light Cavalry Overture by Franz von Suppe; Simple Gifts by Aaron Copland; and selections from Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin. Cathy Leach and Sam Chen will be soloists on Herbert L. Clarke's "Cousins" for trumpet and trombone.



The concert can be enjoyed from the park or on the lake. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged in the park. Picnics may be brought in, or vendors will be on site with food and drinks.

Knox County Parks and Recreation presents the concerts at The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 Northshore Drive.

Five areas scheduled for community-based spraying Sunday night

Lab confirms WNV in mosquitoes and a bird

The Health Department received lab reports confirming the presence of West Nile Virus in mosquitoes and a bird in three new areas of Knox County. Additional positive samples were identified at Milligan Street (East Knox) and the 4th Avenue area (I-275 area), which have been sprayed previously.



Following national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocol, the affected areas will be sprayed on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Follow-up spraying will be on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Spraying for all five areas is to reduce the mosquito population and the risk of further spread of the virus.

Signs have been erected in the affected areas to alert residents. Resident are asked to stay inside while spraying is under way.

New areas to be sprayed include:

- **Carter Community Park** - All streets in Carter Mill Subdivision, Trentville Ridge and Trentville Creekside Condos and Carter Elementary/Middle/High School campuses.
- **Alcoa Highway** - South of Maloney Road, east of Alcoa Highway, north of Power Drive and west of South Oaks Subdivision (includes all of South Oaks subdivision).
- **Fort Sanders** - South of Grand Avenue, east of the railroad tracks, north of Cumberland Ave and west of World's Fair Site (11th Ave.). A crow tested positive for WNV in this area.

Seasonal FluMist vaccination clinics start Sept. 14

Elementary, middle schools & child care centers with 100+ students

Knox County Health Department and Knox County Schools are kicking off seasonal FluMist in-school vaccination clinics on Monday, September 14 across Knox County. Elementary and middle schools will participate in the clinics as will child care centers with 100 or more enrollees. Facilities with fewer children are asked to direct parents to any Health Department location for the free vaccine. FluMist vaccine is available free to any Knox County resident between the ages of two and nineteen.

Each fall, Knox County public health professionals vaccinate an average of more than 28,000 school children. Last year, the Health Department added Head Start students and child care enrollees. With the advent of H1N1 this year, officials expect the number of children vaccinated within the three-week program could increase by as much as 20 percent in some schools.

FluMist is an intra-nasal flu vaccine, approved by the FDA for use in children as young as two and for adults up to 50 years of age. Public health officials expect a portion of the H1N1 vaccine to be available in intra-nasal form when it arrives in October.

September 14
FluMist clinics begin

September 15
Parks and Rec Plumb Creek Park Project Public Meeting

September 16
The Big Read Launch

September 17
New Harvest Park Farmers Market *

H1N1 Town Hall Meeting

September 18
Movies on Market Square
The Goonies (PG)

September 21
Commission's Finance Committee Meeting

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Commission's Intergovernmental Committee Meeting

September 24
New Harvest Park Farmers Market

September 25
Movies on Market Square
Kung Fu Panda (PG)

September 28
County Commission Meeting

October 2
Movies on Market Square
Casablanca (PG)



The Big Read explores Hispanic culture with *Bless Me, Ultima*

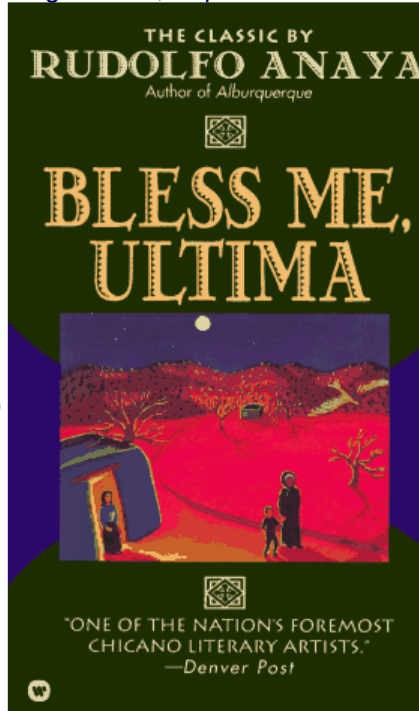
YWCA and Knox County Public Library team up for the third year for a community reading program

The Big Read kicks off on Wednesday, September 16, 12 p.m. on Market Square with presentations from Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam, Knox County Public Library Director Larry Frank, and YWCA Executive Director Marigail Mullin. YWCA, in partnership with the Knox County Public Library, invites East Tennessee to join in The Big Read, a community reading program featuring Rudolfo Anaya's novel *Bless Me, Ultima*. This year, the celebration coincides with Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2009.

Throughout the month-long program, *Bless Me, Ultima* themed events will be offered throughout the region, including a Mayor's panel discussion where interested readers can catch a thought-provoking discussion led by a panel of community leaders, moderated by Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale.

Special this year is "Blog the Book," which will divide *Bless Me, Ultima* into an easy-to-follow reading schedule, with online local guides who are reading the book for the first time. As they read, they will post their thoughts, questions, and reactions in an open, online forum. The public is invited to read along with them and join in the conversation.

For more information about The Big Read in East Tennessee, call Sara Baker at (865) 523-6126 or go to www.knoxlib.org. For more information about The Big Read nationally, please visit www.neabigread.org.



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Plumb Creek Park project public meeting set

Parks and Rec sets September 13th meeting at Pellissippi State

Knox County Parks and Recreation has announced a public meeting for community input and feedback on the development of a master plan for Plumb Creek Park, the property formerly owned by KUB at 1517 Hickey Road in Northeast Knox County, on Tuesday, September 15 at 6 p.m., at the Pellissippi State Community College Goins Administration Building cafeteria.

Dan Martin, Project Manager with the Public Building Authority, and Steve Fritts, Landscape Architect with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, along with staff from Knox County Parks and Recreation, will present a site analysis and preliminary programming for the new community park. This is an opportunity for the public to participate in the planning process and provide input for the master plan.

For more information, please contact Knox County Parks and Recreation, 215-6600 or parks@knoxcounty.org.

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
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