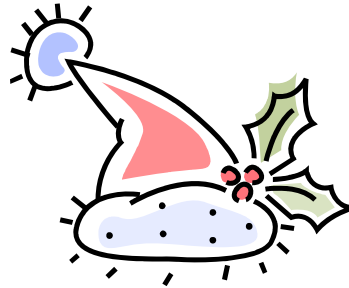


# News

HISTORIC FOURTH & GILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

## Fourth & Gill Neighborhood 2007 Holiday Open House



Come all ye Faithful Fourth and Gillers to the Holiday Open House. This annual event is a great opportunity to simply eat, drink, be merry and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. The following three neighborhood residences will be open for visiting on Sunday, December 16 during the hours of 6 - 9 p.m.:

- **930 Luttrell Street**~The home of Michael & Jennifer Greenberg
- **926 Luttrell Street**~The home of Dru Shelby
- **811 Gratz Street**~The home of Judith & John Neff

So put all the holiday craziness aside for one evening. Get your family out of the house... and into the house of one gracious neighbor after another. This event is for our neighborhood only and these friends have invited us to see their homes decorated for the holidays. Visit any home in any order and thank our hosts for their hospitality!



Meet some new people in the 'hood and reminisce with some old ones. Laugh a lot. Eat cookies for dinner. Then eat some cheese and crackers and drink some wine. Then eat some more cookies and drink some eggnog.

This is what the holidays are all about. Come on out and enjoy!

### Three Neighbors Recognized for their Restoration Efforts

Knox Heritage recognized Virginia Douglas for two homes on Baxter, Bob and Melynda Whetsel for their home on Luttrell and John and Sherry Wampler for their home on Eleanor. Congratulations to these neighbors as they are recognized for their efforts that help make our neighborhood the great historic area that it is.

### WINTER 2007

**Who:** Residents of Fourth & Gill Neighborhood

**What:** Neighborhood Holiday Open House

**Where:** Three Neighborhood Homes

**When:** Sunday, December 16, 6 - 9 p.m.

**A Special Thanks To** Michael & Jennifer Greenberg, Dru Shelby and Judith & John Neff for opening their homes to us during this exciting but busy season!

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# Neighbor News



Please send your noteworthy news to [cheryl@curvededgeconsulting.com](mailto:cheryl@curvededgeconsulting.com).

## Welcome To:

**Jana Hannah** moved to our neighborhood in April. She lives at 820 Luttrell Street and does relaxational massage and reflexology. Incidentally, she offers 4<sup>th</sup> & Gill residents a special rate of \$45 one hour relaxational massage or reflexology and can be reached at [knoxville\\_ahm@yahoo.com](mailto:knoxville_ahm@yahoo.com) or 924-6246 for additional details and specials for our neighborhood residents.

**Daryelle York** and her two-year-old son **Athen** are on Eleanor Street. Daryelle works for Apollo Creative group as a photographer.

**Alyssa Rosenquist** is at 936 Eleanor Street and is an engineer with Y-12. Look for a front porch renovation soon!

**Jimmy Brimer Honored by The University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences** Resident of 726 Morgan Street, **Jimmy Brimer**, has been chosen as the 2007 recipient of The Lorayne W. Lester Award in recognition of a lifetime of service by The University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences, The Department of Theatre and The Clarence Brown Theatre.

While a student at U.T., he assisted Edward Zambara in establishing the first opera workshop, which became the current U.T. Opera program. After graduating from U.T. with a Bachelor of Music degree, he began working with U.T. theatres and has been there ever since. In addition to performing in most of the musicals produced by The Clarence Brown Theatre since 1970, Jimmy has introduced courses in Musical Theatre into the current curriculum, assisted in graduate student showcases in New York and Knoxville, taught on both graduate and undergraduate levels, performed in the Play-Reading series and served on the faculty of The Actor's Workshop.

Brimer has been a mentor to hundreds of students who now teach and perform in educational institutions and theatres throughout the country. As Blake Robison, former head of The Department of Theatre at U.T., put it, "Jimmy IS The Clarence Brown Theatre."

Jimmy played a crucial role in the development of The Knoxville Opera, serving as their pianist and vocal coach

for the first five seasons. He is also a charter member of The Appalachian Opera Company and founding board member of Theatre Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley Players.

**Jonathan Wimmer** and **Kelly Johnson** are pleased to announce the arrival of **James'** baby brother, **Oscar Harvey Johnson Wimmer**. Oscar

was born on November 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary's Hospital. Mom and baby are both doing well and James has been a superstar older brother thus far. The family would like to thank everyone in the neighborhood who has reached out to them at this very special time.

**Bob Whetsel**, a long time city department head, has been put in charge of North Knoxville development. Whetsel has been director of Public Service for two mayoral administrations. Whetsel will focus on expanding the notion of downtown to include close-in neighborhoods like Old North Knoxville, Fourth & Gill and Parkridge. He will also lead initiatives on Cumberland Avenue redevelopment.

**Teen Night at the Time Warp Tea Room** is the first and third Mondays of every month at 7 p.m. All area teens are welcome to hang out in the game room, shoot pool, and play the vintage pinball machines. Sometimes there is even an open microphone. Adults can come visit in the café area. For more information contact Amy Broyles at 523-6986.

**Just a reminder** that Knoxville has a leash law and Fourth & Gill neighborhood has a pet waste pick up policy. Pet courtesy is a simple gesture to your neighbors and our visitors.

Congratulations to **Susan Shottin** for being elected to the neighborhood board of directors. Thanks for serving our neighborhood in this way Susan! Also, a special thank you to **Sean Martin** who is rotating off the board. We appreciate your service Sean!



## Halloween Party Wrap-Up

*By Sarah Sexton, chair Social Committee*

Hip Hip Hooray for Halloween! A gorgeous fall day this October 31<sup>st</sup> saw friends and neighbors, ghosts and ghouls alike, having a howling good time at the annual All Hallows Eve bash. Sea creatures cavorted with land animals. Hippies struck up pleasant conversations with soldiers-for-hire. I even saw a traffic circle talking some sense into a speeding car...but maybe that was just my sugar-induced delirium.

The grill was roaring and the hot dogs were flying fast and furious. (Thanks Jim!) Once everyone had some dinner, it was time for the kids' costume parade, accompanied by the wonderful music of Nancy Brennan Strange.

Costume winners were chosen in three categories (and please forgive me for not writing down your names, but you know who you are!). Scariest costume went to the Undead Cheerleader who was frighteningly full of Halloween spirit. The title of most unique was awarded to Ruby the Jellyfish, (costume made from bubblewrap!). And the funniest costume prize was snared by a very small boy masquerading as a very large spider. Hah, I guess you know it's really Halloween when everyone can agree that giant spiders are simply hilarious. Good job on the costumes kids. You ALL looked spooktacular.

The winner of the adult costume contest was Susan Schottin, the hottest biker chick in the 'hood, with Amy Broyles a very close runner-up, outfitted as a lovely, fall-themed and currently applicable, traffic circle. As for the results of the chili cook-off, the competition was stiff, but the prize was taken by a mouth-watering venison chili cooked up by the bohemian belle who accompanied Jerry Garcia to the party. (Mountain Girl, was it you?)

Thanks to Kay Newton, the ghostess with the mostess, for lending us her yard, her porch, and her grill. Thanks also to everyone who helped set up, serve food, clean up, and judge the costume contests and chili cook-off. And, last but not least, thanks to all of you who turned out for the party in full Halloween regalia. It's always entertaining to see your neighbors' true colors. See you next year—same time, same place.

## Neighborhood Calendar

**Holiday Open House** Sunday, December 16

**Board Meeting** Monday, January 21

**Neighborhood Pot Luck** Monday, February 18 at  
Central United Methodist—6 p.m.

**Board Meeting** Monday, February 18

## 2008 Historic Home Tour

Although Spring 2008 may seem a long way off, it's not too early to begin thinking about our next home tour. The home tour is an excellent way to raise the visibility of our neighborhood and the importance of historic preservation. It's also the primary way the neighborhood raises money to fund activities. The



home tour will be part of the Dogwood Arts Festival which runs from April 4 to April 20. The exact date of the home tour will be determined in the near future. If you would like more information about having your house on the tour, or are interested in being a member of the tour committee to help plan the event, please contact John Jacobs at 300-8680 or [carlaandjohn@bellsouth.net](mailto:carlaandjohn@bellsouth.net).

## Fourth & Gill Dogwood Walking Tour

Starting the first ever Dogwood Trail walking tour for the Dogwood Arts festival in 2006, this tradition will continue in 2008 as the Fourth & Gill neighborhood hosts this opportunity again. Our neighborhood is exploring some options for complimentary plantings to help accentuate the dogwood trees and volunteers are welcome and needed to assist with this project. Please contact James Newburn at [jnewburn@utk.edu](mailto:jnewburn@utk.edu) for more details or to find out how you can help make this walking tour a stellar addition to this long standing event.

## Knoxville Arts and Fine Crafts Center

This center is a special division of the Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department. It has served the citizens of Knoxville and surrounding counties for over thirty three years and recently moved from the Candy Factory to 1127 North Broadway (Wright's Place by Vineyard Flooring), becoming a wonderful and easily accessible neighborhood asset. Children ages three through senior citizens can participate in both visual and performing art classes. Day, evening and weekend classes are available in ballet, yoga, dancing, creative movement, watercolor, drawing, pottery, sculpture, and much more. The facility also provides Girl and Boy Scout badge workshops, In Service Day Classes with Knox County Schools, as well as customized birthday parties. For more information call 523-1401 or stop in and visit the beautiful new facility at 1127 North Broadway. For a list of classes visit the center online at [www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation/arts](http://www.cityofknoxville.org/recreation/arts).

## **The Ongoing Down-Low on Brownlow Update—Now Selling—New Prices**

The auction for the Brownlow Lofts slated to be in the old Brownlow school building was held the end of October with 14 of the 35 units selling in just over an hour. The developers are offering a Post Auction Price in hopes of selling an additional five units by November 30. This will allow the developer, Kinsey Probasco Hays, to begin immediate construction. These five units will be offered at a very attractive post auction price; however, only five units will be sold at this price. So, before a price increase is made, don't miss out on this limited opportunity. If you would like to view a copy of the price list, then send an email to [Brownlow@ChooseAuction.com](mailto:Brownlow@ChooseAuction.com) or call 800-576-7653.



The Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization has received a grant from the East Tennessee Foundation's Neighborhoods Small Grants Program (NSGP) to help offset costs with producing and distributing our neighborhood newsletter. The Neighborhoods Small Grants Program is a community development program of East Tennessee Foundation with funding support from the City of Knoxville's Community Development Department. More information can be found by visiting <http://www.easttennesseefoundation.org>.

**SunTrust** bank is reinvesting in the community by donating \$100 to your favorite 501c3 when a new checking account is opened with a check card. Who is your favorite 501c3? Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization does qualify, of course! Please contact Andrea Woods at 865-546-9251 or [Andrea.R.Woods@SunTrust.com](mailto:Andrea.R.Woods@SunTrust.com) to learn more as this promotion ends December 31st, 2007.

## **Save the Date—Wed., Dec. 19th at 7 p.m.**

Make your plans now for this fun bike ride. Meet at Market Square for a tour by bicycle of holiday lights in Old North Knoxville and 4th & Gill historic neighborhoods. Decorate yourself and/or your bicycle—we'll be a mobile holiday lights display! Awards will be given for the best decorated bicycle, best decorated bicyclist, and best decorated helmet. Refreshments will be provided after the ride. Free bike safety checks will start at 6 p.m. More info is at [www.knoxtrans.org](http://www.knoxtrans.org) (We'll post the route in early December so that you can come out and wave at us if you live along the route and aren't riding! We'll also have an award for the favorite house—whether it's a favorite because of decorations or because you sang carols to us as we passed—that's up to the judges!)

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