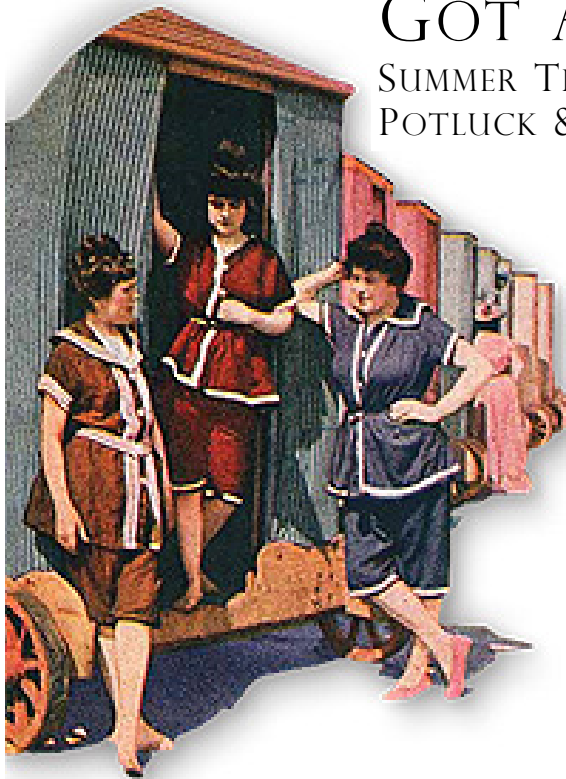


# News

HISTORIC FOURTH & GILL NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



## GOT A SWIM SUIT? SUMMER TIME HEATS UP WITH A POTLUCK & SWIM AT INSKIP PARK

**M**onday, June 19 from 6:30 pm—9:30 pm, please join your neighbors for food and swimming fun at Inskip Park, 301 West Inskip Drive. The Neighborhood will provide a main dish and fixings; please bring a covered dish to share, bathing suits and towels, pool toys, games, etc. Come join us and enjoy an early summer evening.

For more information, contact Social Committee co-chairs Barbara Simpson and Kay Newton.

**Directions:** North on I-275 to I-75; exit at Merchant's Road and turn right; turn right on Central Avenue for a quarter of a mile; turn right at red light onto Inskip Road and cross back over I-75; park is on right. Next to Inskip Recreation Center.

### 2ND QUARTER 2006

**A changing of the guard:** *With this issue, we introduce a new editor, Doug McDaniel, who is also designing it for us. This will save our organization over \$800 per year in costs. Special thanks to Joey Cody, our previous editor, and Jamie Harris, a former 4G resident who previously designed a beautiful newsletter. Thanks too to Jamie and Joey for making this such a smooth transition.*

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## FOURTH & GILL'ER BLAZING NATIONAL TRAILS

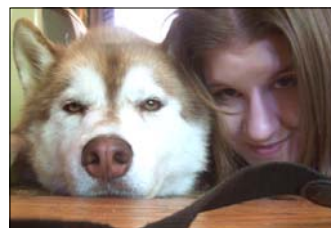
**W**hen Jenna Woginrich moved from PA to become a web designer at HGTV, within two weeks she adopted her former sleddog Jazz and began hiking the mountains of East Tennessee.

She quickly learned from a park ranger that while horses

were welcome on trails, dogs were not. Irked, she did her research and has started a national campaign to get trained, vaccinated, on leash dogs back on our nation's trails with responsible owners.

Her site: [gotothepark.org](http://gotothepark.org)

Sleddog rescue: [wayeh.com](http://wayeh.com)



**Jenna Woginrich, ex-sleddog Jazz and his new sister Annie (not pictured), another sled-dog rescue, live at 903 Luttrell.**

**The historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood is located just north of downtown. Visit our web site at**

**[www.fourthandgill.org](http://www.fourthandgill.org)**

**Our address is PO Box 3845 Knoxville, TN 37927-3845.**

# Neighbor News



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**Sean Martin**, 1121 Eleanor Street, and **Sarah Sharp** have announced their engagement. A 2007 wedding is planned, and they plan to enjoy their honeymoon on the coast of Slovenia and Croatia.



**Sean Martin and Sarah Sharp.**

**Chad Negendank**, son of Gil and Charlene Negendank, received a Masters of Science degree from UT in May. He has interned this school year at Fulton High School where he taught World History and World Geography. Chad graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UT in 2004 with a Bachelors degree in history.

**Sarah Sexton** and **Bennett Hirschhorn** have purchased 1027 Eleanor Street. Sarah is a Knoxville native and has lived in various parts of town, including a previous stint in Fourth and Gill as a renter. She remembers her mother

taking her to the neighborhood center in the early eighties when she was a child. Bennett, an IBM employee, moved from San Francisco and is excited about the prices for a Victorian in Knoxville compared to San Francisco.

We will be welcoming a 3rd generation neighbor, **Charles (Chuck) Browning** and his new wife, **Angela Smith** to the neighborhood at 702 Haynes Place. Chuck's grandparents lived at 700 Haynes, and his father, Tom Donaldson, still lives at 700 Haynes.

**Louise Inman** at 602 Caswell had surgery, but is now at home again. She has been a long time resident of this neighborhood and we wish her well.

As she stepped on the front porch of 125 E. Glenwood on Saturday, April 1, **Billie McKinney** was welcomed home for the first time in 70 years. As a small child, her family lived at the address from 1921-1936. Through a series of fortunate events, new owners **Doug and Faith McDaniel** were able to locate Miss McKinney, now a resident of Fountain City. She shared a vintage photo of the house, pictured on page 3, bottom right. Such stories illustrate that we are really only caretakers of our homes for a generation, and that they belong both to the past and the future.



**Faith Andes McDaniel enjoys a moment with Billie McKinney.**

Neighborhood president **Patrick McInturff** was selected by the 4G board to represent the neighborhood on the Mayor's 5th Avenue Broadway Task Force, which will look at overall planning and land use issues.

The formation of the task force is a small olive branch on the part of the city after a bitter battle involving the use of federal block grant funds to expand services of the Volunteer Ministry Center at the old Fifth Avenue Motel on Broadway. Neighborhoods, Business Owners, City Government Representatives, Homeless Agencies and others are joining in discussions of problems and potential solutions for our area.

**Greg and Kendra Marlow** and their first daughter **Sarah Marlow** of 839 Deery Street have a healthy new baby daughter **Jenna Rose**, born April 30, 2006.



The corner of Luttrell St. & Glenwood collapsed into the Broadway ramp to I-40 due to of unanticipated spring-time rains. Who would expect rain in the spring?

## MUDSLIDES A BLAST ON LUTTRELL ST.

**K**UB linemen raced to the scene after a spring-time mudslide at the intersection of Luttrell St and East Glenwood Ave. One of several new utility poles leaned precariously toward the slide.

Disaster averted, the pole now rests on the side of Luttrell St. by Brownlow School. TDOT has quickly readied steel beams and

tons of gravel for the new bridge, and it appears possible that the intersection will re-open this summer.

Recent blasting in the area has been carried out for the Smart Fix 40 project with little if any notice to homeowners. If you see a worker in the area carrying a GPS device, look for blasting to follow within days. They are

supposed to identify themselves, and are likely with Saul's Seismic, not TDOT. Homes have recently moved as much as .24 inches according to seismographs that are positioned during blasting. State guidelines require that land around the blast area not move more than two inches and that percussive noise not exceed 110 decibels. It would require over 140 decibels to break glass.

## NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD ELECTED THIS SPRING

**Virginia Douglas**, 918 Gratz.

**Rob Frost**, 1022 Luttrell.

**John Jacobs**, (vice president) 1015 Eleanor.

**Greg and Kendra Marlow**, 839 Deery.

**Sean Martin**, 1121 Eleanor.

**Patrick McInturff**, (president) 1127 Luttrell.

**Doug McDaniel**, 125 E. Glenwood.

**James Newburn**, 726 Morgan.

**Kay Newton**, 1006 Luttrell.

**Amanda Rich** (secretary) & **Stephen Parker**, 725 Deery.

**Barbara Simpson** (treasurer) and **Dwight Guinn**, 1302 Luttrell.

**James Ullrich**, 1003 Luttrell.

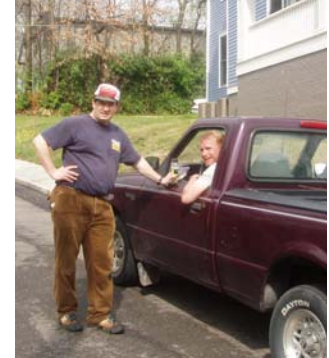
**Jonathan Wimmer**, 911 Luttrell.

**Melynda Whetsel**, 1018 Luttrell.

Every neighbor is encouraged to get involved. The neighborhood organization has a number of different committees, whether your interests range from gardening to planning a

social event. Committees include: Communications, Beautification, Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Network (watch), Social, Home Tour, Traffic Calming, Codes, Freeway. Board meetings are typically held on the third Monday at 7:00 pm, but be sure to check the neighborhood calendar at [www.fourthandgill.org](http://www.fourthandgill.org) for the latest information.

If you want to have a voice, talk to a board member to find out about current issues and let your opinion be heard, or come to a meeting!



Jeff Talman and board member James Newburn take a break from the spring neighborhood cleanup.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD: APRIL AND MAY

At the April 23 Board meeting to plan for the upcoming year, new officers were elected, goals were set, and the group focused on a "mission statement," or "vision" for the neighborhood. In addition, committees were established or reaffirmed. Many requests from the neighborhood were used these to frame these goals. The following goals were set:

1. Resolve Neighborhood Center: Create a long term plan and a short term management plan
2. Develop Traffic Calming Plan
3. Create an Annual Beautification Plan
4. Home Tour: grow the committee, begin planning earlier
5. Improve the internal organiza-

tion: revisit bylaws, job descriptions for officers and chairs of committees, charter, budget.

At the May 15 board meeting, the board voted to formally ask the City to study and do something about the prostitution problem and examine what other cities are doing.

The Neighborhood Center committee reported that it is meeting every other Tuesday at 7 pm. Virginia Douglas and Bill Murrah are co-chairs. Short term goals: Clean it up, rip carpet up. Advertise it and rent it. The board approved a \$300 budget to clean and advertise the building. Longer term, the committee is getting estimates to fix problems and deliberating whether to keep the building or sell it.

June 12, the Traffic Calming Committee will meet at 6:00 pm while

the Neighborhood Network (watch) meets at 7:00 pm at the Center.

4G is fortunate to have James Newburn of the UT botanical gardens as chair of the Beautification Committee. Goals reported by this committee are to improve the dogwood trail, and continue the parks task force improving 4G Park on Eleanor while resolving drainage problems.

The Safety and Security Committee reported that from April 1-30, two burglaries were reported (Morgan St and E. Glenwood Ave) and one theft of tools on Third Avenue. Help watch your neighbors and always report what you see! **Call 911 or Non-Emergency: 215-7450.**

Next board meeting: June 26, 7:00 pm at the Neighborhood Center. All residents of Fourth and Gill are welcome to attend.

IN A RECENT 4G NEWSLETTER READER SURVEY, RESPONDENTS INDICATED THEY WANTED TO SEE A MORE TRANSPARENT BOARD. REMEMBER, ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME AT BOARD MEETINGS!

## LOCAL AUTHOR BECOMES 4G NEWSLETTER EDITOR

“The McDaniels moved onto Glenwood Avenue and the whole road collapsed!” said Bob Whetsel recently, referring to the recent mudslide at the Glenwood Bridge construction site on the north end of Luttrell Street.

Doug and Faith Andes McDaniel’s circa 1915 home at 125 E. Glenwood was home for 40 years to bluegrass musician “Curly” Dan Bailey, and is on the border between Fourth and Gill and Old North

across from Brownlow School.

“No border wars on our house,” Doug said. “We’re going to be active in both neighborhoods. It’s a great street—not a ‘no man’s land,’ as some have said.”

Faith is a co-owner of Andes Optical on Papermill Drive with her parents, Herman and Judy Andes. Their son Jacob will enter second grade at Thackston School this fall.

In addition to taking on the 4G

newsletter responsibilities, Doug teaches computer skills and web design at Tribe One, and has written two books for Arcadia Publishing—a history of Asheville, NC, now in its second printing, and a history of Park City, TN, which begins just down the hill at First Creek and heads east to Chillowee Park.

Doug is under contract with another publisher on a third book due out this fall about historic Knoxville neighborhoods built before WWII.



125 E Glenwood was home to Samuel Buffat (1917-1921), Fountain City banker WS McKinney (1921-1936), and was the Patty Burkhardt nursing home from 1945-1957 before Danny Bailey bought in in 1964. 1920’s photo c. Miss Billie McKinney.



Miranda Louise, Nashville's Best Female Blues Vocalist, sings with Heart & Soul June 3 at Sassy Ann's.



Enjoy a great night of chilling and dancing to funky blues with the Spades band at Sassy Ann's on June 2.

### Spotlight on a Local Enterprise

## SASSY ANN'S: IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER

It may seem odd to shine the spotlight on such a well-known establishment as Sassy Ann's, Knoxville's landmark blues club just a few doors up from the Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Center at 820 North Fourth Avenue.

But an establishment described in the *Boston Globe* in Sept. 2003 as "one of the South's best blues clubs" is more than a nightclub. It's a restaurant, too, with a full menu and a heck of a lot better atmosphere than one of those chain "bar and grills" found all over town.

And we'd like to know why you haven't had dinner there lately.

While neighbors know that the final result may well be worth the construction noise and debris, the Smart Fix 40 interstate project is in full swing, making it harder than ever for dedicated blues enthusiasts to get to get to the venerable blues club. Sassy Ann's came in as Runner Up Best Jazz Club again in *Metropulse's* "Best of Knoxville" this year.

"I play blues instead of jazz, but enjoy the compliment that the public pays by voting for us in that category since there is no blues club category," said owner **Vicki Vinson**.

"Other awards we have received in the past are "Best Staff Pick" and "Best Margarita" last year. And of course, we enjoy our national rating as "Sixth Top Blues Club of the South," she said.

Vinson also reports that on the lighter side, they now have more vegetarian items on the menu.

Hurt by the TDOT construction, please consider giving this important music treasure your dinner time business. Open Wednesday through Sunday, Don't be shy about bringing the family for an early dinner around 7:00 p.m. Or you can plan a more adult evening of blues with all the same good food. Bands usually start around 9:00 pm.

Sassy Ann's is a closer option for dinner than downtown, the Old City, or Fountain City. And without the ferns and the fake brass rails, it is an authentic local establishment well worth an evening.

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