

Development Services Department NEWSLETTER—Volume 2, Issue 3



“Development Services...guiding today, shaping tomorrow.”

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“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”

-Abraham Lincoln

A YEAR IN REVIEW..

To ensure a successful start to the year of 2014, the Development Services Department came together for their annual staff retreat. However, this year the objectives were a bit different. It has been two years since the department had initially formed a detailed Strategic Plan for the next five years. This year, they took a step back to evaluate the goals and objectives to see how far they have come along. MTAS Municipal Management Consult-

ant, Pat Hardy conducted the departmental staff re-



treat. The retreat took place at the new Memorial Park

Community Center and lasted for a day and a half. This was a perfect opportunity to cross off any goals that have already been accomplished along with adding any new objectives that are necessary to move forward with the five year Strategic Plan. Even though all five divisions are under the Development Services Department, the employees don't always get the chance to see each other on a daily basis. Our ultimate goal is to make the development process easy for both our staff and our community!

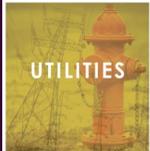
Planning/ GIS



On Thursday, February 6th, 2014, our Development Services Department participated in the 2014 Career Fair at The Mall at Johnson City. One of the goals discussed within the Department's Strategic Plan was catered toward participation in career fairs and becoming more involved in our school systems. We want to be pro-

active about generating feedback from our customers and outside organizations. Our Planners and Community Development Coordinator got together and prepared material to educate high school students on the variety of career paths that take place not only within the Development Services Department, but in City Administration overall.





VANTAGE POINTS

GIS SERVICES

STRATEGIC PLANNING

GEOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIES GROUP

Planning/GIS

The City of Johnson City recently interviewed a variety of GIS groups to help with the development of a Strategic Plan for the City's Geographic Information system as a whole. The group chosen is called Geographic Technologies Group (GTG). GTG is located out of Goldsboro, North Carolina. In March, GTG is scheduled to meet individually with each division throughout the City to better understand and help create a GIS Strategic plan to fit the needs of

each department. There are greater technologies that can better cater to our growing community. Johnson City must take into con-

sideration the considerable cost of newer networks and employee training. However, our community is growing and we must focus on what is best not only for our employees but the citizens of Johnson City. We look forward to seeing what GTG can do for us in terms of technology that can better serve our citizens and future development in Johnson City.



Codes

"There is a difference between interest and commitment."

- Ken Blanchard

The Codes division is coming up on the last and final phase, Phase 5 of the Downtown Codes project. The Phase 5 neighborhood sweep is set to begin on Monday, March 17, and continue on throughout the week until Friday, March 21, 2014. Our goal is to address all safety issues first and foremost; then identify all property maintenance violations that could develop into safety violations in the near future. We are making an effort to prevent the deterioration of the existing buildings for the safety of our citizens. There are many safety concerns that have been brought to our attention that need to be addressed immediately for the safety of pedestrians and all inhabitants around downtown. Most of the

concerns are falling bricks and trip hazards that have been identified due to broken spouts and other complications. If there are any safety hazards or violations, second letters will be issued to property owners in order to set up a plan to have the violations corrected within a reasonable time frame. The action plan must be approved by Dave Jenny, Chief Building Official. Property owners, who fail to develop a reasonable action plan, may be cited to City Court. We want ensure that our downtown looks desirable for any future development. Downtown has always been the central hub of the tri-cities and one day we hope to revive downtown Johnson City to the historic and community rich city that it once was. Please partner with us to make our downtown safe for our citizens and to protect our property values!



Main Street, Johnson City, Tenn.

Main Street Johnson City, TN

Eastern Eight CDC Opens the Village at King Springs Senior Housing Development

The Village at King Springs, a 24 unit senior housing development on Monarch Court off of King Springs Road in Johnson City was dedicated and opened for perspective tenants in mid-December. The development was developed by Eastern 8 Community Development Corporation here in Johnson City with funding assistance from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati,

Jefferson Federal Savings Bank and the City of Johnson City. The 24 unit complex has six buildings with four units in each building and features one and two bedroom apartment units. Eligibility for tenants includes being 60 years of age and over and having a yearly income that does not exceed 50% of the median household income for the community (\$17,950 for one person and \$20,500 for a two person households. Each

unit is handicapped accessible and is energy efficient with all energy star appliances. For More information or to apply for this new senior housing please contact Robin Carter at Eastern 8 CDC at (423) 232-2046 or at rcarter@e8cdc.org.



CITY APPROVES EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDING FOR SEVEN LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES

The Johnson City Commission recently approved an Emergency Solutions Grant in the total amount of \$130,695 for FY 2014-15. This annual grant is through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency in Nashville and is coordinated by the City's Community Development Division. The grant provides funding for shelter and support services for the homeless and at-risk through local community service

agencies. The Commission approved grant allocations to seven local shelters and support agencies under the FY 2014-15 Emergency Solutions Grant program which will begin on July 1, 2014. Agencies and their allocated ESG funds are listed below. Funds may be used for Shelter, Street Outreach, Prevention, Rapid Re-housing or Homeless Information System Services.

MSHA Dispensary of Hope - \$7,200

Keystone Dental - \$25,613

Johnson City Downtown Day Center - \$10,000

Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter - \$45,559

Salvation Army - \$7,320

Johnson City Schools Homeless Education Program - \$10,200

Manna House - \$19,012

Recognition of New Interns to Development Services!

We would like to take a moment to introduce two new interns that will be working within the Development Services Department this Spring. We welcome you William Righter and Hunter Shepard! William Righter attends East Tennessee State University earning a Masters degree in Public Administration and a Concentration in City Management. Mr. Righter is set to graduate in December of 2014. We look forward to working with him throughout the next couple of months and wish him the best of luck with his upcoming graduation!



Hunter Shepard is currently a sophomore at Milligan College and is set to major in Political Science. We look forward to guiding him in his interest of both Public Administration and City Law.



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BBC—Board of Building Codes, 1st Tuesday @ 4:00 p.m., only as needed

BDSR—Board of Dwelling Standards, 4th Thursday @ 7 p.m., no meetings in Nov. and Dec.

BZA—Board of Zoning Appeals, 1st Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.

HZC—Historic Zoning Commission, 4th Tuesday @ 12:30 p.m.

H/CD—Housing & Community Development Citizens Advisory Board, 4th Thursday @ 12 p.m., no meetings in June or Dec.

JCNPSC—Johnson City Neighborhood Partnerships Steering Committee, 4th Tuesday @ 11:30 a.m.

JCRPC—Johnson City Regional Planning Commission, 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Coming
in
2014!



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Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is creating a new long-term vision for transportation in Tennessee and public input is needed. This 25-Year Long-Range Transportation Plan provides the foundation for prioritizing transportation investments across the State. The updated plan will aid in accomplishing TDOT's mission to serve the public by providing the best multimodal transportation system in the Nation. TDOT has a long history of planning for multimodal transportation needs within the State. TDOT's 25-Year Long-Range Transportation Plan is an important document for the Department and its many stakeholders as the Plan allows TDOT to make key long-term funding and policy decisions about transportation investments throughout Tennessee today and in the future. A major outcome of this two-year comprehensive effort is a mid-term, 10-Year Strategic Investment Program. The intent of the 10-Year Strategic Investment Program is to capture the insights gained during the development of the 25-Year Long-Range Transportation Plan to concurrently develop a project program investment plan that is fiscally constrained that can be implemented over a 10-year horizon. Over the course of the Planning process, an extensive public involvement program is in place to gather input from a variety of stakeholders, including the public, elected and appointed officials, and community groups located throughout the state.

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/transportationplan/survey.shtml>

CLICK HERE



Announcements & Upcoming Events

- At the January, 2014 BZA Meeting, we welcomed Robert Thomas, Mike Marchioni and Jenny Lockmiller as new members on the Board of Zoning Appeals. The BZA meeting has been moved to the **first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 P.M.**
- The Johnson City Regional Planning Commission Board will have two new vacancies opening up in June of 2014. The selected official must reside outside of city limits. If you are interested or know of anyone that might be, please contact the Planning Division at (423) 434-6074 for further assistance.



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Comments, Concerns,
Questions...

- There is a new policy in place to submit future Special Events and/or Street Closures. You can now apply online which directly sends the application into our Planning Division. The City Planners will review the request and immediately contact the petitioner to further pursue the request. Please visit our webpage to view the electronic application at www.johnsoncitytn.org/devservices/

<https://cojctn.wufoo.com/forms/x7x3p9/>



- The Building Codes Division recently formed a new board called the Board of Appeals for Maintenance Code.** The members are the same officials that serve on the Board of Dwelling Standards Review. The members now have dual roles. Click the link below to view the member roster.

<http://www.johnsoncitytn.org/uploads/files/devservices/codes/Board%20of%20Dwelling%20Standards%20and%20Review%20Member%20Roster.pdf>