

Festival offers family fun

By Pete Gaudin

South Knoxville's heritage and the benefits offered by that area were showcased in the 17th Annual Festival, held Saturday in the South Knoxville neighborhood of West. This year's theme was "Live, Work, Play, South of the River." The event was held on the grounds of the historic Candor Marble Building, the administration building

for the once thriving Candor Marble Works which supplied East Tennessee marble for public buildings throughout the country.

Despite the overcast start to the day, organizer Chelsea Vebner was expecting 12,000 people to visit the 50 vendors who had booths for the event.

Festival started with a Mothers' Day brunch to honor the mothers

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Celebrity dressed Miranda Osorio was painting facts at Festival on Saturday.

the festival or provided houses to visitors to obtain a permit and possibly pay a hotel taxes and have a person on call to handle issues.

Should city council pass the ordinance, homeowners who rent out rooms in their residences could no longer do so in R-1 or R-2 residential areas.

The ordinance will come before city council sometime next month.

Bill Lyons, Deputy to the Mayor of Knoxville said that the city wanted to protect

the historic area. Lyons, while, said that the short-term rentals would provide guests with an alternative to hotels.

Metropolitan Planning Commission Chairperson Rebecca Longmire said she felt that short term rentals have their place in Knoxville.

"Sometimes, when a family has a wedding, you need to find a place for everybody to stay," she said. "Some people don't want to stay in hotels."

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'Give A Day Knoxville' event to celebrate volunteer spirit

Tapping into the famous Tennessee volunteer spirit, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogers and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, invite the people of greater Knoxville to participate in a new community-wide volunteer

"Tennessee is called the 'Volunteer State' for a reason," said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "Pairing Give A Day Knoxville with the United Way Campaign is great way to underscore that even a simple

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