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10th Annual Pink Ribbon Celebration will honor breast cancer survivors

By Mike Steely
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The 10th annual Pink Ribbon Celebration will be held at the Grande Event Center just off Merchants Road Tuesday, October 30th and it looks like the event might be a sell-out.

The celebration offers an incredible evening for breast cancer survivors, their families and friends, physicians and

caretakers. The celebration begins at 6 p.m. and doors open at 5:45 p.m.

"Last year we had about 450 people attending and this year it looks even better," said Janie Mingie, co-chair of the event. She and fellow co-chair Deborah Dunbar Mauldin are looking forward to seeing a great turnout with ticket proceeds going to the Compassion In Action Fund.

Breast cancer survivors will be treated to a special reception and gift bags from Fountain City Jewelers. All guests will receive a buffet dinner of grilled chicken, vegetables, salads, desserts, tea and coffee and a cash bar.

Comedian Leanne Morgan entertains as will Knoxville's Chris Blue and Dee Dee Erogan. Mingie said that Blue's brother, Julius Blue, and other friends will

provide the music. Robin Wilhoit, WBIR News Anchor, and B97.5's Michele Silva will emcee.

Compassion In Action began in 2009 to help uninsured and under insured women receive breast imaging. The fund has paid for mammograms, breast ultrasound, breast biopsies and breast MRIs. The fund also helps cancer patients who are in financial need and has made house

payments and helped with utilities and cancer medications. The Pink Ribbon Celebration alone has raised nearly \$200,000 for the fund.

Attendees will also find a silent auction with items donated by various businesses including Nothing To Fancy, Maple Hall, Sugarland Shines, Clancy's Tavern, Painting With A Twist,

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Jacobs calls special session on pension suit

By Mike Steely
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Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs has called a special session of the county commission to mandate a discussion about the "settlement" he approved for the pension board/law department lawsuit. The settlement did not get enough votes to be placed on the commission's regular agenda last week (see "Pension Settlement" defeated by commission" inside) and this special meeting seems to be an attempt to nullify the results of Monday's vote.



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs watches the county commission defeat a proposal he made during Monday's work session.

the Retirement and Pension Board, Lisa Bigwood, Robert Caldwell, Stella L. Catlett, Gregory Craig, Gregory A. Gass, James Pritchard, Renee Ricker, beneficiary of Dennis Ricker, J. David Yokley and James R. Carson.

"Please consider this posting formal notice that the meeting has been called," Nystrom wrote. The chairman said he based his notice to the commission on a letter he received from Mayor Jacobs.

Nystrom told The Focus that if a vote is taken to

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Tickled Pink!



Tennessee School for the Deaf's volleyball team celebrates a Mason Dixon tournament title on its home floor for the first time ever. The Vikings wore their pink uniforms in the finals for breast cancer awareness month. Please see story on TSD's championship and other high school sports coverage in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Mid-October school board meeting short and sweet

By Anne Primm

Chairwoman Terry Hill called Wednesday's meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The flag was presented by the Central High School NJROTC which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All nine members of the school board were present.

Chairwoman Hill began the meeting by congratulating Second District Representative Jennifer Owen for receiving an Outstanding Community Advocate Award from the University of Tennessee's Theory and Practice in Teacher Education Department.

Chairwoman Hill called on Commissioner Larsen Jay to share information about how he and First District Representative Evette Satterfield have been named co-chairpersons of the Joint Education Committee in a meeting on Tuesday October 16, 2018. This committee is composed of three additional commissioners: Randy Smith, Evelyn Gill and Michele Carrington, as well as three additional school board members: Patti Bounds, Virginia Babbs and Susan Horn. This committee meets every other month.

Next, Hill asked for changes to the agenda and there were none. The following agenda item was to approve the current agenda and that was so moved, seconded, and carried.

The consent agenda was approved without discussion as were Board Policies and Grants. The final items to be approved were three contracts for school maintenance.

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

HZC discusses rooftop railing on Market Square

By Pete Gawda

The item that evoked the most discussion at the Thursday, Oct. 18 meeting of the Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission was the installation of a rooftop railing at 26 Market Square. The railing would be on the front of the building and provide protection for a rooftop deck. Commissioners were concerned about the visibility of the rail from Market Square. There was also some discussion as to the appropriateness of different types of railing material. In the end the commissioners voted to delay the matter until the November meeting to allow the owner to submit new drawings.

At 2212 Emoriland Blvd. in

Fairmont-Emoriland the owners were allowed to construct a one-story addition in the rear. It was noted that the addition would not be visible from the front of the house and the new windows would match existing windows. A portion of the new addition would be enclosed living space and a portion would be a patio.

At 1214 Luttrell St. in Fourth and Gill the owners were permitted to make several modifications that would allow the house to more closely resemble the original configuration. Those changes included removing the old rear deck, building a new deck, replacing a rear door with a window and adding glass double doors to the deck. A representative of

the neighborhood association stated that the association had no objections to the proposal.

In addition, there were three requests that were handled on the staff level. The owners of 718 Wells in Fourth and Gill were given permission to replace non-original front doors. In Fort Sanders the owners of 1717 Laurel Ave. were allowed to replace vinyl siding, replace windows, install new shingles, repair/replace soffit, restore architectural features and replace gutters. At 410 E. Oklahoma Ave. in Old North Knoxville the owners were granted permission to replace siding, wood decking and top rails on the rear deck.

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