

family holiday event," says City Special Events Director Aaron Fortz. "The new team is a wonderful addition for both the Festival on the Fourth as well as future events in World's Fair Park."

Festival on the Fourth features a variety of entertainment, activities and food vendors on the Performance Lawn, Festival Lawn and inside the Tennessee Amphitheater.

Live family entertainment on the Home Federal Bank Family Fun Stage at the Tennessee Amphitheater includes:

4:15- 4:45 p.m.: K-Pop Dancers

5- 5:45 p.m.: One Hit Wonders

6- 7 p.m.: The Amazing Magic Show with Tim Presley

Activities in the Regs. Kids Zone on the Festival Lawn include mini-golf, a water balloon game, Legos by Brickz 4 Kids, a climbing wall and a fun-bunny trampoline. Families can also enjoy face painting and a photo booth.

On the park's Festival Lawn Stage, Gary Joly performs Jimmy Buffet's songs from 4:15- 5:30 p.m., followed by classic rock covers by the

candidates for Knoxville Mayor spots and answered questions submitted by those present. Mayoral candidates pictured from left to right are: Michael Andrews, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Blawie, Skinner and Marshall Stein.

Community policing and the candidates for mayor

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One of the topics addressed during the League of Women Voters Mayoral Candidate Forum Tuesday night was community policing. Knoxville is currently planning to relocate the police and fire departments to the former St. Mary's hospital just off Broadway. Not all of the six candidates agree with that and each addressed the idea of spreading the police department out through the city rather than one central location.

Eddie Blawie was the first to

Indya Kincannon said she supports the community policing model and said that police officers should be paid better. "When I talk to officers about recruiting more officers no one ever says we need a better building."

"Police working in an area have the opportunity to get to know the people in that area," said Michael Andrews. "You get better community input."

Fletcher Burkhardt said he thinks the precinct idea "is great" but said it increases the cost. He also said the police and fire department employees need "proper pay" and to get

called for more diversity and better mental health training. He said community policing is "valuable."

"We're doing that now with community meetings and building relationships with business owners," said Marshall Stein. He added, "I'm not for the precinct model because the city of Knoxville is not that big. At the time when we're understaffed I don't think that makes sense."

The forum, held at the Knoxville News-Sentinel office, drew a large crowd of supporters and others. Questions also included indigent care,