

ect; updated water and electric service, improved drainage, and added new sod, pervious paver hardscaping and an enlarged entry area and gates.

"You're excited to host this family-friendly holiday event," says City Special Events Director Judith Foltz. "The new lawn is a wonderful addition for both the Festival on the Fourth as well as future events in Worlds 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.: R-Pop Dancers
5- 5:45 p.m.: Dee Hinton
6- 7 p.m.: The Amazing Magic Show with Tim Pressley

Activities in the Regal Kids Zone on the Festival Lawn include mini-golf, a water balloon game, legos by Linda 4 Kids, a climbing wall and a Euro-bungee trampoline. Families can also enjoy face painting and a photo booth.

On the park's Festival Lawn Stage, Barry Jolly performs Jimmy Buffett songs from 4:15- 5:30 p.m., followed by classic rock covers by the Stony Point Bluesgrass Band from 5- 7:30 p.m.

Music on the Performance Lawn Stage begins at 5 p.m. with a performance by the Stony Point Bluesgrass Band. At 8 p.m., the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will perform "The Nutcracker."



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Eddie Mannix chats with Calvin Skinner during the Tuesday evening League of Women Voters' Mayoral Candidate forum. All six candidates for Knoxville Mayor spoke and answered questions submitted by those present. Mayoral candidates pictured from left to right are: Michael Andrews, Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Mannix, Skinner and Marshall Star.

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 Mannix was the first to answer the question and said he believes that a precinct model is "a better way to go." He said putting the police back in the community builds relationships and said,

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 rid of antiquated rule books. He said that he saw an officer who had to wear long sleeves in hot weather because of a tattoo on his wrist. Calvin Taylor Skinner said that

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

"We're doing that now with community meetings and building relationships with business owners," said Marshall Star. He added, "I'm not for the precinct model because the city of Knoxville is not that big. At this 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 citizens. Questions also included indigent care, affordable housing, hacking threats of city records, Procto and Tifts for business tax breaks, attracting minority businesses, and gun violence.

Each candidate gave a brief expla-