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## Early voting begins next week

By Mike Steely  
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Knoxville residents will have the chance to vote for a new city mayor and four new city council members starting Wednesday, August 7. Early voting polls will remain open every day except Sundays through

August 22 and the primary election is Tuesday, August 27.

The outcome of the early voting and primary day will vary because any candidate for mayor who receives 50 percent plus one vote would become the mayor. That

name, however, would still appear on the general election ballot alone because of possible write-in voters.

If one candidate for mayor does not receive the fifty plus one than the top two candidates proceed to the general election in November.

City Council races are different and the top two vote getters proceed to the general and the 50 plus one does not apply. Three of the four council races only have two candidates and those candidates automatically go on to the November 5th ballot.

However, five candidates have filed for At-Large Seat C, to replace Vice Mayor and Councilman Finbarr Saunders. The top two in that contest will advance to the general election.

Early voting places include the City-County Building, Downtown West,

the Love Kitchen, New Harvest Park and Meridian Baptist Church. Standard hours for the precincts, except for the City-County Building, are from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Mannis attends Five Points parade



Candidate for mayor Eddie Mannis, pictured with Mary Foster and Linda Freeman, was very excited to attend the Five Points Neighborhood parade Saturday, July 20. Although it was quite toasty, Eddie and his supporters made their way along the parade route and were very pleased to have the support of many neighbors in attendance. The parade recognized Dewey Roberts, and Eddie was happy to have been the only candidate present to participate in this celebration. Eddie cooled off afterwards by joining neighbors at Walter Hardy Park to enjoy the vendors, food trucks, and games that were present.

## Second reading of Recode before City Council

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When the Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday evening the members will be asked for a final approval of Recode, an overall revision of zoning and building regulations. More than two years have passed since the planning commission was asked to review and propose new rules; that time has seen lots of neighborhood and business objections.

The city council may see further opposition from citizens when they look at the fifth Recode draft again. While several alterations have been made in an attempt to get the regulations to become law, the latest, and most controversial, may be the exemption of higher income neighborhoods, or Established Neighborhoods, from accepting accessory dwellings. That changed in the last council meeting when Councilman Andrew Roberto said he would not support Recode unless the ENs, like Kingston Pike's Sequoyah Hills, were given a chance to not participate.

The initial intent of permitting accessory dwelling

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## Abloom Florist donates flowers to Shannondale Healthcare Center



PHOTO BY KEN LAY

Dianne Storm and Tina Lakin of Abloom Florist prepare to distributed flowers they donated to the patients and staff at Shannondale Healthcare Center.

By Ken Lay

A local florist made last week a little brighter for the patients at Shannondale Health Care Center.

It was a cloudy and drizzly day, but Dianne Storm and Tina Lakin of West Knoxville's Abloom Florist delivered a few flowers to the senior healthcare center at lunchtime on Tuesday.

Storm, who manages the family-owned flower shop, located at 7007 Kingston Pike said that the day was the store's annual day of giving.

"The last four years, we've given to some of the smaller nursing homes and we delivered flowers to the patients in their rooms," said Storm, who manages the shop owned by her parents Roy and Hazel Drinnen. "When we decided to go to Shannondale, they

had 170 beds and we just couldn't afford to donate to 170 patients."

But that didn't stop Abloom Florist from brightening the day for the staff and patients at one of Knoxville's largest senior healthcare facilities.

"They suggested that we deliver them to the dining areas on each floor so everybody would get the chance to enjoy them," Storm said. "We also dropped some flowers off at the front and at the nurse's stations."

That represented a day of giving by the Tennessee Teleflora Unit, of which Storm is a member and Teleflora annually donates to service providers, including senior healthcare centers, police stations, fire stations and other members of the institutions of

public service.

"We have a Tennessee Teleflora Unit," Storm said. "I'm a member and every year we donate flowers and that has to be in the service industry."

But providing service is nothing new for Abloom Florist, a company that prides itself on exemplary customer service.

The company provides floral arrangements for weddings, funerals, parties and other events and Storm said that customer service is a key to the company's success. Roy and Hazel Drinnen have owned the business since 1983. Hazel works in the shop and Roy runs daily errands to the post office.

"We wanted to be a florist who brought something a little bit different," Storm

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