

Up, Informal, Organized, Proactive, Outstanding or Exemplary doesn't act all with some people, even those who are members of the most active neighborhood organizations.

"It is especially important to know if a group truly represents and represents the citizens of the neighborhood," the Office of Neighborhoods published in its June 18th newsletter. The city department maintains a list of recognized neighborhoods and that list may be seen on their website.

The question of which neighborhoods groups are recognized by the city came up in April when the Office of Neighborhoods failed to add an organization to their published list of such groups. The group was added back to the list and the Office of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Advisory Council began looking into various ways to certify neighborhoods.

"The most unsettling thing is that the city bureaucracy could bury volunteer groups with information requests and all that information is then public record and available to developer's lawyers to peruse," said Lisa Starbuck of the Northeast Knoxville Preservation Association.



Inaugural Class of 2009: 1 - Russ Rutherford, 2 - Dean O'Leary, 3 - Cameron Sharp, 4 - Tanny Elbert Alford, 5 - James Ralph "Red" McMillan, 6 - Chris Vandegriff, 7 - Jason Julian, 8 - Randy Hall, 9 - Missy Rutherford, 10 - Donnie Cooper, 11 - Ashley Cox, 12 - Stephanie Humphrey Sayre.

A dandy dozen travel Halls High's Road to Fame

By Steve Williams

No telling how many thousands of boys and girls have

— Road to Fame?

Drum roll, please ... or maybe it would be more appropriate to

So without further ado, in alphabetical order, the inductees are (with their main sport

Rutherford (baseball) Stephanie Humphrey Sayre (softball) Cameron Sharp (boys basketball) and