

last Thursday afternoon. I was astounded to see a plethora of folks selling produce, as well as food trucks taking up parking spaces on the upper tier of parking right next to the building where the voting was taking place. With a Knox County Parks and Recreation vehicle blocking another exit, with the added precaution of having set out traffic cones, it left little room



Canopy tents and food trucks block the west outlet on the upper tier of the New Harvest Park early voting location on Thursday afternoon. Thirty-nine of 68 parking spaces, including several handicap-accessible parking spaces, were taken for produce vendors, eliminating through-way, ingress and egress. Also the set up encroached upon the fire lane shown with the yellow stripe markings above.

for cars to maneuver in the area where the voting was occurring. On the lower tier the parking lot, a canopy

tent was set up for mayoral candidate Eddie Mannix which was set outside the 100-foot marker where

candidates are allowed to greet voters. When compared to the tents occupied by the produce people,

the Mannix tent looked like a small outpost in the desert. Cliff Rodgers, administrator of elections

It was clear to me in the course of hours I was there before Cliff arrived that some folks coming to vote, especially elderly folks, were overwhelmed or otherwise put off by the difficulty of parking near the building where voting was taking place. There is a wonderful pavilion which was unused on the site, as well as other
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Don't miss the history fair Saturday!



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History comes alive Saturday in and around downtown Knoxville during the East Tennessee History Fair. The free event draws hundreds, if not thousands, of people to the one-of-a-kind gathering of historians, reenactors, authors, vendors, organizations, and musicians.

You might even meet and speak with the likes of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, Union General W. S. Grant, and maybe even Davy Crockett. There's free parking in the city garages and free trolley service to various events. While much of the activity takes place downtown and around the East Tennessee History

Rezoning and much ado about nothing for Knoxville-Knox County Planning

By Ken Lay

The most heavily discussed request at the monthly Knoxville/Knox County Planning Commission Thursday turned out to be much ado about nothing.

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