

Parks and Rec helps distribute meals for kids



At Inskip Recreation Center Wednesday, the Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department manned the table to distribute food to school-aged children through the efforts of Daniel Alexander, Chandler Fielding and Georgia Leonard. Knox County Schools, Parks and Recreation, CAC and other agencies are making sure anyone under 18 has food during the coronavirus emergency. There are now 38 locations in Knox County where parents may pick up breakfast and lunch for their children.

Knox County Schools: Emergency Meal, School Packet Distribution

While Knox County Schools is closed through April 24, 2020, out of concern over COVID-19, the district will be providing breakfast and lunch to any child 18 and under at no charge.

Beginning on Monday, April 6, KCS will be moving to a two-day (Monday/Wednesday) meal distribution schedule. The district will provide two days' worth of meals to be distributed on Monday and three days' worth of meals on Wednesday. Although Monday, April 13, is a scheduled district holiday, meal distribution will be held as usual.

Meal distribution will occur from 10 a.m. - noon. Breakfast and lunch will be distributed at the same time.

The meals will be available at one of 38 designated emergency feeding sites via drive-thru or walk-up for children to consume at home. There is no dine-in option. Children must be present to receive meals; however, families may pick up at any distribution site regardless of enrollment. Additionally, no proof of income is required. Extra meals cannot be provided if additional children are not present.

Meals will be distributed at the following locations:

- Across All Boundaries Church (No school packets): 2821 E. Magnolia Ave., Knoxville, TN 37914
- Austin-East High School: 2800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Knoxville, TN 37914
- Bearden Middle School: 1000 Francis Road, Knoxville, TN 37909
- Bearden High School: 8352 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919
- Beaumont Magnet Academy: 1211 Beaumont Ave., Knoxville, TN 37921
- Belle Morris Dementia School: 2308 Washington Pike, Knoxville, TN 37917
- Carter High School: 210 N. Carter School Road, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871
- Cedar Bluff Elementary: 705 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, TN 37923
- Central High School: 5321 Jacksboro Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918
- Cumberland Estates Recreation Center (No school packets): 4529 Silverhill Dr., Knoxville, TN 37921
- Dogwood Elementary School: 705 Tipton Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920
- East Knox Elementary School: 9315 Rutledge Pike, Mascot, TN 37806
- Ed Cottrien Pool at Malcolm-Martin Park (No school packets): 1737 Reynolds St., Knoxville, TN 37921
- Farragut High: 11237 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37934
- Fulton High School: 2509 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917
- Gibbs High School: 7628 Tazewell Pike, Corrington, TN 37721
- Green Magnet Academy: 801 Lula Powell Dr., Knoxville, TN 37915
- Gresham Middle School: 500 Gresham Road, Knoxville, TN 37918
- Halls High School: 4321 E. Emory Road, Knoxville, TN 37938
- Hardin Valley Middle: 2280 Steele Road, Knoxville, TN 37932
- Inskip Elementary School: 4701 High School Road, Knoxville, TN 37912
- Inskip-Horwood Recreation Center (No school packets): 301 W. Inskip Dr.,

Questions arise over funds to renovate TVA East Tower

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It took a while last week for the Knox County Commission to approve agreements to fund the renovations of the TVA East Tower and the Summer Place as several members had serious questions.

The commission's shortened agenda dealt with a variety of resolutions including a vote to close part of Solway Ferry Road so the local church, Solway Baptist, could install a monument to military veterans. Also approved was a consent calendar covering school board requests, several storm water projects, contracting with Cedar Bluff Towing, Chestnut Street Transport and Sutherland Avenue Wecker Services for towing, and postponing the McBee Ferry Landing transfer from Legacy Parks.

Also postponed until their April meeting was the lease agreement with the Knoxville Jewish Alliance for a marker for Master Sergeant Riddle Edmonds to be placed at the corner of Market Street and Clinch Avenue.

The commission passed the code change to permit special judges to receive \$300 per half day when they sit in for absent judges.

All of the zoning change requests were postponed until the commission meets in May.

The discussion about funding the TVA East Tower improvements and the acquisition of the Summer Place Complex there was prompted by several questions from Commissioner Charles Busler. He asked that the two matters be removed from the consent calendar and discussed.

Busler said the COVID-19 virus could have an effect on county tax collection

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Paullette Williams delivers roses to Oakwood Senior Living on behalf of 911 Knox Decontamination. Photo courtesy of Williams.

911 Knox Decon Services delivers flowers to elderly

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"It has been bothering us," said Paullette Thomas speaking for herself and son, Daniel. The two own a business you hope you'll never need but, during the coronavirus outbreak, recognized a need that they could fill.

They own and operate 911 Knoxville Biohazard Decontamination Service, a company that is hired to go

into homes and businesses to clean up after unthinkable incidents. That includes trauma, accidents, crime scenes, hoarding, distressed property, vehicle clean up, infestations, biohazards, etc., and that can include coronavirus. The company is proud of its professional staff.

"We do that so a family can come back and live in the home. Sometimes it even includes removing the carpet,"

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