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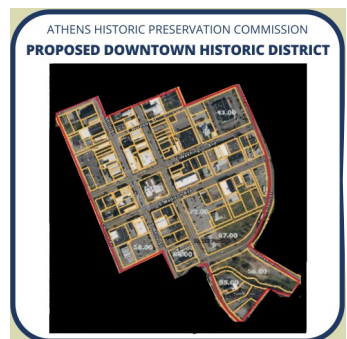
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Public Meeting Set for Proposed Historic District



The Athens Historic Preservation Commission (AHPC) is considering the creation of a historic district in the downtown area and will host an informational public meeting on May 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the potential district and receive input from downtown

property owners.

A copy of the Historic District's Design Guidelines can be found at www.athenstn.gov under the Community Development tab, or in person at the Community Development Department at City Hall. Guidelines specific to commercial buildings, which make up most of the proposed district, begin on page 66.

A map of the proposed district boundary is attached to the announcement. For more information, contact the Community Development Office at 423-744-2754.

Source: Frank Clark, Communications Coordinator, City of Athens. Graphic Edited by Morning Fax Staff for clarity.

Community News You Can Use

- The Meigs County Historical Society will host member, Jacob Smith, on Sunday, April 27 at 2pm. Jacob will lead a discussion regarding methods of researching Civil War Records. The event is free and open to all. The address is 210 Smith Avenue in Decatur, TN. For more info, call their phone number: (423) 334-4424. Visit their website at: www.meigstnmuseum.org, or contact them via email at info@meigstnmuseum.org
- AUB's monthly board meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a cost of service presentation by the Gas Division and they will also be open for Public Comments for pre-approved speakers.
- The Trash and Treasure Sale to benefit the McMinn Living Heritage Museum is no longer accepting donations. Premier night is tomorrow, Wednesday, April 23 from 5pm to 8pm with admission set at \$10. Tickets are available at the Museum in advance or at the door. However, the sale opens to the public for free on Thursday, April 24th - Saturday, April 26th from 10am - 5pm on Thursday and Friday & Saturday from 10am - 3pm.

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Maggie Blaine invites **Terry Kratz** to talk about the McMinn Living Heritage Museum's **Trash & Treasure Sale**. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. *See ad on Page 4*

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Athens, Tennessee

Three Bears Euthanized After Woman Dragged from Porch in Sevier County



Three black bears were lethally removed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) after a woman was bitten and dragged from her porch in Sevier County on Thursday, April 17.

The TWRA responded around 7:40 p.m. and found a yearling bear inside a trap set following a prior incident where a bear broke into a vehicle to steal groceries. The vehicle was destroyed. Wildlife officers also encountered an adult female bear and another yearling nearby.

Due to the bears' food-conditioning, habituation to humans, and increasingly bold behavior—including vehicle break-ins and this latest human encounter—all three bears were euthanized as a public safety measure. Although emergency responders found no serious injuries on the woman involved, TWRA emphasized the significant danger these bears posed.

“These decisions are never made lightly,” the agency stated. “Our priority is always the safety of both people and wildlife.”

TWRA advises residents in bear-prone areas to follow BearWise safety tips, including removing bird feeders during active bear seasons, securing trash, and never feeding bears.

Source: [Local 3 News](#) *Photo Courtesy of* [TWRA Facebook](#)

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Athens, Tennessee

Youth Fishing Derby Set for Saturday at Athens Regional Park



Young anglers will have their chance to cast a line and compete for prizes this Saturday, April 26, during the annual Youth Fishing Derby at Athens Regional Park.

The event is open to children ages 12 and under. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m., with fishing taking place from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Participants are encouraged to arrive early and bring their own fishing gear.

Cash and gift prizes will be awarded during the event.

Athens Regional Park is located at 2405 Decatur Pike in Athens. For more information, contact the Athens Parks and Recreation Department at 423-744-2704 or email recreation@athenstn.gov.

Isaiah 117 House Golf Tournament Tees Off April 26

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The annual Isaiah 117 House Golf Tournament is set for Friday, April 26 at Rarity Bay Golf & Country Club. The tournament begins at 9:00 a.m., with teams of four invited to register at \$500 per team.

Participants will enjoy golf, breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks, premium logo giveaways, and chances to win prizes for course contests, top team finishes, and door drawings. Each player will also receive one mulligan.

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Proceeds support Isaiah 117 House's mission to improve the way foster care begins in Monroe and McMinn Counties.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

James George Brakebill, 88 of Ringgold, GA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 17. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1954. Following his service, he earned a master's degree in accounting. A funeral service will be conducted 2:00 pm, Tuesday, April 22 in the chapel of Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery with full Military Honors provided by the U.S. Air Force. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 11:00am-2:00pm prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of James George Brakebill.

Susie Kay Gregory Watson, 66 of Englewood, passed away on Saturday, April 19. Family and friends will gather for graveside services at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Tuesday, April 22, at 3:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Susie Kay Gregory Watson.

Mary "Pat" Patricia Fox, 92 of Beaumont, Texas, passed away on Friday, April 18. She was an elementary school special education teacher for many years. Pat held a Master's degree from Texas A&M University. There will be no formal services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Mary "Pat" Patricia Fox.

Todd Garrison Hancock, 50 of Athens, passed away on Thursday, March 13. He was a standout football player for Central High School. Visitation will be held at Ziegler Funeral Home from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 24, with a Celebration of Life to follow. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Todd Garrison Hancock.

Hilton Otis Johnson, 96 of Georgetown, passed away Friday, April 18. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1951 until 1955. Hilton retired as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal. He was a member of Brittville Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 24 in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Johnston Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Johnson family.

April Beth Peterson Linton, 51 of Athens, passed away on Friday, April 18. She graduated from Carson-Newman University with a degree in Psychology. She attended Christ Way of Ooltewah. *The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM, Friday, April 25, at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.* Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens Tenn. in charge of arrangements.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Rebecca Gail Delk, 60 of Athens, passed away Sunday, April 20 at UT Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a former employee of Mills Products. She enjoyed making flower arrangements and painting. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Saturday, April 26 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with interment to follow in Morganton Cemetery. The family will receive friends form 11:00AM - 1:00 PM Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

John Riley Cunningham, 97 of Etowah, passed away on Saturday, April 19 peacefully at Terra Bella Assisted Living in Athens. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict and retired from AT&T over 30 years ago. There is no formal visitation per his request. The family will assemble at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23 at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Michael "Mike" Bible, 62 of Benton, passed away on Sunday, April 20. He was a member of Eastanallee Baptist Church. He was gifted at playing the drums since he was a boy, through his adult life, and played in several bands years ago. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 25 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Luther Ray Martin, 84 of Englewood, passed away on Sunday, April 20 at his home. He served in the US Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Luther worked in construction throughout his life and retired from Sweetwater Hospital Association. The family will receive friends between 6:00 PM - 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 23 at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville. A funeral service will be held immediately afterwards at 8:00 P.M. at Biereley-Hale Chapel. Interment will take place at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 24 at Ebenezer Cemetery in Englewood with military honors provided by the U.S. Army, Sweetwater V.F.W. Goldstar Post 5156, and American Legion Post 106. Arrangements entrusted to Biereley-Hale Funeral Home.

"Big" Jerry Anderson, 79 of Niota, passed away Monday, April 21, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Thursday, April 24 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow at 7 pm. The graveside service will be 1 pm Friday, April 25 at Niota Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

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