

Knox County wants recreation land swap

Knox County Parks and Recreation is conducting a public meeting concerning a proposed sale of six acres of land located at 9714 Middlebrook Pike. The site presently has one soccer field. The meeting will be Monday, Nov. 21, from 5-7 p.m. at the

Ball Camp Community Center, 8728 Ball Camp Pike.

The property has increased in value following road improvements on Middlebrook Pike and Lovell Road. Knox County proposes to use the funds from the sale to purchase a 32-acre

tract owned by KUB at 1609 Hickey Road. This property would be developed as a park.

The public meeting is a part of the process required by state funding in the development of Nicholas Ball Park. The meeting will be open house

format so visitors can attend at any time during the 2-hour period.

Comments also can be sent by mail to 2447 Sutherland Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919; by fax to 215-6603; or by e-mail to parks@knoxcounty.org. Info: 215-6600.

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Woodworking for the birds

AmeriCorps volunteers Khann Chov and Katie Swick saw wood for birdhouses in Dr. Bob Collier's woodshop in Powell. Students in Powell and Halls schools will assemble the birdhouses to attract bluebirds, owls, wood ducks and elusive prothonotary warblers to the schools' outdoor classrooms. Hallsdale-Powell Utility District donated the wood from trees cut to make way for the utility's new water intake plant on Norris Lake.

(Photo by Shannon Carey)

KCSC sets public meeting

The Knox County Soil Conservation District will hold a stakeholder input meeting Thursday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., at the USDA Service Center in Knoxville.

Local farmers, ranchers, agencies, organizations and businesses with an interest in natural resource conditions and needs are invited. Discussion will center on county-based funding for the fiscal year 2006 environmental quality incentives programs. Info: Terron L. Hillsman, 523-3338 x114.

TDEC sets meeting at Powell High School

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will host a public meeting Monday, Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m. at Powell High School to discuss the Lower Clinch River Watershed Water Quality Management Plan. Planned activities include demonstrations, exhibits and interactive displays, reviewing of maps and data, presentations from local water quality groups, and the opportunity to suggest ways to improve water quality. A copy of the watershed water quality management plan is available at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/watershed/wsmplans/>. Info: 594-6035.