



Newsletter and Notice for November 3, 2025, meeting, Noon, at the AFL-CIO Labor Council Building, 1522 Bill Williams, 37917 (Across the street from WBIR-TV)

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2025 Theme: Educate, Empower, Engage

Welcome to a new and Busy Year for DWK. We will not have as many elections this year as last year, but our mission will be to focus on issues. We want to Educate about those issues we will be confronted with, be Empowered to make a difference, and be Engaged with other Organizationa and outreach.

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PREPARE FOR MONDAY'S MEETING

***DWK Noon, Nov. 3, *BRING YOUR EMPTY MEDICINE BOTTLES FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER. ***

***BRING SOME MONEY \$5.** We have an agency who helps handicapped people all over the state and they lost their federal funding. <https://www.belk.com/customer-service/about-us/our-community/charity-sale/> Belk is having a Charity Sale which gives purchasers of the \$5 coupon tickets 25% and up off items and returns your \$5 to you. The tickets I have are for TNSTEP who continue to be the only entity selected by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, to provide training and support to Tennessee families who have children and youth with disabilities. GO TO TNSTEP.ORG. My friend Barbara Wagner has been on the Board of TNSTEP for a long time, so I am familiar with the good work they do and how needed the program is. The Charity Sale Tickets are for shopping November 7 – 9. You can shop now to Nov. 6, and pick up your purchases -7-9 if you want to shop early. Thanks.

***Tuesday, November 4, is Election Day.** If you live in the city or own property in the City, please prepare to go cast your vote. Tennessee is either 49th or 50th in voter turnout. Do not be one of those who say my vote will not make a difference. Yes, it does. Karyn, Matthew, and Frank will be celebrating at Fred's Around The Corner, 421 Union Avenue, 37902; Nathan will be at Plaid Apron.

***Wednesday, November 5th, CWA Union Hall, TOWN HALL**

There will be a debate between the two invited guests, Michaela Barnett and Rep. Tim Burchett. Both are seeking the Second Congressional Seat. Reverend Tonya Barnette will be moderating. The government shutdown is hurting a lot of East Tennesseans. There's a lot of misinformation circulating, and people need answers and they need help. We'll have an opportunity to ask questions live. While we may not have time to answer every question, we'll make sure to cover the full spectrum of what is asked.

We hope you'll come and bring a neighbor or two to make sure everyone has what they need through this shutdown.

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED RESOURCES?

TOWN HALL

ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 7 - 8:30 PM
CWA, 1415 ELM ST, KNOXVILLE, TN 37921

*Nov 6, Knox County School Board Meeting, KCS Boardroom, Summer Place. 500 W. Summit Hill Dr., 5 pm And Dec. 4 Knox County School Board Meeting. There are lots of things going on with schools that we need your help with. Please turn out and get involved.

*Nov 6: Suffrage, A home of her own. 10:30 am, 706 Gay Street, a Major Announcement. Please come celebrate.



This new home will allow us to finally create the [Women's Suffrage Museum](#) and properly educate future generations about the incredible sacrifices and accomplishments of the sisters who paved the way for us.

***Nov. 11th American Legion Veterans Day Parade**

Meet at KCDP HQ,, 9 to 10:30am, 311 Morgan St for Shuttle to take you to beginning of parade. Join the KCDP at the 100th Annual Veterans Day Parade. Lineup will take place from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. The parade will begin at 10:40 near the Gay St. Bridge and will end near the headquarters. We will be walking in support of our Veterans carrying posters and signage celebrating our Democracy – no items will be given out. If you are a veteran and would like us to make a sign with your rank, please include your full name, service division, and title when you RSVP.

***Nov, 17th, 5 to 6: County Commission Meeting, City/County Building**

***Nov. 19th, 5:30 – 7 PM.** Join Immigration Advocates at monthly AKIN meeting. **St. James Episcopal Church**, 1101 N Broadway, [Knoxville, TN 37917](#)

***Nov. 27, HAPPY THANKSGIVING.**

***Friday, December 5 * WIVK Christmas Parade**

Wear your favorite warm holiday attire and join KCDP at the WIVK Christmas Parade. We will shuttle walkers from our headquarters over to the line up location between 5:00 and 5:50 pm. The parade will step off at 7:00 pm.

Please note that while holiday attire/costumes are encouraged, the City asks that there are no Santa costumes. Each parade ends with Santa and prohibits additional Santas. We will have matching holiday scarves for everyone to wear.

The City REQUIRES everyone to sign a liability release form to join this event. Forms will be available closer to the event and can also be turned in at the parade lineup.

** Per WIVK rules, children under 12 must ride in this parade. They are not allowed to walk. They are not allowed to walk. Due to liability concerns and parade restrictions, we ask that you do not bring your pets to the parades.*

Please reach out to Shannon Webb with questions or to RSVP at Treasurer@knoxvilledemocrats.org or 865-804-7399. Thanks! Shannon

AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Welcome

Minutes:

Treasurer's report:

Reports:

Discuss the above Calendar of events

Education: Lots of problems. Particularly the option to prevent immigrants from participating in public schools.

Environment: The environmental committee will have some potted seedlings available at Monday's DWK meeting. The winners of the "Throwing Shade" competition from earlier this year will get first choice. We would like to see all the plants "adopted" on Monday. Planting them could be a great activity for you and your children/grandchildren. Remember we want to help with the Knoxville Urban Forest initiative!

President: TFDW bylaw changes: TFDW Convention in April and DWK Assignment; Congratulations to Dana Moran, elected as E. TN VC; Several members ill. Thank you to those who attended the No Kings Rally on the 18th and thank you to our members who helped with the Jimmy Carter month of Service at Beardsley Farm on the 14th and 28th of October.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: President appoints a nominating committee for offices for 2026.

Donation to TNSTEP.

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Announcements.

Reminder that we will be bringing tray favor bags for Mobile Meals and a DWK donation.

Adjourn.

Congratulations to Dorothy Boyles on her award: <https://youtu.be/34NGKFmnw8s>

In addition to her extensive achievements and unwavering commitment to civic engagement, Dorothy remains a steady presence in community efforts, whether it's rolling up her sleeves at local farms or volunteering at food assistance events. PLEASE CLICK ABOVE TO READ ALL ABOUT OUR NEW MEMBER.'



We are grateful for the ongoing dedication of our members, whose commitment to service continues to strengthen our organization and the wider community. Your support has played a vital role in recent initiatives, and we look forward to building on this momentum together.

We encourage everyone to participate in these ongoing community efforts, as your involvement truly makes a difference. Please mark your calendars for upcoming service opportunities and stay tuned for further details at our next meeting.

JIMMY CARTER MONTH OF SERVICE KICK OFF YEAR.

Staff and DWKers Ashley Wells, Michaela Barnett, Sylvia Woods, Dorothy Bowles. October 28 at Beardsley Community Farms. Sorted veggies. Bettina and Charles Laboda, Sylvia Woods, and Dorothy Bowles worked the farm on October 14th.



We will be going back to help Tuesday, December 16, at 1:30. Beardsley Farms needs us as they lost their AmeriCorps workers.

No Kings

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DWK Members