



Newsletter and Notice for December 1, 2025, meeting, Noon, at the AFL-CIO Labor Council Building, 1522 Bill Williams, 37917 (Across the street from WBIR-TV)

Mail address: PO BOX 3432, Knoxville, TN 37927

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/dwkdues>

Link above to pay \$25 dues for **2026 –Join new now and get 2025 Fall free.**  
Males or Out of County Associate Member \$10 dues.

Website: [KnoxvilleDemocrats.org/DWK](http://KnoxvilleDemocrats.org/DWK)

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.*

ATTENTION:



Each year we have a project to help Mobile Meals with tray favors for December Delivery. See below:

**'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING! BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS FOR HOMEBOUND OLDER ADULTS** Holiday gift bags are needed for Mobile Meals, who will be delivering hot, delicious meals to over 700 homebound older adults in Knox County on Christmas morning.

Suggested Gift Selections Please include 1-3 items from each category:

**Utility** • Magnifying glass, large pens, stationery, notepads, large print puzzles and books, flashlights, batteries, night light, pill boxes, coloring books and supplies

**Personal Care** • Lip balms, bars of soap, small size toiletries (less than 8 oz.), combs/brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, nail clippers/ files, tissues

**Home and Kitchen** • Hand towels, washcloths, dishtowels, dish liquid, sponges, plug-in air fresheners, fridge magnets, jar openers, soft grip can openers

**Comfort** • Throws (lap robes), socks (non-skid), scarves, gloves, hats, small umbrellas, face masks

**Mark each bag as male, female, or either. Package gifts in a small or medium gift bag (no larger than 13"x11"). Do not include food items, candles, glass, or clothing in your gift bags. New items only.** Handmade items (scarves, blankets, etc.) are welcome! BRING OR SEND YOUR ITEMS TO THE MEETING

You can also bring cash or check for donation. (Checks made to Mobile Meals.)

**HELP MOBILE MEALS ORGANIZE GIFTS** Mobile Meals is recruiting volunteer groups to help

organize donated gifts between December 16-19. If you have a group interested in volunteering, reach out to sara.keel@cacnutrition.org. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals all holiday season. Call (865) 524-2786 or visit knoxseniors.org/mobile to learn how to join our family of volunteers.

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**Knox County Party Chair Stuart Hohl** has told us he will resign soon. He has been laid off from his job for several months but now has a new job, and it requires more of his time. He will not be leaving us as he will move to the past president position. The General Assembly, which is the board plus precinct chairs, makes up the General Assembly and it meets once per quarter. If this is you, be sure to put the second Thursday of December on your calendar. You will get a meeting notice.'

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#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

If you would like to be Secretary for DWK please contact Sara Baskin, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Sara.baskin@gmail.com **865-680-8728**

Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be held in the December meeting. While the Elections Committee will make recommendations, anyone can be nominated from the floor.

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## **Poinsettia Fund Raiser**



Please note that all contributions, whether items or monetary donations, play a vital role in supporting our community's seniors during the holiday season. Your generosity ensures that those in need receive essential supplies and a little extra comfort this year. Thank you for your continued support and participation in these efforts. **SEVERAL DWK MEMBERS BELONG TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.** DWK has helped us in the past. We get our poinsettias from Stanley's, and our prices are the same as theirs. We can buy wholesale from them, and we deliver to you. We can deliver it to you at the meeting on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact: Dale Grubb to order or ask questions **865-573-1152**.

<b>4.5" single bloom-\$5</b>	<b>6.5" 6-14 blooms-\$16</b>	<b>RED, WHITE, &amp; MARBLE</b>
<b>7.5' 25+ blooms</b>	<b>10" 30+ blooms-\$37</b>	<b>RED, WHITE, JINGLE BELL</b>
<b>10" Hanging basket-\$25</b>	<b>RED</b>	

**Note: Let us know if you would like a color that Stanley's carries but is not listed as an option and we will do our best to accommodate. Specialty varieties available at nominal additional cost.**

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**YOU WILL RECEIVE MINUTES AND AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING  
IN A FEW DAYS.**

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**PLEASE SEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS REPORT ATTACHED.**

# GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Your Environmental Committee has some suggestions for keeping the holidays sustainable:

Share the love and sustainability with eco-friendly gifts like reusable coffee cups or solid shampoo bars. Encourage others to make planet-friendly choices this holiday season.

Wrap your gifts in recyclable paper or, for an eco twist, repurpose old newspapers or last year's wrapping. Avoid foil or glitter-laden paper, as they're not recyclable and may contain plastic. Make your gift-giving thoughtful and environmentally responsible by choosing wrapping materials that align with your commitment to sustainability. For a creative touch, try wrapping gifts in gardening pots, coffee mugs, mixing bowls, or mason jars--each item can be reused by the recipient. Keep the wrapping minimal and avoid excessive waste.





## Eco News Tidbit

The University of Tennessee Recycling Center Drop-Off Point has relocated to 521 N. Concord Street. In addition to the usual items that can be recycled, the UT Recycle Center has glass recycling and plastic bag recycling. The plastic bag recycling bins are marked separately from the regular plastic recycling bins and are in a slightly set apart from the other bins.

Items that can be recycled in the plastic bag bin include:

- #2 and #4 SOFT PLASTIC FILM AND BAGS
- GROCERY, RETAIL, NEWSPAPER, DRY CLEANING, BREAD, PRODUCE AND OTHER PLASTIC BAGS
- FILM PACKAGING
- PRODUCT WRAP FOUND ON PAPER TOWELS, BATHROOM TISSUE, WATER BOTTLE CASES, DIAPERS, ETC.
- FURNITURE AND PLASTIC ELECTRONIC WRAP
- ZIP-CLOSE FOOD STORAGE BAGS
- PLASTIC CEREAL BOX LINERS (Not if it tears like paper)
- PLASTIC SHIPPING ENVELOPES, BUBBLE WRAP AND DEFLATED AIR CUSHION SHIPPING PACKAGING

Items that can NOT be added to the plastic bag bin.

- PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM WITH FOOD RESIDUE
- WET/DAMP BAGS
- BAGS WITH SILVER/METALLIC INNER LINING
- CANDY WRAPPERS
- CHIP BAGS
- FROZEN FOOD BAGS
- PREWASHED SALAD BAGS
- PET FOOD BAGS
- BEDDING BAGS
- FOAMY PLASTIC WRAP



**Go to the Tennessee  
Environmental Council  
website  
([tectn.org/tennesseetreeday](http://tectn.org/tennesseetreeday))  
to register now through  
March 1, 2026.**



*HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*