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DOWNTOWN KNOXVILLE IN PICTURES

In early 2022, KHP will publish a new visual history book through Arcadia Publishing's popular "Image of America" series. "Downtown Knoxville" will chronicle the story of the city's iconic core through a fascinating collection of vintage photographs and illustrations from local archives and collections. Featuring a combination of classic photographs that are hard to beat, plus a selection of previously unpublished images, this book will provide another way to experience and appreciate the city's history.

CORE PROGRAMS

The mission of the Knoxville History Project is to research, preserve, and promote the history and culture of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Talks & Tours

KHP serves Knoxville residents and visitors through engaging educational programs, both in-person and online through Zoom. Our programs illuminate the city's past, incorporating new research and previously untold stories covering a broad range of subjects, presented by KHP staff and guest presenters.

"The Scruffy Citizen"

Freshly researched articles highlight a diverse variety of relevant but little-known stories from Knoxville's past, shared with KHP supporters and then posted online.

Knoxville History Online

KHP's website offers a comprehensive online resource, including stories, historic sites, image galleries, videos, podcasts, maps, and our online store.

Knoxville Shoebox

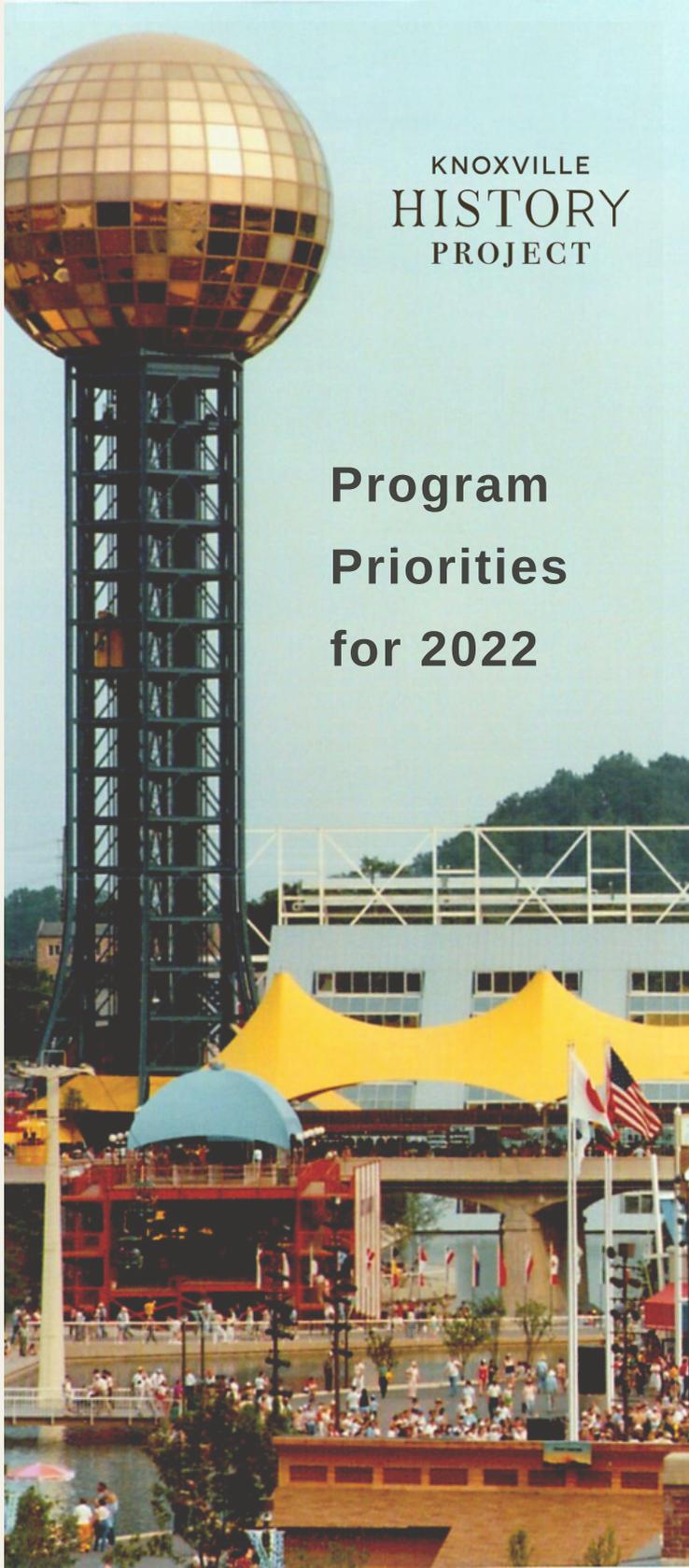
We encourage community members to share photographs, brochures, and illustrations to be permanently archived for historical use.

Library Readership

To serve the general public, we produce hardback versions of KHP publications through the Knox County Public Library system.

Learn more at:

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Program Priorities for 2022



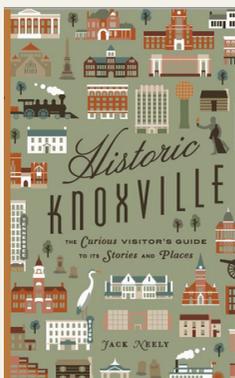
Photo: Susan Brackney

Williams Mill, Maryville Pike, South Knoxville, 1880s.

SOUTH KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY HISTORY

Following the success of **Historic Bearden: The 200-Year Story of Knoxville's Fourth Creek Valley**, KHP will commence research for another comprehensive, and groundbreaking, full-color community history book on the once-remote place formerly known by many as "South America." Included will be Chapman Highway, Sevier Avenue, Maryville Pike, Island Home Park, South Haven, Vestal, Mt. Olive, and much more.

KHP PUBLICATIONS



KHP continues to inspire the general public to explore the city's historical sites and cultural institutions through ongoing sales and distribution of its signature guidebook, **Historic Knoxville**. Now mid-way through its second printing, the book has reached more than 10,000 readers.

Copies of the guide are now provided to all participants in the city's flagship programs, Leadership Knoxville and Introduction Knoxville.

KHP will also complete a new volume in the ongoing series of engaging story compilations featuring new research by KHP historians and special guest authors. Since 2017, KHP has produced eight print-on-demand trade paperback titles in this series.

DOWNTOWN LITERARY WALKING TOUR

A new walking tour will highlight Knoxville's role in national literature by emphasizing downtown sites associated with nationally known writers, and also cite the Knoxville-based work of these authors. The printed booklet will highlight important works by Frances Hodgson Burnett, James Agee, Nikki Giovanni, Cormac McCarthy, and others.

VIRTUAL WALKING & DRIVING TOURS

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SOUTH KNOXVILLE HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR
CHAPMAN HWY/VESTAL/MARTIN MILL PIKE/WOODLAWN PIKE/ISLAND HOME/SEVIER AVE

Start by crossing Tennessee River via the Henley Street Bridge. Total Driving Distance = 226 miles

1. HENLEY STREET BRIDGE Mileage starts as you exit the south side of the bridge. Henley Bridge, also known as the Henley Street Bridge, and the George Dempster Bridge, was completed in 1929 as a city-sponsored project. It is considered one of Knoxville's great architectural achievements. Its upper platform was rebuilt, but the concrete piers and arches are original.

2. CHAPMAN HIGHWAY TO MARYVILLE PIKE starts at Chapman at W. Blount Ave. Chapman Highway was built in the early 1950s, expressly to connect Knoxville (and, via the Drive and Lee Highways, the rest of America) more directly to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Chapman Highway is named for Col. David Chapman (1876-1941), pharmaceutical executive, Spanish-American War soldier, and later conservationist who became known as the "Father of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park." In his later years, he lived on South Knoxville's Topside Drive.

KHP's downloadable virtual tours of Near-West, North, East, and South Knoxville provide opportunities for residents and visitors to discover and appreciate the many historical landmarks found throughout Knoxville that can be explored on foot or easily seen from a vehicle.

In 2022, KHP plans to complete new walking tours of Fort Sanders and UT Campus, plus driving tours of Fountain City and Mechanicsville / Lonsdale.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

To engage a younger demographic, KHP will begin program development on a new series of initiatives that will inspire children, families, and students to discover Knoxville's statues, buildings and historical places, by making it a fun adventure.

CONTACT US

Contact Paul James at 865-337-7723 or paul@knoxhistoryproject.org to learn more about our work and funding opportunities.



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40th ANNIVERSARY OF 1982 WORLD'S FAIR

Collaborating with the University of Tennessee, East Tennessee Historical Society and WUOT-FM radio, KHP will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1982 World's Fair in 2022 by producing a short illustrated booklet outlining the history of the fair and its legacy. Partnering with Visit Knoxville and others, we will celebrate Knoxville's most fondly remembered event through public programs, tours, and a new online gallery of publicly gathered photographs and memorabilia shared through Knoxville Shoebox.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

KHP works with individuals, developers, property owners, government departments, and community-based organizations to research and produce new narratives expanding awareness and a better understanding of the city's complex past.



In 2022, KHP's research on the 100-year history of the United Way of Greater Knoxville will enable the community to better understand where it has come from and communicate its history and myriad achievements through an illustrated, narrative-driven book.