



NEWS RELEASE

KNOX COUNTY MAYOR MIKE RAGSDALE

400 MAIN STREET, SUITE 615, KNOXVILLE TN 37902



April 15, 2009

Contact: Ranee Randby,
Knox County Health Department
215-5534 or 388-6186

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Please participate. *All our voices matter.*

Together! Healthy Knox Focus Groups Begin Tuesday

Public is invited to participate in focus groups

As part of the **Together! Healthy Knox** initiative, the public is invited to participate in one of several focus groups being held around Knox County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or plays in Knox County can take part.

This is a unique opportunity for everyone to voice concerns about health-related issues important to him or her. Community feedback will be used to help identify priority problems and create action plans to address them. There is no cost to participate, but you must pre-register by calling 215-5160 or 215-5180.

The schedule is below and online at http://www.healthyknox.org/focus_groups.html

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, April 21	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Farragut Branch Library , 417 N. Campbell Station Road
Thursday, April 23	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Burlington Branch Library , 4614 Asheville Highway
Tuesday, April 28	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Fulton High School, in the Library , 2509 N. Broadway Street
Thursday, April 30	6:00-7:30 p.m.	West Knoxville Branch Library , 100 Golf Club Road
Tuesday, May 5	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Farragut High School, in the Library 11237 Kingston Pike, Farragut
Tuesday, May 5	5:00-6:30 p.m.	South Doyle Middle School, in the Library , 3900 Decatur Road
Wednesday, May 6	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, in the Meeting Room 4529 Silver Hill Drive
Tuesday, May 12	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Howard Pinkston Branch Library , 7732 Martin Mill Pike
Wednesday, May 13	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Gibbs High School, in the Library , 7628 Tazewell Pike, Corryton
Thursday, May 14	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Halls Branch Library , 4518 E. Emory Road
Tuesday, May 19	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Central High School, in the Library , 5321 Jacksboro Pike
Thursday, May 21	3:00-4:30 p.m.	L.T. Ross Building , Multipurpose Room B, 2247 Western Avenue
Tuesday, May 26	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Carter Branch Library , 9036 Asheville Highway
Thursday, May 28	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Pellissippi State Technical Community College 10915 Hardin Valley Road, Knoxville, TN 37933 Lamar Alexander Building, Room 104
Tuesday, June 2	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Karns Branch Library , 7516 Oak Ridge Highway

Launched by Knox County Health Department, **Together! Healthy Knox** is a community approach to better health in which everyone is invited to participate. **Together! Healthy Knox** incorporates a national strategic model developed by the National Organization of County and City Health Officials that has been very successful in other communities. The first step is to gather information and get input from the public, which will provide a baseline for moving forward. For more information, visit www.healthyknox.org or contact Carlos Yunsan at 215-5549.

###