

Recognize the Signs



GANG AWARENESS

March 18 at Blount Partnership

The Blount Partnership is holding an information session regarding gang awareness in Blount County on Friday, March 18, 2016, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., in its boardroom located at 201 S. Washington St. in Maryville.

Knox County Sheriff detective Thomas Walker will lead the presentation which is free and open to the public. The main focus is on what business owners should know about gangs in the area.

"As recent news reports indicate, gang related activity is a growing problem in Blount County with a number of businesses being targeted in the last few months," said Blount Partnership President/CEO Bryan Daniels. "We want to give our business stakeholders an opportunity to find out more about this activity from law enforcement and things they can do to protect their property."

Walker is a 12-year member of the FBI Gang and Drug Task Force and has undergone more than 700 hours of training on street gangs. He has even published an article on "Street Gangs: A subculture in the United States" for National Honor Society Magazine.

Over the last 10 years, Walker has taught nearly 500 classes on street gangs, bringing his knowledge to over 21,000 community leaders, business owners and the general populace.

Currently, the Knox County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security / Gang Intelligence Unit maintains a data base of approximately 1,550 gang members in the Knox and Blount County areas.

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Business Counseling



Are you looking to start a small business or need help in your current one? Then check out the Tennessee Small Business Development Center that visits the Blount County Chamber every

Thursday.

To schedule a FREE small business counseling session or to make an appointment with a representative from the Tennessee SBDC call Kasey at 983-2241.

New Members

We'd like to welcome new members to the Blount County Chamber of Commerce who joined since last month. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please call 865.983.2241 or go to www.BlountChamber.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR

The event calendar on BlountChamber.com allows the community to post its events directly to gain added exposure. These are great opportunities to connect and network with potential customers. Visit our website to receive notices of events and meetings you would like to attend – BlountChamber.com, click on Events Calendar.

MARCH

- 1 Resume Help: One-On-One Session @ Blount County Library
- 1 Our Appalachia: Family, Faith & Freedom - Scots-Irish in the Southern Mountains
- 1 Beginner's Street Kung Fu @ Clear's Silat, Street Kung Fu, & Tai Chi
- 1 Beginner's Tai Chi Classes @ @ Clear's Silat, Street Kung Fu, & Tai Chi
- 2-3 Resume Help: One-On-One Session @ Blount County Library
- 3 Social Media for Seniors @ Blount County Public Library
- 5 Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Leadership Blount Class of 2016
- 5 Social Media Boot Camp 2016: Basic Training @ Pellissippi State
- 5 The Adult Education Foundation of Blount County's 21st Annual Adult Spelling Bee
- 5 CASAblanca hosted by CASA of the TN Heartland
- 8 Network Training Class
- 8 Our Appalachia: Family, Faith & Freedom - Scots-Irish in the Southern Mountains
- 10 KSO Musical Story Time @ Blount County Public Library
- 10 Job and Internship Fair @ Maryville College
- 11 Hearing & Speech Foundation - A Taste of Mardi Gras
- 12 Shakespeare Festival @ Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center
- 17 Computer Class: Intro to Ancestry.com @ Blount County Public Library
- 17 Watts Chiropractic - Ribbon Cutting/Open House
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Party hosted by Leadership Blount Class of 2016
- 18 Information Session to be held on Gang Awareness in Blount County
- 22 Our Appalachia: Family, Faith & Freedom - Scots-Irish in the Southern Mountains
- 23 The Power of the Inbox (Tips and strategies for successful email marketing)
- 24 Pints for a Purpose @ The Switchback Craft Beer Tavern
- 25 Light the Night Easter Egg Hunt @ RIO Revolution Church
- 26-27 The People vs. Jesus Christ Easter Drama @ RIO Revolution Church
- 29 Our Appalachia: Family, Faith & Freedom - Scots-Irish in the Southern Mountains
- 30 BTAP Class
- 31 Coffee Club at Hilton Knoxville Airport

If you have any events you would like listed on our community calendar, click on Add Your Event at www.BlountChamber.com

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