

Feb 2008 – News you can use:

Free tax preparation: the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is an Internal Revenue Service program implemented by an area partnership of United Way of Greater Knoxville, the Department of Human Services, and the Community Action Committee.

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Now with extended hours for the 2008 tax season: January 28th – April 14th, 2008

Monday 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. – 3p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. – noon
Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (during the month of February only)

For other area VITA sites and information about the Earned Income Tax Credit, go to the following website: <http://www.unitedwayknox.org/eitc.html>

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The **Knoxville Area Transit** Community Advisory Committee meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the Main Assembly room of the City-County Building. Part of the committee’s mission is to “improve the level of public involvement....with the objective of improving KAT service.” The public is invited to attend the meetings and provide input to the proceedings.

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High school students with disabilities considering enrollment at the University of Tennessee, Pellissippi State Technical Community College, or Roane State Community College should check out the institution’s Disability Services website. It is never too early to begin planning...and, “It is important for students to remember that it is their responsibility to request disability services in the post-secondary setting.”

UT: <http://ods.utk.edu/>
PSTCC: <http://www.pstcc.edu/departments/swd/index.html>
RSCC: [http://www.rscclcc.edu/keyword.asp?keyword=DISABILITY SERVICES](http://www.rscclcc.edu/keyword.asp?keyword=DISABILITY%20SERVICES)

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There is a renewed effort underway to secure state funding for people with developmental disabilities. Read the Developmental Disabilities Task Force report at: www.fulfillthepromise.org

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From the TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development: The Department... brings together a majority of the work-related programs used by more than 115,000 employers and the 2.7 million workers in Tennessee. The focus of the agency is to work with employers and workers in creating safer, healthier work environments, in boosting employee skills through

education and training, in assisting workers facing layoffs or career transitions, in providing labor market information, in promoting labor standards, in ensuring workers' compensation protection, and in supporting workforce development initiatives that help business and industry grow and succeed. To learn more about Workforce Development in Tennessee, go to:

<http://state.tn.us/labor-wfd/>

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One kind word can warm three winter months. Japanese proverb