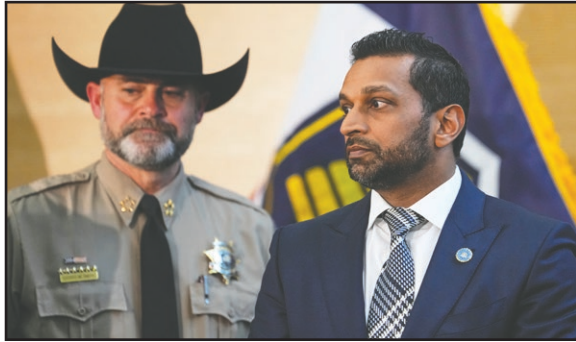




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## Fundraiser meal to benefit Pellissippi Culinary Arts

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When Chef Drew McDonald and Kevin Green reconnected at brunch over their shared history — both are graduates of Lipscomb University and former chefs at Nashville’s Hermitage Hotel — it didn’t take long before conversation focused on the restaurant industry and its challenges.

In 2024, 45% of restaurant operators reported they didn’t have enough staff to meet

customer needs; 57% said they were more than 10% below optimal staffing levels, according to Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts. That lack of staff forced many restaurants to reduce hours and close on days they would normally be open.

Green, who taught culinary arts at Heritage High School, said he and McDonald, came up with a plan: hold an event as a fundraiser to support the culinary arts program at Pellissippi State Community College. Green said he knows

the chef there who oversees the program, Joseph Blauvelt. His students will work the event and provide testimonials about the impact the culinary program has had on them.

“I know Chef Joseph from my time at Ruby (Tuesday) corporate,” Green said. “So we all said ‘Let’s host an event.’”

It’s being called Plates for a Purpose and will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at The Plaid Apron in Knoxville, where McDonald is chef/

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COURTESY OF KEVIN GREEN

Kevin Green was raised in Blount County, graduating from William Blount High School in 2002. The personal chef, endurance athlete and educator helped create Plates for a Purpose to support culinary students.

## Green(way) with envy



COURTESY OF MATHAUS SCHWARZEN

One finished building at the Greenway Village in downtown Maryville contains The FoxHole Golf Club and Studio P.

## Greenway Village opens for business, more on the way

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After years of work in every stage of development, businesses at Greenway Village are finally opening in downtown Maryville. The multi-structure installation is a brief walk from Broadway Avenue in a city increasingly emphasizing walkability.

Businesses like The FoxHole Golf Club and Studio P are already offering customers access to a virtual driving range and a Pilates studio. And in the development visible from Lamar Alexander Parkway, more opportunities are scheduled to

open before the year is out.

### ON THE GREEN

The final Greenway Village is envisioned as a nine-building gathering place. It was initially inspired by the likes of Knoxville’s Market Square — but with a Maryville twist. Businesses will include restaurants, workout facilities and even lodging opportunities, all accessible from the local greenway.

In fact, the greenway routes directly through the middle of the project, which sits on property between Gary Hensley Drive and Pistol Creek.

That’s part of the idea developer

James Tomiczek had for this project. He’s been working on Greenway Village for about seven years now, and although additional partners were involved at the beginning, he’s spearheaded the project from inception to construction. He’s personally pitched building designs, layout and structures in front of regulatory bodies like Maryville’s Downtown Design Review Board.

Tomiczek is no stranger to downtown development — you’ll find his name on other downtown Maryville projects — and downtown access was a key element for him with

See **GREENWAY, 4A**

## Changes are coming to Alcoa Electric bills

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Alcoa Electric Department is changing how it calculates customers’ monthly bills.

Beginning next month, a Demand Cost Recovery Adjustment (DCRA) calculation will be applied to all bills, either increasing or decreasing the cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) used by no more than 0.05 cents depending on a customer’s overall electric consumption.

Emails between AED Director Ryan Trentham and TVA representatives indicate these costs and penalties would be applied one month after incurred. For example, if a customer were to use a much higher proportion of energy in October, the actual cost associated with that usage wouldn’t hit their bill until December.

The Daily Times reached out to Trentham for clarification on whether this one-month lag period would continue indefinitely but did not receive a response before publication deadline Monday.

Also, AED residential, GSA-1 and outdoor lighting customers’ charge rates will increase by \$2.75 per month, or approximately \$33 per year.

Both the customer charge rate increase and new DCRA calculation come from a resolution Alcoa commissioners unanimously passed Sept. 9 authorizing Mayor Tanya Martin to sign an amended agreement with the city utility department’s partner, the Tennessee Valley Authority.

“The goal is to make things fair. If you get charged for it, we want it to be because you’re using it, not just

See **BILLS, 5A**



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