



**Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 9, No. 34 – Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

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### **1. Tennessee's First Condominiums Celebrate 50 Years**

Residents of Carriage Lane Condominiums, built in 1966 on North Broadway, are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the condo development, the first of its kind in Tennessee.

The public is invited to the birthday party from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at the condominiums, 3014 North Broadway. The festivities will include musical entertainment, refreshments, and an open house at several condo units.

Parking will be available in the main parking lot, which can be accessed between the Wendy's and McDonalds, and around back near Edgewood Park and the North Knoxville Branch Library, 2901 Ocoee Trail.

This event was funded in part by the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program.

For more information, contact Carol Poole at 333-5981 or [carollpoole@yahoo.com](mailto:carollpoole@yahoo.com).

### **2. Seeking Ideas, Speakers for Next Neighborhood Conference**

It is now just 24 weeks until the next Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 11, 2017. As always, the conference will feature workshops and speakers on topics of interest to Knoxville's neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations.

\*\*\* What topics, issues and questions would you like to see covered?

\*\*\* Who should be asked to address these topics?

\*\*\* Would you be interested in speaking, and on what subject?

\*\*\* Has your neighborhood organization, or one you know of, carried out a project that should be highlighted at the conference?

\*\*\* Which agencies and nonprofits should be asked to put up an information booth at the conference?

Please submit your ideas as soon as possible to Debbie Sharp in the Office of Neighborhoods. Contact her at 215-4382 or [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov). All ideas will be submitted to a committee of neighborhood volunteers who will shape the conference program.

### **3. Go For It: Hold a National Night Out Event on Oct. 4**

It's really not that difficult.

Just get a few neighbors together, plan a potluck or wienie roast, prepare and print a flier, distribute the fliers door-to-door to your neighbors, and...

Voila! You are one of dozens of neighborhoods hosting a National Night Out event in the City of Knoxville.

To observe National Night Out --- held in Knoxville on the first Tuesday in October --- neighborhood groups traditionally host potluck suppers, picnics, and other events to celebrate the strength of community and send a message to would-be thieves and con artists that neighbors keep an eye out for them and watch out for one another.

Register your event with the KPD Safety Education Unit by notifying Neighborhood Watch Coordinator John Morgan at [jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-1519. This will ensure that KPD schedules officers to attend your event. Be sure to give the name and phone number of your contact person and organization, the time your event will begin and end, and the exact location.

In addition, please provide the same information to the Office of Neighborhoods so that we can include details in this newsletter. Notify Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

Meanwhile, the "Pinnacle at Turkey Creek" shopping center is holding a free community-building event from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, in front of Flemings Steakhouse. There will be first responder vehicle displays, safety house, roll simulator, K9 unit, sprinkler truck, child fingerprinting, and free food and drinks. For more, contact Security Director Ashley Lynch at 865.320.2547 or [turk.mall@aus.com](mailto:turk.mall@aus.com).

#### **4. Panel to Discuss Starting, Sustaining a Neighborhood Organization**

Mark your calendar now to attend a City of Knoxville workshop on starting, re-starting and sustaining a resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood organization in the city.

Leaders of five recently formed neighborhood groups will describe how their organizations began and their challenges and accomplishments to date.

The panelists and their neighborhood groups are:

- \*\* Michelle Neal, **Our Community Organization** (East Knoxville);
- \*\* Christine Griffin, **Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association** (near West High School);
- \*\* Jennifer Reynolds, **Timbercrest Neighborhood Association** (off Lonas Drive);
- \*\* Kelley DeLuca, **Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association** (off Chapman Highway in South Knoxville); and
- \*\* Matt McMillan, **Adair Gardens Residents Association** (off Broadway in Fountain City).

The workshop will take place on Thursday evening, Oct. 13, at United Way, 1301 Hannah Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The session will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and end no later than 8 p.m. There will be ample time for questions.

If you plan to attend, please notify the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-3232 or [dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov).

#### **5. Economic Summit to Address Needs, Opportunities**

Councilman Nick Della Volpe is hosting an “East and Northeast Knoxville Economic Summit” so that residents and neighborhoods can identify the types of services, retail shops, and health care providers they would like to see in their community.

The summit will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 29, at the O’Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street. There will be a “meet and greet” opportunity starting at 5 p.m., and the Summit will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The target area for this summit is basically the northeast quadrant of Knoxville --- everything east of Broadway from the city-county line south to the Tennessee and Holston Rivers.

“Take charge of your future,” Councilman Della Volpe declares in a leaflet advertising the event. “Help businesses understand the opportunities that exist to serve the 48,000 customers who live in East and Northeast Knoxville communities.”

#### **6. TDOT to Remove, Replace Broadway Viaduct**

Get ready for a major change in traffic patterns in North Knoxville.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is making plans to replace the Broadway viaduct that spans the Norfolk Southern rail yard just north of downtown.

Broadway between Jackson and Depot Avenues will be out of service for approximately 30 months, starting sometime in the first half of 2017.

You cannot simply blow up and drop a four-lane, steel and concrete bridge on an active rail yard. Instead, the TDOT contractor that wins the bid for this project will have to dismantle the massive structure piece by piece. Sawing off and removing each piece with a crane will take time. Work will be halted by passing trains. Utilities will need to be rerouted.

Building a new bridge will have similar challenges, thus the estimated 30-month project timeline. TDOT has already published a proposed detour route using Hall of Fame Drive, Fifth Avenue and Summit Hill Drive. [See the map.](#)

TDOT is putting the finishing touches on agreements that need to be in place before it can issue a request for bids to replace the bridge. It is negotiating final easements with Norfolk Southern. The agency is preparing to make offers to some of the tenants of the Southern Glass Building condos for their loss of parking during construction. And TDOT and the City are discussing use of city-owned land on W. Jackson Avenue for a staging yard during construction.

## **7. Knoxville SOUP Deadline September 29**

Do you have a Neighborhood project that needs funding?

Submit your application by Thursday, September 29, for a chance to present your project at the next event. To fill out your application, go to [www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org](http://www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org). It's easy-peasy with 4 simple questions: What is the project? Why does it matter? How will you use the funds? What is the time frame?

Thursday, October 6, will be the next Knoxville SOUP micro funding event. It will be held at the Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave, 37920. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the [South Knoxville Alliance](#).

## **8. Learn about Human Trafficking in Tennessee**

Human trafficking will be the topic of a community meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Bearden Branch Library, 100 Gulf Club Road.

Katie Little, the operations coordinator for the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking ([CCAHT](#)), is the featured speaker.

“Every month, more than 90 juveniles are trafficked online in Tennessee,” according to an announcement by the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County, which is sponsoring the event. “Local news media continue to share troubling stories about human trafficking in our area. The problem is real, and it is at our doorstep.”

The national League of Women Voters has a position paper on human trafficking that you can find on [this web page](#).

## **9. League Seeks Neighborhood Help with Voter Registration**

Tuesday, September 27, is National Voter Registration Day.

The [League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County](#) is seeking volunteers to set up information tables in or near neighborhoods to register voters and distribute non-partisan voting information.

No cost is involved. All you need are two volunteers, a table, chairs and at least two hours of your time on Sept. 27. You will also need to pick a high-traffic spot, such as a grocery store, and get permission to set up a table. You will get trained or you can read online instructions. For more, contact Ann Strange at [league@lwvknoxville.org](mailto:league@lwvknoxville.org) or 865-408-8GOV.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## **10. Neighborhood and Government Calendar** (clickable to online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact David Massey at 215-3232 or [dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov).

### **Other Calendars**

Here are several other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [Birdhouse Community Center](#)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Knoxville Mercury](#) (weekly community paper)

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