



Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 10, No. 11 – Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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1. KKB to Speak at Cumberland Estates Next Week

Beautification and litter removal will be the main topic of discussion at next week's meeting of Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch, with Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) on hand to explain the services it provides in these areas. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silverhill Drive.

2. KKB Coordinates Neighborhoods, Volunteers for Weekend Cleanup

Over 300 neighbors from around Knoxville have signed up to participate in the South Knoxville Cleanup hosted by Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) this Saturday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Modeled after the East Knoxville Cleanup that will be held for the fourth time next month, the South Knoxville event will kick off at Sam Duff Memorial Park, 4060 Chapman Highway. Leaders from various South Knoxville neighborhoods will collect cleanup supplies at Duff Park, and then return to volunteers waiting at their designated locations to pick up litter.

South Knoxville is KKB's "Community of the Year" through June 2017. The cleanup will be KKB's largest event in South Knoxville this year. Due to the number of volunteers, volunteer registration is now closed.

Participating neighborhood groups include those in the Colonial Village, Graybrook Park, Lake Forest, Lindbergh Forest, Old Sevier, South Doyle, South Haven, View Park, and South Woodlawn neighborhoods, as well as Cumberland Estates in Northwest Knoxville. Several other organizations are also participating.

If you want to plan a clean-up for your neighborhood, KKB has supplies to give and lend. For example, they have trash bags, hand sanitizer, trash-pickers, safety vests, wading boots, and graffiti kits. For more information, call 521-6957 or email info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org.

3. Neighborhood Conference Draws 700 Participants

Just over 700 people participated in the March 11 Neighborhood Conference, and the Office of Neighborhoods wishes to thank everyone who attended, networked, hosted an information booth, led a workshop, volunteered, and otherwise played a role to make it a great success.

AmeriCorps members Jake Resor, Miguel Cuevas, and Michaela Marincic snapped some great photographs. See the Office of Neighborhoods [Facebook page](#).

While there, see the photograph of Mayor Madeline Rogero with Vicki Forester, winner of the 2017 Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award, along with other nominees. [Learn more about the nominees](#). Congratulations to all of them for their dedicated community service.

Six neighborhoods entered the Neighborhood Tee Shirt contest, with Pond Gap Neighborhood Association taking first place, followed by Mechanicsville Community Association in second place and RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association in third place. Other contestants were Colonial Village Neighborhood Association, Historic Sutherland Heights, and North Hills Garden Club.

Government agencies and nonprofit organizations went all out to create many attractive, information-packed, and swag-loaded information booths, but the City's Traffic Engineering Department deserves special recognition for its detailed displays of working traffic signals, road surfaces, state-of-the-art parking meters, and other cutting-edge innovations.

The conference included 21 workshops and some 100 speakers, moderators, and workshop hosts. Thanks to all of them for their hard work. The Power Point presentations and hand-outs will be posted on the [Conference page](#) by the end of this week.

Our luncheon program included a blues song about Knoxville, composed and performed by four Knoxville area youth --- Kalani Wilson, Leilani Wilson, Morgan Hall, and Reagan Sellers --- with backup from Knoxville's own blues and jazz singer Kelle Jolly.

The 2017 conference had the support of [14 sponsors](#) and [42 door prize donors](#). Please thank them if you get the chance.

Special thanks go to Luncheon Sponsors [Hatcher-Hill Properties](#) and [Waste Connections of Tennessee](#) and Breakfast Sponsor [Home Federal Bank](#), followed by Gold Sponsors [Cannon & Cannon Inc.](#) and [Coldwell Banker Wallace and Wallace Realtors](#), and then Silver Sponsors [Elizabeth Eason Architecture](#), [Knoxville Area Association of Realtors](#) and [Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers](#). Thanks, also, to bronze sponsors Broadway Carpets, Dover Development, First Tennessee Bank, Realty Executives Associates, TIS Insurance Services, and UT Federal Credit Union.

4. Sign up for Happy, Healthy, and Smart

The East Tennessee Community Design Center ([ETCDC](#)) and the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization ([TPO](#)) are bringing folks together next week to find new and better ways to connect people and places, with a focus on what makes a happier, healthier and smarter region.

There will be two separate sessions --- one for the general public on topics of community-wide interest and one for design professionals. Both are free events.

Both of these “HappyHealthySmart” sessions will feature screenings of short documentary films, followed by commentary and analysis from nationally- and locally-recognized experts, addressing land use, transportation and design issues.

The public session is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay Street.

The symposium for design professionals --- aimed at local architects, planners, landscape architects, engineers, and designers --- will be held 1-4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the Square Room, No. 4 Market Square.

“These sessions are designed to engage, teach and create interest in how community design impacts quality of life, health, and the economy,” states an announcement of the event. “Residents, business owners, community groups, public and private sector planning and design professionals, elected officials, and others are invited to attend to discuss ways to make the region healthier, happier and more mobile by using smarter technology.”

If you plan to attend, please notify charis@communitydc.org or call 525-9945. See www.communitydc.org for more details on the films, presentations and panelists. Among other presentations, City Council Member Marshall Stair will reprise his 2016 Pecha Kucha slide show on walkability zoning issues in Knoxville.

5. Group Offers Community-Building Workshops in Knoxville

Community Building Institute (CBI) of Knoxville is inviting area residents to sign up for a workshop aimed at helping people to accept and transcend their differences, communicate openly and effectively, and work together with a sense of trust and respect.

The workshop, which is free, takes place over three full days. Choose one of four workshops scheduled for March 29-31, May 3-5, May 31-June 2, and Sept. 13-15 this year. The workshops will be held at United Way, 1301 Hannah Avenue, in Knoxville.

The workshop is designed for anyone who is working to improve the public health, safety, and welfare of Knoxville, and who is also struggling with such things as cultural mistrust, lack of civility, conflict or division; staff burnout or high turnover; dysfunctional teams or work groups; and disengaged or unmotivated program participants.

Much more information, including profiles of the three facilitators, is available at [the CMI website](#) and in [this brochure](#). Or contact Ed Groody at 865-224-7130, ext. 101.

6. Put Locally Grown Food on Your Dinner Table

Are you interested in putting more locally grown food on your table? How about buying your food directly from an area farmer?

This concept --- individual consumers buying from area farms --- is called Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). Consumers buy a share of a farm's produce and then receive the produce at times throughout the year. For example, you can pick up a box of vegetables -- whatever is in season -- as often as every week during the growing season. In addition to vegetables, consumers can purchase meat, egg, cut-flower and/or herbal remedy shares.

To learn more, a CSA Fair is planned for Thursday, March 30, from 4-7 p.m. at Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street. Come anytime during these hours to meet local farmers and learn how you can participate.

This event is sponsored by [Nourish Knoxville](#), Knox County Health Department, and the Cansler YMCA. For more, contact Charlotte at info@nourishknoxville.org or 805-8687.

7. Need Funding? Knoxville SOUP Seeks Proposals

Do you have a neighborhood project that needs money?

Submit your funding application by Thursday, April 20, for a chance to present your project at the next rendition of Knoxville SOUP, a community-based, micro-funding event and dinner.

Step One: Visit www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org to fill out the application and answer four questions: What is the project? Why does it matter? How will you use the funds? What is the time frame?

Step Two: For those whose projects are selected, attend the next Knoxville SOUP event at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Dara's Garden, 2637 Maryville Pike, in South Knoxville. Each applicant has four minutes to make a presentation about their proposed project. The audience then votes on which proposal should be funded with money raised at the event.

Knoxville SOUP is sponsored by the [South Knoxville Alliance](#), the business and professional association for South Knoxville.

8. Garbage Cans, Garbage Carts, and Garbage Cart Lids

Hopefully city residents served by the City's garbage collection contractor, Waste Connections, are now fully up to speed regarding the new city-supplied garbage carts....but here are two things to keep in mind.

First, if you wish to get rid of your old garbage cans, Waste Connections can pick them up, but please follow these instructions.

*** Place an old trash can INSIDE the new City-issued garbage cart, then continue filling the cart with your household trash.

OR

*** Place the old can EMPTY next to the new City cart with a note or sign affixed to it that clearly says "DISCARD" in big bold letters.

Second, in order for the pickup operation to run smoothly, the lid on the cart must be completely closed when the cart is placed at the street or alley. Please do not pile in so many bags that the lid cannot be closed completely. Also, do not place bags on or beside the cart.

If your City-supplied, 95-gallon cart is not large enough for the amount of garbage you generate, you can apply for the recycling program by calling 311. [See this page for other options.](#)

The City's Solid Waste Office appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation with this new collection system.

9. Please Check Your Calendar Listing

Please take a minute to make sure your neighborhood meetings and other events are listed correctly in this [Neighborhood and Government Calendar](#) published by the Office of Neighborhoods.

If your meetings and upcoming events are not listed, or are listed incorrectly, contact Wyatt Pless at wpless@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3456.

Please make sure your group's listing contains the event name; day; date; time; location name; location address; brief description of the event; your full organization name; and the name, email and phone number of a contact person. Also, please let us know if this is a recurring event and on what schedule (e.g., "Third Thursdays except November and December" or "Second Tuesdays, even-numbered months").

If your group is not in the calendar, please consider letting us list your event(s). This is a good way to raise your profile with elected leaders, candidates for public office and individual residents who sometimes call the Office of Neighborhoods looking for this information.

Please Note: This calendar is limited to events that involve neighborhoods, neighborhood issues, and some governmental meetings. We may occasionally list other events if we see a neighborhood connection in some way, and we reserve the right to edit content for style and brevity.

10. [Knoxville Neighborhoods 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 scCook@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact the City Law Department at 865-215-2050.

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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