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1. Oakwood Lincoln Park Elects Officers, Updates Bylaws

The **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** (OLPNA), one of the oldest neighborhood organizations in Knoxville, elected new officers this week.

Molly Conaway was elected president, succeeding Bill Hutton. Deb Thomas was elected vice president, following Emma Cosigua. The new treasurer is Sabrina DeVault, succeeding Deb Thomas. Emily Ellis was elected secretary, succeeding Molly Conaway.

Newly elected board members are Kevin Webster, Mark Knight, Tiffany Davidson, Ben Conaway, David Trent, Kathy Seely and Michelle Ivester.

In addition, OLPNA amended its bylaws, giving the Board of Directors more flexibility to establish committees and teams. The new bylaws also better defined the terms and duties of the various officers and directors.

Also at the meeting, outgoing president Bill Hutton was presented with a watercolor painting of the Harvey Street house that he shares with his wife Susan Smathers.

2. Fairmont Emoriland Schedules Creek Cleanup

The **Fairmont-Emoriland Neighborhood Association** this Saturday morning will hold its annual cleanup of the section of First Creek in the neighborhood. Residents and other volunteers are asked to meet at 1917 Emoriland Blvd. at 10 a.m. to get bags and tools.

3. It's Wiffle Ball Time in Tennessee!

The Parks & Recreation Department's inaugural **Neighborhood Wiffle Ball Tournament** is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, at [Victor Ashe Park](#), 4901 Bradshaw Road.

Each neighborhood is invited to form a team of eight or more people (12 is recommended). If you do not have enough members in your neighborhood to participate, you may create a team of friends. [Learn more about wiffle ball.](#)

Teams must register by Friday, May 13. The tournament is co-ed, ages 12 and up, and free to play. Team colors are chosen on a first-come first-served basis. Once registration closes, playing times will be set.

There are six confirmed teams --- **Burlington Residents Association, Forest Heights Homeowners Association, Island Home Park Neighborhood Association, Norwood Homeowners Association, Old North Knoxville, and Timbercrest Neighborhood Association.** Five other neighborhood groups have expressed interest.

To register a team, email Jennifer Reynolds at jennifer.zubko@gmail.com. Include your name, neighborhood, phone number, and your first and second choices for team color.

The idea for this tournament came from one individual --- Jennifer Reynolds, a member of both the Timbercrest Neighborhood Association and the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Thanks to Jennifer for her creativity and willingness to give her idea a try!

4. Neighborhood Directory Updated: Check Your Listing

The Office of Neighborhoods has updated the [Knoxville Neighborhood Directory](#), which contains contact information for city neighborhood groups as well as lists of these same groups by City Council district and by MPC planning sector.

Neighborhood groups are asked to check their listings and call 215-4382 with any needed corrections.

Several active groups are missing from this edition of the Directory. If your group is not listed, it may be because the contact person on file did not respond to emails and phone calls requesting confirmation that the information is still accurate.

To be included in the Directory for the first time, [download this PDF registration form](#), fill it out, save it, and email it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. Call Debbie at 215-4382 to have a hard copy of the registration form or the Directory mailed to you.

5. 'Community Sparks' Workshop: Neighborhood Project Ideas

Does your neighborhood organization have a community project in mind, but don't know where to start? Do you see needs and opportunities in your neighborhood, but just aren't sure how to come up with workable project ideas?

Join the Office of Neighborhoods from 10 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, May 13, for its "Community Sparks" workshop at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue.

At this workshop, participants will hear from neighborhood groups that have carried out projects using funds from the Neighborhood Small Grants Program. There will also be a brainstorming session to generate as many ideas as possible for neighborhood projects and programs. You can also get tips on applying for grants.

To register or for questions, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

6. City Schedules Public Meeting on Annual Action Plan

The City of Knoxville's Community Development Department next week will hold a public meeting to receive public comment on the [2017 Draft Annual Action Plan](#) that describes the proposed use of federal funds beginning July 1.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, at the John T. O'Connor Center, 611 Winona Street.

As noted in a previous newsletter, the draft plan was posted on April 10 for a 30-day public comment period. All comments must be received no later than May 9.

The funds are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs for the third year of the city's Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Due to funding uncertainties in Washington, D.C., the draft plan does not contain funding levels. The final version of the Plan will contain actual amounts and is due to HUD 60 days after the date HUD's allocations are announced, or on August 16, 2017, whichever comes first.

The City of Knoxville encourages comment on the draft plan. Copies may be examined online at www.knoxvilletn.gov/development or in person at the Department of Community Development, 5th floor, City-County Bldg., 400 Main Street, and the main office of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, 2247 Western Avenue. Citizens may also obtain a copy of the draft plan by calling the Community Development Department at 865-215-2180.

City residents may also submit their comments via e-mail to Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or in writing by mail or fax to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville,

Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, fax 865-215-2962 or by calling 865-215-2357 for additional information.

7. Mayor Presents Budget for Next Fiscal Year

Mayor Madeline Rogero last week delivered her annual State of the City Address and introduced the high points of her proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Those high points include creation of a new affordable housing trust fund, a sharp increase in funding for sidewalks, a \$17.5 million capital investment to convert over 30,000 street lights to LED technology, and continued investments in Knoxville's Urban Wilderness.

Other proposed investments include The Change Center, the Magnolia Avenue Streetscapes Project, and infrastructure improvements to support the proposed Emerald Youth Foundation sports complex in Lonsdale.

[See this city budget page](#) for a copy of the Mayor's remarks, more budget highlights, the budget itself, and the department-by-department schedule for the City Council Budget Hearing on Friday, May 12. As required by City Ordinance, the first reading of the budget will take place at the regular City Council meeting set for Tuesday, May 9. The second reading could come as early as May 23.

At the State of the City address, Knoxville Poet Laureate R.B. Morris delivered a poem he composed for the occasion. This can be found on the budget page as well.

8. Learn How to Reduce Your Energy Bill

If you are looking for ideas to lower your gas, electric and water bills, plan on attending the "Savings in the House" workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue across Middlebrook Pike from the West View neighborhood.

The workshop is free and lasts one hour. Participants will discover simple ways to reduce their utility bills and learn more about KUB's Advanced Metering. Find out about energy efficiency and weatherization as well.

Offered by the Alliance to Save Energy, this workshop can also be offered to neighborhood and community groups. Contact Jennifer Alldredge at 615-830-1875 or jalldredge@ase.org.

9. 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 scook@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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