



**Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 10, No. 41 – Tuesday, November 07, 2017**

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**1. Grieve to Offer Amendments to Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

Vice Mayor Duane Grieve, who represents Council District 2 in west Knoxville, will offer several amendments to the proposed short-term rental (STR) ordinance at tonight's meeting of Knoxville City Council.

The proposed ordinance --- drafted by the City Administration following numerous public meetings over the last year --- would balance a number of competing interests by permitting and regulating rentals of less than 30 days, such as those arranged through online platforms like Airbnb and Vacation Rentals by Owner.

Grieve signaled his intentions this morning with [this post](#) on the City Council forum. In the post, Grieve suggests these five amendments:

- 1) Exclude R-1 and R-1E as zoning districts where short-term rentals are allowed.

- 2) Fix the maximum number of renters or “transients” in a rental unit to four rather than the 12 specified in the proposed ordinance.
- 3) Require that the owner of any STR remain onsite during the occupancy.
- 4) If off-street parking exists at a STR unit, the owner and guests must use those spaces during occupancy “except for occasional errands or occupational obligations.”
- 5) Within 48-72 hours of submitting an application for a Type 1 STR operating permit, the owner must notify adjacent property owners and the neighborhood association of the application, and must post a sign “in a conspicuous location in the front yard of the proposed Short Term Rental Unit.”

## **2. City Council Drops First Meeting of 2018**

Knoxville City Council, which normally meets every two weeks, sometimes makes changes to that schedule, and it has done so for the first meeting of 2018.

The new City Council --- five newly elected members and four veteran members --- will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 19, so the next meeting ordinarily would be held two weeks later on Jan. 2. However, Council has decided to skip that meeting, so their first gathering in the new year will be on Jan. 16.

[See this web page](#) for information about the Council schedule, minutes of upcoming and previous Council meetings, a profile of Council members, and other information.

## **3. NAC to Learn about Nuisance Property Law, Injunctions**

The November meeting of the **Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC)** will focus on crime-ridden nuisance properties and the state law that enables local authorities to close such operations.

The meeting will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the community room of the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street. All are welcome.

Special guests will be Assistant Attorney General Sean McDermott and two members of the Knoxville Police Department --- Captain Don Jones and Lt. Tony Willis.

## **4. Save Our Sons to Host Another Job Fair**

After the recent success of the Oct. 12, job fair, the City of Knoxville’s [“Save Our Sons”](#) initiative will host another City Wide Job Fair on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Midway Rehabilitation Center, 1515 Magnolia Ave.

Some employers may be able to hire immediately, so “dress to impress” if you are in the hunt for a new job.

The fair is focused on helping ex-offenders find jobs, receive help building their resumes, connect to educational programs, and get assistance with background checks and record expungement.

“Save Our Sons is focused on building better communities,” said SOS Outreach Manager Kevin Perry. “A key component to safe, healthy communities is ensuring that ex-offenders have a smooth transition back into society. This job fair is a way to connect them to jobs and resources that will help them to succeed personally and professionally.”

Pizza and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Kevin Perry at 215-2589 and [kaperry@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:kaperry@knoxvilletn.gov), or Tatia Harris at (865)-215-2831 and [tharris@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:tharris@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **5. Veterans Day Parade This Friday**

Knoxville’s 92nd annual Veterans Day Parade will honor the service of U.S. military veterans in downtown Knoxville on the morning of Friday, Nov. 10.

The parade will line up in the eastbound lanes of Howard H. Baker Jr. Avenue, with the step-off at 10:45 a.m. in front of the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The parade route follows Howard Baker Avenue to Church Avenue, turns right on Gay Street and continues to the intersection with Magnolia Avenue. [Read the details.](#)

## **6. Saturday: Check Your Child’s Safety Seat**

The [Knoxville Police Department](#) will conduct a free child car seat checkpoint on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 917 E. Fifth Avenue.

According to the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA), 80% of all child restraints are used incorrectly.

During the KPD checkpoint, child car seats will be checked by a certified car seat technician, who will provide instructions and demonstrate the correct way to install your child's car seat.

Directions from I-40: Take exit 389 (Broadway - Hall of Fame Drive exit). Take Hall of Fame Drive toward downtown. Turn left onto East Fifth Avenue at the Fraternal Order of Police Building. Go under the railroad trestle and take the first left into the parking lot.

For more information, call 865-215-7103. Another child safety seat checkpoint will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9.

## **7. Forum to Discuss Disparities in Education Outcomes**

The [Disparities in Educational Outcomes Steering Committee](#) (DEO), which was appointed by the Knox County Schools Superintendent last year, is holding its first Community Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 6-8 pm at Central High School.

DEO will report on progress made in implementing recommendations from an initial [Report](#) issued in May, 2016. There is a great deal of interest in and emotion about those recommendations and their implementation.

Initially, attendees will meet together in the Auditorium, and then will divide into small groups. Questions may be directed to Jeannie Dulaney at 594-1909 or [dulaney@knoxschools.org](mailto:dulaney@knoxschools.org).

## **8. No Health Insurance? Apply for ACA Coverage**

Are you lacking health insurance and interested in getting coverage for yourself or your family?

Now is the time to explore your options under the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage under the ACA began last week and will continue through Friday, Dec. 15. For detailed information, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov), the federal government website, or call 1-800-318-2596 or TTY 1-855-889-4325.

In addition, 12 local enrollment events have been scheduled, where people with questions can get help with the enrollment process from trained volunteers. The next event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Cherokee Health Systems, 2018 Western Avenue. Visit [www.knoxvilletn.gov/aca](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/aca) to view locations and dates for other enrollment events, as well as a list of documents needed to enroll.

## **9. City Seeks Volunteers for Celebration of Lights**

The City of Knoxville's Office of Special Events is inviting volunteers to participate in the kick-off to the holiday season at the Regal Celebration of Lights on Friday, Nov. 24.

This free, family-friendly event in Market Square and Krutch Park Extension transforms downtown into a jolly holiday atmosphere.

Volunteers are needed for the following jobs:

- **Information Booth:** check in volunteers, answer questions, and assist with a very easy children's reindeer food craft. All items are provided.
- **Bake Shop:** assist with handing out Krispy Kreme donuts.
- **Santa's Helpers:** help to keep the line for pictures with Santa running smoothly.
- **Santa's Elves:** help to close the lines at 8:30 p.m. for train rides, face painting, balloon artist, and Santa Claus pictures.
- **Snow Globe Assistant:** assist families in and out of the life size photo booth snow globe.

Most shifts are 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., but some shift times may differ depending on the job you wish to do. All volunteers should arrive by 5:30 p.m. Gay Street will be closed for the event. To volunteer, call Kyndra Brewer at 215-4248.

## **10. Centro Hispano to Hold Open House This Thursday**

[Centro Hispano](#) is holding an open house from 4:30-7:30 p.m. this coming Thursday, Nov. 9, at its offices at 2455 Sutherland Avenue (Building D, John Tarleton Park).

The organization is “a welcoming community center serving as a source of essential information and as a gathering place for the civic participation of multicultural families in our community. We bring positive change to the community by facilitating the integration of families to East Tennessee.”

It also exists “to promote empowerment and civic participation of the multicultural community through education and social services.”

Visitors to the open house will learn ways to support the Latino community as a volunteer. [See the Facebook page](#) to RSVP and to share with others.

## **11. KKB Calls for Orchid Nominations**

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) is accepting nominations for its “Orchid” beautification awards, which recognize buildings and outdoor spaces in Knoxville and Knox County that “beautify and elevate the local landscape.”

Awards will be granted in six categories: 1) New Architecture, 2) Redesign/Reuse, 3) Restaurant/Cafe/Bar/Brewery, 4) Outdoor Space (parks, neighborhoods, etc.), 5) Public Art (murals, signage, etc.), and 6) Environmental Stewardship (properties that incorporate sustainable building practices).

Anyone can nominate a location or outdoor public artwork by completing a simple online form at [www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org](http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org), or by calling the office at 865-521-6957. Private residences are not considered for this award. Nominations are due by Monday, Dec. 18, 2017.

KKB will announce the winners at the annual Orchids Awards Dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, at The Standard, 416 W. Jackson Avenue. For more, contact KKB at [info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org](mailto:info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org).

## **12. League to Screen Film about Public Education**

The League of Women Voters of Knoxville and Knox County ([LWV](#)) this month is offering free showings of the film “Backpack Full of Cash” --- which is billed as “a cautionary tale about cities like Philadelphia, New Orleans and Nashville, where privatization and funding cuts have had a devastating impact on public schools and the most vulnerable children who depend on them.”

A panel of experts will be available after each viewing to answer questions. Here are dates and locations for the free showings. Show time is 6:30 p.m.

\*\*\* Thursday, Nov. 9, Pellissippi State Community College, Goins Administration Building Auditorium, 10915 Hardin Valley Road

\*\*\* Tuesday, Nov. 14, West High School Lecture Hall, 3326 Sutherland Avenue

\*\*\* Thursday, Nov. 16, Gresham Middle School, 500 Gresham Road

These screenings are sponsored by seven community groups that support public education: Knox County Education Association (KCEA), Knox County Retired Teachers Association, Jobs with Justice East Tennessee (JWJET), United Campus Workers (UCW), Students Parents Educators across Knox County (SPEAK), and Knoxville Branch NAACP, as well as LWV.

### **13. 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](mailto: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 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)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)

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