

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 4 – Tuesday, January 29, 2019

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1. AIA and ETCDC Present Recode Design Charrette

The [American Institute of Architects](#) (AIA) and the [East Tennessee Community Design Center](#) (ETCDC) will present a Design Charrette about Recode Knoxville on Friday, Feb. 1, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

Come and learn more about implementing Recode designs.

This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. For more information, visit Knoxville Knox County Planning' [website](#).

2. Grant Opportunities Workshops Offered

Join us this week to learn about ways to raise money for your neighborhood through a City of Knoxville workshop.

The Office of Neighborhoods and Parks and Recreation will jointly host workshops to assist neighborhood organizations looking to apply for funds.

The workshop will be offered on two different dates, Thursday, Jan. 31, from 5:30-7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

Kevin Jeske-Polyak, from Community Television, will also present information about the

Knoxville Neighborhood Treasure Hunt and Online Auction coming up in May.

Additional tips on fundraising for neighborhood projects will be offered, including crowd sourcing and advocacy with public officials.

All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please email Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to be able to attend these workshops or any public meeting should contact Stephanie Cook at scCook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 865-215-2831.

3. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Are Open!

Nominations for the Neighbor of the Year are open and will be accepted through Monday, Mar. 4, 2019.

Be thinking...do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Perhaps they welcome new neighbors, volunteer to help neighbors in distress, or work tirelessly in service to the entire neighborhood and/or neighborhood organization. Or maybe they make everyone feel included.

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

All nominees will be recognized at The Neighborhood Conference on May 18, 2019.

Fill out the nomination [form](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp either by email at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to: Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

If you have questions, you may also call 215-4382. To learn more about previous winners, visit the [website](#).

4. Local Breweries Join Together To Support Knoxville's Neighborhood Conference

Join us, Wednesday, Mar. 13, for a City-Wide Neighborhood Night Out!

Local breweries have designated Wednesday, Mar. 13, as an evening where neighborhood organizations, family, and friends can show their support for the City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Conference.

Between 5 and 10 p.m. on March 13, a percentage of the beer sales from participating breweries will be donated to support this important community event.

Participating breweries include: Abridged Beer Co., Hexagon Brewing Co., Last Days of Autumn Brewing, and Pretentious Beer Co.

This year's Neighborhood Conference is scheduled for May 18, 2019 and is free and open to the public. Each year, approximately 600-700 people attend the event which provides educational sessions and networking opportunities. Representatives from City departments are on hand to provide information and answer questions.

The Neighborhood Conference is supported by the City, and through sponsorships. For more information, see the City's [website](#) or contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-4382.

5. Healthier TN Helps Neighbors Get Healthy

Is getting healthy part of your New Year's resolution? What if you could get healthy, as a neighborhood!?

The Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness is currently seeking new neighborhoods to participate in the Healthier TN Neighborhoods program, the Foundation's primary initiative.

Healthier Tennessee, strives to increase the number of Tennesseans who are physically active, promote a healthy diet, and reduce the number of people who use tobacco. Through the Neighborhoods program, HealthierTN works with Knoxville neighborhoods to develop health and wellness programs right in your own communities, and ultimately become a designated "Healthier Tennessee Neighborhood". The Foundation offers small grants to participating communities and is designed for neighborhoods of all shapes and sizes across Knox County.

Currently, three Knoxville Neighborhoods have accepted the challenge and are working together to become HealthyTN communities:

- **Mechanicsville Community Association** – The Mechanicsville Wellness Council, in collaboration with Maynard Elementary School, Second United Methodist Church, and the **Mechanicsville Community Association**, has partnered with Beardsley Community Farm to offer gardening education and raised beds to neighborhood residents, school staff, and congregation members.
- **Timbercrest Neighborhood Association** – Healthier Timbercrest partnered with the Knox County Health Department and the Timbercrest Recreation Club to implement a smoke-free park policy. Ashtrays were removed from the property and custom "no smoking" signs were hung in the park. Additionally, Timbercrest hosted a program called "Timbercrest Swims to Nashville," a lap challenge at the neighborhood pool. During the summer months, lap swimmers at the Timbercrest pool doubled and the residents made it the 170 miles to Nashville (and then some)!
- **West Hills Community Association** – Healthy West Hills hosted a program called "Family Striders" in which neighbors were encouraged to walk/bike/run 26 miles per month. From April to Dec., neighborhood residents logged over 6,500 miles, the equivalent to walking/biking/running the length of the United States FOUR times!

Are you interested in inspiring health in your neighborhood? Contact Alicia Price, the Knoxville Neighborhood Director for Healthier Tennessee, at alicia@healthiertn.org or 615-610-1880 ext. 790.

Visit [Healthier Tennessee](#) for more information.

6. BBB and POH Scheduled

The Better Building Board (BBB) will hear an appeal on 3216 Curtis Lane on Thursday, Jan. 31.

If this property is in your neighborhood, then you or a representative of your organization may wish to attend the meeting to submit testimony about the impact of the property on the neighborhood.

The full Feb. 1 agenda with details on each property, can be found on the BBB [website](#).

Seven properties are on the [agenda](#) for the City's next Public Officer Hearing (POH) at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1.

The Public Officer --- David Brace, director of the Public Service Department --- will hear testimony on buildings that inspectors contend are in violation of the city's building codes. Testimony can also be made by the property owners, neighbors, neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders, such as lien holders.

The Public Officer then decides whether to issue an order requiring that the violations be addressed in a certain period of time. Failure by the owner to cure the problem may result in the boarding or demolition of a structure, or the cleanup of a dirty or overgrown lot, with costs billed to the owner. A property owner may appeal the Public Officer's decision to the Better Building Board and, ultimately, to Chancery Court.

The properties to be heard for repair/demolition orders are: 171 Chickamauga Ave., 308 South Gay St. – Commercial, 606 Glenoaks Dr. – Accessory structure only, 2112 Jefferson Ave. including accessory structure, 4925 Lincoln Dr. a/k/a 5000 Lincoln Dr., 2738/2742 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. – Commercial, 3315 Midway St., 114 Morningside Dr., 2919 Ramona Ave. – Accessory structure only,

2518 Woodbine Ave. will be considered for confirmation of emergency repair order only. 800 Hollywood Rd., retaining wall only, and 2615 Scottish Pike will be considered for confirmation of emergency repair/demolition order.

7. Stakeholders Discuss Chilhowee Park

The City of Knoxville has contracted with Convention Sports and Leisure International (CSL) to conduct a strategic study for future uses of Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center. Over the next few weeks, CSL will be meeting with various stakeholder groups to gather information for the study.

City Council members will be participating in a stakeholder meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park. Neighborhood groups and community members are welcome to attend.

8. City Council Sets Dates for Two Recode Knoxville Workshops

City Council has set two dates to discuss Recode Knoxville: Thursday, Feb. 7 and Wednesday, Feb 20. Both workshops will take place at 5:30 p.m., in the City County Building Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Following Knoxville-Knox County Planning's approval of the Fourth Draft of the city-wide zoning code update, the draft was sent to Council for approval. In an effort to learn more about the updated ordinance, Council is planning this series of workshops to discuss Recode before taking it to vote.

This meeting is open for the public to observe. More details on topic specifics will be released closer to the date. Follow [Recode Knoxville](#) to learn more about the proposed zoning code, or check out the [Recode Proposed Zoning Map](#) to see proposed changes to the area you live.

9. Schedule Set for KKCP (MPC) One Year Plan Meetings

Big news is coming for Knoxville Knox County Planning (KKCP)! The organization, formally known as the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), has not only changed its name, but is also planning for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

KKCP is looking for input on updates for amendments to the 2018 plan, permitted land use and zoning districts, and development policies. One Year Plan Update Meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. at the following locations across Knoxville:

Monday, Feb. 4, Middlebrook Pike, United Methodist Church, 7234 Middlebrook Pike
Monday, Feb. 11, South Doyle Middle School Library, 3900 Decatur Rd.
Tuesday, Feb. 19, New Harvest Park Community Building, 4775 New Harvest Ln.

Come out and plan for a better Knoxville. For more, visit [website](#).

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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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