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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods, we report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. Which Area Will Win? The Neighborhood Challenge is Tomorrow!

North, South, East, West, or Downtown!? The Neighborhood Challenge is on to see who can win their region!

Tomorrow night, Wednesday, Mar. 13, gather your neighbors, friends, and family for a fun night out. Five local breweries have agreed to donate \$1 per pint sold between 5 and 10 p.m. to the 2019 Neighborhoods Conference.

If you are not interested in beer, donations for The Neighborhood Conference are also accepted.

Support the conference, support your neighborhood, and support your local business by heading to the participating brewery in your area:

- [East Knoxville](#): Last Days of Autumn Brewing
- [West Knoxville](#): Abridged Beer Company
- [North Knoxville](#): Hexagon Brewing Co.
- [South Knoxville](#): Printshop Beer Co.
- [Downtown](#): Pretentious Beer Co.

The region that raises the most money will get special recognition at the May 18th Neighborhood Conference. Plus, you'll earn bragging rights!

Help rally your neighbors and spread the word by sharing your area's event from the [OON Facebook](#) on your Neighborhood Facebook Page. See you tomorrow!

2. Lake Forest Holds Elections

Last night, the Lake Forest Neighborhood Association met and reorganized.

Over 20 Lake Forest residents gathered at the Lake Forest Presbyterian Church to hear the local crime report from Lieutenant Bush, learn tips for trees and shrubs and details on upcoming arbor events from Kasey Krouse, and catch details for the upcoming Keep Knoxville Beautiful South Knoxville clean-up from Aleta Daniels. Following this informative meeting, there was an election for new officers.

Nominees included: Co-presidents - Chyna Brackeen and Tom Coburn; Vice President - Jonathan Ball, Treasurer – Morgan Mell, and Co-secretaries – Lorena and Ben Hubbard. The organization voted unanimously to accept the slate of candidates.

Congratulations to Lake Forest for all the hard work to continue their neighborhood organization.

If you have exciting news or updates for your neighborhood, please share it with us. Contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. Office Survey Is Live!

The Office of Neighborhoods' survey is live! Click the link below to take the survey and enter a drawing for a monthly prize. Prizes vary each month and include a gift basket from Visit Knoxville and a gift card to Magpie's Bakery.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/oonofficesurvey>

For questions or assistance with the survey, contact Hannah Freeman at hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3456.

4. Win a \$75 Neighborhood Achievement Award

What creative, innovative, think-outside-the-box projects have your neighborhood organization been doing over the past year?

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply for the Neighborhood Achievement Award. The awards will showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2018 calendar year.

To apply, fill in the [application](#) and email it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov OR mail it to Office of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN, 37901, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 5. If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, contact Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or the above email.

Neighborhood Achievement Awards are recognized every year at The Neighborhood Conference held on May 18, 2019 at the Knoxville Convention Center this year. Winners receive \$75 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

Types of accomplishments include:

--- Beautification and place-making projects, green spaces and community gardens, and other physical improvements to the neighborhood;

--- Projects, events, and activities that focus on connecting neighbors with one another, such as street fairs, potlucks, home tours, holiday celebrations, and neighbors helping neighbors;

--- New or ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters, social media, and phone tree networks; and

--- Activities involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

We are excited to see what your neighborhoods have been up to!

5. Planning Commission Meets March 14

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission will meet Thursday, Mar. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the City County Building, Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Knoxville-Knox County Planning, formerly known as the Metropolitan Planning Commission, are the staff responsible for planning, zoning and land subdivision regulations in our community, with the exception of the Town of Farragut. The Planning Commission is the legislative body that reviews and votes on staff decisions and recommendations before they advance to City Council or County Commission.

The commission will discuss 37 items at its upcoming meeting. Visit [Knoxville-Knox County Planning](#) to learn more about the Planning Commission and see the full [agenda](#) for this week's meeting.

6. Recode Knoxville Comments Due March 15

City Council will hold a third Recode Knoxville workshop before scheduling a vote on the ordinance. Meeting details are still being developed; however, you can follow the [Recode Knoxville](#) and/or the [Office of Neighborhoods](#) Facebook pages for the upcoming date and location.

In an effort to ensure that Knoxville residents are aware of Recode, the City of Knoxville sent out a letter to all property owners notifying them of the overhaul of the outdated zoning ordinance.

The third workshop will address outstanding issues not discussed in previous workshops and address additional comments.

If you have comments for Council to consider at the upcoming workshop, please [submit your feedback](#) by Friday, Mar. 15, 2019.

While comments will continue to be accepted past the March 15 deadline, they will not be included in the summary for the upcoming workshop.

For more information on [Recode Knoxville](#), where to [submit a comment](#), and how to [look up your zone](#) visit the [Recode Knoxville Website](#).

7. PARC, KPD, and OON Offer Community Safety Workshop

Do you live in the North Knoxville area? The Office of Neighborhoods (OON), Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC), and Knoxville Police Department (KPD) are partnering together for a workshop and conversation on keeping neighborhoods safe.

This workshop will be the first of four this year and will be held on Thursday, Mar. 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 5409 Jacksboro Pike. Upcoming quarterly meetings will be held in other geographical areas of Knoxville.

Neighbors will learn more about OON, PARC, and crime that is happening in their part of town. Best practices for community safety, crime prevention, and safety awareness will also be shared.

For accommodations, contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov.

For translation services, contact Tatia Harris at 215-2831 or tharris@knoxvilletn.gov.

8. Parks & Rec Challenge Grant Cycle Changes to Spring for 2019

The City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department offers an annual [Challenge Grant](#), designating funds to local projects that improve public parks, land, and spaces.

The Challenge Grant allows the City to partner with local groups and organizations by reimbursing 50%, up to \$2,500, of a single project. Projects can range from improvements to playground equipment, water fountains, and landscaping; to greenway and rec building amendments.

The goal of the Challenge Grant is to enhance public parks and recreation facilities. All projects working to improve the look, safety, accessibility, or creativity of an existing public space should apply!

As a neighborhood organization, you ARE eligible for Challenge Grant Funds! Funds are open to all groups with official non-profit designation - 501(c)3, 501(c)4 or 501(c)6. Organized Neighborhood groups who do not have 501(c)3 status, may be eligible to use a fiscal sponsor. Contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3232 for more information on finding a fiscal sponsor.

All applications for the 2019 Challenge Grant must be submitted by 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 30. Please note, this spring deadline is different from last year's fall grant cycle.

For more information and to apply for the Challenge Grant, check out the [Challenge Grant Application](#).

[9. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (click link for 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 Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

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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