

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 11 – Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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1. Raise Money for Your Neighborhood – Sell Your Old Stuff

The sun is out and the temperatures are rising. What's that mean? It's nearly yard sale season! But if you're not ready or willing to have a yard sale, you have another option. You can sell your stuff AND raise money for your neighborhood through CTV's Neighborhood Treasure Hunt and Online Auction!

The [Neighborhood Treasure Hunt](#) is a unique fundraising opportunity brought to you by Community Television (CTV). Neighbors gather household items and then these items are displayed on Facebook as part of an online auction. The best part, neighbors have the opportunity to designate a neighborhood of their choice as the beneficiary of the funds raised from the sale of their item!

The auction will take place over three weeks, starting April 12, and culminating in a final sale and all day CTV special on Friday, May 3.

Interested? Learn more by visiting ctvKnox.org/hunt. Or contact Kevin Jeske-Polyak at 215-4352 or kevin@ctvknox.org with any questions.

2. South Knoxville Addresses Homelessness

The Vestal Community Organization, City Councilwoman Stephanie Welch, and CAC South Knox Renew Our Neighborhoods will host a South Knoxville community meeting on homelessness.

All are welcome to attend on Wednesday, Mar. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the South Knoxville Community Center Gymnasium, 522 Maryville Pike.

Representatives from the City of Knoxville's Office on Homelessness, Knoxville Police Department, Codes Enforcement, and Office of Neighborhoods along with the CAC South Knox Renew Our Neighborhoods program will provide information and answer questions regarding the ongoing efforts to address and resolve issues of homelessness. Discussions will focus on resident concerns and resources available in the community.

Bring your questions, express your concerns, and learn about your community.

For more information, contact Eric Johnson with CAC South Knox Renew Our Neighborhoods at the CAC South Knoxville Neighborhood Center, 522 Maryville Pike, 577-7591, or eric.johnson@knoxcac.org.

3. Mechanicsville hosts Healthier TN at Beardsley Farms

The **Mechanicsville Community Association's** Healthier Mechanicsville board is partnering with Beardsley Farms to host a community cookout on Saturday, Mar. 23. The cookout will serve as the opening celebration of the Mechanicsville community gardening season.

Come enjoy free food (courtesy of Second United Methodist Church), free seedlings (courtesy of Beardsley Farms), farm tours, art activities, and games for kids. Mechanicsville residents will have the chance to sign up for CAC's free seed give-away to be held in April. Interested residents can sign up to volunteer for gardening days in the Mechanicsville community garden. All the food grown in the community garden is freely given to Mechanicsville residents.

For more information, contact Alicia Price at alicia@healthiertn.gov or 615-610-1880 ext. 790.

4. Neighborhood Safety Series Begins in North Knoxville

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 up for a workshop and conversation about keeping neighborhoods safe.

This workshop will be the first of four, each featuring a different Knoxville region. The North Knoxville workshop will be held on Thursday, Mar. 28, at 6 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 5409 Jacksboro Pike. Other areas of Knoxville will be the focus in the upcoming quarterly meetings.

Neighbors will learn more about OON, PARC, KPD, and crime issues in their part of town. Best practices for community safety, crime prevention, and safety awareness will 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.

5. Learn How to Use KGIS Maps, Neighborhood Maps

The Office of Neighborhoods will host two workshops on how to make full use of [KGIS](#).

The first, beginner class, will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 11; the second, advanced class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Apr. 25.

Wi-Fi is available. The first 15 participants to bring a laptop will be able to log on to the website during the workshop. If you plan to attend, please register with Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or leave your name and contact information at 215-4382. When you register, you will be given the location of the workshops.

If you are new to KGIS, you will want to attend both. If you know a bit about KGIS, but would like to learn more, you are encouraged to attend the second class.

KGIS, a joint program of the City of Knoxville, Knox County and KUB Geographical Information System, operates the multi-layered website.

Why is this workshop important to neighborhood organizations? Simply because KGIS can answer lots of questions that you and your members may need to know. These questions include:

- ** Who owns that house up the street?
- ** Are taxes paid up on the blighted house down the street?
- ** What is the zoning in our neighborhood?
- ** What school zone are we in?
- ** Who is our state representative?
- ** Are we in a FEMA flood zone?
- ** How can I see if a property in our neighborhood is on the next MPC agenda?

In addition to picking up tips and understanding how to use various tools and applications, participants will learn how to navigate the neighborhood KGIS app, the [Neighborhood Groups Viewer](#), which maps the boundaries of neighborhood groups in the city.

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6. Historic Zoning Commission Meets

The Historic Zoning Commission will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday, Mar. 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

There are currently three locations on the agenda. The locations are: 703 Luttrell Ave. in **Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization**, 1601 Forest Ave. in **Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Association**, and 26 Market Square in Downtown. All are up for certificates of appropriateness.

For more on the Historic Zoning Commission, contact Kaye Graybeal, Historic Preservation Planner, at 215-3795.

7. BZA Rescheduled for March 26

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), which generally meets the third Thursday of every month, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 26 at 4 p.m., in the City County Building Large Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Properties on the agenda are: 2921 Pershing St., 1410 Boyd St., 2460 Parkview Ave., 6600 Jim Sterchi Rd., 5418 Pratt Rd., 835 N. Central St., 2230 Chapman Hwy., 835 Huckleberry Springs Rd., 4001 Middlebrook Pike, 1716 Merchant Dr., 2304 West Blount Ave., and O Boyd St.

The BZA hears appeals for building permits denied by the City Plans Review and Inspections Department. As a neighborhood, it may be of interest to check out the BZA agenda to see if there are any properties headed to the board that may affect or influence your neighborhood. Neighbors have the opportunity to speak out in favor of or against any permits.

Visit the [BZA website](#) for agendas and more information.

8. Agenda Released for BBB; POH Cancelled

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) has been cancelled for Friday, Mar. 29.

The Better Building Board (BBB) will meet on Thursday, Mar. 28 at 3:30 p.m.

The agenda for BBB can be found next week on the City's [webpage](#). If any of the properties are in your neighborhood, you or a representative may want to be present to speak on the impacts it has to your neighborhood.

9. Third City Council Workshop on Recode Scheduled

City Council will host the third workshop on [Recode Knoxville](#), on Thursday, Apr. 4, at 5:30 p.m., in the City County Building Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

This workshop will focus on code administration and policy issues and address public comments submitted prior to Mar. 15.

The City of Knoxville sent notifications to all property owners in the city limits, sharing the background of the Recode Knoxville effort. The workshop will address questions received as a result of this mailing.

Please continue to submit all comments online directly [here](#); or, send an e-mail to recode@knoxplanning.org. You can also call Planning at 215-3928.

Still don't know what Recode Knoxville is? Know your zone and how it will change by visiting the [Recode Knoxville Map](#).

10. KKB Hosts Third Annual South Knoxville Clean-Up

On Saturday, Mar. 30, Keep Knoxville Beautiful will be hosting its third annual community-wide South Knoxville clean-up from 9 a.m.- Noon. The event will kick off from Sam Duff Park, 4060 Chapman Highway. Over 220 volunteers are expected to participate.

Participating community leaders from various neighborhoods will meet at the kickoff event, pick up supplies, and then disperse into their own South Knoxville neighborhoods to begin the clean-up.

The community groups participating include: Wildlife Habitat of South Woodlawn, LMU Environmental Law, Gamma Sigma Sigma, South-Doyle High School, UTK College of Law BLSA, CrossFit Knoxville, Boy Scout Troop 36, Alliance for Young Nonprofit Professionals, Old Sevier Community Group, South Haven Neighborhood Community Group, South Doyle Neighborhood Association, and Island Home.

After the clean-up, volunteers are invited back to Sam Duff Park for lunch provided by South Coast Pizza and Sweet P's BBQ. Alliance Brewing Company will be handing out \$1 off beer tokens to volunteers of age during lunch.

This cleanup is made possible by Aslan Foundation, Three Rivers Market, TVA, First Neighborhoods Realty, CrossFit Knoxville, Alliance Brewing Company, Riverside Veterinarian Clinic, Sweet P's BBQ, Computer Systems Plus, SoKno Taco, Borderland Trees, and Kroger. Thank you to our generous sponsors!

The South Knoxville Community Cleanup began in 2017, when South Knoxville was KKB's "community of the year". Over 300 volunteers participated and this made it one of KKB's largest events ever.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is still taking volunteers for the event. Individuals and groups can sign up at www.KeepKnoxvilleBeautiful.org/upcoming. PLEASE sign up; it helps KKB provide food for you!

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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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