

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 16 – Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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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. North Hills Garden Club Hosts Annual Plant Sale

The North Hills Garden Club is hosting its yearly plant sale on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the North Hills Park, 2419 Kennington Rd. The event will take place rain or shine.

This plant sale is a popular event for local gardeners who value native plants that thrive in our area. Residents of historic North Hills donate different varieties of hardy perennial plants and shrubs harvested from their own gardens.

In partnership with a local nursery, the garden club also offers herbs, veggies and gorgeous blooming annuals. Several of the club's master gardeners will also be onsite to answer questions and give gardening advice.

While browsing through the plant sale, be sure to enjoy delicious food from VietGrill - Vietnamese Vegan food truck. In addition, there will be a garden shed with bargain prices for gently used items, arts and crafts booths, and even activities for the kids.

Proceeds from this event support beautification of the neighborhood's boulevards and park. For more information on the North Hills Garden Club visit the club's [Facebook page](#) or [website](#).

For questions, contact Shannon Whitt at 254-7774 or Sally Wilcox at 803-9452.

2. Montgomery Village Thanks Donors

The Montgomery Village Tenant Association would like to thank the following donors for their generosity towards the Egg Hunt on Sunday, Apr. 21: John and Kristen Bevil, Christa Moser Reed, Stephen and Angela McGuire, Kristi Headrick Kristy, Nikki Cruze, Hunter Acuff, Stephanie Welch, Chad Hensley, and Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Altogether, 5,500 eggs, two bikes, dozens of stuffed animals, pounds of candy, chips, books, chalk, water cases, prizes, and bottles of bubbles were donated for the Egg Hunt. About fifty children hunted eggs on the field next to the Boys and Girls club. Ten children won egg hunt prizes, and ten prizes were raffled away.

The Office of Neighborhoods loves to hear about communities rallying to support our neighborhoods! If your neighborhood has a story like this, let us know by contacting Hannah Freeman at 865-215-3456 or hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. Neighborhoods Host Yard Sales

Are you looking for ways to support neighborhoods? The opportunities are multiplying!

Various neighborhoods are hosting yard sales throughout the warmer months. Oakwood Lincoln Park and Edgewood Park will have their joint yard sale on Saturday, Apr. 27, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Maps of the participating houses will be handed out at the Edgewood Park gazebo.

Cumberland Estates will host their yard sale on Saturday, Jun. 8, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

If yard sales aren't your thing, head over to www.ctvknox.org/hunt to browse over a hundred items for auction. Sales from the auction benefit neighborhoods or the 2019 Neighborhood Conference. Bidding ends Friday, May 3 in a live auction broadcast on CTV from 6-9 p.m.

If your neighborhood is hosting any other neighborhood fundraisers, let the Office of Neighborhoods know at 215-3232.

4. We Are One Month Out From The Neighborhood Conference

Are you ready? Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Knoxvilleans are invited for a free day of learning, engagement, and community at The Neighborhood Conference at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Come see over 80 booths, featuring City & County departments, non-profits, and businesses. Learn more about your city, county, and neighborhood through one on one conversation about the issues of concern in your neighborhood.

Choose between four outstanding workshops: *How to engage all neighbors*; *How to create safer streets as a neighborhood*; *How to celebrate Knoxville's diversity*; and lastly *Turning NIMBY into YIMBY: Understanding Affordable Housing*.

Enjoy a buffet lunch of soup and salad while being inspired by Sponsors, Donors, the Mayor, Neighborhood Achievement Awards, and Neighbor of the Year Award.

All of the activities are provided to help individuals and neighborhood organizations network with one another, learn, and walk away inspired to participate in your neighborhood organizations or start your own neighborhood organization.

Please pre-register at the [website](#) to share your information in advance. This information allows us to generate a name tag and a meal ticket.

Scrolling on the large screen in the ballrooms will be photos from neighborhood activities across the city. If you have not yet shared your neighborhoods' photos, send them to Hannah Freeman, ASAP, at hfreeman@knoxvillekn.gov. There will also be door prizes donated by generous local businesses.

Did we mention that this conference is FREE to participants? Thanks to our wonderful sponsors and door prize donors, this day is a treat for Knoxville neighbors. Join us!

5. KGIS Workshop to Show Advanced Material

The Office of Neighborhoods will host an advanced workshop on how to make full use of www.kgis.org on Thursday, Apr. 25. The workshop will be held at the City's Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave., from 6-8 p.m.; registration is required.

To register, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvillekn.gov or leave your name and contact information at 215-4382.

Previously, the Office of Neighborhoods held a beginner's workshop on the use of KGIS --- the Knoxville, Knox County, KUB Geographical Information System --- by neighborhood groups. This upcoming workshop will advance on this information and provide a more comprehensive overview of KGIS maps.

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.

Wi-Fi is available. The first 15 participants to register can bring a laptop and will be able to log on to the website during the workshop.

6. PARC Quarterly Meeting Planned for this Wednesday

The Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) will have its quarterly meeting Wednesday, Apr. 24, at 6 p.m., at the Regal Entertainment Group Building, 101 E. Blount Ave.

[PARC](#) focuses on strengthening the relationship between citizens and members of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD). PARC serves through independent review of police actions, investigating police related incidents following Internal Affairs investigations.

PARC consists of an executive director, to whom citizens may register formal or anonymous complaints, and seven committee members, responsible for reviewing cases.

Alongside reviewing KPD related cases, PARC is dedicated to improving neighborhood-police relationships and interested in citizen perspectives. The Office of Neighborhoods works closely with PARC to plan quarterly Neighborhood Safety Meetings in each region of the City. The next Neighborhood Safety Meeting will be in South Knoxville on Monday, Jun. 24. Check out the [Neighborhoods Calendar](#) for details to upcoming meetings.

For more information on PARC, check out the [webpage](#).

7. Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming BBB and POH Meetings:

The Better Building Board (BBB) and Public Officer Hearings (POH) are scheduled for this week.

The BBB will meet on Thursday, Apr. 25, at 3:30 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room, at the City County Building, 400 Main St., and the POH will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, Apr. 26, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Agendas for the BBB and POH are available at this [link](#), and hitting the current agenda, for each, at the top of the page. Be sure to check the date at the top of the agenda to be sure it is the most current.

Neighbors can benefit from following the BBB and the POH to advocate for the demolition of blighted and troublesome buildings in your neighborhood.

For more information on the BBB or POH, past hearing results, and more on why you should follow these meeting, visit [Better Building Board and Public Officer Hearing](#).

8. Community Development Seeks Input

A second public meeting to receive public comments on the Community Development Annual Action Plan will be held on Apr. 29, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., at the O'Connor Center, 611 Winona Street.

The draft Annual Action Plan is now available for public review and comment ([draft plan](#)). The draft includes an estimation of funding amounts and sources for proposed programs and activities beginning July 1, 2019.

A thirty-day public comment period on the draft plan began Apr. 5 and runs through May 6, 2019. Comments may be shared with Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov, by mail to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, or by fax to 865-215-2962.

The O'Connor Center is accessible. Persons who wish to request disability-related accommodations including sign-language interpreters should contact Stephanie Cook, City of Knoxville ADA Coordinator at 865-215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov. Please request accommodations at least ten days in advance.

To understand more, the City of Knoxville is currently developing its Annual Action Plan Update to its Five Year Consolidated Plan for the proposed use of U.S. Dept. of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year Five, running from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The first of two public meetings to discuss the Annual Action Plan was held on January 31, 2019. At this meeting, Community Development staff reviewed priorities and strategies from the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan, shared accomplishments (focusing on affordable housing as a priority activity), explained constraints – both regulatory and financial - that impact how HUD funds are allocated to activities, and presented its proposed priority activities for program year 2019-2020.

That presentation can be found here ([presentation](#)). Comments from residents were also invited and received at the meeting and are part of the process the City uses to determine priority activities for the program year.

9. TPO Seeks Community Priorities for Chapman Hwy

Do you live, work, or play near Chapman Highway? [Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization](#) (TPO) wants to hear your thoughts on the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan.

TPO has released a second Community [Input Survey](#) to gather more input on community priorities for the projects identified by the Implementation Plan.

Last Tuesday, Apr. 16, TPO hosted a community input meeting to present plans generated after input from the survey and public meeting held last fall. To gather further input, TPO is asking neighbors to fill out the survey.

The Chapman Highway Implementation Plan is an effort to evaluate previous studies, confirm recommendations, identify new issues, and develop a plan of action to improve Chapman Highway.

For more information on the Implementation Plan, a direct link to the survey, and results from last week's input meeting, check out, [Chapman Highway Implementation Plan](#).

10. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation 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 before the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

Other Calendars

Additional online calendars that cover events outside the neighborhood realm include:

- [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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