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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. Knoxville SOUP Is This Evening

Four proposals will be presented tonight, Apr. 30, at Knoxville SOUP, one of which is a **Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association**.

The event, held at Dara's Garden, 2637 Maryville Pike, has all volunteers who take up donations at the door (\$5.00 recommended per person), provide a soup dinner, present the program of four proposals, and then everyone gets to vote on their favorite one. The money collected at the door goes to the winner. The doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information on the four proposals, past winners, and how it all works, visit Knoxville SOUP's [website](#).

2. The Neighborhood Auction Ends This Friday

The 2019 Knoxville Neighborhood Treasure Hunt & Online Auction ends this Friday, May 3.

From 6-9 p.m. there will be a live program to close out the three week bidding period. On the broadcast, CTV will highlight: neighborhood activities; booths that will be present at the Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, May 18; and neighborhood guests that may drop in during the event. The auction is scheduled to end at 9 p.m.

Join in the fun to see who wins which items!

It's not too late to register and bid on items you might like or that you might want to give others. To do this, go to [www.ctvKnox.org/hunt and register](http://www.ctvKnox.org/hunt_and_register). The system will email you when you have been accepted as a bidder, at which time you can begin bidding on items.

Proceeds from the auction will go to either the neighborhoods who sponsored the items, or to The Neighborhood Conference. You can view the recipients of the proceeds of each item by reading the text below the photo.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin at CTV kevin@ctvknox.org.

3. Mechanicsville Holds Clean-Up

The **Mechanicsville Community Association** (MCA) and Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) will hold the annual neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Danny Mayfield Park, 700 College Street.

All are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, register online so that MCA and KKB will be prepared. Register [here](#) or by contacting Keep Knoxville Beautiful at [\(865\) 521-6957](tel:8655216957). Volunteers should wear closed toe shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Volunteers are also encouraged to bring water.

For more, visit the Facebook [event page](#).

4. Fountain City Hosts Mayoral Candidate Forum

Join **Fountain City Town Hall** on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Hwy, to hear from Knoxville's Mayoral candidates.

Fletcher Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis and Marshall Stair will discuss the following three issues before opening up to questions from the floor:

1. What do you think are the greatest budgetary problems facing the city and how would you handle them?
2. The city has started to improve the Magnolia Corridor and to develop a plan to improve Chilhowee Park. Are you satisfied with the progress so far and what would you do to insure the continuation of or to enhance these efforts?
3. Knoxville Center (AKA East Town Mall) continues to decline and to have a negative impact on the surrounding area. What could the city do to aid in the revitalization of this site?

This meeting is open to the public, and all Knoxville neighbors are welcome to attend.

5. Date Change For Wiffleball Tournament

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Neighborhoods Wiffleball Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 29, NOT June 22, as was previously announced.

Registration for the tournament will open in May. Keep your eyes open for more details regarding registration deadlines for your neighborhood/team, new rules, and the day's agenda. In the meantime, start planning your teams and practicing!

Westwood has won both the 2017 and 2018 tournaments. Who will challenge them for the win in 2019!?

6. Two Weeks Until The Neighborhood Conference

Are you registered for The Neighborhood Conference? If not, register before noon on Monday, May 13. That will reserve you a meal ticket and help us generate a nice name tag for each participant

Do you know how you are going to get to the Conference? There are several ways to travel there, one of which is by KAT bus and it is FREE! All you have to do is get on the bus nearest you, say that you are going to The Neighborhood Conference, and they will let you ride there for free. Once you get to the conference, you can stop by the KAT booth and receive a return home bus pass.

You can also carpool with a neighbor. If you are driving, parking is available in Locust Street Garage, Market Street Garage, 11th Street Garage, and the Poplar Lot. The Poplar Lot will likely be reserved for people with disabilities who will be provided additional transportation by golf cart (provided by Parks and Rec.).

Have you heard about the nominations? We have six great Diana Conn, Good Neighbor of the Year Nominees, as follows: Liz Diviesti, Katy Hawley, Douglas James Miller Jr., Donna Teeters, Deborah Thomas, & Christine Winton.

Seven neighborhoods will also be honored during: **Historic Fourth and Gill, Residence of Eastport, Riverhill Gateway Neighborhood Association, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, The Highlands HOA, Timbercrest Neighborhood Association, and the Wesley Neighbors/West Hills Community Association.**

Did we tell you that there are over 80 booths to visit? We consistently get feedback that this is what neighbors love the most.....networking at the booths. There are City departments represented, County departments, non-profits, and several of our sponsors that will have booths. Direct assistance from service-providers will be available. For example, if you have questions about trees in your yard, you should visit with Trees Knoxville. , Another possibility is that your neighborhood may be having safety issues. In that case, you can visit with the representatives at the KPD booth and get suggestions. There will be numerous organizations that can provide assistance.

Did we mention that there are four important workshops?

1. Engage All of Your Neighbors: People are constantly trying to get young people, refugees, or students involved in their organizations. Come hear directly from

representatives from these groups about strategies to get them engaged in their community involved.

2. Create Safer Streets: David Massey and Don Lindsey will present the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Programs' newest education component.
3. Celebrate Our Diversity: You have the opportunity to hear from a new diversity panel about ways to include representatives from many demographics
4. Turn NIMBY into YIMBY: Understanding Affordable Housing. If you have any interest in affordable housing, Becky Wade, Director of Community Development for the City of Knoxville, will speak about the latest updates on the issue.

We want you to be inspired by what you hear, learn from others, and go back to your neighborhoods feeling ready with new ideas. Join us at the Seventh Annual Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, May 18. We look forward to seeing you there.

7. Councilmember Roberto Hosts District Meeting

Do you live in the Second District? Councilmember Andrew Roberto and the Bearden Village Council will host a district-wide meeting to discuss Recode Knoxville on Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m., at Holly's Gourmet Market, 5170 Kingston Pike.

All second district neighborhood residents, as well as neighborhood association members and leadership, are invited and encouraged to attend.

To learn more about Recode Knoxville and find out how the new zoning ordinance might affect your neighborhood, check your property on the [Recode Knoxville Map](#).

8. City Council to Consider Zoning Ordinance

City Council will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 3 p.m., in the City County Building Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St., to consider the proposed zoning code update, [Recode Knoxville](#)

The proposal is an update to Knoxville's 50-year-old zoning code. Recode Knoxville has been a two year effort with numerous public meetings and multiple drafts. The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission approved the proposed ordinance; and City Council's vote is the next approval step in the legislative process.

9. Block Party Under the Bridge this Saturday

More than ten local organizations are hosting a Block Party Under the Bridge on Saturday, May 4 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The event will be held under the bridge located across from KARM on North Broadway.

The event was created to provide resources and activities for people who utilize the "day space" in the North Knoxville area near downtown Knoxville.

The event includes four major components: food, art, entertainment, and resources. Free food will be available, and attendees will have the chance to help create art. Live music will fill the event from local artists including Smiley and the Love Dawgs, Secret City Cyphers, Guy Osborne, and Turnaround Norman.

A number of healthcare and community-related resources will be available including HIV/HCV testing, wound care, NARCAN training and voter registration. Knoxville organizations partnering to make the event possible include Next Step Initiative, The Salvation Army, CAC Americorps, Volunteer Ministry Center, Helen Ross McNabb, City of Refuge, A Step Ahead, Planned Parenthood, Warrior Women, and Sustainable Future Center. Additional event support and entertainment will be provided by Magpies and Dragonfly Aerial Arts.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the event is encouraged to contact Rebecca Parr at rparr1964@icloud.com.

10. Rabies Clinics Offered

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) and the Knoxville Veterinary Medical Association will offer rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs on **Saturdays, May 4 and 11 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.** at the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Ave., and select Knox County schools.

Tennessee, Knox County and City of Knoxville laws each require all dogs and cats three months of age and older to be vaccinated against rabies, a virus that attacks the brain and spinal column. If untreated, death can occur within days of the onset of symptoms. The best way to prevent rabies is to vaccinate pets and avoid contact with stray or wild animals. It's also important to vaccinate indoor pets as they can accidentally encounter wild animals, such as bats or raccoons.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic locations for both May 4 and 11:

Bearden Middle School
Carter High School
Gibbs High School
Farragut High School
Halls High School
Knox County Health Department
Powell High School
South-Doyle High School (Young Campus)

Vaccinations at the May clinics are \$10 per animal. All pets must be restrained at the clinics. Dogs should be on a leash, and cats should be in carriers or pillowcases (a pillowcase is preferred because the vaccine can be administered through the cloth). Those with aggressive or uncontrollable pets are advised to leave the animal in the car and ask for assistance at registration.

For more, visit knoxcounty.org/health or contact Katherine Killen at 215-5534.

11. District Attorney Offers Citizen's Academy

The District Attorney Citizen's Academy is held in the fall and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the criminal justice system. Participants learn about the specific roles of law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, and jurors, while being exposed to the inner-workings and complexities involved in prosecution.

Citizens have the opportunity to practice what they have learned by participating in a mock trial, arguing a criminal case as prosecutors. In addition to the mock trial, assistant district attorneys present on a wide range of topics including Criminal Justice 101, the “CSI Effect,” the opioid epidemic, gangs, human trafficking, and other trends impacting our community.

To be eligible, an applicant must be at least 18 years old, live or work in Knox County, and agree to a background check to be completed by the District Attorney General’s Office.

To apply, download an application from the “Community Affairs Programs” webpage on the Office of the District Attorney General’s [website](#). Then, email or mail the completed application to the contact listed below by Friday, June 28.

After applications are due Friday June 28, accepted applicants will be notified by Friday, July 19. The Citizen Academy will take place on Sep. 3, Sep. 10, Sep. 17, Sep. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8, and Oct. 15; from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. each session.

If you have questions or need assistance with your application, please contact Jackie Myers by mail: Office of the District Attorney General, P.O. Box 1468, Knoxville, TN 37901, by email: jackie.myers@knoxcounty.org, or over the phone: 865-215-2515.

12. 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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