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1. The Office of Neighborhoods Is Moving!

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) will continue to be housed in the City County Building and on the same floor, but we will be moving from our current suite of 528 to suite 546, on Wednesday, June 5.

For the next two weeks we will be packing, moving, and unpacking. At times we might be without phones and email. If you don't reach us, we will reply to you as quickly as we possibly can.

Thank you for your patience during this move.

2. The Neighborhood Conference Highlights Success of

The 2019 Neighborhood Conference was held on Saturday, May 18, with 500 neighborhood attendees and 70 different neighborhood organizations represented.

The day provided many winning moments. Everyone got a gift certificate for a free moon pie at Mast General Store; many walked away with door prizes; people learned at workshops about traffic calming, affordable housing, or neighbor engagement and recruitment; and, people networked with booth staff and fellow neighborhood leaders.

The awards luncheon honored inspiring neighbors and neighborhoods for their commitment to community. Eight neighborhoods were honored for their hard work over

the past year: **Historic Fourth and Gill, RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, The Highlands Home Owners Association, The Residence of Eastport, Timbercrest Neighborhood Association, Wesley Neighbors Community Association, and West Hills Community Association.**

Additionally, the 2019 winner of the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year award was presented to Katy Hawley, from Historic Fourth and Gill. Katy was deserving of the award for all her hard work for her neighborhood and behind the scenes.

A huge thank you goes out to all those that participated and helped make this a great event. Even though the event originates with the Office of Neighborhoods, it is a team effort involving many City departments, sponsors, and volunteers.

Be on the lookout for an e-mail survey in the next week or two to provide feedback on what went well and what to improve for next year.

3. First Mandatory Grant Workshop This Thursday

The Office of Neighborhoods kicks off the 2020 Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP) this year, with the first opportunity to attend a mandatory grant workshop on Thursday, May 30.

The NSGP allows neighborhoods to apply for up to \$3,000, to tackle a neighborhood project or carry out an event or an idea that benefits the whole neighborhood.

To apply for a grant under the NSGP, your organization must send a representative to ONE of the following mandatory workshops:

*** Thursday, May 30, 6-8 p.m.

*** Wednesday, Jun 5, 6-8 p.m.

*** Saturday, Jun 8, 10-12 noon

All three opportunities will be held at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

All applicants **MUST** have at least one neighbor participate in at least one workshop to be eligible. Participation is encouraged even if no current plans are in place – to assist your group in final consideration for an application for the current year or to assist in planning for a 2021 grant application.

Contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2113 to register.

Copies of the NSGP Guidelines and Application can be found [on this city web page](#). Note that the application is a fillable PDF file. Proposals are due Monday, July 29, and will be judged on a competitive basis. Submit proposals on or before Monday, July 22 to have staff review your application for completeness.

4. Does Your Neighborhood Org. Want to Host an Event at a City Facility/Park?

The City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department along with the Office of Special Events has made it easier for your neighborhood organization to reserve a space at any local City Park or Facility.

[Here](#) are some easy instructions to follow to reserve a space for your neighborhood event. For the most part, there will be no charge at City parks. You may need insurance if you are doing a large event and bringing in external amenities such as bounce houses, etc. But if it is a party, picnic, pot luck, or gathering, it should be free for neighborhood organizations.

We have also posted this on the front page of the Office of Neighborhoods [webpage](#), for your convenience.

If you have questions, see the [flyer](#) or contact the Office of Special Events.

5. Challenge Grant Applications Due This Week

The deadline is approaching for the annual Challenge grants. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 30, to be considered.

Does your neighborhood have a park or public space? Would you like to give that space a little extra care, add some amenities, or even start a community garden? Check out Parks and Recreation's [Challenge Grant Program](#).

The Challenge Grant, separate from the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#), offers non-profits, neighborhoods, and other community organizations the opportunity to apply for funds that improve public spaces.

Recipients of the Challenge Grant will be reimbursed up to 50 percent for a single project, up to \$2,500.

For more information and a list of previous Challenge Grant awardees, visit the Challenge Grant [webpage](#).

6. City Council to Hold Special Meeting on Recode

City Council will meet Thursday, May 30, to continue their discussion on Recode. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Recode Knoxville is a comprehensive update to Knoxville's 50+ year old zoning code. Zoning codes help the City and the Planning Commission determine what types of structures, businesses, and developments can go in which areas. Recode Knoxville focuses on both updating the current zoning code to reflect actual usage across the city and planning for Knoxville's future expansion.

To see how Recode Knoxville will affect you or your property, check out the [Recode Knoxville Map](#).

7. Public Service Reps Available for Neighborhood Meetings

Is your neighborhood association interested in having a member of the City's Public Service Department attend meetings and answer questions?

After the Neighborhood Conference last week, a resounding number of people answered 'yes' to that question. To increase outreach and provide information about City services, Public Service representatives will be available to attend your neighborhood meetings. They can answer questions regarding brush and leaf pickup, trash and recycling, right-of-way mowing, and all other neighborhood maintenance provided by Public Service.

To speak to someone about having a representative attend one of your meetings, please contact Kelsey Vincent at 215-6018 or email kvincent@knoxvilletn.gov.

8. BBB and POH Meetings Are This Week

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

The BBB will meet on Thursday, May 30, at 3:30 p.m., the POH will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 31, both in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

For the BBB, there are two properties listed: 925 Farragut Ave. – Appeal of Public Officer Order, and 1027 Gratz St. – Demolition by neglect.

For the POH, there are 11 properties listed: 141 Atlantic Ave.; 524 Cedar Ave.; 4100 Cottonwood Dr. – Swimming pool and all accessory structures; 1805 Forest Ave; 3733 Frostwood Rd.; 5717 Kentwood Rd.; 0 Murray Dr. – Swimming pool only; 2523 Riverside Dr. – Confirmation of emergency repair only order; 3225 Shields Ave.; 414 East Springdale Ave.; and 2821 Selma Ave. – Boarding Approval.

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.

9. Knoxville Hosts USA Cycling National Championships

For the third consecutive year, Knoxville will host the [USA Cycling Pro Road National Championships](#)! This year, the Para-Cycling National Championships will also be held in Knoxville.

This year's events will take place June 27-30, with races held on Friday, June 28, Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30.

The USA Cycling weekend is a fun, community-wide event. Neighbors are encouraged to come out and cheer, make signs, and be a part of the excitement. Unfortunately, to host such a major event here on our streets, the City will also experience road closures and changes in traffic patterns during that time. Please see a list of effected areas, below:

*** Friday, June 28, 4 to 9 p.m.: Expect road closures on S. Gay St., W. Hill Ave., and Hall of Fame Dr.

*** Saturday, June 29, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Expect road closures on James White Parkway.

*** Sunday, June 30, 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Expect road closures throughout Downtown and South Knoxville.

For a full list of road closures and maps of effected areas, go to Visit Knoxville's [website](#). If you have any questions, contact Parker Medley at 342-9137 or pmedley@knoxville.org.

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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