

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 21 – Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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1. Town Hall East Elects New Board

At their May 13 membership meeting, Town Hall East elected a slate of new board officers. Congratulations to the following new and returning Town Hall East officers:

- David Lee, President (2nd term)
- Sandra Korbelik, Vice President (1st term)
- Kim Raia, Secretary (2nd term)
- Sharon Davis, Treasurer (1st term)

All officers serve a one-year term, but can serve for two consecutive years, within a three year board term. Board members are eligible to serve for two consecutive three year terms. The following neighbors have been reelected to the Town Hall East Board: Michael Aktalay, Michael Moore, and Mira Nash. Continuing board members include Clarita Buffaloe, Sam McKenzie, Kim Trent, Millie Ward, and Clint Waddell.

The board will work to fill one final position with a board appointment. Congratulations to the new Town Hall East leadership!

2. Deadline for Wiffleball Registration This Week

If you want your neighborhood organization's team to play in the 3rd annual Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament, you need to sign up by Friday, June 15.

Contact Mike Rogers at mrog91@gmail.com if you have questions or wish to register.

The Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament will be on June 29, at Victor Ashe Park with five teams registered so far: **Forest Heights Neighborhood Association, Oakwood/Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, Timbercrest Neighborhood Association, Westwood Homeowners Association, and West Hills Community Association.**

Players will need to arrive by 8:30 a.m., and games start at 9 a.m. and wrap up around lunchtime. This is a fun-filled family event that highlights neighborhood pride.

3. Neighborhoods Staff Gets New Office Space

If you venture to the fifth floor of the City County Building, you will no longer find the Office of Neighborhoods staff packed tightly into suite 528 B. That's right; the Office of Neighborhoods has new office space, in suite 546!

Come by and say hello, check out our new space, and soak in the view from our new office windows. The space includes a large conference room to help accommodate meetings as well as space for neighborhood files and maps.

Please forgive any slow responses over the past couple of weeks. With the conference and the move, we have been working to catch up.

Come by and say, "Hi," anytime!

4. City to Elect New Mayor and Four New City Council Members

The upcoming local election will include the Mayor for the City of Knoxville and four City Council seats. Mayor Madeline Rogero is term limited as are four City Council members; Fifth District, Mark Campen; At Large Seat A, George Wallace; At Large Seat B; Finbarr Saunders; and At Large Seat C, Marshall Stair.

Visit the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#) for details or keep up with the information at Go Vote! on the City [website](#).

Candidate forums are being hosted by various organizations, including the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County. The League will host two candidate forums before the City of Knoxville primary elections.

Both forums will take place at the News Sentinel's Community Room, 2332 News Drive, at 6:30 p.m. The Mayoral forum will be Tuesday, June 25, and the City Council candidates' forum will be on Tuesday July 9.

Early voting begins on Wednesday, Aug. 7, through Thursday, Aug. 22, with Primary Election Day being on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

It is important for all to get engaged, learn about the candidates, and VOTE.

If you would like for the Office of Neighborhoods to promote your Candidate Forum, please email Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. Don't Miss Upcoming Public Meetings

Knoxville-Knox County Planning has their monthly meeting **Thursday, June 13**, in the Main Assembly Room beginning at 1:30 p.m. Visit their [website](#) to review the agenda, which could have items of interest to your neighborhood.

Additional public meetings coming up include:

- City Council will meet on **Tuesday, June 18**, in the Main Assembly Room, 400 Main Street, at 6 p.m. Visit the City's [website](#) to review the agenda.

- [Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet at 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, June 20**, in the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street.

- Board of Zoning Appeals will also meet on **Thursday, June 20**, in the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street; however, they will meet at 4 p.m. Visit their [website](#), next week, to see the newest agenda.

Meetings such as these can have items on their agendas that affect neighborhoods. It can be helpful for neighborhood leaders to keep abreast of these topics to know if something in the neighborhood will be addressed.

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.

6. City Hosts Public Workshops on Sidewalk Studies

Is walkability important to you? Would you like to see safer walking routes in your neighborhood?

Come out and provide your input for the City's Sidewalk Study. The City is hosting a series of six workshops to gather feedback and introduce the goals of a 10-month sidewalk system study.

The study will assess both existing and future pedestrian needs, including sidewalks and cross walks. Residents have the opportunity to share ideas, identify barriers, and offer insight on pedestrian travel.

Mark your calendars for one of the six following open houses, and make sure your voice is heard:

- **Thursday, June 13, 5-7 p.m.**, Deane Hill Rec. Ctr., 7400 Deane Hill Dr.
- **Thursday, June 13, 5-7 p.m.**, Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Hwy
- **Wednesday, June 19, 5-7 p.m.**, South-Doyle Middle School, 3900 Decatur Dr.
- **Wednesday, June 19, 5-7 p.m.**, Larry Cox Senior Ctr., 3109 Ocoee Trail
- **Thursday, June 20, 5-7 p.m.**, Christenberry Rec. Ctr., 931 Oglewood Ave.
- **Thursday, June 20, 5-7 p.m.**, Cumberland Estates Rec. Ctr., 4529 Silverhill Dr.

All workshops will be set up open-house style, and participants may show up anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. Results from the workshops and 10-month study will be used to create a citywide strategy for planning, developing, and maintaining Knoxville's pedestrian network.

All city residents or persons who care about walkability and pedestrian safety in Knoxville are encouraged to attend.

Gresham Smith is the consultant on the project. For more information, contact Jon Livengood at jlivengood@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-6100.

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7. Community Development Kicks off Lead-Safe & Healthy Homes Grant

The City of Knoxville's Lead Safe & Healthy Homes Program celebrates National Healthy Homes Month, 2019 by kicking off program enrollment.

Recently receiving their second Lead Hazard reduction Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes, the City of Knoxville has \$3.6 million to put toward remediation of lead-based paint hazards in 160 units. Funding from this grant allows for lead-based paint testing, hazard remediation services (if hazards are found), and post-remediation inspection of qualified pre-1978 owner-occupied and rental units located within the Knoxville city limits.

If you live in a pre-1978 home or know your home has lead-based paint, please visit the [website](#) or call Knoxville-Knox County C.A.C. Housing & Energy Services at 244-3080 for more information. Prescreening applications can also be found on this site.

Families with children under six are especially encouraged to apply and will receive priority in the application process.

8. Knox Heritage Offers Gap Funding

Knox Heritage, with funding from the City of Knoxville's Preservation Fund, is offering limited "gap funding" to eligible homeowners residing within one of the City of Knoxville's H-1 Historic Overlay districts.

Knox Heritage will begin accepting applications on July 10. If you receive money, all projects must be completed by December 1, 2019.

The intent of the Gap Fund program is to assist eligible homeowners with "additional costs" that may derive from requirements associated with receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior property repairs, maintenance, or improvements. It will also reimburse the Historic Zoning Commission application fee in full For Level I or II.

This is a reimbursement program that will reimburse a qualifying portion of total project expenses. Applicants must be able to pay for all project costs in advance. Funding is available on a first come, first served basis, based on the date the application is received. Knox Heritage retains the right to approve or deny all applications received.

Read more about qualifying expenses, eligibility, and the application process in the [Historic Overlay Gap Fund Overview, 2019](#).

Fill out the [application](#) and mail the completed form to Knox Heritage, P.O. Box 1242, Knoxville, TN, 37901, or email to Hollie Cook at hcook@knoxheritage.org. For questions, please contact Hollie Cook, Director of Education & Technical Services, Knox Heritage, 523-8008, Ext. 3.

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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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