

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 23 – Tuesday, June 25, 2019

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### **1. Montgomery Village Hosts Memorial Walk**

The **Montgomery Village Residents Association** would like to invite all residents and Knoxville neighbors to join them for a memorial walk and candle light vigil.

Come out to the track behind the Montgomery Village Boys and Girls Club, at 6 p.m., on July 3, to join in celebration and memory of those lives lost to gun violence.

The memorial walk began to honor the life of the son of an active resident in the Montgomery Village community. Now, several years later, the community gathers to embrace both his life and the lives of those lost throughout the years.

Come out, walk, and join in memorial to celebrate life and uplift those who have lost their loved ones.

### **2. Disaster Loans Now Available for Those Impacted by Recent TN Flooding**

Beginning, Tuesday, June 25, Gov. Bill Lee announced the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will provide disaster loans for Tennessee communities affected by February's severe storms and flooding.

SBA Disaster Loan Program will cover the five most affected counties and 14 adjacent counties, including Knox County. Loans up to \$200,000 are available for homeowners to repair damaged or destroyed real estate. Additionally, homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

Small businesses and most private non-profits are also eligible for Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help cover capital hardships caused by disaster.

For more information or to apply for a Disaster Loan, visit Knox County's Disaster Loan Outreach Center at Central High School, 5321 Jacksboro Pike, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week days, or 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29. The Disaster Loan Center will ONLY be open from Tuesday, June 25 to Tuesday, July 2.

To apply online, visit the SBA Disaster Loan [website](#). All applications for physical property damage must be filed by Aug. 20, 2019. Economic Injury applications must be filed by Mar. 23, 2020.

For questions, call SBA Customer Service at 1-800-659-2955.

### **3. Volunteers Needed for USA Cycling National Championships**

USA Cycling National Championship races return to Knoxville on Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30.

Visit Knoxville is looking for volunteers to fill shifts on Sunday, June 30, between 12:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Volunteers will work alongside event staff to manage traffic and crowd control on the race course and ensure riders are kept safe from elements outside of the race course.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please visit the website to [sign up](#).

If you live Downtown or in South Knoxville or are headed to either area this coming weekend, be prepared for road closures! The times are as follows: Friday, June 28, 4-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 29, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sunday, June 30, 8:45 a.m.-7 p.m.

To see a detailed description of roads that will be closed, please visit [USA Cycling's website](#). If you have questions, please call 342-9137.

### **4. Garbage Pick Up as Usual During Holiday Schedule But No OON Newsletter**

The City of Knoxville, including the Office of Neighborhoods, will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will also be no newsletter published by the Office of Neighborhoods on Tuesday, July 2.

Waste Connections will run residential garbage and recycling routes on Thursday, July 4, per usual. Downtown trash and recycling will run on its regular schedule throughout the day as well.

The City's recycling centers will be open for recycling use; however, the Goodwill attendant will not be available for donations of household goods.

The City's Solid Waste Management Facility located at 1033 Elm Street will be closed on Thursday, July 4. Free for City Residents, Saturday at the Solid Waste Management Facility will be held as normal on the first Saturday of the month – including Saturday, July 6.

*As a general reminder, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are NOT picked up as scheduled.*

For more, visit the City's [website](#) or contact Patience Melnik at [pmelnik@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:pmelnik@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-4311.

## **5. National Night Out Competition Approaching**

National Night Out focuses on celebrating community-police relationships and neighborhood safety in the United States.

Shining a spotlight on community police programs, National Night Out increases connections between those who serve and their neighborhoods through the programs they provide. The national date of celebration is the first Tuesday in Aug., which will be Aug. 6; however, Knoxville celebrates the first Tuesday in Oct., which will be Oct. 1, this year. Neighborhoods have the opportunity to celebrate on the first Tuesday in Aug. OR Oct.

Groups should begin planning activities now for an Aug. or Oct. event.

If you plan to celebrate, please let us know which one you plan to choose. Email Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) AND Officer John Morgan at [jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov) with the following information:

- Date
- Time
- Place
- Contact Person
- Contact Person's email
- Type of activity (i.e. Chili Cook-off, Porch lights only, Pot Luck, etc.)

When you register with us, you will receive two yard signs to help guide people to your event.

Also new this year, the Office of Neighborhoods is instituting a new neighborhood contest for National Night Out. All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate in the National Night Out Contest, regardless of whether they celebrate in Aug. or Oct.

The contest features three winning categories:

- Most interesting theme
- Most people
- Most creative activity

To win, your neighborhood must submit photos as evidence. Photos from camera phones and electronic devices are accepted.

Lastly, we will be asking neighborhoods to nominate their Officer Liaison's as the best in Knoxville, so begin thinking about a nomination. More on this to come in future newsletters.

For more information, contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2113.

## **6. Elections Are Around The Corner**

Multiple elected official positions are up for election in 2019. The positions are: Mayor, City Councilmember At Large Seat A, City Councilmember At Large Seat B, City Councilmember At Large Seat C, City Councilmember District 5, and Municipal Judge.

City elections are non-partisan, which means candidates do not have to declare a party affiliation.

The primary election is Aug. 27, with early voting from Aug. 7-22. The last date to register to vote for the primary is July 29.

For the mayoral election, if no candidate gets 50% of the vote, the two candidates with the most votes advance to the general election on Nov. 5. In City Council races, the top two candidates advance to the general City-wide election, regardless of percentage of votes.

The general election is on Nov. 5, with early voting from Oct.16-31. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 7.

For information on the candidates themselves, mayoral forums, city council candidate meet and greets, and more, visit [Go Vote, Knoxville!](#)

## **7. Tennessee to Ban Handheld Phones for Drivers Starting July 1**

As a result of new state legislation, beginning July 1, all drivers will be prohibited from holding a phone with any part of their body while driving. If you wish to talk on your phone while driving, you will need to have a hands free system, ear piece, wrist piece, or other voice-controlled form of communication.

Drivers under 18 are already prohibited from using a handheld phone while driving. This new law will include persons over the age of 18, covering all adults. Any drivers caught holding their phones while driving will be fined \$200.

This new phone law, effective July 1, is one of hundreds of new state laws passed by the 111<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly.

From sports betting to child-operated lemonade stands, the new laws cover a wide range of topics. For a list of important laws taking effect next month, check out this article from the [Tennessean](#).

## **8. Local Groups Offer Opportunities to Get to Know Mayoral Candidates**

Election season is underway, and there are numerous opportunities to get to know the City of Knoxville Mayoral and City Council candidates.

Currently there are six candidates on the ballot for City of Knoxville Mayor. On Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m., the League of Women Voters will host a candidate forum at the News Sentinel Building, 2332 News Sentinel Drive.

The forum, moderated by WATE's Blake Stevens, will offer questions and answers with all six candidates: Michael Andrews, Fletcher "Knoxville" Burkhardt, Indya Kincannon, Eddie Mannis, Calvin Taylor Skinner and Marshall Stair. Candidates will be available for interviews immediately following the forum.

This Mayoral Candidate Forum is co-sponsored by Centro Hispano, the Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Knoxville Chapter of the NAACP, the Greater Knoxville Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Knoxville Area Urban League Young Professionals and the Knoxville News Sentinel.

If you can't make it out on June 25, don't worry! The Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI) is hosting a Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, July 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the City Council Building Large Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

All Mayoral, City Council, and Municipal Judge candidates are invited to participate.

If you need accommodations in order to attend either event, or have questions about the CODI event, please contact the City's Disability Services office 865-215-2423.

All City of Knoxville residents are invited and welcome to attend both forums. For more information on candidates, voting, and upcoming forums across the city, visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

### **9. BBB and POH Cancelled This Week**

The Better Building Board (BBB) and Public Officer Hearings (POH) are generally held this week of the month. However, these regularly scheduled meetings are cancelled this month due to scheduling conflicts.

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](#).

### **10. City Encourages Feedback on Future Uses for Chilhowee Park**

Have you ever attended the Tennessee Valley Fair, a farm show, a festival, or an event in Chilhowee Park? Have you ever utilized the park for walking, running, or general exercise?

If yes, what did you think? Are there ways to make the park better? If no, why haven't you? What would it take to make Chilhowee Park an appealing place for you to visit?

Let us know! Take a minute to fill out the [Chilhowee Park Community Survey](#).

This survey is part of a strategic study of possible future uses for Chillhowee Park and Exposition Center. The survey is designed to help understand the community's current use of the park, as well as, what people might like to see for the future.

The survey is open from June 17 to June 30, and paper copies are available at the Chillhowee Park offices by calling 215-4311.

Make sure your voice is heard! Fill out the survey, today, and spread the word.

### **11. Subscribe to the Mayor's Newsletter for Important City Information**

Did you know that every Monday, Mayor Rogero's office releases a "From the Desk of the Mayor" Newsletter?

While the Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter covers the main issues affecting Knoxville's neighborhoods, the Mayor's Newsletter is a great supplement for a comprehensive update of events, goings on, and important information across the city. It offers recaps of major city events, covers city awards and important funding opportunities, and lists an upcoming schedule of city-wide events.

To view the most recent Mayor's Newsletter and subscribe to future editions, check out "[From the Desk of the Mayor.](#)"

### **11. 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](mailto: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](#)

### **About This Newsletter**

\*\* This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.

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\*\* Deadline for news & calendar items: 5 p.m. Mondays

\*\* May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood email lists and newsletters.

\*\* See past issues at our website: <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods>

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