

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 25 – Tuesday, July 16, 2019

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1. Tenant Association Celebrates Library Opening

The **Montgomery Village Tenant Association** will host a ribbon cutting for their new community library on Friday, Aug. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will feature Mayor Rogero, followed by a tour of the library, located at 4600 Joe Lewis Rd. Apt. 178.

The library is a partnership between the Tenant Association, the Knox County Public Library, and various community partners. The space has two floors, with separate areas for computers and a children's play room. It is completely volunteer driven, and all of the library's materials have been donated so residents will pay no fees to use the resource.

For more, contact Sandy Williamson at 249-2098.

2. 5 Points Community Hosts Community Homecoming

The Five Points Community will be hosting their community homecoming July 19 and 20.

There is plenty of community fun and entertainment to look forward to at the Homecoming:

On Friday, July 19, the entire day will be a 'Blast from the Past' at Walter Hardy Park, beginning at 10 a.m., with prayer and a welcome. There will be music, fellowship, games and festivities (including bingo), history of the community, spoken word, dance performances, a concert by Blu Chez and Friends, and a celebration of the Nut Pioneers, who paved the way for the Hip Hop game in East Knoxville.

Saturday, July 20, the lineup will start for the Homecoming Parade at the club level Burkhart Service Station at 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 11 am.

The homecoming is a way to learn about the history in the community and create unity. The first homecoming was established in 2015 by Beatta Prater, a long term resident and secretary of the Eastport 5 Point community homes.

Connie Burrell, the coordinator of this year's homecoming, would like to thank all partners and sponsors; including: David Gillette, Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie, and all of the City Council members. In addition, thanks go to the staff of Beck Cultural Center, Diamond Mobile Carwash, and the Stop and Go Market.

The hosts of this year's homecoming are looking forward to seeing you! All are welcome to attend.

For more, contact Connie Burrell at 308-9268.

3. Edgewood Park Neighborhood Sponsors Free Concert

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association will host Third Thursday in the Park, this Thursday. Grab your lawn chairs or blankets and come out for free, family-friendly concert.

The show is set for 6:30-8:30 p.m., on July 18, at Edgewood Park, at the corner of Edgewood Ave. and Acker St. in North Knoxville. Cubish, the food truck will also be selling dinner, so come hungry!

The upcoming Third Thursday in Edgewood Park features The Kincaid Dos, a rock 'n' roll duo who describes their style as "loud and strong, and for want of a better term, call it Kincaid!"

All are welcome to attend.

For more, contact the Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association at edgewoodparkassociation@gmail.com or [visit the Facebook event](#).

4. The U.S. Census Is Hiring

Do you know someone in need of employment or someone who would like to make some extra money? Here is a great opportunity for both!

The Census 2020 is now hiring for jobs beginning in August 2019. The pay is \$15.50 per hour, plus .58 per miles, if you are travelling.

To apply, go to <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>.

There are different types of jobs available. For example, you can verify addresses, you can go door to door, or you can work in an office. Some jobs allow you to pick your hours. In the Knoxville and surrounding areas, there are approximately 3000 jobs available.

The Census is done every ten years and the goal is to count all residents. This helps with federal funding for many programs such as Head Start, Mobile Meals, and grant applications. In addition, population statistics can determine the distribution of funds for roads, schools, and more. The Census also influences political redistricting, which is also done every ten years.

In Knox County, the City of Knoxville, Knox County, and the Town of Farragut are working together to ensure that everyone is counted.

We do not want Knoxville to lose out on money to help our community, so let's all be counted and let's get lots of people working to count everyone!

For more on the Census 2020, see the [website](#).

5. Three Different Organizations Hosting Candidate Forums

With the Primary election just around the corner, now is the time to get to know your candidates!

For the 2019 Election, Knoxville residents will vote on candidates for the following office seats: City Mayor, City Council At Large Seat A, City Council At Large Seat B, City Council At Large Seat C, City Council District 5, and Municipal Judge. To see a full list of candidates and details on voting dates, visit [Go Vote Knoxville](#).

If you are looking for an opportunity to meet the candidates, hear their views on important subjects, and ask questions, three local organizations will host candidate forums in the coming weeks:

- Tuesday, July 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the City County Building Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St., the Mayor's Council on Disability Issues (CODI) will host a forum for all potential candidates to any of the above listed seats. For more information on the CODI Forum, check out the [Facebook Event](#).
- Thursday, July 25, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave., Community Voices Coalition will host a Mayoral Candidate Forum to give inner city residents a chance to hear from those vying to govern our city. For more information on the Community Voices Forum, view the [Facebook Event](#).
- Tuesday, Aug. 6, doors open at 6 p.m., from 6 to 8 p.m., at JTV, 9600 Parkside Dr., the Chamber of Commerce, Jewelry Television, and WBIR will host a Mayoral Candidate forum specifically focused on business and community growth. The event will be televised on Chanel 10 – WBIR. For more information visit the [event page](#).

Early voting for the primary election begins Aug. 7, with Election Day on Aug. 27. To see the full election schedule and find details on where and when to vote, visit the [Knox County Election Commission](#).

If you would like us to publicize your forum, please contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov.

6. PARC Announces Quarterly Meeting

The City of Knoxville's **Police Advisory and Review Committee** (PARC) will host its quarterly meeting at Knoxville College, Knoxville College Dr., on Thursday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

PARC quarterly meetings are open to all.

The meeting will consist of a training session regarding Crisis Intervention Training provided to members of the Knoxville Police Department. In addition, they will discuss the complaints and cases reviewed between the period of Apr. 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

Appointed by the Mayor, PARC is an independent committee dedicated to reviewing incidents involving police actions as a follow-up to KPD Internal Affairs investigations. As part of PARC's mission to improve the relationship between the Knoxville Police Department and the community residents KPD serves, PARC receives complaints, hears cases, investigates cases, and reports findings to the Mayor and the Chief of Police.

PARC's seven committee members are selected and then appointed based on their reputation for fairness and integrity, clear passion for public service, status as a registered voter in Knox County, and eligibility as a resident unemployed by a government body (outside of the education field).

PARC encourages City residents to bring concerns about the Knoxville Police Department to the attention of the Committee. For more, call the PARC office at 215-3869.

7. Street Cleaning and Upgrades Planned for Fort Sanders Neighborhood

Fort Sanders neighborhood streets will be getting some additional cleaning and fresh markings. The summer City Street Maintenance Project will continue to enhance the neighborhood's quality of life, better define parking areas, sweep streets, update signs and markings, and improve traffic safety.

The weekend work will occur on July 20-21 on streets running East-West in the Fort Sanders area, beginning Saturday at 6 a.m. and ending Sunday at 6 p.m. This is the second weekend this has been done.

"Because of the very high demand for on-street parking in the Fort Sanders neighborhood, it is usually impossible to sweep the streets. With cars always present, it is also difficult to maintain street and curb markings that indicate where parking is allowed. Temporarily restricting parking for this project will enable City teams to do a

thorough cleaning and update markings as well,” stated Jim Hagerman, City Director of Engineering, in a media release earlier this month.

Traffic is expected to continue to flow on the affected streets during the project. However, temporary short-term closures may occur as needed for safety. During the project dates and times, parking will not be allowed, and towing will be enforced on the streets affected.

East-West streets are those parallel to Cumberland Ave. from White Ave. to Grand Ave., including Clinch, Laurel, Bridge, Highland and Forest Aves., and on Grand Ave. between 11th and 23rd St.

Work will start on streets adjacent to Fort Sanders area hospitals to minimize inconvenience.

Temporary no-parking signs will be posted at least 48 hours in advance of the street maintenance work. Normal street operations will resume once work is completed on each street.

The media release, including maps showing the street closures, is available on our website at <http://bit.ly/FtSandersStreets>.

8. Community Development Seeks Input on Five-Year Consolidated Plan

How would you complete the sentence, “Knoxville needs...”

Earlier this month, the City’s Community Development Department launched a campaign to answer that very question. When looking forward to create the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, Community Development wants input on what Knoxville needs to address issues of community priorities, affordable housing, homeless and veterans services, and more.

All city residents are invited to participate in an online [survey](#) to help Community Development gain a better understanding of community priorities, and come up with a comprehensive approach to the Consolidated Plan. Community Development will also host four regional public meetings to gain community input and answer important questions:

East

5:30 - 7 p.m., Aug. 19
Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Hwy

North

6 - 7:30 p.m., Aug. 20
Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center, 301 W Inskip Dr.

West

6 - 7:30 p.m., Aug. 22
Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7400 Deane Hill Dr. NW

South

5:30 - 7 p.m., Aug. 26
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike

Cities that receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are required to submit Consolidated Plans every five years, as well as, annual action plans to address immediate needs. Both strategic plans illustrate how the City proposes to use federal funds to address local housing and community development issues and are dependent on community input.

Your input is important! Make sure your voice is heard; take a minute to share your ideas and feelings with the online survey and/or at a community meeting. For more information on the Consolidated Plan or ways to provide input, visit the [Community Development website](#).

9. City Council to Discuss Recode at July 16 Meeting

City Council will discuss Recode Knoxville at their regularly scheduled meeting, today, July 16. City Council meetings are held in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Recode Knoxville is Knoxville's first zoning code update in half a century. To learn more about Recode Knoxville visit the [Recode Knoxville website](#). You can also compare your property's current zoning code to the proposed code with the [Recode Knoxville Map](#). For a list of map revisions, check out the [Map Revision Proposals](#).

10. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week

Five properties are on the agenda for this week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). They will meet on Thursday, July 18, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

Commercial, office and industrial items on the agenda include: 9352 Park W. Blvd., 7412 Kingston Pike, and 141 Pruett Pl.

Residentially-zoned properties on the agenda are 2804/2806 Painter Ave. and 406 Ave. C.

A neighborhood group that keeps track of BZA can call the Plans Review & Inspections Department at 215-3669 to request and study the paperwork on a particular appeal, decide whether to take a position on the appeal, and then attend the BZA meeting to voice the group's support or objections. A group can also request a postponement to allow time to meet with the applicant.

Keep up with how BZA decisions might impact your neighborhood. Watch for the signs indicating that there is a pending decision on a particular piece of property. Most signs the Planning Commission issues --- which are also important --- but signs with the word "variance" are BZA items.

Established by city ordinance, BZA hears appeals of denials of building permits by the city's Building Inspections Department. The board consists of five citizens appointed by the Mayor.

The BZA agenda is posted on the city [website](#). Click on Board of Zoning Appeals. The agenda is posted no later than the Monday prior to the BZA meeting each month.

Decisions of the BZA can be appealed within 15 days of the BZA decision to Knoxville City Council. Appeals of a City Council decision are made to Chancery Court within 60 days of a City Council decision related to BZA.

[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 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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