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1. Election Day Is Today!

Primary election day is today, Tuesday, Aug. 27. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. To find your voting location, visit the Tennessee Secretary of State's [website](#). Type in your information and it will show if you are registered and where to vote.

For the Mayor's race, if no one candidate gets more than 50% of the vote, the two candidates with the most votes will runoff in the general election Nov. 5. The top two candidates in each City Council race will advance to the general election.

To learn more about the candidates, visit the Go Vote! Knoxville [website](#).

2. City Posts Holiday Schedule

The City of Knoxville offices, including the Office of Neighborhoods, will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, for the Labor Day Holiday. There will be no newsletter on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Waste Connections will run residential garbage and recycling routes as usual on Monday, Sept. 2; City residential pickup days will not change for the holiday. Downtown trash and recycling will also run on its regular schedule throughout the Labor Day weekend.

The City's recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available for household goods donations on Monday, Sept. 2.

The City's Solid Waste Management Facility located at 1033 Elm Street will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 31, and Monday, Sept. 2. Free for City Residents, Saturday at the Solid Waste Management Facility will be held as normal on the first Saturday of the month - Saturday, Sept. 7.

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.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

3. Neighbors Encouraged To Nominate Officer Liaison of the Year

National Night Out (NNO), held on Oct. 1, is a way for Knoxville neighborhoods to plan fun events and activities to celebrate police-neighborhood relationships.

While celebrating NNO every year is a great way to recognize our local officers and thank them for the work they do, the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) and Knoxville Police Department (KPD) want to give neighborhood organizations the opportunity to recognize officers who "go above and beyond" all year long.

If you have a Neighborhood Officer Liaison you would like to recognize for their efforts, consider nominating him/her for the Officer Liaison of the Year Award!

We want to hear all the great things Officer Liaisons do for your neighborhood. Fill out the [application](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp no later than Monday, Sept. 16, at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call the OON at 215-3232.

Nominated Officer Liaisons will be recognized at NNO, and the winner will be announced!

To learn more about the NNO Challenge see article number seven or contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3232.

4. Mechanicsville Host 14th Annual Homecoming

The **Mechanicsville Community Association** will be hosting its 14th annual Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 7 at Danny Mayfield Park, 700 College St.

The theme this year is celebrating Maynard Elementary School Alumni. All are welcome to join for a family style reunion. Anyone who attended Rule, Beardsley, Cansler, and Knoxville College are also encouraged to attend.

Friday evening, starting at 5 p.m., there will be free hot dogs and cold drinks along with an Old Town Road Dance contest and a balloon release in remembrance of JaJuan

Latham. The first 100 people will receive a free balloon; you can also bring your own balloon and release in memory of your loved one.

On Saturday, there will be a breakfast beginning at 8 a.m., followed by a parade at 10 a.m., with the program beginning at 11 a.m. Festivities will continue into the evening. Per tradition, a Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during the parade.

The event is family-friendly, and all ages are welcome to come and enjoy.

5. North Knoxville Clean Up Scheduled for Sept. 7

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) is hosting a [North Knoxville Clean Up](#) based out of Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail, on Saturday, Sept. 7. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Neighborhood organizations, volunteer groups, and individuals are encouraged to register with KKB prior to the event. All groups can pick sites that they know need cleaning or ask staff/volunteers at Edgewood Park, where they might be needed.

Participating groups will send a leader to Edgewood Park at 9 a.m. to pick up supplies and then meet their group at their designated neighborhood to pick up litter.

KKB will be providing trash bags, gloves, vests, and litter pickers. To register as an individual or a group, follow this [link](#).

6. OON Holds Meet and Greet for New AmeriCorps VISTA

Come meet our newest AmeriCorps VISTA, Bailey! The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) will be hosting a meet and greet this Thursday, Aug. 29, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Knoxville Station (KAT Bus) Conference Room, 301 E Church Ave.

At this meeting, Bailey will be sharing her AmeriCorps objectives and personal goals for this year, as well as learning about your neighborhood's needs.

If you worked with our AmeriCorps VISTA Hannah, Bailey would love to keep working with your neighborhood. Even if you haven't worked with the OON before, we encourage you to come to our meet and greet or reach out to Bailey so we can start working together!

If you plan to attend the meet and greet, please call 215-3232 or email bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov to RSVP by Wednesday, Aug. 28. If you cannot attend but would like to meet Bailey or have her attend your next neighborhood meeting, let us know!

7. OON Creates National Night Out Contest

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event that promotes community-police relationships and neighborhood safety. In Knoxville, we celebrate NNO on the first Tuesday In October, which will be Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019! New this year, The Office of Neighborhoods is instituting a new neighborhood contest for NNO. The contest will have three winning categories:

- ***Most interesting theme (take a photo demonstrating the theme)
- ***Most people (take a photo and provide a count)
- ***Most creative activity (take a photo of the activity with a description)

If you would like to register for the contest, email Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov AND Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov with the following information:

- ***Date
- ***Time
- ***Location
- ***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! On the day of the event, take photographs—the camera on your phone is fine—and send them to us.

For more information on the National Night Out Challenge or to register your event and get your signs, contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3232.

8. Applications for Neighborhood Advisory Council Due Sept. 6

[Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) applications are due by 4:30 on Friday, Sept. 6.

The NAC, appointed by the Mayor, meets monthly to discuss neighborhood issues and priorities, ideas for tackling these issues, and ways to better connect the Knoxville community.

Are you an active member of your community? Would you like to offer your insights to neighborhood issues? Would you like to learn more about how City government works with neighborhoods? You might be the right person for this board.

NAC consists of 15 members: two from each of the six council districts and three at large representatives. Members serve three year terms, with the option to reapply and serve two consecutive terms. The group has the opportunity to present their neighborhood concerns and ideas to the OON and give advice on the City's neighborhood priorities.

The NAC also provides an opportunity to ask questions and learn the ins and outs of City departments and initiatives.

Does the NAC sound interesting to you? The OON is seeking applications to five council seats, due to expire this December:

- Seat 1-A (Danny Gray) – Fort Sanders and South Knoxville
- Seat 2-A (Donnie Ernst) – West Knoxville
- Seat 3-B (Anna Compton) – North-West Knoxville
- Seat 6-B (Terrell Patrick) – Downtown and East Knoxville
- At Large Seat B (Travetta Johnson) – citywide

To be appointed by the Mayor to a numbered seat, you must live in the City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 3-B must be a resident in the third City Council district.

Terms begin in January 2020 and run through December 2022. If you are interested in applying to become a member of the NAC, please submit your application no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6.

Applications can be found on the [NAC website](#) and may be sent to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call the OON at 215-3232.

For a list of City Council districts, check out the [KGIS's website](#), and click "City Council" under "Political Maps." For more information on the NAC and a list of current members, check out the [Neighborhood Advisory Council webpage](#).

9. BBB And POH Announced

[The Better Building Board \(BBB\)](#) hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders. At these hearings, it may affirm or alter the Public Officer's order. The Board also hears cases regarding the city's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance. This month's meeting is Thursday, Aug. 29, at 3:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St. See the website for this Thursday's [agenda](#).

[The Public Officer Hearings \(POH\)](#) are held the next day, on Fridays, after the Better Building Board meeting. The Public Officer holds hearings and issues orders to property owners to make repairs or to demolish unfit structures. The next meeting is Friday, Aug. 30, at 9:30 a.m., in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building. See the website for this Friday's [agenda](#).

10. KAT Proposes Significant Changes

[Knoxville Area Transit \(KAT\)](#) is proposing route and schedule changes to several routes which, if approved, would take effect in Jan. 2020.

Proposed Changes by Route:

Route 12 – Western Ave.: To improve on-time performance and connections as well as streamline the route, the proposal is to make the current detour routing through the area of Western Heights a permanent change, using Virginia to Murphy. Due to the recent street realignment of Western Ave., portions of Virginia and Tennessee would no longer be served.

Route 13 – Beaumont: Adjust the service area of the route to cover additional areas along Middlebrook Pike, including Big Oak Apartments and Helen Ross McNabb's Veterans' Service Center, while terminating the route at Central Street and Dameron near the Knox County Health Department. Additional new bus stops to be added along Middlebrook Pike. Transfers to Route 20 – Central provide direct service to Knoxville

Station with almost immediate transferring. Direct service provided to Public Works Building outbound leg only, with inbound service along Middlebrook Pike.

Add evening trips on weekdays.

Route 20 – Central St.: Remove the service extension to Melstone and McClain, keeping the route consistent throughout the day.

Route 34 – Burlington: Remove a 3-block portion at Catalpa, Kirk and Lilac streets, keeping the bus straight on Fern to improve route performance.

Route 42 – UT/Ft. Sanders Hospitals: Improve headways to 30 minutes on weekdays;

Continue service through 11:15 p.m. trips in the evening, weekdays and Saturdays;

Add new Sunday service.

Route 90 – Crosstown: Change routing to serve Walbrook Superstop (at Wal Mart west), rather than West Town Mall by following Middlebrook to Gallaher View. Eliminate service through West Hills along Vanosdale and at West Town Mall. Add new bus stops along Middlebrook Pike. This eliminates a double-transfer to Route 16 – Cedar Bluff while still providing connections to West Town Mall via Route 11 – Kingston Pike.

Adjust Saturday schedule to create consistency with weekday service.

Add new routing through I-640 Plaza to improve efficiency, along with service along Third Creek rather than Ed Shouse Dr. to Middlebrook.

In order to explain the changes and take comments, KAT will hold two public open houses. Dates are as follows: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 4:30-7 p.m. – Public Works Complex, 3131 Morris Ave. along Route 13 – Beaumont **AND** Monday, Sept. 16, 4:30 – 7 p.m. – Bearden Middle School Library, 1000 Frances Rd. along Route 90 – Crosstown. In addition, detailed information will be on display at Knoxville Station for review and comment during the month of September.

The Knoxville Transportation Authority will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street. If approved at a vote at the October meeting, the changes would take effect Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

For more, contact Belinda Woodiel-Brill at 865-215-7828.

11. Knoxville-Knox County Planning Wants Your Input

Knoxville – Knox County Planning, formally MPC, is looking for community input on how they can better communicate with you!

Knoxville-Knox County Planning, or “Planning,” consists of two parts, Planning Staff and the Planning Commission. Planning staff help the city plan for future growth: creating the [One Year Plan](#) each year, facilitating growth plans and area studies, administering historic overlays, and more. The [Planning Commission](#) addresses code changes, use

on review, and makes decisions on new growth and development in Knoxville and Knox County. The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization and Historic Zoning Commission are also part of Planning, among several other boards and planning teams. To learn more about Planning, visit their [website](#).

As Knoxville grows and evolves and Planning takes on more and more projects, public input is vitally important. Planning wants to make sure that the residents of Knoxville and Knox County have a say in how our city grows; they would like to hear from you!

Take five minutes to fill out this brief [survey](#), and let Planning know how they can better communicate with you.

[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](#)

About This Newsletter

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