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### **1. Neighborhoods Honor Officer Liaisons**

Do you have an outstanding officer liaison in your neighborhood? Do they make a point to address neighborhood needs, go above and beyond to keep your neighborhood safe, and feel like an integral part of your community?

Consider honoring your neighborhood officer liaison by nominating them for the Officer Liaison of the Year Award.

The Knoxville Police Department (KPD) makes a point to make neighborhood beat officers community partners by designating them as neighborhood liaisons. While all neighborhoods appreciate having an officer present at their meetings, some see their liaisons go above and beyond for their community. This year, as part of the National Night Out celebration, why not show those officers how much their efforts mean to your community?

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](mailto: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.

The Officer Liaison of the Year will be recognized at this year's National Night Out. The winner of the Officer Liaison of the Year Award will also be announced and recognized at their neighborhood's National Night Out Event!

To learn more about the NNO Challenge see article number seven; or contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov), 215-3232.

## **2. Roseberry City Initiates First Celebration**

**Roseberry City Connection Community Organization** is celebrating the start of their organization with a community event held on Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Roseberry City, 217 Hiwassee Ave.

There will be free hot dogs and drinks along with activities such as an art contest, face painting, bean bag toss, horse shoes, soccer, and jump rope, and more.

Come and learn about the history of Roseberry City, an area at the south base of Sharp's Ridge in Oakwood Lincoln Park. All are welcome.

## **3. Town Hall East Offers City Council Forum**

The primary elections are over and the general election on Nov. 5 is just around the corner. Join Town Hall East to learn more about the City Council candidates running for office.

The forum will be on Monday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Hwy.

All eight candidates who qualified following the August primary -- two for each of the three At Large seats A, B, and C, and two for the 5th District -- have indicated they will attend.

The candidates will introduce themselves, then respond to two questions specific to East Knoxville that have been submitted to all candidates in advance. After that, questions from the audience will be asked until 8:30 p.m..

The fellowship hall will remain open afterwards for as long as candidates wish to talk with attendees. The meeting is open and all are welcome.

## **4. Old North Celebrates 40 Years**

**Old North Knoxville, Inc.** (ONK) is holding their annual ice cream social in the Old North Park Gazebo, 416 E. Oklahoma Ave., on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Ice cream will be provided and neighbors are encouraged to bring a topping to share.

City officials will be honoring ONK. There will also be a naming ceremony for the First Creek Greenway pedestrian bridge in memory of Chet Kilgore and brick installations in honor or memory of some important members of the neighborhood.

Join the group to learn more.

## **5. Join STEPS for Health Walk**

Five Points Up and Knoxville East Lions Club are hosting STEPS for Health, a free walking event on Saturday, Sept. 21. STEPS for Health is meant to encourage walking as a form of exercise and unite the community to be more motivated about their own health. The walk will start at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., from 9 a.m. – noon.

There are two levels of walkers: Modest and Power. Modest Walkers are encouraged to walk a 2.4 mile path, while Power Walkers are encouraged to walk the full 4.5 mile path. A “power” breakfast will be served to start the event. Health organizations will be present to provide information and free health screenings.

Registration is free and available on-site. You may also pre-register by visiting their [website](#). For more information, contact Tanisha Baker at [villageofknox@aol.com](mailto:villageofknox@aol.com).

## **6. NAC to Discuss The 2020 Neighborhood Conference**

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. to discuss the 2020 Neighborhood Conference. The NAC meeting will be held at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

All are welcome to attend. NAC members will discuss plans, options, and ideas for the upcoming 2020 Neighborhood Conference. The NAC members will discuss the topic first, then the group will take comments from the public, time permitting.

NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to:

- 1) Give advice and feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhoods;
- 2) Bring neighborhood issues and concerns to the attention of the Mayor and City Administration;
- 3) Propose to the Administration responses and solutions to address these concerns; and
- 4) Serve as a sounding board for City initiatives and proposals affecting neighborhoods.

The NAC advises and provides input to the Mayor and City staff. As a matter of policy, it does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, members may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

For accommodations, contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov). For translation services, contact Tatia Harris at 215-2831 or [tharris@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:tharris@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **7. OON Starts National Night Out Contest**

With fall approaching and cooler temperatures on the horizon, neighborhoods gear up for chili cook-offs, community cook-outs, and National Night Out!

National Night Out (NNO) is a fun way for neighborhoods to get together and celebrate community unity, community-police relationships, and promote neighborhood safety. A national event, NNO encourages neighborhoods across America to host a fun evening, invite local law enforcement, and spend time having positive community-police engagement. Each year, neighborhoods across Knoxville celebrate NNO on the first Tuesday in October, this year, Oct. 1.

With 35 neighborhoods celebrating NNO in 2018, the Office of Neighborhoods decided to mix things up this year and institute a new NNO Neighborhood Contest! The contest will include three winning categories:

- \*\*\*Most interesting theme (take a photo that shows the theme in its glory)
- \*\*\*Most people (take a photo and give a count)
- \*\*\*Most creative activity (take a photo of the activity in action with a description)

If you would like to register for the contest, 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
- \*\*\*Location
- \*\*\*Contact Person
- \*\*\*Contact Person's Email
- \*\*\*Type of activity (i.e. Chili Cook-off, Porch lights only, Pot Luck, etc.)

When you register your event, you will receive two awesome yard signs to help guide people to your event! On the day of the event, take pictures—the camera on your phone is fine—and send them to us.

If your neighborhood chooses to nominate your officer liaison, see article number one, they will be honored at your event. If your liaison is chosen as the winner of the contest, the mayor will recognize them as well.

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](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or call 215-3232.

## **8. City Breaks Ground on Urban Wilderness Gateway Park**

The City of Knoxville is breaking ground Wednesday, Sept. 11, for the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park! Come out to Baker Creek Preserve, 3700 Lancaster Dr., at 4 p.m. to celebrate the kick-off for the grand “front porch” entrance to the Urban Wilderness.

The groundbreaking will be for the first phase of construction on the \$10 million dollar [Urban Wilderness Gateway Park](#) project, and is a catalyst for the continuing revitalization of the South Knoxville waterfront. Positioned at the southern end of the James White Parkway, the Gateway Park will serve as an introduction to Knoxville's 1,000 acre [Urban Wilderness](#), bridging the gap between city and wild.

The first phase will focus on portions of Baker Creek Preserve and the right-of-way connection to James White Parkway. The project will add parking, pedestrian and bike

pathways, trails, a bike park, restrooms, shade structures, and additional nature play areas; complimenting existing features of the Urban Wilderness. Expected to be completed in 2020, the first phase will set the framework for the park, including parking, connector roads, greenways and utilities, and establish the structure for the new bike park at Baker Creek Preserve.

A multi-phase project, phase 2 will complete the park, add layering to the landscaping, construct play features and shade structures, and build connector trails and a separated greenway on Cottrell St.

Long-term, the Gateway Park hopes to connect the Urban Wilderness up over James White Parkway and on to Morningside Park. The end goal is to allow Knoxvilleians and visitors to bike, walk, or scoot from urban to wild seamlessly, providing connectivity and safety for surrounding neighborhoods, businesses, and schools.

To learn more about the Urban Wilderness Gateway Project, the Urban Wilderness, and the long and short term goals, check out the [Urban Wilderness Gateway Park Website](#). Keep up with what's happening in Knoxville's Urban Wilderness by following the [Facebook Page](#).

## **9. Community Development Hosts Community Meetings**

The Community Development Department is hosting two community meetings to obtain input on its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The 5 year plan is meant to address the community priorities based on input given.

The evening meeting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m. and the morning meeting will take place Thursday, Sept. 26, from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Both meetings will take place at the O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

Another way to give your input is to take Community Development's community needs [survey](#).

## **10. Input Welcomed on CD Performance and Evaluation Report**

A draft of the City of Knoxville's PY 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be available for citizen review and comment beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The report describes how the City of Knoxville spent last year's federal funding from "Community Development Block Grant" and "HOME Investment Partnerships Act." The report will be available for review in the City's Community Development Office, 5th Floor City-County Building, 400 Main St. It will also be available on the City's web-site at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/development](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/development) under "Reports and Plans."

If you would like the draft report mailed to you, contact Cicely Henderson in the Community Development Department at 215-2180.

Questions and comments may be submitted to Linda Rust at 215-2357, [lrust@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:lrust@knoxvilletn.gov) or mailed to City of Knoxville, Community Development

Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. All comments must be received no later than Wednesday, Sept. 25.

## **11. CAC Volunteer Assisted Transportation Seeks Volunteers**

According to the most recent census data, over 22,000 Knoxvilleians are over the age of 65. While many senior citizens are capable and many others have family support systems, others need support to live healthy-quality lives.

With the support of volunteers, the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) Volunteer Assisted Transportation Program (VAT) provides support to seniors who need assistance getting to and from the doctor, store, hair dresser, and anywhere else they need to go. VAT drivers not only pick up and drop off passengers, they go into the store with them, assist them to and from the doctor, and provide much needed extra support to these vulnerable seniors.

VAT allows seniors across Knox County to remain living independently and makes a huge difference in the lives of their ridership. However, VAT is only as good as their volunteers. With 20 new riders enrolling every month, VAT is looking for new volunteer drivers!

Drivers receive extensive screening and training, including AAA's Driver Improvement Program, certification in CPR and first aid, passenger assistance techniques for safely assisting seniors and people with disabilities, and a comprehensive vehicle orientation. Training can be tailored to the volunteer's schedule. Volunteers are asked to drive a minimum of one shift per month, and can pick up shifts based on their schedules.

Help a senior out in your neighborhood! Become a VAT driver, today.

For more information or to volunteer call (865) 673-5001 or visit [Knoxville Volunteer Assisted Transportation](#).

## **12. Knoxville SOUP Seeks Proposals**

Do you have a neighborhood project that needs funding? [Submit a proposal on Knoxville SOUP's website!](#) The deadline to be considered for this dinner is Monday, Oct. 14. Presenters will be notified by Wednesday, Oct. 16, if their proposal has been selected.

Knoxville SOUP is a community dinner that gives people the opportunity to gather, share, and connect. It is also an opportunity to support projects that benefit the community as a whole.

Here's how it works: attendees show up to the dinner with a suggested \$5 donation to be collected at the door. Four preselected individuals will present their idea or project and then take questions. After everyone has presented, guests will enjoy dinner while discussing and deliberating over the presented projects.

Each person casts a ballot for the project they would most like to fund. By the end of the evening, ballots are counted, and all donations are awarded to the group with the

most votes. At the last SOUP, South Knoxville Youth Sports walked away with \$1,466 to fund the Maynard Glenn Ballpark Parking and Security Lighting Project!

The fall 2019 Knoxville SOUP dinner will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Kerbela Temple in South Knoxville, [315 Mimosa Ave.](#) Doors open at 6 p.m. and presentations start at 6:30 p.m.

Do you want to support this project with your time? [Sign up](#) to volunteer.

**[13. 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 [scCook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scCook@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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