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### **1. National Night Out Is Tonight!**

National Night Out (NNO) is tonight, Tuesday, Oct. 1. Neighborhoods across Knoxville will be celebrating neighborly connectivity, police-community relations, and community safety.

This year, 19 Knoxville neighborhoods will celebrate NNO. Police officers, firefighters, local representatives, and neighbors will gather to eat, play, and join together for community potlucks, ice cream, fire truck tours, games, and many other fun activities.

If you live in one of the following neighborhoods, come out, get to know your neighbors and officers; and promote community safety and togetherness in your neighborhood:

**Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch, Glasgow Rd., Harrill Hills Neighborhood Watch, Inskip Community Association/ACI, Laurel Place Condos, Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association, Mechanicsville Community Association, Montgomery Village Resident Association, Montrose Court, Northwest Hills Neighborhood Watch, Norwood Neighborhood Watch, Old North Knoxville Inc., Seven Springs Home Owners Association, South Haven Neighborhood Association, Spring Hill Villas Homeowners Association, Vestal Community Organization, View Park Neighborhood Watch, and Woodale/Central Neighborhood Watch.**

For more information about the NNO celebration in your area, contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-3232.

## **2. Mayor Recognizes First Officer Liaison of the Year**

Tonight, Mayor Madeline Rogero will recognize an outstanding officer with the first City of Knoxville Officer Liaison of the Year Award.

Nominated by the **Norwood Neighborhood Watch**, Officer Eric Parks will receive the award at Norwood's National Night Out (NNO) event. Officer Parks will be recognized for his contributions to the Norwood community, regularly attending meetings, answering neighbors' questions, responding to calls even when off duty, and making neighborhood safety a priority. Oct. 1, 2019 will be recognized as "Officer Eric Parks Day."

"KPD is lucky to have an officer who goes above the call of duty," proclaimed one neighbor on his nomination form.

Officer Parks was one of five officers nominated for the 2019 Officer Liaison of the Year Award. Additional finalists included:

- Officer Jonathon Clabough, Vestal Community Organization
- Officer Adam Barnett, South Haven Neighborhood Association
- Officer Stephen Mercado, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch
- Officer Tyler Wiggins, Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association

Each of these officers were nominated for the outstanding stewardship they show in their communities and going above and beyond to work side by side with their neighborhoods to keep them safe. The Office of Neighborhoods initiated the award to recognize such officers and give the community an opportunity to show their appreciation.

We are happy to celebrate these officers and all officer-community relationships at tonight's National Night Out Event. For a list of neighborhoods celebrating National Night Out, see article 1.

## **3. The NAC Meets Oct. 9**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Rd.

This month the NAC members will hear from the Redevelopment Department about projects they have been working on and completed over the past year.

All NAC meetings are open to the public.

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).

For more on NAC, contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-4382.

#### **4. Humanities Tennessee Announces Free Neighborhood Story Project Training**

[Humanities Tennessee](#) announces a free training in Nashville on Mar. 25-26, 2020. See details below on how to apply with a letter of interest by Monday, Nov. 4, 2019.

What is the Neighborhood Story Project? The Neighborhood Story Project (NSP) is a tool for providing a voice in shaping the place called home.

Places across Tennessee are seeing rapid changes from many factors, such as growth, decline in population, or the economy. What's happening where you live? What do your neighbors want to talk about?

The Neighborhood Story Project (NSP) engages a team of 8-12 residents in a facilitated community research project. Over the course of 12 weekly, two-hour meetings, participants develop a collective line of inquiry related to their community, collect data to explore their research questions (such as interviews with the community members, contemporary and historic photographs, and archival materials), and ultimately disseminate their findings at a culminating community event. The research, goals and outcomes of each NSP are unique; skilled co-facilitators are required. Do you want to facilitate a Neighborhood Story Project in your community?

The purpose of the NSP is to increase residents' knowledge of their neighborhoods, to strengthen their connections to place and each other, and to enable participants to make meaningful contributions to local opportunities and challenges. The flexible platform may be adapted to rural areas or urban neighborhoods. It is a resource for any group that seeks active, informed neighbors at the table to consider and/or make change in its community. For examples of recent projects, visit their [website](#).

The two-day training will cover all aspects of the project, including recruitment, leading weekly sessions, supporting the interests and talents of the group, facilitation methods, materials needed, planning culminating projects and budgeting. Dr. Amie Thurber, who designed and piloted the NSP, will lead the training. Participants will receive a detailed facilitation guide and flexible curriculum.

Humanities Tennessee provides:

- Free, two-day facilitator training in Nashville, with materials
- Lodging, group meals, mileage reimbursement
- Potential funding up to \$3000 to participating organizations to conduct a Neighborhood Story Project

In return, participating organizations will:

- Submit a letter of interest to attend the training by November 4, 2019.
- Send up to two persons to the Nashville training (co-facilitation is encouraged).
- Complete a Neighborhood Story Project by June 30, 2021.

## **5. Community Development Hosts Regional NCDA Conference**

The City of Knoxville will host the Region IV National Community Development Association (NCDA) Training Conference this week, Oct. 2-4, 2019, at the Hyatt Place, 530 S. Gay St.

NCDA is a bi-partisan national nonprofit organization comprised of more than 400 local governments that administer federally-supported community development, economic development, and affordable housing programs.

Conference attendees will attend various workshops, which include: IDIS Financial, Lead Grant Opportunities, Home Underwriting, CDBG Primer, Opportunity Zones, Income Verification, Legislative Update, Preparing for Monitoring, and HERO's Training.

We welcome all our neighboring local governments to Knoxville.

The registration for this conference is closed, but if you would like more information about the conference agenda and speakers, visit the Community Development [website](#).

## **6. Knoxville-Knox County Planning Meets Oct.10**

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission is hosting their monthly public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 1:30 p.m., at the Main Assembly Room, City County Building.

This meeting is open to the public. The commission will allow public input on agenda items, as members of the public present cases to the commission for approval.

For a list of agenda items that might be important to your neighborhood, see their [agenda](#). For more information about Planning, visit their [website](#).

## **7. PARC to Hold Quarterly Meeting**

The Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) will hold their next quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 6-7 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

[PARC](#) focuses on strengthening the relationship between citizens and members of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD). PARC serves through independent review of police actions, investigating police related incidents following Internal Affairs investigations.

PARC consists of an executive director, to whom citizens may register formal, or anonymous complaints, and seven committee members responsible for reviewing cases.

Alongside reviewing KPD related cases, PARC is dedicated to improving neighborhood-police relationships and interested in citizen perspectives.

The Office of Neighborhoods works closely with PARC to plan quarterly Neighborhood Safety Meetings in each region of the City. Check out the [Neighborhoods Calendar](#) for these upcoming meetings.

For more information on PARC, visit their [webpage](#).

## **8. How Is Knoxville Doing With Its Food Systems?**

In collaboration with the City of Knoxville, a research team at the University of Kentucky is conducting a short, ten minute survey about Knoxville's local food system.

They would like to know where you think Knoxville is succeeding in supporting local farmers as well as how local food options are provided. This study is being conducted in 16 different communities in the Southeast U.S.

Your input on this [survey](#) can give important information about our food systems. The last date to complete the survey is Saturday, Nov. 30.

## **9. 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](#)
- [Parks and Rec Community Programming](#)

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