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### **1. Parkridge Hosts Historic Home Tour**

Just two miles from the center of downtown, stands the nation's largest concentration of George Barber Homes. Nestled in the Edgewood-Park City Historic District of the Parkridge neighborhood, these 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century homes are beautiful examples of Victorian Architecture and the area's rich history.

Parkridge invites you enjoy this historic architecture brought into the modern era with a walking tour, Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1-5 p.m. The tour will begin at 1520 Washington Ave., and continue through the neighborhood. Please note, walking is necessary and many homes do have steps.

Tickets are \$10, until the day of the event, when they go up to \$15. To purchase tickets for The Spirits of Parkridge Home Tour, visit the [Eventbrite page](#). For more information on the event, visit the [Parkridge Community Organization](#).

### **2. Three Neighborhoods Join Together For Clean-Up**

**Forest Heights Neighborhood Association, Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association, and Westwood Homeowners Association** came together for a litter pickup on Saturday, Oct. 19, to help beautify Bearden. Neighbors in

all four organizations motivated each other by working together. The combined effort allowed for greater impact than individual cleanups.

The collaborative cleanup was the idea of Amy Hathaway, current president of Forest Heights.

What has your neighborhood been working on? We would love to build up and support your good work. Tell us about it and we will get the word out; send stories to [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

### **3. 2020 Neighborhood Small Grants Go to City Council**

For 2020, seven neighborhoods across Knoxville have applied and are being recommended for funding projects in their neighborhoods through the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#).

Tonight, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m., at the City County Building, 400 Main St., the projects will be brought before City Council for funding approval.

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP) allows neighborhoods to apply for small grants, up to \$3,000, to tackle projects important to their area. NSGP funding is designed to offer neighborhoods the ability to fund neighborhood-led projects specific to the unique character and needs of their neighborhood.

For 2020, the following neighborhoods are recommended for funding: **Fairmont-Emoriland Neighborhood Association, Historic Holston Hills Community Club, Morningside Heights Homeowners Association, Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** – Partnering with Burwell Gardens, **RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association.**

From community gardens, to historic obelisk restoration, to community-wide events, to a large tent for outdoor neighborhood parties; this year's applicants have a wide range of creative projects uniquely perfect for bringing people together in their area.

For more information on the [NSGP](#) and a list of previously funded projects, visit the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program Awards](#).

### **4. OON-AmeriCorps Presents Local Government 101 Workshop**

Our AmeriCorps VISTA, Bailey Walker, will be hosting a workshop on local government on Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m., at the O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

This presentation will provide an introduction to the City of Knoxville's governmental structure, a description of departments, and ways to interact with your local government.

Those who are new to organizing, or who are beginning to get involved in their community are encouraged to attend and ask questions about local government.

If you have questions and to RSVP, contact Bailey Walker at 215-3232 or [bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov).

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## **5. Early Voting is On Now!**

Early Voting for the City of Knoxville general election is in full swing. Make a point to come out and vote!

Early Voting began Oct. 16, and will continue through Thursday, Oct. 31. All registered voters in the City of Knoxville can vote at locations throughout the community. To see a full list of Early Voting locations and hours, see the [Early Voting Schedule](#).

The 2019 election is very important; city residents will not only pick a new Mayor, but will also vote in all three of the At Large City Council races, as well as in the Fifth District City Council race.

To learn more about the election, see who's running, and find other general voting information, visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5! If you don't make it out for early voting, visit the [Knox County Election Commission](#) to find out where to vote in your district.

Decisions are made by those who show up. Go Vote!

## **6. Historic Preservation Fund Mandatory Meeting Approaches**

Reminder: The City of Knoxville Historic Preservation Fund mandatory pre-proposal meeting is 10:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 28, at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave. For more, visit the city's [website](#).

## **7. PARC Quarterly Meeting Is This Week**

The Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) will hold its third-quarter meeting this Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6-7 p.m., in the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

At the meeting, PARC members will address cases received by the Internal Affairs Unit since the last report made in July. Chief Thomas will share information regarding features and functions of Body Worn Cameras.

The meeting agenda also includes committee business, speakers who have requested to address the committee, and an open forum (limited to three minutes per speaker).

To sign up to speak, contact Ola Blackmon-McBride at 215-3966.

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## **8. Knoxville History Project Presents Magnolia Avenue Art Wraps**

The Knoxville History Project (KHP) has partnered with the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods and Office of Redevelopment to expand its Downtown Art Wraps program, introducing public art along the Magnolia Avenue Streetscape Project.

There will be an open house on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Magnolia Avenue Campus-Community Room, 1610 E Magnolia Ave.

The streetscape improvements along Magnolia Avenue span from Jessamine Street to North Bertrand Street and include four (4) new traffic signal control boxes. KHP is suggesting several notable artworks by Knoxville artists from the past to enhance the area.

The open house will present KHP's available artwork supported by the Public Arts Committee along with a series of suggested archive photographs and images, including four historical photographs provided by the Beck Cultural Exchange Center.

KHP and City staff will share information on the program and discuss the input process to help expand the collection. Over time, the city hopes to extend the art wrap program further along Magnolia Ave. and to other locations throughout the community.

For more information on the Knoxville History Project's Art Wraps Program visit their [website](#) or contact Paul James at [paul@knoxhistoryproject.org](mailto:paul@knoxhistoryproject.org) to learn more.

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## **9. City Hosts Meeting for Magnolia Ave./Rutledge Pike Interchange Study**

Do you use the Magnolia Ave./Rutledge Pike/Asheville Hwy Interchange to get to where you live, work, or play? Would you like to see improvements for this interchange? Come out and give your feedback!

The City will host an Interchange Study Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m., at Honey Rock Victorious Church International, 4113 Holston Dr. Representatives from the City's Traffic Engineering Department, Office of Redevelopment, and the Knoxville Transportation Planning Organization will offer interactive opportunities to gather input, offer ideas, and explain concerns.

Gresham Smith, the consultant, will prepare a transportation planning study and investments report to outline recommended improvements for the interchange. Representatives from Gresham Smith will be attending and available to hear input and answer questions. Your input will help explore options that meet the traffic needs and evaluate the interchange configuration in regards to its urban surroundings.

The Magnolia Ave./Rutledge Pike/Asheville Hwy Interchange study is in the beginning stages. All input gathered will be used to create improvement plans for the interchange. Future opportunities for comment will be available further along in the process.

Come out and share your ideas! Visit the [Magnolia Ave./Rutledge Pike/Asheville Highway Interchange Study](#) for more information, or contact Dawn Michelle Foster at [dmfoster@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dmfoster@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2607.

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## **10. Knoxville SOUP to Vote on Four Projects**

All are invited for a fun night of neighborhood comradery, food, and support for local non-profits! Come out to the micro-funding event, Knoxville SOUP, this Thursday, Oct. 24, at Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., and presentations start at 6:30 p.m.

The following four organizations will present proposals: Child Hearing Services Holiday Event, Soul Full Southern Nutritional Needs, Vestal Gateway Park, and South Knoxville Elementary Scientists on the Playground.

Attendees are asked for a \$5 donation at the door, and after listening to brief presentations on the four projects, eat a meal of soup, salad, bread and dessert. Finally, participants will vote on the project they like best. The project that gets the most votes wins the pot of money from the door.

For more information, visit [Knoxville SOUP](#).

## **11. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Introduces A Sustainability Summit**

November 2019 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB). To celebrate this milestone, KKB will be hosting a Sustainability Summit: *Shaping a Resilient Knoxville*. The Summit will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, from 8:30-11 a.m., at the City of Knoxville Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue.

The summit will showcase the environmental and sustainable efforts in Knoxville both present and future. The goal of this event is not only to highlight the positive efforts occurring in our community but also to stimulate awareness of long-term initiatives.

The summit will highlight three main areas in sustainability: energy production, sustainable building development, and resource conservation. Discovery Inc., Kroger, and the Tennessee RiverLine will be presenting their current efforts in sustainability.

The City of Knoxville, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville Utilities Board, and Knoxville Area Transit will be participating in a panel discussion focused on the future of Knoxville.

While the event is free, you must [register](#) in order to attend.

## **12. Save The Date, Tour de Lights Is Scheduled**

Bike Walk Knoxville is hosting its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Tour de Lights -- a family-friendly bike riding event through downtown Knoxville -- on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to decorate themselves and their bikes with holiday themes.

Along with the bike ride, there is a costume competition. The event is free, open to all ages, and will feature the beautiful light displays of downtown Knoxville and the Old City.

For more information, visit [Bike Walk Knoxville](#)'s website.

## **13. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar** (click link for online calendar)

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## **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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