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1. Think Outside the Box

Have you had issues with a neighbor? Has that neighbor been a business? If you have, the Office of Neighborhoods has a story and a model for resolution to share, based on one recent experience.

Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood board members called the Office of Neighborhoods to see what suggestions they could get about a business in their neighborhood that made constant, disruptive noise, even in the middle of the night.

OON's suggestion was to ask for a meeting with the management, go in asking how the neighborhood and business can work together for a solution, and see if the business would be open to being good neighbors.

Several neighborhood folks planned a meeting with the staff at AAA Cooper Transportation. When the neighbors met with the management, the management did not have any ideas, but asked the neighbors to come back with some suggestions. The neighbors were unsure if there would be any improvements, but they decided to do their research.

In so doing, they discovered several different options to lower noise emissions for businesses, even some used in Europe. They called a meeting with the management again to present their findings. AAA Cooper management was delighted to hear about

the options, and within two weeks of the meeting, AAA Cooper had done their own research to pick one. Instead of the loud back up beeping, they implemented white noise machines on the backs of their trucks. This, not only caused less noise, as neighbors wanted, it was also better for the company's staff's hearing. The new machines also directed the noise where it needed to go, which was safer.

While looking into what was making all the noise an observer noticed that some of their equipment drivers were making noise when they were delivering loads. They noticed that if the drivers would make one small change, they would not make as much noise. While making these changes, they also discovered that it was easier on the vehicles, causing the need for fewer repairs. In the end, it was a win/win for the company and the neighborhood.

Several weeks after the changes happened, the management called the neighborhood folks and asked if they noticed a difference. Saying, "Yes, we have." And the AAA Cooper staff invited the neighborhood over to see all the changes in person.

The AAA Cooper staff was very excited with the upgrades and so were the neighbors.

2. Five Points Up Hosts Annual Winter Wonderland

Come out and experience the magic of the holiday season at the Five Points Up annual [Winter Wonderland](#) event!

Vote on your favorite decorated tree, enjoy entertainment and refreshments, and network with fellow neighbors and organizations, this Thursday, Dec. 5, from 5-7:30 p.m., at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Churches, youth groups, community organizations, businesses, and neighborhood organizations have decorated spectacular trees in hopes of winning bragging rights at this year's tree decorating contest.

All are welcome to this family friendly event! Support your community at this year's Winter Wonderland.

3. OLPNA Hosts December Holiday Makers Market

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (OLPNA) is working to support local artisans and help you find fun creative holiday gifts, with this year's second [Holiday Maker's Market](#) and Vintage Sale!

Come out to the OLPNA Neighborhood Clubhouse, 916 Shamrock Ave., between 12-5 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 8, and see what fabulous vintage treasures and amazing handmade creations the vendors have to offer. Local Artisans will host booths and the neighborhood will provide hot coco, cider, and coffee. Whether you are looking for unique holiday gifts or just out for a fun event, come take a look around.

For more information, visit the OLPNA Facebook [Holiday Maker's Market Event Page](#). All Knoxville neighbors and visitors are welcome.

4. Oakwood Design Overlay Committee Plans Open House Meetings

The Oakwood Design Overlay Committee has been working with Knoxville – Knox County Planning to help protect the historic character of the [Oakwood section](#) of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood**.

Historic preservation for Oakwood will help preserve the character of homes and buildings in the selected area, but also requires specific historic guidelines that home and building owners must follow in order to be effective.

The Oakwood Design Overlay Committee is hosting four informal neighborhood meetings for homeowners in the impacted area to ask questions and provide feedback on historic overlay options. If you live in the Oakwood section of the Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood, come share your input at one of the following open houses:

- Thursday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m., 410 E. Springdale Ave.
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m., 724 Oak Hill Ave.
- Thursday, Jan. 9, 6-8 p.m., 407 Morelia Ave.
- Sunday, Jan. 19, 2-4 p.m., 211 E. Oak Hill Ave.

If you would like to learn more about what is being considered in the Oakwood Design Overlay project, Knox Planning will be holding a public workshop on Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m., at Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 N. Central St.

For full details and a copy of the [overlay guidelines](#), check out [Knox Planning](#). For questions, contact Pam Harris at pamela.y.harris@outlook.com.

Unsure if you live in the Oakwood section of the neighborhood? Visit the [Office of Neighborhoods KGIS Neighborhood Layer](#) to see where your house is located in the neighborhood.

5. Neighborhood Safety Series Wraps Up Year with West Knoxville Workshop

The Knoxville Police Department (KPD), in partnership with the Police Advisory and Review Community (PARC) and the Office of Neighborhoods (OON), is hosting the fourth workshop in the [Neighborhood Safety Series](#), focused on West Knoxville and holiday safety.

Held on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m., at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Dr., this quarter's workshop will discuss the Lexus Nexus data for the West Knoxville Area. It will cover information on OON, PARC, and KPD, along with tips and tricks to avoid being the target of the three most common crimes in the area. The officers will also discuss ways to keep yourself and your belongings safe this holiday season.

The West Knoxville Workshop is the fourth in a series of Neighborhood Safety Workshops held across the city. While this workshop will focus on West Knoxville data, neighbors from all areas are welcome to attend.

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scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours before the meeting you wish to attend.

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6. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Are Now Open

Nominations for the Neighbor of the Year are now open and will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 17, 2020.

Be thinking...do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Perhaps they welcome new neighbors, volunteer to help neighbors in distress or work tirelessly in service to the entire neighborhood and/or neighborhood organization. Or maybe they make everyone feel included.

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

All nominees will be recognized at The Neighborhood Conference on Mar. 28, 2020 at the Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley St.

Fill out the nomination [form](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp either by email at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to: Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

If you have questions, you may also call 215-4382. To learn more about previous winners, visit the [website](#).

7. OON Requests Input on BSNO Dates

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) wants to hear from you! Are you looking to learn more skills on neighborhood leadership and community organizing? The Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations Leadership Program (BSNO) is for you!

A 40+ hour long program, BSNO covers a wide range of topics designed to equip neighbors with the tools to start and sustain effective neighborhood organizations.

While the program is long, we want to make it as convenient as possible. Please fill out this [survey](#) with which 2020 BSNO dates work best for you. There are three date options, please rank which works best for you.

BSNO is an important program for neighborhood leaders, active neighbors, and anyone looking to enhance their skills in community organizing. Topics covered in BSNO, include: styles of leadership, identifying and utilizing a neighborhood's most important asset, how to facilitate effective meetings, recruiting and retaining members, internal and external communications, decision-making, conflict resolution, and strategic planning, just to name a few.

For more information on BSNO, check out the [website](#) or contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

8. BBB and POH Meet This Week

The [Better Building Board](#) hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders, and meets the last Thursday of each month. This month, it will meet Thursday, Dec 5, at 3:30 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St. There is one address listed on the [agenda](#): 523 East Oklahoma Ave.

The [Public Officer](#) holds hearings and issues orders to property owners to make repairs or to demolish unfit structures. Hearings are held the next day (Friday) after the Better Building Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. This month, it will meet Friday, Dec 6, at in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building. The following addresses are listed on the [agenda](#): 5720 North Broadway, 3617 Dance Ave. (including accessory structure), 3701 Dance Ave. (including accessory structures), 832 West Emerald Ave., 2811 Fairview St., 2115 Hoitt Ave., 115 James Agee St., 5813 Second Lane (including accessory structure), and 2536 Selma Ave. (including accessory structure).

9. City Hosts Public Meeting to Discuss Broadway Corridor Study

Using data collected at an open house in August, City engineers and Toole Design Group have come up with several design concepts aimed at making the North Broadway Corridor more accessible to all users.

The concepts will be presented on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., at the St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 N. Broadway.

The designs focus on improvements for the Broadway/Hall of Fame Dr. intersection and the segment of Broadway to Hall of Fame up to Cecil Ave., making the road safer for walkers, bikers, etc. Public comments from the meeting will be used to further develop the plan.

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10. Leaders for Readers Needs Volunteers

Do you have a spare hour per week to share with a child learning to read? Leaders for Readers, a program of [Great Schools Partnership](#), is calling on you.

[Leaders for Readers](#), a literacy program of the Great Schools Partnership and Knox County Schools, has recently expanded. The program is adding another 10 schools for a total of 25 elementary schools being served and need volunteers.

The program, now in its fifth year, helps first, second, and third graders improve their reading skills. From the first through the third grade, children learn to read. In the fourth grade they begin reading to learn. If students aren't reading proficiently, they struggle with the learning process throughout school and could fall behind academically and socially. This is what led to the start the Leaders for Readers program.

As a volunteer, you are matched with up to 3 students who are just on the cusp of reading at grade level. For an hour each week, each student reads to their volunteer from books their teacher selects while the volunteer helps with everything from pronunciation to understanding the story. A volunteer's most important job is to be the child's "cheerleader" and build their confidence as they read to you. This hour volunteered each week can create a lifetime of change for students who need some additional encouragement.

There are students ready to read with you right now at the following elementary schools: Inskip, Spring Hill, Sarah Moore Greene, and Green Magnet!

Register to volunteer using this [form](#). Or to get more information, contact Janine Al-Aseer at 865-215-2820.

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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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