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1. No Newsletter for Two Weeks

There will be no newsletter for the next two weeks. The City of Knoxville offices and the Office of Neighborhoods will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan.1. In addition, the Office of Neighborhoods will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 31.

We wish you a relaxing, laughter filled holiday season and a prosperous New Year! We will see you in 2020.

2. Neighborhood Achievement Award Application Deadline Approaches

The Neighborhood Achievement Award Applications are due Friday, Dec. 20, by 4:30 p.m. Don't miss out on an opportunity to receive recognition for the work you put in this year and \$75 towards future projects.

What creative, interesting, resourceful, clever projects have your neighborhood organizations done over the past year?

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply for the [Neighborhood Achievement Award](#). The awards will showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2019 calendar year.

Neighborhood Achievement Awards are recognized every year at [The Neighborhood Conference](#), which will be held on March 28, 2020, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Winners receive \$75 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

NOTE: The deadline is early this year because we plan to create a short video of neighbors highlighting their neighborhood's accomplishments.

To apply, fill in the [application](#) and email it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov OR mail it to Office of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN, 37901, ***no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20***. If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, contact Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or the above email.

Examples of accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- Beautification and place-making projects, green spaces and community gardens, and other physical improvements to the neighborhood;
- Projects, events, and activities that focus on connecting neighbors with one another, such as street fairs, potlucks, home tours, holiday celebrations, and neighbors helping neighbors;
- New or ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters, social media, and phone tree networks; and
- Activities involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

We are excited to see what neighborhoods have been working on throughout 2019!

3. City Announces Holiday Service Schedule

With the winter holidays just around the corner, Waste Connections will run on a slightly different schedule. Please note the following changes:

Household garbage will **NOT** be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 25, and Waste Connections' office will be closed.

Residential and downtown collections will resume pickup on Thursday, Dec. 26, and will be one day off the usual schedule. Wednesday pickups will be collected on Thursday, Thursday's on Friday, and so on.

Waste Connections will pick up on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Jan. 1; however, Waste Connections offices will be closed on Jan. 1.

To help avoid excess waste this holiday season, check out the [Recycling Guide](#) for tips on recycling and donating gently used items this giving season. City recycling centers will be open through the holiday, but a Goodwill attendant will only be available half a day on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and not on Wednesday, Dec. 25, or Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Please note, properly bagged excess trash and broken-down cardboard set next to full trash carts will be picked up. Trash and recycling containers must be set out before 7 a.m. on your respective pickup day.

If you plan to drop off items at a city Solid Waste Management Facility, please note the 1033 Elm St. location will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, and Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Saturday, Jan. 4, will be “Free for City Residents Day” at the Solid Waste Management Facility, a day offering free waste drop off for all city residents.

4. OON Thanks Mayor and Outgoing Councilmembers

The Office of Neighborhoods would like to thank Mayor Madeline Rogero for her years of service to the City and to the neighborhoods.

Along with her, we would like to thank Vice Mayor Finbarr Saunders, At-Large Seat C, George Wallace, At-Large Seat A, Marshall Stair, At-Large Seat B, and Mark Campen, District 5. We appreciate your sincere and genuine efforts to attend meetings, hear neighbors, and make conscientious decisions for Knoxville residents.

Thank you for all that you have done for Knoxville and each individual neighborhood. We wish you the best in your new adventures!

5. Real ID – What Is It and Why Do You Need It

Starting Oct. 1, 2020, every U.S. citizen will need an updated Real ID in order to fly domestically and enter federal buildings. This updated ID is issued by the Department of Homeland Security to update security standards.

In order to get your [Real ID](#), you must go to a [Driver Services Center](#) or participating County Clerks. You must bring:

Proof to establish citizenship or legal presence, like a birth certificate **AND** proof of your full Social Security Number, like your social security card **OR** a passport can be used in place of these two items.

If you have had a name change from Proof of Citizenship or legal presence, you must also provide a certified legal document supporting the name change, like a marriage certificate or divorce decree.

Two of the following proofs of TN residency that include your name and address: a utility bill, TN vehicle registration, current TN voter registration card, IRS tax return (within the last 12 months), bank statements, payroll check stub, current rental/mortgage contract or receipt, current homeowner or renter insurance policy, receipt of personal property or real estate taxes paid within the previous year, current driver license or ID or handgun carry permit, and more.

Visit the [website](#) to learn more about what documents are needed.

All documents must be originals or certified. Photocopies will not be accepted.

6. TPO Meets This Week

Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) mission is to advise and assist our region to improve and expand transportation choices by involving citizens and decision makers in our plans, forums, and outreach.

The TPO Executive Board will meet Wednesday, Dec 18, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street. The Executive Board is responsible for setting policy and adopting plans and programs. The Board provides a forum for collaboration and decision-making related to regional transportation policy, planning, and funding. Their [agenda](#) is available on the [TPO website](#).

7. BZA Agenda Announced

[The Board of Zoning Appeals \(BZA\)](#) hears certain appeals of denials of building permits by the City's Plans Review and Inspections Department. An applicant can request a variance from the Zoning Code requirements or can appeal an administrative official's interpretation of the Zoning Code.

BZA will meet Thursday, Dec 19, at 4 pm in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St, Knoxville, TN.

The [agenda](#) includes the following petitions: 1509 Grainger Ave.; 7325 Middlebrook Pike; 116 Green Rd.; 1119 Sevier Ave.; 1526 Coleman Rd.; 7535 Mountain Grove Dr.

The next BZA meeting is January 16, 2019.

8. Trees Knoxville Offers Volunteer Forester Training

[Trees Knoxville](#) is offering Level 2 Volunteer Forester training that will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 8, and run for four consecutive Wednesdays (15, 22, and 29), 6-9 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

You do NOT have to have Level 1 Volunteer Forester Training, however; level 2 is a bit more in depth.

The four week course costs \$50. If you are interested, view their [syllabus](#) and [register](#).

Topics range from Tree Biology and Tree Measurement; to Soil Relations and Water Management; to learning Tree Identification; and more.

For more, call 236-0639 or email treesknoxville@gmail.com with any training-related questions or visit their [Facebook](#) page event.

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 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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