

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 1 – Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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1. Town Hall East Hosts Membership Meeting

Town Hall East (THE) will host a neighborhood meeting on Monday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall behind Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Hwy.

Naturalist and area resident Nick Stahlman will discuss creatures large and small that co-inhabit the neighborhood and some of the problems this presents. The presence of coyotes has sparked this discussion about local changes in the environment.

After Nick speaks, candidates for the County Commission District 1 seat, Evelyn Gill and Dasha Lundy, will introduce themselves and outline their platforms. Both candidates are running in the Democratic primary election, which will be held March 3, 2020.

Although it is THE’s membership meeting, all are invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.

2. Oakwood Committee Hosts Discussion of Historic Overlay

Do you live in the Oakwood area of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood**? If so, you may want to join this very important discussion.

Oakwood, a historic portion of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood**, is under consideration for a historic preservation overlay. Historic overlays are designed to help

preserve the structure and character of historic homes, and come with unique guidelines for homeowners living in the overlay area. To view the proposed overlay guidelines for Oakwood, see the [Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Plan](#).

To help answer questions, take input and inform neighbors of the potential plan, the Oakwood Design Overlay Committee is hosting the following open houses:

- Thursday, Jan 9, 6-8 p.m., 407 Morelia Ave.
- Sunday, Jan 19, 2-4 p.m., 211 E. Oak Hill Ave.

For questions, contact Pam Harris at pamela.y.harris@outlook.com.

Additionally, Knoxville - Knox County Planning will also host a public workshop at the Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 N. Central St., from 6-8 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 30. Come, learn more, and discuss the ins and outs of being considered for a historic overlay.

Not sure 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.

3. NAC to Learn “How to Use the New Zoning Code”

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) meets this Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Executive Director of Knoxville - Knox County Planning Gerald Green will speak about “How to Use the New Zoning Code.” The comprehensive update of the city’s zoning code, developed through the Recode Knoxville process, was adopted by City Council in Aug. 13, 2019, and went into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

Also on the agenda, NAC members will discuss ideas for speakers / topics for 2020. All are welcome to attend.

NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to:

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

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

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4. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Are Due Jan. 17

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 their 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 their 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.

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](#).

5. Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission Meets

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission will hold its monthly meeting, this Thursday, Jan. 9, at 1:30 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

This month's agenda will discuss 35 items for review. To view the full agenda and see if any items might affect your neighborhood, view the [agenda](#) online.

The Planning Commission reviews cases in both the city and the county; city items are listed based on city council district while county is listed as commission district. Take a look and see what is happening in your area.

For more information on the Planning Commission and Knoxville-Knox County Planning, visit their [website](#).

6. Community Development Hosts Meeting to Discuss Consolidated Plan

The City of Knoxville [Community Development Department](#) is seeking input to help develop its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for program years 2020-2024. Come out on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m., to the John T. O'Connor Center, 611 Winona St., to discuss how the city can best allocate Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships (affordable housing) grants, and Emergency Solutions Grants (homeless services) programs, to address community needs and priorities.

Community Development staff worked hard throughout 2019 to gather community input on how to best use funds to address housing needs, homelessness, fair housing, equitable development, and address other community priorities. At this meeting, City staff will present a summary of information collected from this public process, a summary of housing-needs data, and a draft of priority goals and strategies that will guide the types of programs HUD funds may be used for, beginning in July 2020.

Join the meeting, share your input, and be a part of creating a better Knoxville. For more information, contact Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2962.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your feedback is still appreciated. Information presented at the meeting will be made available on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the City's website www.knoxvilletn.gov/development.

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7. Planning Announces One-Year Plan Meetings

Knoxville-Knox County Planning holds three One-Year Plan meetings to present and gather input on plans for the year ahead.

The City's Charter mandates the annual adoption of a one-year comprehensive development plan covering the entire city and requires future zoning decisions in the city conform to the community's comprehensive development plans.

Planning staff will present proposed plan changes and then open the floor to residents for input. Past discussions have covered topics such as proposed developments, impact of the hillside protection area, the role of zoning and plans, and the seeming misalignment between zoning and planning patterns.

Information presented will be specific to the geographic areas of the City indicated below:

- Tuesday, Feb 4 - South Doyle Middle School (South) at 5:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb 18 - Deane Hill Recreation Center (West & Northwest) at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb 26 - New Harvest Park Community Center (North, East & Central) at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and give input.

8. Public Service Asks to Speak at Your Neighborhood Meeting

The City of Knoxville Public Service Department provides many services for the community, including leaf and brush collection, right-of-way and stormwater maintenance, sidewalk and street repair, park/greenway upkeep, and much more.

They would like the opportunity to attend your February meeting to speak for a few minutes about upcoming changes to the brush-collection schedule. They are happy to talk longer about other services, but informing neighbors about the schedule for upcoming brush season (March 2020) is top priority.

Discussing the brush schedule should take about 5 minutes, plus time for questions and answers. Please contact Kelsey Vincent at kvincent@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-6018 to get them on your agenda and let them know if you would like them to talk about additional material.

9. KAT Implements 2020 Service and Route Changes

In an effort to provide quality and efficient public transit services, the [Knoxville Area Transit](#) (KAT) will implement the following service modifications:

- Route 12 - Western: The current detour, routing through Western Heights from Virginia to Murphy, will become permanent. Due to the recent street alignment on Western Ave., portions of Virginia and Tennessee will no longer be served.
- Route 13 - Beaumont: The route has been adjusted to cover additional areas along Middlebrook Pike, including Big Oak Apartments and Helen Ross McNabb's Veterans' Service Center, while terminating the route at Central St. and Dameron Ave. near the Knox County Health Department. Additional bus stops will be added to Middlebrook Pike, and transfers to Route 20 - Central will provide direct service to Knoxville Station. Direct service will still be provided to the Public Works building, but inbound service will now be along Middlebrook Pike. Additional trips have been added to evenings and weekends.
- Route 20 - Central: The route will now be consistent throughout the day, due to the removal of the service extension to Melstone and McClain.

- Route 34 - Burlington: The route will stay straight on Fern to improve route performance, removing the 3-block portion at Catalpa, Kirk and Lilac streets.
- Route 42 - UT/Ft. Sanders Hospitals: The route will now run 30-minute service on weekdays; continue service through 11:15 p.m. in the evenings, weekdays, and Saturdays; and add new Sunday service from 8:15 a.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- Route 90 - Crosstown: The route will change to serve Walbrook Superstop (at Wal-Mart west) rather than West Town Mall by following Middlebrook to Gallaher View. Service will be eliminated through West Hills along Vanosdale and at West Town Mall. New bus stops will be added along Middlebrook Pike, eliminating a double-transfer to Route 16 - Cedar Bluff while still providing connections to West Town Mall via Route 11 - Kingston Pike. The Saturday schedule will be adjusted to create consistency with weekday service. The new route will go through I-640 Plaza to improve efficiency and provide service along Third Creek (rather than Ed Shouse Drive to Middlebrook).

All 2020 changes are in effect as of Monday, Jan. 6. For a full list of route changes, visit [KAT Service Modifications](#).

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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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