

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 3 – Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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### **1. Door Prizes Start Coming in for The Neighborhood Conference**

If you have been to a previous Neighborhood Conference, you will know that there are some pretty amazing door prizes. This year is no exception.

So far, the Office of Neighborhoods has received a gift card from [Alumni Hall](#), a Carhartt Jacket from [Cubic/GRIDSMART Technologies](#), jewelry from [Fizz](#), a gift card from [Food City](#), a gift card from [Nothing Too Fancy](#), and an arrangement from [Stanley's Greenhouse](#).

More prizes are on the way, as well. Visit the [Office of Neighborhoods'](#) Facebook page to get updates on all door prizes as they come in.

If you, your business, or your neighborhood group would like to donate a door prize for the 2020 Neighborhood Conference, please contact Courtney Durrett at 215-3456, or [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov).

### **2. Chilhowee Neighbors Host Community Café**

What do you want people to know about your neighborhood? What issues matter to you and your neighbors? Come share and listen at the East Knoxville Community Café! The event, hosted by **Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association**, will be held Thursday, Jan 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Perk City, 3229 E. Magnolia Ave.

During the Community Café, neighbors will gather in groups of 4-5 and spend about 20 minutes discussing a question posed by the facilitator. After 20 minutes, everyone will move to a new table to address a new question. After several rotations, the facilitators will ask participants to share insights or other results from their conversations with the rest of the large group.

The purpose of a Community Café is to help start conversations that evoke positive change, show the similarities in groups, and illuminate the priorities neighbors have to make their community the best it can be.

If you wish to participate in this event, email Bailey Walker at [bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov) to reserve your spot.

### **3. And the 2020 NOYA Nominees Are.....**

Each year, the Office of Neighborhoods asks neighbors to nominate an outstanding person in their neighborhood for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award (NOYA).

We are excited to announce this year's nominees:

- Anne Crais of **Wesley Neighbors Community Association** was nominated by Sandy Robinson.
- Kevin Jeske-Polyak of **Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association** was nominated by Toni Hass, Deborah Mallard, and Kara Gale.
- Jeff Johnson of **Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization** was nominated by Chris Griffin.
- Karen Pace of **Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association** was nominated by Sherene Jacobs.
- Beatta Prater of **Five Points Residents Association** was nominated by Sylvia Cook.

Congratulations to these nominees, who will be recognized at [The Neighborhood Conference](#) on Saturday, Mar. 28, at the Knoxville Convention Center, with Mayor Kincannon announcing the 2020 winner. Thanks to everyone who took the time to nominate their neighbors.

Join us at The Neighborhood Conference to find out who wins!

### **4. Leadership Training Is Now Offered**

The long-awaited leadership training class is back! You read that right: The Office of Neighborhoods will be leading the [Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations](#) (BSNO) workshop starting in April.

The 12-week BSNO program covers a wide range of topics designed to equip neighbors with the tools to start and sustain effective neighborhood organizations. This year's series of workshops will be held every Thursday from 6-9 pm, starting Apr. 16, and ending Jul. 9. We will skip the week of July 4.

BSNO is an important program for neighborhood leaders, active neighbors, and anyone looking to enhance their skills in community organizing. Topics covered 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, strategic planning, and more.

Are you a neighborhood leader, active neighbor, or dedicated community member? Are you interested in building skills and learning new ways to better work with your neighborhood? Are looking for a way to take your existing organization to the next level? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, BSNO is for you! Sign up to learn skills to become a dynamic leader.

For more information on and to register for BSNO, check out the [website](#) or contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov).

### **5. City Council Meets Jan. 28**

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street. To see what is planned for the upcoming agenda, visit [Knoxville City Meetings](#). Meeting agendas are typically available a week prior to the meeting. For a schedule of all upcoming meetings, visit [Knoxville City Council](#).

To speak at the meeting, contact the City Recorder on the day of the meeting by calling 215-2075. You can also sign up the night of the meeting by speaking with the City Recorder before the meeting begins.

For more, contact Will Johnson at [wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2075.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or LEP (Limited English Proficient) and want to request interpretation services, please contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at [tharris@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:tharris@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2831.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend, contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook, at 215-2034 or [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

### **6. City Council Calls Two Special Meetings to Discuss 1st District Vacancy**

Council will meet on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m., in the City County Building Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St., to discuss the application and appointment process for filling the open City Council seat when 1st District Councilmember Stephanie Welch steps down in February. At the workshop, they will also determine the timeline and requirements for submitting an application.

Councilmember Welch accepted Mayor Kincannon's offer to work as Chief Economic and Community Development Officer and Deputy in her administration. Once the Council 1st District seat becomes open, the City's Charter says that replacing a council member midterm requires a special selection process.

City Council will vote to elect a new 1st District representative at a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 5:30 p.m., in the City County Building, Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St. All 1st District Residents are encouraged to attend.

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To figure out which council district you live in, visit [KGIS](#). On the left side menu, click the drop down arrow for Political District Maps; select City Council. You can type your address in to the search bar to see in which district you reside and who your representative is.

## **7. PARC Promotes Quarterly Meeting**

The [Police Advisory and Review Committee](#) (PARC) will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-7 p.m., at the Emerald Youth Complex, 1740 Texas Ave.

This quarter's meeting will focus on providing insights into matters reviewed by committee members during the 4th Quarter period and includes a training session from the [Knoxville Police Department](#) (KPD). The committee will also share the 2019 Annual Report and cases reviewed during the 2019 calendar year.

Community members are encouraged to attend and participate in the conversation to help improve police and community relations. For questions or concerns, contact Clarence Vaughn at 215-3869 or [cvaughn@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cvaughn@knoxvilletn.gov), or to sign up to speak, contact Ola Blackmon-Mcbride at 865-215-3966.

## **8. KFD Hosts Citizen's Fire Academy 2020**

Have you ever wondered what all goes into being a Fire Fighter? Are you interested in having a key role in helping fire services better serve the public?

Sign up for the Citizen's Fire Academy! The academy is designed to inform the public by exposing them to the fire department in a casual atmosphere. The program teaches attendees about the department's operations and allows class members to provide feedback, ask questions, and be part of discussions on how the [Knoxville Fire Department](#) (KFD) can better serve the community.

KFD will host the 2020 Citizen's Fire Academy on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. The five-week series runs April 2 through April 30, at the training facility, 3411 Vice Mayor Jack Sharp Road.

For more information and to sign up for the academy, contact Captain D. J. Corcoran, 740-9926, or [dcorcoran@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dcorcoran@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **9. KCDC Hosts Austin Homes Open House**

[Knoxville's Community Development Corporation](#) (KCDC) invites the community to review updates to the master plan for the Austin Homes site at an open house Monday, Jan. 27, from 4:30-7 p.m., at Green Magnet Academy, 801 Lula Powell Drive in East Knoxville.

The master plan to redevelop Austin Homes is based on months of dialogue with residents, stakeholders and community members in interviews and public meetings. Topics discussed have included options for overall site usage, street layouts, residential building types and use of open spaces, along with research and analyses regarding Knoxville's housing and retail markets.

Meeting attendees can get an overview of the updated master plan and the first phases of development at presentations scheduled for 4:30 and 5:45 p.m. KCDC's design partners are Knoxville-based Johnson Architecture and the Chicago team of Gensler, a global architecture firm based in San Francisco.

Established in 1941, Austin Homes is a nearly 23-acre site located just east of downtown. KCDC will replace the site's existing affordable housing units and add a mix of housing choices for families and individuals of varied income levels and other appropriate non-residential uses to create a vibrant urban neighborhood.

The affordable housing units are estimated to include:

- 129 subsidized units replacing the units on-site at the time of redevelopment
- 71 or more Low Income Housing Tax Credit units, available to families earning 50% of Area Median Income (AMI)
- 110 units available to families earning up to 80% of AMI
- 110 units available to families earning up to 100% of AMI

Austin Homes residents have been provided relocation choices at other KCDC properties, including the revitalized Five Points community and the recently renovated Vista at Summit Hill, which are both nearby and in the same school district. These residents will have the right to return to the Austin Homes site when the first phases of revitalization are complete. KCDC anticipates breaking ground on the first phases later this year.

For more information, call 403-1100.

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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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