

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 6 – Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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### **1. The Neighborhood Conference Registration is Now Open**

Mayor Indya Kincannon, Community Empowerment Department, and the Office of Neighborhoods are excited to invite you to the 2020 Neighborhood Conference, on Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Knoxville Convention Center.

[Registration](#) is now open. Please read all the instructions when you register.

Why attend the Neighborhood Conference? This free event is open to all who want to learn how to improve and advocate for their neighborhood, learn more about being a leader and understand how government departments work in government.

Many people attend to network with their neighbors, government departments and non-profits working in neighborhoods, learn what other neighborhood groups are doing, formulate new ideas for their neighborhood; and learn about area services and programs that may benefit them and their neighbors.

Attendees of previous Neighborhood Conferences will note some changes and updates this year. We’ll present some of the awards in the morning Welcoming Ceremony, and neighbors registering online will get to help us re-name this weekly newsletter, currently called the *Neighborhood Advisory*.

There will also be familiar features that neighbors count on each year, including 80-plus City of Knoxville, Knox County and non-profit booths, four workshops and plenty of door prizes! We’re also bringing back last year’s soup and salad lunch buffet, which will be accessible for all dietary needs.

During lunch, attendees will learn about the accomplishments of some of our outstanding neighborhood leaders. In addition to announcing some of her goals for the year, Mayor Kincannon will announce the winner of the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

If you have any questions about The Neighborhood Conference, please contact Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-3456.

## **2. Five Breweries Sponsor The Neighborhood Conference**

Tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 5-10 p.m., five local breweries will participate in The Neighborhood Challenge, a fundraiser in which breweries donate a percentage of their proceeds from the evening of sales to [The Neighborhood Conference](#).

If you can't participate in the event, you can still support the conference and compete with your neighbors by donating directly to us. Whether through beer sales or donations, the neighborhood region that raises the most funds will be recognized at the 2020 Neighborhood Conference.

Gather your neighbors and head to the closest participating brewery:

[Downtown: Pretentious Beer Co.](#)

[East: Last Days of Autumn Brewing Co.](#)

[North: Hexagon Brewing Co.](#)

[South: Printshop Beer Co.](#)

[West: Abridged Beer Co.](#)

Click the links above to view the Facebook event for your area (and the brewery links to find out more about these local businesses). Mark yourself as going and share the event page with your neighbors to improve your local brewery's chance of winning!

Last year, fans of beer and strong neighborhoods raised almost \$1,000, with the largest portion of donations coming from West neighborhoods at Abridged Beer Co. Who will win this year?

The Neighborhood Conference is a free event for all participants. Sponsor support and community support at events like the Neighborhood Challenge help us keep the conference free and accessible to all neighborhood residents.

## **3. OON Seeks Neighborhood Photos for The Neighborhood Conference**

Would you like to show off all the exciting things your neighborhood has achieved over the past year? Here is your chance:

OON is seeking photos of your neighborhood activities for the Neighborhood Conference slide show! Please send us any photos from your neighborhood cleanup, picnic, fundraiser, potluck, ice cream social, or any other event.

These photos will scroll on the big screen throughout The Neighborhood Conference in the ballroom where the Welcoming Ceremony and the Awards Luncheon will be held.

The deadline to submit photos is **Monday, March 2**. Photos can be e-mailed to Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxville.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxville.gov).

#### **4. Planning Commission Meets this Week**

The Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission will meet Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 West Main St., from 1:30-4:30 p.m. (or longer if needed).

The [full agenda](#) is available on Planning's website. If any of the requests affect your neighborhood, you might be interested to show up, speak, and/or relay information back to your neighborhood.

All correspondence regarding cases on the agenda including letters, emails, and faxes are distributed to each Commissioner and will be published as part of the official record. Submit comments no later than 3 p.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting. Include the file number when commenting on a specific case.

#### **5. KKCHC "Bring a Friend" Event**

The Knoxville Knox County Homeless Coalition (KKCHC) invites you attend to their "Bring A Friend" event.

This event takes place during the monthly board of directors meeting on Tuesday, March 24, from 9-10 am, in the Multipurpose Room (Side B) of the L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave. Come learn more about the KKCHC role and their initiatives to find permanent solutions to prevent, reduce and end homelessness in Knoxville.

Parking will be available to the right of the building, off Major Ave.

To RSVP, email [KKCHCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:KKCHCoalition@gmail.com). And don't forget to bring a friend!

#### **6. 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@knoxville.gov](mailto:scook@knoxville.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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