

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 7 – Tuesday, February 18, 2020

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### **1. Early Voting Has Kicked Off**

From now through Tuesday, Feb. 25, early voting is open for the Knox County Primary and Presidential Primary. Election Day is Tuesday, Mar. 3.

All Knoxville residents also live in Knox County, so city residents can vote in County elections.

The 10 voting locations are on the Knox County [Election Commission’s website](#).

At [KnoxVotes.org](http://KnoxVotes.org), the Knox County Election Commission posts a [list of candidates](#) running for each office. Offices with openings are: Criminal Court Judge Division II, District 6; Public Defender; County Commission Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9; Property Assessor; Knox County Law Director; and Board of Education Districts 2, 3, 5 and 8.

You can also go to [KnoxVotes.org](http://KnoxVotes.org) to see [sample Republican Primary and Democratic Primary ballots](#).

One major way to have your voice heard is to vote. Let’s see Knoxville and Knox County folks show up.

### **2. NAC Has One Vacancy**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council has one At-Large vacancy that we need to fill for the remainder of a term.

Andre Canty, a member since January 2019, has resigned his post as he is moving to Kentucky for a great job opportunity. We were saddened by this news, but we know our loss is Kentucky's gain. His thoughtful perspective will be missed!

NAC consists of 15 members: two from each of the six council districts and three at-large representatives. Members serve three-year terms, with the option to reapply and serve two consecutive terms. If filling another person's term, as in this case, the majority of the term will be covered with the new person, and they will be able to reapply for one additional term.

This group of neighborhood leaders has the opportunity to present their neighborhood concerns and ideas to the OON and give advice on the City's neighborhood priorities. The NAC also provides an opportunity to ask questions and learn the ins and outs of City departments and initiatives.

Candidates for the at-large vacancy can reside anywhere within the City of Knoxville limits. The term will run through December 2021. If you are interested in applying to become a member of the NAC, please submit your application no later than **Friday, March 27.**

Applications can be found on the [NAC website](#) and may be sent to Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or by mail at P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call the OON at 215-3232.

For more information on the NAC and/or about the list of current members, check out the [Neighborhood Advisory Council webpage](#).

### **3. Many Events Offered For Black History Month**

Several events at area museums, galleries, and venues are featuring prominent African-American residents of Knoxville, including artist Beauford Delaney.

On Feb. 20-22, the University of Tennessee is hosting a two-day symposium titled, "In a Speculative Light: The Arts of James Baldwin and Beauford Delaney." Visit the event [website](#) to check out several events, including lectures and movie screenings.

The Beck Cultural Center presents "The Art of Delaney: Redeeming, Reconciling & Healing," Monday, Feb. 24, at the Bijou Theatre. Visit their [website](#) to learn more and purchase tickets.

Speaking of the Delaney family, did you know that there are two art wraps of Beauford Delaney's work in downtown Knoxville? The City of Knoxville partnered with [The Knoxville History Project](#) to place two of his art works around signal boxes. They are located at Henley at Clinch and E. Hill Ave at Hall of Fame Drive. Drive by to see a local artist's work.

One more image of Beauford Delaney's work of art and one image of his brother's, Joseph Delaney, art will be placed on signal boxes along Magnolia Ave. in the very near

future. They are projected to be wrapped in the next few months in the following locations: Beauford Delaney's art work will be located at Magnolia and Jessamine and Joseph Delaney's art work will be located at Magnolia and Winona.

#### **4. HZC & BZA Meet This Week**

[The Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet Thursday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

The [agenda](#) includes the following addresses: 1610 Forest Ave., 1324 Grainger Ave., 604 S. Gay St., Lots 16 and 17, and N. 3rd Ave.

The next HZC meeting is March 19.

[The Board of Zoning Appeals \(BZA\)](#) will meet Friday, Feb. 21, at 4 pm in the Main Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St, Knoxville, TN.

The [agenda](#) includes the following petitions: 2301 Jefferson Ave., 109 James Agee St., 4120 Pleasant Ridge Rd., 1205 Old Vine Ave., and 331 Harriet Tubman St.

The next BZA meeting is March 19.

#### **5. City Residential Brush Pickup Begins in March**

Brush collection for city residents begins the first week of March and continues through the last week of October. During this time, city crews will pick up brush every other week.

To expedite brush pickup for residents, city crews will be moving to a *week-of* brush pickup schedule. This means that all brush should be ready for pickup by 7 a.m. the Monday on your designated collection weeks.

The City previously operated on a *day-of* schedule, which meant that residents were assigned a specific day for their brush to be collected. By moving to a *week-of* schedule, City crews can pick up brush continuously, increasing efficiency and accelerating service. On lighter weeks, City brush crews may also have time to provide additional services and supports to other areas of the city.

To find your street's assigned week, call 311 or go to Public Service's [website](#) and enter your address to find out which weeks your brush will be collected.

Free signs are available for neighborhoods to help remind residents of their brush pickup weeks. To get your signs, please contact Kelsey Vincent [kvincent@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:kvincent@knoxvilletn.gov). Kelsey can also help you schedule someone from the Public Service department speak to your group about brush pickup and the City's other services.

Look for a postcard in your mailbox that will explain the new pickup schedule and requirements for brush collection. A copy of this mailer can also be found on the [City's website](#).

So, how do you get your brush ready for pickup?

The most important thing about brush pickup is where you put it.

- Put brush piles where equipment can reach without damaging your property (i.e. away from mailboxes, parked vehicles, utility poles/meters, landscaping, fences, etc.)
- piles should be within 5 feet of the street and no larger than 6 feet x 6 feet x 6 feet per pickup week
- Keep trash separate from brush, and remember the city does not pickup construction or demolition materials
- No stumps or branches larger than 12 inches in diameter
- No trees or branches from contractors providing tree services – contractors should remove materials from your property
- Keep your brush off public property like medians, islands, greenways or other public property
- One pile per property address

Last year, the City Public Service Department collected more than 25,000 tons of brush. Since yard waste is collected separately from garbage, it is recycled into mulch and therefore diverted from going to landfills.

## **6. KPD Offers Church Safety and Security Seminar**

Knoxville Police Department will offer a seminar on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m.-noon, at the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, 510 W. Main St.

This seminar, entitled Church Safety and Security Seminar, is for all pastors, church workers, usher teams, security teams, or anyone else interested in keeping their community safer.

If you would like to attend, you will need to sign up with Officer John Morgan at [jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-1519.

## **7. TDOT Hosts Public Meeting for Interstate 40/81 Corridors**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has initiated a study to investigate a range of multimodal solutions along the interstate corridors of 40 and 81.

The public meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Cedar Bluff Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive. All are invited to attend.

This 18-month study will emphasize congestion management, improving safety, maximizing the potential for freight diversion and preserving/enhancing each corridor's economic benefits.

As a stakeholder in the study, you are invited to the first public meeting to provide input on the transportation needs and areas of concern for your corridor. Public meetings will be held throughout the duration of the study and there will be continued discussions on the study's progress and findings.

A comment form will be provided for your convenience at the meeting.

For more information on how to submit a comment form via email, fax, or online, visit TDOT's [website](#).

If you are unable to attend, you may also provide feedback via online [survey](#).

## **8. Knox County Community Needs Your Input**

Knox County wants your input!

Knox County is in the process of preparing its 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Action Plan, which outline the use of the County's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding. The purpose of these plans is to help improve the housing and living conditions of residents, especially low- and very low-income households within the County balance. The plans can also be used to upgrade and improve public and community facilities, improve and expand public services, and promote economic development opportunities within the County.

As a part of the process, Knox County wants to know what issues matter most to you. Please complete the [survey](#) by Friday, Feb. 28, so that your voice is heard.

A draft plan will be available for public display on or around March 26. Should you have questions about this survey please contact Knox County Community Development at 215-3980 or at [CDFeedback@knoxcounty.org](mailto:CDFeedback@knoxcounty.org).

## **9. KKCHC Hosts "Bring a Friend" Event**

You and a friend are invited to the Knoxville Knox County Homeless Coalition's (KKCHC) monthly board of directors' meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 9-10 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room (Side B) of the L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave.

At this "bring a friend" event, attendees will 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!

## **10. 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](mailto: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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