

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 14 – Tuesday, April 7, 2020

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1. No Newsletter 4-14-2020

There will be no newsletter next week, Tuesday, April 14, but we will be back up and running on Tuesday, April 21.

2. CAC Launches Senior Care Calls

In an effort to help address social isolation for the senior population during the "Safer at Home" order, CAC Office on Aging has launched a new program, **Senior Care Calls**.

These calls provide a bi-weekly check-in, offering homebound seniors much needed social support and a listening ear. Volunteers get to know the senior, offer them human interaction over the phone, and help address any needs they may be facing, i.e. trash collection, grocery store pick up, etc.

If you know someone in your neighborhood who is homebound, isolated, lonely, and/or could use some assistance, please fill out a [referral form](#).

For any questions, call referrals, or to volunteer to assist with the Senior Care Call program, please contact Deisha Finley at Deisha.finley@knoxseniors.org or 524-2786.

3. NAC, PARC, & BSNO Canceled

Due to CDC recommendations and with public health in mind, the upcoming Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) and Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) meetings and the Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations (BSNO) training series are canceled.

[NAC](#), which meets every second Wednesday of the month, excluding July and December, to advise and provide neighborhood input to the Mayor and city administration, will not meet on Wednesday, April 8, as previously scheduled. NAC will reconvene in May either by Zoom or in person.

[PARC](#), which meets quarterly to review incidents involving police, will not have its first quarter meeting on Thursday, April 16, as originally scheduled. The April meeting has been postponed until further notice. Stay tuned on the [PARC Facebook](#) page for the new date.

The [BSNO](#) Leadership Training Class was scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 16, and run through Thursday, July 9. The 12-week course would have run every Thursday for 12 weeks, and given the unknown impacts of COVID-19, planning such a workshop at this time is unknown. The Office of Neighborhoods will host the course at a later date.

If you have a cancellation to let the community know about, please email Bailey Walker at bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov. For more updates on closures and rescheduled events/meetings, please keep reading the Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter and visit the [City's COVID-19 web page](#). Thank you for your understanding during this complicated time.

4. NCVRW Recognition Ceremony Is Cancelled

The Kick-off and Recognition Ceremony by the Knox County District Attorney's Office scheduled for Friday, April 17, has been cancelled due to the "Safer at Home" order.

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) leads communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) each April. National Crime Victims' Rights Week for 2020 is April 19-25.

If you would like information about what this organization does, visit their [website](#).

The 2020 NCVRW Resource Guide provides a wealth of materials, in both English and Spanish, to educate the public about victims' rights, protections, and services during NCVRW and throughout the year.

Organizations can incorporate these materials into their own online campaigns and other efforts to raise public awareness.

From OVC's website: "During NCVRW, we recognize the hard work of the crime victims' field. This year's NCVRW theme—**Seek Justice | Ensure Victims' Rights | Inspire Hope**—commemorates the individuals and groups whose advocacy has propelled the victims' rights movement forward for the past half century, inspiring in victims and their loved ones a feeling of hope for progress, justice, and healing."

5. Treasure Hunt and Online Auction Is Still On

At a time when so many neighborhood activities are being cancelled due to social distancing protocols, Community Television of Knoxville's 2020 Knoxville Neighborhood Treasure Hunt and Online Auction is still on!

Because it was already designed to promote neighbor engagement and raise money for neighborhood groups without the need for close physical contact, CTV's treasure hunt and auction is ideally suited for these circumstances. Neighbors can spread the word about the event via telephone, email, and social media.

To participate, search your storage areas for items to [donate](#) to the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt & Online Auction. You can submit pictures of the donated treasures to media@ctvKnox.org.

CTV will post the donated items to their [website](#), where all bidding will happen from Friday, April 17-Friday, May 1. All proceeds from the sale of your donated treasures benefit your favorite neighborhood; you get to choose which neighborhood organization receives the money from your item.

The [Online Auction](#) will be on Friday, May 1, from 5-8 p.m. Watch and see if you or your neighbors win a treasure.

It's a fun way to raise money for your neighborhood while you are "Safe(r) at Home".

For more, see their [Facebook Page](#) or visit their [website](#).

6. CMC Offers Mediation Options

Do you have a problem you haven't addressed with a neighbor? Are you active in a neighborhood association and see a need for help with an internal or external problem? Do you have a problem with a neighboring business, such as lights, noise, or parking?

Why not try mediation! Handling such disputes can be tricky, but the mediation room is a good place to start working toward agreement. Mediation is a positive, private way for individuals and groups to resolve conflicts, improve communication, and encourage a calm and peaceful resolution to existing conflict. Mediation is voluntary and confidential, and those in mediation "leave no trace" if there is no agreement. Mediation can be particularly beneficial for individuals and groups, like neighborhoods, when ongoing relationships are important and ignoring the problem is just not working.

With many courts and organizations closed or practicing social distancing, it is more challenging than ever to find efficient and timely ways to resolve disputes. However, to take advantage of this time, the [Community Mediation Center](#) (CMC), a local non-profit organization serving residents in Knox County for over 25 years, is offering free online mediation options to address neighborhood-related disputes in Knoxville.

In addition, CMC is offering a 1-hour online orientation group session (using Zoom Meetings) for any neighborhood organization that wants to learn more about available mediation services. This orientation will include an introduction to mediation---what it is,

and what it isn't--, the benefits of mediation, what happens when an agreement is reached and what happens when an agreement isn't reached, as well as guidance for boards on making appropriate mediation referrals.

If you are an individual living in a neighborhood who would like to request an online mediate with someone, or if you are an active member or board member of a neighborhood organization and would like to schedule an online orientation for your board, contact the CMC training director, Jen Comiskey, at cmctraining@2mediate.org.

Take the opportunity to learn about mediation, see if it is a possible solution for your neighborhood, and resolve issues before we are social again.

7. Dog Parks Are Closed

City of Knoxville Dog Parks closed on Saturday, April 4, and will remained closed until further notice to reduce the spread of COVID-19. At this time, there is no estimated reopening date.

8. City Announces Waste Collection Holiday Schedule

City of Knoxville offices will be closed Friday, April 10, to commemorate Good Friday. During this holiday weekend, Waste Connections will continue its normal residential garbage and recycling. The city will also continue its collection of downtown trash and recyclables.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open on Good Friday, but the Goodwill attendant will only be available to receive donations of household goods until 1 p.m. The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11.

As a general reminder, the Solid Waste Facility is now closed every Saturday due to the current COVID-19 "Safer at Home" order.

9. City Council to Meet Via Zoom

For the second time in a row, [Knoxville City Council](#) will meet via Zoom, today, Tuesday, April 7, beginning at 6 p.m. This online meeting format complies with the current "Safer at Home" orders enacted by Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon and the Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee.

Members of the public will not be able to physically attend the meeting, but if you are interested in viewing the meeting, you may do so on Community Television of Knoxville, either streaming on its website or on broadcast television:

www.ctvknox.org

- Xfinity (Comcast) – Channel 12
- Charter (Spectrum) – Channel 193
- WOW! (Knology) – Channel 6
- AT&T U-verse – Channel 99

If you would like to speak about an item on the [agenda](#) or during public forum, you must register with the City Recorder's Office either by telephone, 215-2075, or email, wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7. The City Recorder's Office will ask for contact information in order to connect you the Zoom meeting.

10. Planning to Meet Virtually This Week

The upcoming [Planning Commission](#) meeting, scheduled for Thursday, April 9, will be held online via Zoom. In accordance with Gov. Lee's Executive Order Number 16, (ensuring government continues to function openly and transparently during the COVID-19 emergency while taking appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of citizens and government officials) all Planning Commissioners and staff will participate remotely in the meeting.

The meeting will be aired live on [CTV](#) and [YouTube](#).

If you are not an applicant, and you are interested in speaking on a specific agenda item, email contact@knoxplanning.org no later than Wednesday, April 8, at 3 p.m., with your full name, phone number, and the agenda item of interest.

Send questions and comments about the online meeting process or other development matters to contact@knoxplanning.org or call 215-2500.

The following addresses are listed on the [agenda](#): 220 Adair Dr. and 0 Sanders Dr.; 3313 and 3309 Mill Rd.; 9127, 9137, 9141 and 0 Bluegrass Rd.; 9145 Bluegrass Rd.; 0 Coile Lane; 401 Dry Gap Pike, 5903 & 5923 Nature Lane; 6848 Beeler Road; 0 N. Broadway Ave.; 3815 Shotsman Ln.; 9805 Dutchtown Rd. & 801 Bob Kirby Rd.; 4318 Washington Pike; 8904 & 8908 Sevierville Pike; 1629 & 0 Polkwright Ln.; 4295 Middlebrook Farm Way; 0 E. Fifth Ave.; 8444 Westland Dr.; 11181 Sam Lee Rd.; 0 Lobetti Rd.; 701 & 0 E. Hill Ave.; 3703 E. Emory Rd.; 3629 Neal Dr.; 10710 Virginia Pine Way; 1413 Tipton Station Rd.; 2417 Reagan Rd..

11. Which Restaurants Offer Curbside Pick-Up

Are you tired of cooking at home? Do you wish you could have that favorite meal from that favorite place? Would you like to help local businesses stay afloat?

[Knox Foodie](#) is keeping a running list of local restaurants and breweries. Visit "[To-Go and Curbside Pickup During COVID-19 in Knoxville](#)" to see who's open, who is offering curbside pick-up, delivery only, meal prep, and more.

Even if you must get your favorite burger, pizza, dan dan noodles, fried rice, or burrito to go, you can still eat it at home or on a socially distant pre-sanitized park bench. Some restaurants are even offering to-go beverages to go with your meal! (Did someone say "margarita"?)

Help support local business, your tummy, and your sanity – check out the list! Keep your eyes open for other local essential businesses offering curbside service. We are all in this together, and we can help each other weather the storm.

Please eat and drink socially responsibly.

12. 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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