

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 19 – Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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1. No Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter Next Week

Jan: "What!? There is no Newsletter next week! What will I do?"

Sally: "Oh, Jan, I am sure you can come up with something. There are lots of fun things to do in the spring. You could go kayaking, bust out the fishing pole, blow the dust of your sewing machine and try your hand at mask making, or even do the neighborhood flower walk."

Jan: "Yeah, I guess I could enjoy some of those ideas. How will I get my news, though?"

Sally: "Check the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) Facebook page! They keep it up to date and use it to fill the gaps between newsletters."

Jan: "Thanks, Sally. I guess I can survive one week without the newsletter. Still, I can't wait until its back!"

There will be no Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter on Tuesday, May 26, following the Memorial Day weekend. We will back with city news, neighborhood events, and other fun ways to stay involved, in June. Please visit the [OON Facebook page](#) to make sure you don't miss a beat.

See you in June! Have a great holiday weekend; we are sure you can find some fun things to do.

2. City Announces Memorial Weekend Schedule

Waste Connections WILL run residential garbage and recycling routes on Monday, May 25, per usual. As a general reminder, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are NOT picked up as scheduled.

Downtown trash and recycling will also run on its regular schedule throughout the Memorial Day weekend.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be present to receive donations of household goods. The City's Solid Waste Management Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed on Monday, May 25.

COVID-19 Reminders: The City's Solid Waste Management Facility continues to be closed on Saturdays, and they only accept credit and debit cards — no cash. The Household Hazardous Waste facility is closed until further notice.

3. Holston Hills Switches to Online Garden Sale

Holston Hills Community Club has rescheduled its Fifth Annual Garden Sale for Saturday, June 20. This sale is a major fundraiser for the group, and all proceeds go to development and maintenance of the neighborhood's park, pillars, and obelisk street signs.

This year, you will be able to shop for plants and garden-themed white-elephant items from the comfort of your own home! Items for sale will be posted on Holston Hills' [Facebook Page](#) and buyers can pay using PayPal, Venmo, credit card, or personal check.

Here's the timeline:

- May 11 - June 6: Neighbors collect plants and white-elephant items
- June 6 - June 12: Neighbors prepare plants and white-elephant items for the sale
- June 13 - June 18: Buyers purchase plants and white-elephant items online
- June 20: Buyers come to Holston Hills Community Park to pick up their items between 1-3 p.m.

4. Cumberland Estates Hosts Food Truck Party

Looking for a fun way to get out in the neighborhood, distantly, and support a local business? The **Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch** has come up with one!

On Wednesday, May 20, from 5-8 p.m., the [Waffley Good](#) food truck will be parked at the Robindale Woods Pool, 4623 Robindale Rd., in Cumberland Estates. Prior to 5 p.m., you can text your full order details to 274-6100. You will receive a text confirming

when to pick up your food. After 5 p.m., come and pick up your order at the food trailer. You can also place an order on site, between 5-8 p.m.

Please be respectful and follow the social distancing rules, as outlined by the Knox County Health Department: stay six feet from others waiting to order and pick up and avoid congregating in groups. All food will be to-go; please do not congregate to eat.

Come out and enjoy a dinner that is waffley good fun! For more details, visit the Cumberland Estates [Facebook page](#).

5. City Requests Input on Re-Opening After COVID-19

The City of Knoxville is currently in [Phase 1 of re-opening](#) after the onset of COVID-19 in March. The Knox County Health Department is regularly testing and closely monitoring the number of cases in our area. Closures and guidelines are being closely watched and considered as we work up to Phase 2.

A [survey](#) is now open and available for all neighbors to voice your opinions about how the re-opening is going, what your concerns are, and any suggestions you might have about how to continue moving forward safely.

Please take a moment to provide input and let the Joint Task Force know your thoughts and concerns.

6. HZA and BZA Meet Virtually this Week

The Historic Zoning Commission (HZA) will meet this Thursday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m.

The [agenda](#) includes the following addresses: 10817 Third Dr.; 714 Haynes Pl.; 610 Caswell Ave.; 4 Market Sq.; 1410 Harvey St.; 428 E. Scott Ave.

You can watch the livestream on [YouTube](#).

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet this Thursday, May 21, at 4 p.m.

The [agenda](#) includes the following addresses: 4685/4687 Old Broadway; 1217 Park Glen Rd.; 916 Phillips Ave.; 3308 Barton St.; 215 West Glenwood Ave.; 1001 Keowee Ave.

Anyone interested in participating in this online meeting should contact Juliana LeClair at 215-2988, jleclair@knoxvilletn.com to obtain details and instructions. The meeting will also be streamed by [CTV](#).

7. BBB and POH Canceled

The previously scheduled Thursday, May 28, [Better Building Board](#) and Friday, May 29, [Public Officer Hearing](#) meetings have been canceled. To keep up with future meetings, visit their websites or check this newsletter for updates.

8. Parks and Rec Accepts Challenge Grant Applications

For 25 years, the City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department has offered Challenge Grants as a means to partner with local groups and organizations on improvements to public parks and facilities.

The Challenge Grants are a matching grant of up to \$2,500, allowing community groups and non-profits with 501(c)3, 501(c)4, or 501(c)5 status interested in improving public space to apply for City funds. Many groups, including neighborhood organizations, may be eligible to apply! Neighborhood organizations can also utilize a fiscal sponsor to receive the money if they are not a 501(c)3, 4, or 5.

To apply, read through the [City of Knoxville Parks and Rec Challenge Grants](#) for complete instructions and submit the attached application no later than Friday, June 26, at 4:30 p.m.

The Challenge Grant is designed to help enhance public parks and recreational facilities, allowing the groups who utilize them to take part in creating the public space improvements neighbors would like to see. Grants are open to projects that make existing parks, greenways, and other public recreation areas safer, more attractive, or more specialized to its location. Challenge Grants may not be used for on-going maintenance, regular maintenance, or purchase of a new facility or equipment for an individual or team.

Challenge Grants are “reimbursement” matching grants, meaning groups will be reimbursed up to one half, 50 percent, of the eligible cost of the project. Parks and Rec will only reimburse up to 50 percent of the project’s cost, and cannot exceed \$2,500 per project.

Applications can be mailed to Parks and Recreation Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, or e-mailed to Tim Hester at thester@knoxvilletn.gov.

9. Public Property Naming Committee Meets this Week

The City of Knoxville [Public Property Naming Committee](#) will hold a meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20, at 4:30 p.m. This meeting is being held to discuss possible amendments to the ordinance regarding the committee and its operation.

Members of the public will not be able to physically attend the meeting, but they can watch on Community Television of Knoxville either streaming on its [website](#) or on broadcast television:

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

If you are interested in understanding the process of naming public property, view the meeting.

10. KKB and Trees Knoxville Host Tree Giveaway

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) and [Trees Knoxville](#) are giving out free Oak and Chestnut Oak seedlings and saplings.

Come out to the [Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum](#), 2649 Boyd's Bridge Pike, on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m.-12 noon, to pick up your trees. Seedlings and saplings will be given out in bundles of two or individually, depending on the tree size, while supplies last.

For your safety and the safety of volunteers and other attendees, the event will be drive-thru only. Please follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, remain in your car, and wear a mask. Volunteers will hand the tree bunches through your car window.

For more, please visit KKB's website or call 521-6957. Go forth and plant more trees!

11. Registration Now Open For Neighborhood Online Auction

The Knoxville Neighborhood Treasure Hunt & Online Auction is now underway. If you would like to bid, you must register first by going to CTV's [website](#) and filling out the form. Bidding will continue through the final three-hour live conclusion on June 5, 5-8 p.m., on CTV. You can stream live from CTV's website or on local cable channels: Comcast Ch. 12, Charter Ch. 193, WOW! Ch. 6, and AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99.

The auction features items such as antiques, clothing, electronics, furniture, jewelry, kitchen accessories, musical equipment, and much more. Bidding will close at 8 p.m. on June 5, and the highest bid will win.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

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 scCook@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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