

## **Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 22 – Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

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### **1. Holston Hills Hosts Fifth Annual Plant Sale**

**Historic Holston Hills Community Club** will host their fifth Annual Garden Sale on Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Holston Hills Community Park at Chilhowee Dr. and Holston Hills Rd.

For sale, there will be perennial plants, bulbs, and trees as well as gently used garden, porch or patio items. Credit cards, cash, checks, or Venmo are all accepted forms of payment.

All proceeds go to improve the park. For more information, see their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hhhcommunityclub/>.

### **2. BZA Meets in Person This Week**

[The Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) will meet this Thursday, June 18, at 4 p.m. at the Small Assembly Room in the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The agenda includes the following addresses: 854 N. Central St.; 6825 Barger Pond Way; 211 Sixteenth St.; 215 Sixteenth St.; 810 & 814 State St.; 4111 W. Martin Mill Pike; 2124 Clinch Ave.; 2401 N. Central St.; and 2223 Andrea Ln.

If you have questions, contact Juliana LeClair at [jleclair@knoxvilletn.com](mailto:jleclair@knoxvilletn.com) or 215-2988. All are welcome to attend, and especially those who might have an interest in these properties.

### **3. OON Offers Opportunity to Learn About Grant Process**

The Office of Neighborhoods is offering three workshop opportunities to learn about the [Neighborhood Small Grants Project](#) (NSGP).

Attendance at one of the following workshops is mandatory for all neighborhoods planning to apply for a 2021 NSGP grant:

- Tuesday, June 23, at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 8, at 6 p.m.

Workshops are designed to explain the NSGP process, walk through how to apply, and discuss successful grant applications. If you think your group may consider applying for the 2021 NSGP, please register a representative for one of the workshop options. If your group is interested in learning more about the process for future years, you may also wish to register a representative for one of the workshops.

To register for a workshop please contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2113. When you register, you will be given the location on of the workshop. In order to stay with social distancing guidelines, numbers are limited and we ask that all participants wear a mask. We encourage groups to send only one representative per group.

The NSGP offers neighborhood grants from \$500 to \$3,000, or up to \$4,500 if you partner with another non-profit or neighborhood organization, for projects that engage and encourage neighborhood togetherness and community. To apply for the NSGP, all applicants must be resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood organizations and attend one of the mandatory grant workshop.

### **4. City Seeks Comment on Draft of 5-Year Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan**

The City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development Department wants to hear from you!

Housing and Neighborhood Development will release the final draft of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Action Plan on Wednesday, June 24. Both plans dictate the spending of federal dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The five-year Consolidated Plan outlines Knoxville's needs,

priorities, and strategies for homeless assistance, affordable housing, and non-housing related community development for program years 2020-2024. Another component of the Plan is the 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, which describes the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for the first fiscal-year of the Plan, beginning July 1, 2020.

To view both plans, visit Housing and Neighborhood Development's [website](#). If you have questions or comments about how these federal dollars should be spent, please contact Linda Rust at [lrust@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:lrust@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2962 by Wednesday, June 24.

A City Council workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, at 5:30 p.m. to review these plans. To watch the workshop, visit the live stream on Community Television (CTV) by visiting [www.CTVKnox.org](http://www.CTVKnox.org).

## **5. How to Request an Absentee Ballot**

Pursuant to the June 4, 2020 Order of the Davidson County Chancery Court, if you are a [registered voter](#) and do not wish to vote in-person due to the COVID-19 situation, you are eligible to request an [absentee ballot](#) by mail. You also have the option to vote in-person during early voting or on [Election Day](#).

You can submit your written request for an absentee ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail. If e-mailing your request, be sure the attached documents contain the information below and your scanned signature:

1. Name of the registered voter
2. Address of the voter's residence
3. Voter's social security number
4. Voter's date of birth
5. Address to mail the ballot
6. The election in which the voter wishes to participate. If the election involves a primary, the political party in which the voter wishes to participate.
7. Reason the voter wishes to vote absentee. If applicable, a copy of the CDL containing the CDL number or the TWIC card must be included in the voter's request.
8. Voter's signature

Note that, if you have never voted before and you registered to vote by mail, then you must vote IN-PERSON the first time you vote.

Mail your [absentee ballot application](#) to 300 W. Main Street, Knox County Courthouse, Room 218, Knoxville, TN 37902-1850. You may also fax your application to 865-215-4239 or email it to [election.central@knoxcounty.org](mailto:election.central@knoxcounty.org). The last day absentee ballot requests will be accepted is July 30th!

## **6. Send OON Your Calendar Updates**

Has your group found ways to keep in touch during COVID-19? The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) would like to know in order to help keep our calendar updated.

Though it is still important to maintain physical distance, many neighborhood groups are finding ways continue communicating with their members. Some are meeting outdoors, video conferencing, or sending email updates. Other groups have suspended meetings for the time being out of an abundance of caution or due to the logistical challenges of virtual meetings.

If your group has canceled or restructured meetings, let us know! We will update our Neighborhood Calendar so everyone can have access to the most accurate information. City Councilmembers or project managers doing work in your neighborhood might want to get in touch with you to present or give you valuable information. Do not be left out of the loop.

Email updates to Bailey Walker at [bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:bwalker@knoxvilletn.gov) or call 865-215-3232.

## **7. Lions Club Offers Free Eye Exams**

Several Lions Clubs in the Knoxville area have partnered together to provide free eye exams—available to everyone!

While these screening were temporarily postponed due to COVID-19, they are now offering screenings by appointment the third Wednesday of every month at the Fountain City Lions Club, 5345 N. Broadway.

After the screening, you may select your new frames and wait for your glasses to be made on site. If you don't have time to wait, frames can be shipped to you.

To make an appointment, you may call the East Knoxville Lions Club at 865-320-8956. Appointments are limited, and priority is given to school-aged children.

## **8. Neighborhoods Decorate for Trails of Red, White, and Blue**

Ten neighborhoods have registered to participate in the inaugural "[Neighborhood Trails of Red, White, and Blue](#)" event, the neighborhood-centric event happening this year in place of the Festival of the Fourth.

The "Neighborhood Trails of Red, White, and Blue" event will feature a map of participating neighborhoods and a "blue" trail painted with a blue arrow for Knoxvilleans to drive, bike, or walk (much like the Dogwood Trail). The following neighborhoods will decorate their homes, doors, porches, mailboxes, gates, balconies, and more in red, white, and blue:

Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization

Historic Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association  
Northwest Hills Subdivision  
Old North Knoxville Inc.  
RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association (Including Promontory Point)  
Robinson Ridge HOA  
Sherill Hills Retirement Resort  
Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association  
Vestal Community Organization  
We Care Neighborhood Watch

Stay tuned for more information on how to view the map, which streets are participating, which areas to check out in each group, and more fun ways to participate! Follow the “blue” trail and see which neighborhood has the most “red, white, and blue” spirit.

The trail will be open for neighbors to enjoy the decorations from July 3-July 5. On July 4, from 1-4 p.m., a caravan parade featuring the Mayor and other local celebrity judges, will drive the trail and spread more “red, white, and blue” spirit.

**[9. 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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