

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 32 – Tuesday, August 25, 2020

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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods, we report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. Baker Creek Bike Park Celebration on Aug 27

Come out Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. and join Mayor Kincannon and City Council Members to celebrate the opening of Baker Creek Bike Park.

This all-weather facility is designed to be a space for both beginner and advanced mountain-bikers to build and practice mountain-biking skills. It consists of two asphalt pump tracks and five jump and skill lines.

This is the first new component completed in the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park project, a \$10 million investment proposed in 2018 to expand the Urban Wilderness amenities in South Knoxville.

Be sure to wear your masks and social distance if attending this event!

To learn more about Knoxville's Urban Wilderness and the Gateway Park Project, check out the [website](#).

2. Nominate Your Officer Liaison for OLOYA

Officer Liaison of the Year (OLOYA) nominations will be accepted now through Friday, Sept. 11, at 4:30 p.m.

Do you have an officer liaison who goes over and above for your neighborhood? Is he/she the one checking on neighborhood concerns and following up on issues, sharing prevention ideas, and being an all-around great advocate for the community?

We would love to hear about it!

Fill out the [application](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp no later than Friday, Sept. 11, at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail at Office of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call the OON at 215-3232.

The winner will be announced on October 13, during National Night Out.

3. National Night Out Scheduled for Oct. 13

2020 National Night Out may look a little different from previous years, however, there are still fun ways for your neighborhood to participate and show support for local emergency responders.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is discouraging large group gatherings and asks neighborhoods to pick one of four other fun ways to celebrate NNO this year. Take a look at the following options, pick one or two, and register with the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) and Knoxville Police Department (KPD) by Oct. 9:

- Decorate in Blue
- Drive Through
- Leave Your Lights On
- Send Thank You cards

Decorate in Blue – Decorate your mailboxes, yards, houses, etc., with signs, sidewalk chalk messages or any other creative ideas that express support for the police, (similar to the Trails of Red, White, and Blue for July 4). Be sure to include the major streets your neighborhood would like to highlight in your registration for Police Officers, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and City Council, to drive through and see your support.

Drive Through – Decorate in blue AND encourage neighbors to come out in their yards to celebrate the police. When your neighborhood registers for this activity, make sure you include the time frames neighbors will be out to cheer and the major streets where people plan to gather in their yards. As time allows, and at the officers' discretion, KPD will plan to have officers drive through to wave and join the celebration.

Leave Your Lights On – This traditional way neighborhoods can show support for the police is a classic NNO option. If your neighborhood chooses to leave the lights on, officers will do their best to drive through and see your support.

Send Thank You Cards – Simply sending a thank you card to KPD, a specific officer, an officer liaison, and/or Chief Eve Thomas, is another way to show support. Send mail to: KPD, National Night Out, 400 Main St., Knoxville, TN 37901.

To register your neighborhood activity for NNO, please send an email to KPD's Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov AND Eden Slater with OON at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov by Friday, Oct. 9. Include the following information:

- Neighborhood Name
- Contact Name
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone #
- Which of the four activities your neighborhood plans to do
- Location
- Start Time
- End Time
- And, if you would like a drive through, which main streets plan to participate.

If you would like to also [register](#) with the national NNO organization, visit the National Night Out website.

The 36th Annual National Night Out will be held on the second Tuesday of October, Oct 13, this year instead of the first Tuesday, like in previous years.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO provides an opportunity to enhance relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate! We can't wait to see the creative, fun ideas, your neighborhood comes up with for this year's celebration.

4. BBB Canceled, but POH Will Meet this Week

The Better Building Board (BBB) is canceled this month. The BBB usually meets every third Thursday of the month to hear appeals of the Public Officer's orders. To follow the BBB and see future meeting agendas, visit the City of Knoxville [Better Building Board](#) website.

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, via Zoom to discuss 24 properties on this week's agenda.

The Public Officer holds hearings and issues orders to property owners to make repairs or to demolish unfit structures. If the property owner does not comply with the order, the City may repair or demolish the structure and charge the owner for the service.

The following properties are to be considered at the Aug. 28, meeting: 4026 Alma Ave. (including accessory structure), 1939 Cecil Ave. (including accessory structure) – confirmation of energy order, 2300 Center Ave., 3609 Cherrylog Rd., 1428 Coker Ave. – confirmation of emergency repair/demolition order, 211 Connex St., 1615 Dora St., 1320 West Fourth Ave. (including accessory structures) - confirmation of emergency

repair/demolition order, 310 Georgia Ave. – commercial, 1906 West Gilbert Ln. (including accessory structures), 4216 Holston Dr., 2404 Jefferson Ave. (including accessory structure) - confirmation of emergency repair only order, 5111 Montwood Dr. (including accessory structure), 428 Oglewood Ave (including accessory structures) - confirmation of emergency repair only order, 4509 Old Broadway (including accessory structure), 2819 Piedmont St., 2216 Price Ave., 21216 Tennessee Ave., 965 Valley Dr. (including accessory structure), and 3672 Woodland Dr. (accessory structure only).

Additionally, the following four properties will be considered for boarding approvals: 4026 Alma Ave. – boarded Feb. 2020, 5905 North Broadway – boarded Dec. 2019, 310 Georgia Ave. – boarded Jan. 2020, and 2216 Price Ave. – boarded Nov. 2019.

To see the full POH agenda, click [here](#).

If any of these properties are located in your neighborhood, you may consider attending the POH to speak on the issue. To learn more about the BBB or POH, visit the City's BBB and POH [website](#).

To watch the POH meeting online, please visit [CTVknox.org](#). If you wish to speak at the meeting or submit a statement on a property, please contact Cheri Burke at cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov or at 215-2867.

Participants are encouraged to engage virtually, if possible. If you are unable to participate online and wish to attend in person, assistance will be set up in the City County Building, Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

5. BZA Meeting Rescheduled

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, at 4 p.m., and will be held online via Zoom.

BZA will consider the following petitions for variance of requirements: 2401 N. Central St.; 3819 Oakhurst Dr.; 500 Callahan Dr.

If you are interested in participating in this online meeting, you can contact Juliana LeClair at 215-2988 or jleclair@knoxvilletn.gov to obtain details and instructions, or you can watch online at www.ctvknox.org.

6. PARC Meets September 10

The [Police Action Review Committee](#) (PARC) will be holding its second quarter review meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

The purpose of PARC is to strengthen the relationship between the members of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) and the residents they serve through an independent review of police actions.

PARC reviews incidents involving police action following the conclusion of the Internal Affairs investigations. Citizens can either register formal or anonymous complaints with PARC's executive director, LaKenya Middlebrook at lmiddlebrook@knoxvilletn.gov.

PARC has the power to receive, investigate, hear cases, make findings on complaints and to disclose those findings to the Mayor and the KPD Chief of Police. The Zoom link for this meeting will be posted at a later date for those interested in attending.

7. Neighborhoods, We Need Your Assistance!

Help us count everyone in the Census 2020. Our community deserves all the funding that comes along with counting everyone!

For every person we miss, it costs our community thousands of dollars, over the next 10 years. If you have already filled out your [Census 2020 form](#), thank you and please ask five people this week if they have done the same. If you have not filled out your Census 2020 form, please do so as soon as possible and ask five people this week to join you.

The numbers below indicate the percentage of people who have already filled out the census, based on zip code. If you live in one of these zip codes and the numbers are low, please help us by reaching out to as many of your neighbors as you are able. Explain the importance of completing the census, and maybe even, make it a friendly competition. You may also want to post on Facebook, call the neighbors you know, etc.

If you have a student living near or on campus at the University of Tennessee, please get them to fill out their Census 2020 form.

Currently, the winning zip code is 37931/32, in second place is 37922, and in third place is 37918.

37912	70.3%
37914	66.6%
37915	48.3%
37916	27.6%
37917	65.2%
37918	76.2%
37909	69.5%
37919	59.8%
37920	75.0%
37921	70.3%
37922	78.8%
37923	73.9%
37931/32	79.3%

The deadline to complete the 2020 Census is Wednesday, Sept. 30. Act fast; time is limited!

8. 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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