

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 39 – Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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### **1. Early Voting Ends This Week**

The final week of early voting is upon us! The last day to early vote is Thursday, Oct. 29. Visit one of the following locations, and cast your ballot:

- **Downtown West**, 1645 Downtown West Blvd., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Halls Recreation Center**, 6933 Recreation Ln., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Farragut Town Hall**, 11408 Municipal Center Dr., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Carter Senior Center**, 9040 Asheville Hwy., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Love Kitchen**, 2418 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **New Harvest Park**, 4775 New Harvest Ln., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Knoxville Expo Center (North)**, 5441 Clinton Hwy., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Karns Senior Center**, 8042 Oak Ridge Hwy., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **City-County Building**, Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St., 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 27- 29
- **Meridian Baptist Church (South)**, 6513 Chapman Hwy., 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Oct. 27 & 29; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 28.
- **Howard H. Baker Jr. Center (UT Campus)**, 1640 Cumberland Ave., 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Oct. 27-29

For more information on where to vote, who's on the ballot, and more, visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#). Let your voice be heard in this year's election!

## **2. Neighborhoods Get Creative for Halloween 2020**

While it may look a little different this year, Knoxville neighborhoods have found fun ways to safely and distantly celebrate Halloween. Check out these neighborhoods' fun ideas:

- **Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization** is going all out with multiple frightening, socially responsible events:

From now until Friday, Oct. 30, the neighborhood will host a scavenger hunt. The social committee will send out a list of items hidden in neighbors' Halloween displays for hunters to look for, adding items throughout the week. The winner will be announced and receive a prize!

On Friday, Oct. 30, neighbors are invited to bring clean, hollowed-out pumpkins to Fourth and Gill Park for carving and painting. Prizes will be given for the "Best in Show."

Fourth and Gill neighbors are also participating in a physically distanced chili cook-off, delivering chili samples to a neighbor's house for judges to sample and award the winning chef!

Fourth and Gill is also hosting a neighborhood Halloween gathering and costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 31. Neighbors will get a chance to show off their costumes and even enter a new contest category: Best Costume Depicting "The Perils of 2020!" A selfie machine and photo opportunities will also be available.

- **Lake Forest Neighborhood Association** is hosting a physically distant, no-contact trick-or-treat, taking a spin on the traditional activity by placing candy at the end of driveways or on front steps. Kids can come by and collect candy without contacting others.
- **Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association** is partnering with Dogwood Elementary to host a drive-thru event for students and neighborhood children. Other South Knoxville neighborhoods will be joining in as well.
- **Old North Knoxville, Inc.** is planning to hand out candy in a modified way and possibly hosting a small, informal neighborhood costume contest.

Thank you to all the neighborhoods that are keeping safety in mind, being creative, and still keeping Halloween fun for the children of all ages.

## **3. Trick or Treat - Stay Six Feet!**

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. The [Knox County Health Department](#) recommends pairing all activities with the 5 Core Actions – wearing cloth face coverings; physical distancing; washing hands; disinfecting frequently used surfaces; and staying home if you feel sick. With that advice in mind, neighborhoods should avoid activities that will bring a crowd.

If you have COVID-19 or may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

For other Tips and Tricks on staying safe this Halloween season, visit the [Trick or Treat – Stay Six Feet](#) page.

The City hopes everyone stays safe and healthy this Halloween!

#### **4. Solid Waste Offers Tips and Tricks for a Not-So-Trashy Halloween**

Halloween season is a fun time for costumes, decorations, and spooky motifs. While you're planning physically distanced Halloween activities, also consider these not-so-trashy ideas to stay environmentally friendly this ghostly time of year:

- Get creative with your Halloween detour! Instead of purchasing new plastic decorations from big-box stores, visit the recycling bin and your Pinterest page for fun ways to “upcycle” recyclables into mummies, pumpkins, spiders, and more. You can also revamp old decorations and objects from your attic and/or local thrift stores with a little paint, making old toys creepy, window panes look haunted, and more.
- Don't trash your pumpkins! Each year, 1.3 billion pumpkins are thrown into American landfills. Instead of throwing them out, use uncarved pumpkins to make pumpkin pie or roast pumpkin seeds. Compost jack-o-lanterns for your backyard garden or at a local farm.
- Be conscious of the candy you buy! Many candies come in plastic, non-recyclable wrappings; look instead for candies that come in recyclable packaging like Nerds and Milk Dudes.
- Reinvent your Halloween costume! According to the EPA, clothing is the main source of textiles in landfills; instead of buying a one-time use costume, think outside the box. Swap costumes with a friend, get creative with what you have in your closet, utilize thrift store clothes, or even work with recyclables!

There are many ways to save money and stay environmentally friendly this Halloween. For more tips and tricks, check out the Waste Not Blog's [Tips for a Terrific, Not Trashy, Halloween](#).

#### **5. Meeting Held for Asheville Hwy Development**

If you live in East Knoxville and have an interest in the potential development of 4625 Asheville Hwy (the old Holiday Inn), please join this informational meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 5-6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

The potential developers are looking into a re-zoning of the property that will go to City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Click [here](#) to join the webinar.

Passcode: 391331

Or you may phone in and listen 1-646-558-8656

Webinar ID: 945 0249 7561

Passcode: 391331

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-4382.

## **6. Leaf Pickup Season Begins**

On Monday, Nov. 2, City of Knoxville Public Service Department crews will transition from collecting curbside brush to primarily collecting piles of leaves – lots of leaves.

Each year, at the close of October, City crews prepare their leaf collection equipment and finish up any final work from brush season. Leaf collection season continues through February.

During leaf season, large vacuums are added to the City's yard waste collection vehicles. Property owners need to rake their leaves into rows at the edge of their street in an unobstructed area for easy collection.

Bagging leaves is not only unnecessary – it's actually detrimental. Plastic bags used to hold bagged leaves compromise the mulching process, so all leaves raked for pickup should be loose.

In addition, avoid mixing brush or other debris in the rows of leaves. Heavy, sharp or otherwise inappropriate materials can damage the vacuum equipment.

If you anticipate having some non-leaf yard waste in the coming months, don't worry. The City continues to collect brush throughout the late fall and winter months, as resources allow. But crews will not be following the spring and summer schedule of brush pickups every two weeks.

Questions about leaf collection? Want to find out when a crew will be collecting leaves next in your neighborhood? Call 3-1-1 or 865-215-4311. Or visit the [website](#).

## **7. CAC Funding for Utilities Available through Nov. 10**

Has your income been affected by COVID-19? The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) may be able to help you pay your residential utility bills!

The deadline is Nov. 10! Funding is not tied to income; apply today if you or any member of your household has been affected by COVID-19 in any of the following ways:

- Job loss or reduction in hours or wages as a result of COVID-19
- Missed work to take care of a child due to illness, school closures, or needed online learning assistance due to COVID-19

- Out-of-pocket medical expenses due to COVID-19 related illness
- Inability to find employment as a result of COVID-19

CAC has \$600,000 in CARES Utility funds to help make bill payments for any households affected by the above list. To apply for utility assistance funding, follow the [link](#) for a downloadable application. Send a completed application, a copy of your driver's license or photo ID, a copy of your most recent utility bill, and documentation of the COVID-19-related income loss to CAC using one of the following methods:

- E-mail: [CARES.intake@knoxcac.org](mailto:CARES.intake@knoxcac.org)
- Mail: Knox CAC West Neighborhood Center  
P.O. Box 51650  
Knoxville, TN 37950
- Drop Off: CARES drop box, L.T. Ross Building main entrance  
2247 Western Ave.  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

For more information, assistance, or additional resources, please call your nearest CAC Neighborhood Center:

- West/Central/North: 524-3345
- East/South: 546-5125

This project is financially supported through a grant contract under the State of Tennessee with services offered through CAC and Community Action Affordable Neighborhoods.

### **8. BBB And POH Meet This Week**

The Better Building Board (BBB) will meet in person this Thursday, Oct. 29, in Room 461, 400 Main St. at 3:30 p.m.

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) will also meet in person this Friday, Oct. 30, in the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St. at 9:30 a.m.

Masks should be worn in the City County Building and physical distancing is highly recommended.

To learn more about the BBB and POH and see the current agenda, visit the [BBB and POH webpage](#).

### **9. KAT Is Hiring!**

Do you take pride in a job well done? Do you have a passion for driving? Do you enjoy working as part of a team? Do you enjoy interacting with people from all walks of life? Are you looking for a satisfying career and a profitable future? Are you looking for a satisfying career in Public Transportation? Knox Area Transit is hiring for several full-time positions.

To apply, go to [www.katbus.com](http://www.katbus.com) and click on careers.

You will need to possess or be able to obtain a Commercial Driver's License; Class B with a P Endorsement; have a good knowledge of, or the ability to learn, the streets of metro Knoxville; be at least 21 years of age; and possess a High School Diploma or a GED.

Starting salary for Bus Operators is \$14.81 per hour. For the Service positions, you should enjoy working second shift, 6 p.m.-2:30 a.m. and the starting salary is \$15.37 per hour.

KAT is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer, and enforces a strict substance abuse policy providing for a safe, drug-free / alcohol-free work environment.

**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 [scCook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scCook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours before the meeting you wish to attend. For an 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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