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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, 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. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Are Now Open

Nominations for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award are now open and will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 15.

We are planning for and are hopeful that we can have the Neighborhood Conference 2021 on Saturday, March 27, in some form or fashion. Be on the lookout for future articles with more details.

With COVID-19 ruling our lives in 2020, has there been a standout person in your neighborhood who has helped keep everyone healthy, stable and mindful? Have they helped to keep spirits up? Did they bring folks together for safe events? Did they give to those who found themselves in need for the first time ever? We want to hear about these neighborhood blessings!

To nominate someone, fill out the nomination [form](#) and return it to Courtney Durrett either by email at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to: Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually to a Knoxville resident who has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

All nominees will be recognized at 2021 The Neighborhood Conference.

If you have questions, you may also call 215-3456. To learn more about previous winners, visit the [website](#).

2. We Want Your Feedback!

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's (ONE) intern from the University of Tennessee, Hayley Howard, is requesting your feedback in an anonymous survey designed to help ONE improve this weekly newsletter. Please help us by taking a few minutes to fill out this [survey](#). Any and all feedback is greatly appreciated.

3. Goodwill Hosts Career Development Boot Camp

Goodwill Industries will be hosting a free virtual career development boot camp, focusing on skills needed to reenter the workforce. Skills include: customer service during COVID-19, SMART goal development, crisis planning, resume writing, and interviewing.

This virtual boot camp will take place during two, three-hour sessions on the following dates and times:

- Monday, Nov. 16 and Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 7 and Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For questions and more information about the boot camp, email goodjobs@gwiktn.org or call 588-8567.

4. PARC Quarterly Meeting Cancelled

The [Police Advisory Review Committee](#) (PARC) has cancelled their quarterly meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Please see future articles in this newsletter for details on its rescheduling.

The purpose of the PARC is to strengthen the relationship between the members of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) and the citizens 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.

Pursuant to [City Ordinance 0-194-01](#), 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.

5. HZC and BZA Meet This Week

The [Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet on Thursday, Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m., in the Small Assembly Room, Main floor of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Certificates of Appropriateness will be awarded to: 625 Luttrell St.; 1022 Eleanor St.; and 401 E. Oklahoma Ave.

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) rescheduled meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m., virtually via Zoom. If you wish to watch this meeting or speak on an agenda item, you can register [here](#).

BZA will consider the following petitions for variance of requirements: 5132 N. Broadway; 1301 Cherry Tree Lane; 4817 Chambliss Ave.

The next BZA and HZC meetings will be on Dec. 17.

If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact the City ADA coordinator at 215-2034.

6. Knoxville Neighborhoods Light Up for Winter Holiday Trails

Starting Monday, Nov. 30, neighborhoods across Knoxville will light up their streets for the inaugural Neighborhood Holiday Trails! This new, physically distanced, neighborhood-centric holiday event is made for residents all over the city to enjoy.

Between Monday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Jan. 1, the following neighborhoods will decorate their homes, yards, parks, mailboxes, and more for neighbors to drive, bike, and walk through:

- **Holston Hills Community Club**
- **Northwest Hills Neighborhood Watch**
- **Lake Forest Neighborhood Association**
- **Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization**
- **Old North Knoxville, Inc.**
- **Historic Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association**

Jewelry Television also plans to light up the exterior of their building and join in the fun.

Neighborhoods were asked to register by Nov. 13, but late registrations may be accepted through this Friday, Nov. 20. If your neighborhood would like to participate, contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov and provide the names of the main streets to include on the trails map, along with eye-catching items to include in the scavenger hunt! Neighbors riding through the trails can keep an eye out for a giant blow-up snowman, a decorated park gazebo, or a life-sized nutcracker.

For more on Knoxville's Neighborhood Holiday Trails, and other Christmas in the City celebrations, check out the [Special Events](#) page.

7. Input Requested for Affordable Housing Report

The City of Knoxville's 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report is available for review and comment now through Wednesday, Dec. 2.

The Annual Performance and Evaluation Report describes how the City of Knoxville spent last year's federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act programs. Both CDBG and HOME funds are utilized to assist in funding support for affordable housing across the city.

The report is available for review online at the City's [website](#) under "Reports and Plans" and in person at the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Office, on the fifth floor of the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

To request a copy of the report by mail, please contact Cicely Henderson at 215-2180. All questions and comments may be directed to Linda Rust at 215-2357, lrust@knoxvilletn.gov, or by mail to City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development Department at P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

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 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](#)

About This Newsletter

*** This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.*

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