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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. Knoxville Neighborhoods Decorate for Holiday Fun!

The holiday season is upon us, and this year, Knoxville Neighborhoods are changing things up with a neighborhood-focused, physically distanced, friendly celebration: The Neighborhood Holiday Trails!

The [Neighborhood Holiday Trails](#) features 14 Knoxville neighborhoods across the city, lighting up their streets, homes, parks, and more. Drive, bike, walk, and explore the following neighborhoods to see the holiday decorations:

- **Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association**
- **Downtown Knoxville – Peppermint Trail**
- **Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization**
- **Historic Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association**
- **Historic Holston Hills Community Club**
- **Island Home Park Neighborhood Association**
- **Lake Forest Neighborhood Association**
- **Northwest Hills Neighborhood Watch**
- **Old North Knoxville, Inc.**
- **Park City**
- **Parkridge Community Organization**
- **RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association**
- **Westmoreland Hills Homeowners Association – Westmoreland Blvd.**

- **West Hills Community Association** – West Hills Park Gazebo

Check out the Neighborhood Holiday Trails website for a [map](#) of each neighborhood's trail, and see maps for Jewelry Television and three Knox County neighborhoods who are also joining in the fun!

The Holiday Trails are a fun way to see Knoxville's neighborhoods, enjoy some holiday cheer, and stay safe this holiday season. Keep your eyes peeled for scavenger hunt items to look for as you explore the trails; coming soon!

For more holiday fun, check out the City of Knoxville Special Events' [Christmas in the City](#) page. May your holidays be merry and bright!

2. No NAC Meeting in December

There will be no [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) meeting this month due to the holiday season. Meetings will resume in January with a new group of appointed members of the council, which meets every second Wednesday of the month.

3. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Are Open

Don't forget: Nominations for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award are open and will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 15.

With COVID-19 ruling our lives in 2020, has a standout person in your neighborhood 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 in need? 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 The Neighborhood Conference, which we are planning for—and are hopeful that we can have—the 2021 Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 27, 2021, in some form or fashion. Be on the lookout for future articles with more details.

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

4. City Recycle Centers Change Hours of Operation

Now, all City recycling drop-off centers will alter hours of operation from 24 hours a day to an 8 a.m.-8 p.m. schedule.

Goodwill attendants will work four additional hours per day, so the centers are always staffed when open. Attendants accept donations, answer any questions, and manage the recycling [Drop Off Centers](#).

Along with new hours, the centers are being updated with freshly painted recycling roll-offs, clearer signage of what is and isn't accepted, and message boards with more in-depth recycling information.

The City's recycling centers accept mixed paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic containers, and aluminum and steel cans.

There are five recycling drop-off centers in the city:

NORTH: Goodwill Store - 5412 Pleasant Ridge Rd. (newly opened)

SOUTH: Chapman Highway - 225 W. Moody Ave.

EAST: Chilhowee Park/Magnolia Ave - 210 Alice St.

WEST: Cedar Bluff - 341 Parkvillage Rd.

DOWNTOWN: Old City - 227 Willow Ave.

None of the City recycling centers accept any trash; all Knox County and city residents can dispose of trash for free at one of the seven Knox County Convenience Centers. For more information, please visit [Knox County Solid Waste](#).

Knox County and city residents can dispose of household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, paint, anti-freeze, batteries, electronics, etc., for free at the [Household Hazardous Waste](#) Facility, 1033 Elm St.

5. KKB Now Accepts Hard-to-Recycle Items

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) is expanding their efforts to reduce waste and promote recycling by enabling our community to recycle hard-to-recycle items. Flexible plastic packaging, like bread bags, are one of the most common forms of plastic waste that we see around our community, and when they are not disposed of properly they either end up polluting our ecosystems and streams or being sent to a landfill.

KKB is now an official collection point for three Terracycle recycling programs. These include Bimbo Bakeries brands bread bags, Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic flexible plastic packaging, and Colgate Local oral care products and packaging.

How can you participate in Terracycle? Accepted items can be brought to the KKB office at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum located at 2743-B Wimpole Ave., located just behind the Visitors Center above the garage. The recycling bins will be out Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 24-hours on the weekends, unless there is rain in the forecast. Once the collection bins are full, KKB staff will ship the recyclables to Terracycle for recycling.

Accepted items include:

- Bimbo Bakeries bread bags: Bimbo Bakeries is home to many well-known household brands, including Sara Lee and Thomas. For a full list of Bimbo

brands, please visit their [website](#). Please ensure there are no crumbs left in the packaging to prevent unwanted pests.

- Simple Truth and Simple Truth Organic brands flexible packaging: Plastic packaging; i.e. bags, pouches, liners, and wraps from Simple Truth products. Please ensure there are no crumbs left in the packaging to prevent unwanted pests.
- Colgate Local: Through the Colgate recycling program you can recycle *all brands* of used or empty oral care products and packaging, including toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes, dental floss containers, mouthwash bottles, etc. Please do not include any electric toothbrushes, battery toothbrushes, and/or their parts.

For those who don't like throwing these items in the garbage, you now have a place to take them! Thank you, KKB for helping to keep these items out of our landfills, ditches, waterways, rivers and the ocean.

6. How Does Your Neighborhood Collect Dues?

Does your neighborhood collect dues electronically? If so, we would like to hear from you about what services you use and which methods work best for your group.

If you would like to share your experience with electronic dues to potentially help other neighborhoods, please contact Katie Catron at kcatron@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3232.

7. City Poet Laureate Starts Youth Poetry Program

Calling all young poets! City of Knoxville Poet Laureate Rhea Carmon wants to hear from you!

Spread the word! Rhea Carmon is starting a Knoxville Speaks Youth Poetry Initiative. Young poets, grades 7-12, can apply by visiting www.rheacarmon.com. Applications include a poetry entry, as well as, some written essay question answers.

Starting Thursday, Jan. 7, via Zoom, this group will have the opportunity to participate in workshops with Carmon and other regional poets.

The Knoxville Speaks Youth Poetry Initiative will meet twice a month, beginning online.

8. Tour de Lights Looks Different This Year

Like many holiday celebrations this year, Bike Walk Knoxville and Visit Knoxville have decided not to hold the [Tour de Lights](#) in its traditional form, due to the large crowds it draws.

However, there are still some fun ways you can get in the holiday spirit! This year, Bike Walk Knoxville and Visit Knoxville are holding a virtual costume contest for the chance to win prizes, such as tickets to the 2021 USA cycling event, gift cards, and other fun giveaways from local businesses. You have until Saturday, Dec. 12 to submit your

costume, and the winners will be announced on Monday, Dec. 14. For more information about the contest and to submit your entry fill out this [form](#).

Bike Walk Knoxville and Visit Knoxville also encourage people to decorate themselves and their bikes and ride through the [Knoxville Neighborhood Holiday Trails](#) for a physically distanced way to celebrate.

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 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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