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1. Registration Is Now Open for The Neighborhood Conference

After much anticipation, you can now register for your spot in the 2021 virtual Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

[Pre-registration](#) is required in order to receive a link to the event. If you are registering someone else for the conference from your computer, be aware that you may need to override the browser's autofill function to avoid registering the same person multiple times.

Although the event is virtual this year, there will be opportunities to mingle with folks in the chat rooms, attend workshops, visit booths, watch the awards luncheon, win door prizes, and more. We know it isn't the same as being in person, but we think this platform will be interesting, fun, and something new to try.

We look forward to your participation in the virtual version of the Neighborhood Conference!

2. NAC Meets the Mayor this Week

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meets virtually Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 4:30 p.m., via Zoom with Mayor Indya Kincannon.

Mayor Indya Kincannon will attend to talk about her goals for the year, the mission and vision of the City, and to answer any questions NAC members may have.

All are welcome to [Zoom](#) in with us or call in at 1-301-715-8592. If time allows, attendees will be able to ask questions in the webinar, as well.

For more information, or if you would like the zoom link for this meeting, contact Debbie Sharp, 215-4382 or dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. South Haven Continues to Make an Impact at Dogwood Elementary School

South Haven Neighborhood Association (SHNA) continues to sponsor Dogwood Elementary School's second grade students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to COVID-19 safety measures and precautions, students were not allowed to share supplies and materials with one another.

Teachers (a.k.a. heroes) and the SHNA worked together to ensure that each student had their own kit of school supplies.

During the fall semester, SHNA was able to support 75 students!

Thanks to all teachers making a difference in the lives of our children every day, and thank you to SHNA for supporting teachers and children.

4. Neighborhood Achievement Award Nominations Due this Friday

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is accepting nominations for the Neighborhood Achievement Awards (NAA) through Friday, Feb. 12, no later than 4:30 p.m. Self-nominations are encouraged!

Don't miss this opportunity to receive recognition for the work your neighbors did during 2020 and during a pandemic.

What creative, interesting, resourceful, clever projects has your neighborhood organization done over the past year?

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply for these awards, which showcase neighborhood accomplishments during the 2020 calendar year. Winners receive \$75 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

To apply, fill out this [nomination form](#) and email it to Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 12. If you have questions, contact Courtney at 215-3232 or the above email.

We are excited to see what creative things you have done in 2020!

5. Questions Sought for KPD and PARC Workshop Panel

The 2021 Neighborhood Conference may be virtual this year, but it will still be interactive! The “Learning More About KPD and PARC” workshop will be pre-recorded, and we need your questions to pose to panelists.

The workshop panel includes: Knoxville Police Chief Eve Thomas, Sgt. Amanda Bunch from, Lt. John Shaffer, Officer Andrell Cummings, and Police Advisory & Review Committee (PARC) Director LaKenya Middlebrook.

Panelists will discuss their roles and answer questions submitted by residents. Please note, due to time constraints, some questions may be consolidated or ordered by popularity.

Submit your questions to Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3456.

We hope to “see” you at the 2021 Neighborhood Conference and look forward to hearing the communities’ questions for KPD and PARC.

6. The 2021 Neighborhood Funder’s Guide is Here!

The Neighborhood [Funder’s Guide](#) has been updated for 2021. The document, compiled and updated by the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, showcases potential funding opportunities for neighborhoods.

Many of the grants highlighted in the guide are currently open. For example, the Community Agency Grant through the City of Knoxville is available for application through Thursday, Feb. 25.

For a hard copy of the Funder’s Guide, contact Katie Catron at kcatron@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3232.

7. Empower Knox Magnifies the Voices of Knoxville’s Youth

The City of Knoxville’s Empower Knox initiative would like to help magnify the voices of Knoxville’s youth. Young people between the ages of 12 and 20 are encouraged to attend a Virtual Youth Forum on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5-6 p.m.

Empower Knox is planning to establish a youth council this year and would like to meet with groups of young people to be advised on its creation. Those interested can register for the forum by emailing Kathy Mack at KMack@knoxvilletn.gov or texting 684-6565.

Participants will be entered to win a \$50 gift card.

8. Planning Presents New Tool to Explore Knox County’s Demographics

Have you ever wondered what the demographics of Knox County are? Have you thought about the economic conditions in a certain area of the city? Perhaps you have wondered what the quality of life is in your part of town?

If these sort of questions have popped up in your mind, Knoxville Knox County Planning (Planning) has the tool for you! The new Panorama tool highlights the people and

economy of Knox County through interactive maps. With dashboards for Community, Economic Conditions, Quality of Life, Housing, and Development, you can see the highlights for each area of the city and county. Each dashboard dives into information on the topic, several offering two perspectives.

For planning purposes, Knox County is broken up into 12 sectors based on geographic areas. Panorama breaks down the environmental resources, land use, population, transportation, community facilities, and utilities in each sector amid the five dashboards.

Check it out and learn more up-to-date details for Knox County, the City of Knoxville, or even the sector you live in. Visit [Panorama](#) and see what it has to offer.

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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