

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 14, No. 7 – Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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1. Registration for The Neighborhood Conference is Open!

During these unusual times of COVID-19, would you like to stay connected to other neighborhood groups and/or City departments, watch workshops, see who wins the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award, and/or visit a few booths virtually? Now is your opportunity!

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will present The Neighborhood Conference *virtually* on Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

While an in-person networking event would be ideal--and we can’t wait to see you in person!--the next best thing will be to chat with others virtually, connect with booth staff and workshop speakers as well as view the Welcoming Ceremony, the Neighborhood Achievement Awards, Neighbor of the Year Award, and the door prize winners.

Join us! Register for the conference [here](#). We look forward to “seeing” you there!

2. Orchid Awards Recognize City and Neighborhood Spaces

Since 1979, [Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) has recognized the most beautiful buildings, public art, outdoor spaces, and local landscaping throughout Knoxville and Knox County with the Orchid Awards. This year, **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association’s** Burwell Gardens, several City of Knoxville parks, and the Cal Johnson Community Center have all made the nominee list.

The Orchid Awards recognize five award areas: New Architecture, Outdoor Space, Redesign/Reuse, Public Art, and Community Space. Architects, artists, developers, community members, and others submit projects for nomination.

This year, KKB is announcing an award each week during the month of February. In the first week, Knoxville Community Development Corporation (KCDC)'s Five Points 3 development won the 2021 Orchid Award for New Architecture.

Additionally, the Mount Olive Elementary School Tunnel Mural was granted a win for the Public Art Award, alongside the City of Knoxville's Cal Johnson Park Basketball Park! The basketball court mural was painted by community members and features a beautiful kaleidoscope of colors that signify the past, present and future.

Loghaven Artist Residency was awarded the Redesign/Reuse award during the second week of February, and the Community Space and Outdoor Space Awards will be awarded this week! Among the nominees for Outdoor Space are the City of Knoxville's Baker Creek Bike Park and Connector Trails, Cal Johnson Park, Everly Brothers Park, IC King Park Extension, and the Randy Tyree Performance Lawn at World's Fair Park.

For the Community Space Orchid Award, Oakwood Lincoln Park Burwell Gardens is the outstanding nominee. Burwell Gardens is a community garden effort, relying on neighborhood volunteers to plant and harvest vegetables for the community and help provide a community space for all to enjoy nature and health.

Congratulations to Burwell Gardens, Cal Johnson Basketball Court Mural, and City of Knoxville parks!

For more on the Orchid Awards, to see a list of nominees, or to bid on the silent auction items benefiting KKB, visit the [2021 Orchid Awards](#).

3. Parkridge Hosts "Love Your Neighborhood" Valentine's Day Clean-up

Parkridge Community Organization neighbors showed their neighborhood some love by hosting a "Love Your Neighborhood" community clean-up on Valentine's Day, Sunday, Feb 14, at 3 p.m.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful provided pickers, vests, bags, and work gloves. Parkridge provided goodie bags for participants that included: work gloves, pencils, metal straws, stickers, and zinnia seeds. Neighbors provided helpful hands to show their neighborhood love by beautifying their community.

Thank you all for your efforts!

4. Is Your Neighborhood Celebrating Mardi Gras?

Today, Tuesday, Feb. 16 is Mardi Gras! Whether you're planning to wear colored beads, fancy hats, or hold a physically distanced sidewalk porch party, we want to hear from you!

Has your neighborhood planned a Mardi Gras celebration this month? If you have upcoming plans or had an event earlier this month, please email Eden at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov. We would love to highlight your neighborhood's activities.

If you are looking for fun ways to celebrate in your neighborhood, check out these fun [ideas](#)! Some fun physically distanced ideas include: having a shoebox float contest, decorating in purple and green, making a King Cake, taking a virtual tour of past Mardi Gras floats, and even dressing up your pet for the event!

Please let us know if you celebrate, and don't forget Young-Williams Animal Center's digital [Mardi Growl](#), coming up on Saturday, March 7!

5. How Is Your Neighborhood Meeting?

Is your neighborhood organization currently meeting? Are you meeting safely in person or over Zoom? Let us know!

Letting us know if and how your group is meeting allows us to keep our neighborhood calendar current and keep you up to date on the happenings within the City.

To keep us up to date on your upcoming meetings, contact Katie Catron at kcatron@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3232.

6. Historic Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals Meet This Week

The [Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 8:30 a.m., virtually via Zoom.

For questions about attending or speaking at this meeting, contact Lindsay Crockett at 215-3795 or historiczoning@knoxplanning.org.

Certificates of Appropriateness will be awarded to: 4002 Tazewell Pk.; 0 Morgan St.

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting will be this Thursday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m., virtually via Zoom. If you wish to watch this meeting or speak on an agenda item, follow the [link](#). Passcode: 787898.

BZA will consider the following petitions for variance of requirements: 2615 Brooks Ave.; 504 Brunello Way; 6400 Sherwood Dr.; 1121 Eleanor St.; 416, 420, & 426 Troy Circle.

The next BZA and HZC meetings will be on March 18.

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

7. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts Talk: "Composting at Home"

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) will host their Thursday Talk kickoff on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 10-11 a.m. Learn how to compost with Kat McDearis from [Green Heron Compost](#). Kat will go over everything compost, including how you can get started composting in your own home! [Registration](#) is required in advance.

Every other month, KKB hosts a webinar on the third Thursday to educate the community on different topics dealing with keeping Knoxville clean, green, and beautiful!

[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](#)

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