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1. Questions Sought for KPD and PARC Workshop

Last week, Police Chief Eve Thomas and Mayor Indya Kincannon addressed the community on recent incidents of gun violence and homicides in Knoxville. What is the City doing? How can neighbors help? What questions do you have? Now is a good time to ask.

The 2021 Neighborhood Conference will have a workshop with panelists from the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) and Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) to answer questions.

The workshop panelists include: Knoxville Police Chief Eve Thomas, Sgt. Amanda Bunch, Lt. John Shaffer, Officer Andrell Cummings, and Police Advisory & Review Committee (PARC) Executive 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. [Registration](#) for The Neighborhood Conference is now open.

Submit your questions between now and Thursday, March 4, by 4:30 p.m. 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 community’s questions for KPD and PARC.

2. Register for The Neighborhood Conference!

Are you [registered](#) for the 2021 Neighborhood Conference?

Things may look a little different this year, but the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) has been working hard to bring you the connectivity, workshops, awards, door prizes, and information booths you've come to expect from The Neighborhood Conference.

The 2021 Neighborhood Conference will be held virtually on Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. While connecting in person would be ideal, we are unable to do so this year due to COVID-19, and ONE is providing the next best thing! This year's conference will feature a welcoming ceremony, three workshops, the Neighborhood Achievement Awards, Neighbor of Year Award, and more than 40 virtual information booths. Closer to the conference, we will provide a "How-to" video to show folks how to navigate the platform.

Invite your neighbors and join in the fun. The 10 neighborhoods that have the most participants register will receive a bundle of face masks embellished with The Neighborhood Conference logo!

3. Transportation Planning Organization Meets Tomorrow

The Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Executive Board will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 9 a.m., via Zoom. People interested in watching the meeting can find it on CTV and the [Knoxville-Knox County Planning YouTube Channel](#).

TPO's mission is to advise and assist our region to improve and expand transportation choices by involving citizens and decision makers in their plans, forums and outreach.

The Executive Board is responsible for setting policy and adopting plans and programs. The Board provides a forum for collaboration and decision-making related to regional transportation policy, planning, and funding. Their [agenda](#) is available on the [TPO website](#).

4. Knox County Board of Health to Discuss Restrictions

The Knox County Board of Health is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 5 p.m. If you wish to watch firsthand how the board makes their decisions, it can be educational to view their meetings.

If interested, you may view the meeting on Community Television of Knoxville's [website](#) and on their cable channel; check your cable provider for listings.

5. Better Building Board Cancelled, Public Officer Hearing to Meet

The Better Building Board (BBB) scheduled for this Thursday, Feb. 25, at 4 p.m. has been cancelled, as there is no business before the Board.

The next BBB is scheduled for Thursday, March 25.

The [Public Officer Hearing \(POH\)](#) is this Friday, Feb. 26, at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom with options to participate for those without access to Zoom technology. If you are interested in attending, you can register with Cheri Burke at cburke@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2867.

The next POH will be on Friday, March 26.

6. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts North Knoxville Cleanup

The community-wide North Knoxville Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The event's home-base will be at Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

All volunteer slots for this event are full. The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment wants to thank Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) and all the neighborhood folks for contributing to the betterment of our great city. A big thank you also goes to all those who put their trash in a trash can, recycle it, and/or reuse it. You all are helping make Knoxville look great!

If your neighborhood group would like assistance from KKB in organizing a neighborhood clean-up, call (865) 521-6957 or email info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org.

7. 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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