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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. Edgewood Park Hosts Neighborhood Yard Sale

After taking a year off in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (EPNA)** Yard Sale is back! This Saturday, May 1, 8 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Edgewood Park Neighbors will host a yard sale across their North Knoxville neighborhood.

Neighbors along Edgewood Avenue and on corresponding streets within the neighborhood who would like to participate should email EPNA at edgewoodparkassociation@gmail.com and include their address. EPNA will add the addresses to the map of sellers and hand it out at the Edgewood Park gazebo an hour before the yard sale begins. Sellers can also pick up a red balloon at the gazebo to put on your porch, mail box, etc. to let yard sale shoppers know which houses are participating.

All Edgewood neighbors are encouraged to participate, and Knoxville neighbors are welcome to come and shop. Pick up a map and/or look for the red balloons, and see what treasures you can find.

Buyers and sellers are all asked to follow the COVID-19 guidelines recommended by the Knox County Health Department. EPNA does not claim responsibility for purchase agreements between buyers and sellers. The sale begins at 8 a.m., but sellers can choose the end time that is best for them.

For more information, visit the [Edgewood Park Yard Sale Facebook Event](#).

2. ONE Hosts Two More NSGP Workshop Opportunities

If your neighborhood has a project idea--whether it's a community garden, mural, special event, kiosk, or another concept--the Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP) could be a good fit for you!

NSGP can provide \$500 to \$3,000 grants for neighborhood projects. If you are a resident-led, resident-controlled, and democratically run organization (or would like to partner with one to apply for a grant), sign up for one of the NSGP Mandatory Grant Workshops by emailing Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2113. To qualify for a NSGP grant, at least one member from your organization must attend at least one NSGP workshop.

The first workshop was held April 24, and there are two more opportunities to learn more and qualify for a NSGP grant:

Wednesday, April 28, at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m.

For a full list of requirements for the NSGP, application guidelines, and a list of previously successful projects, visit the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#). Workshops will be held via Zoom, and the link will be sent out to those who register.

3. City Staff Present Use of HUD Housing and Community Development Funds

Residents have two opportunities this week to hear City staff present the draft plan of how they propose to use federal funds to meet local housing and community development needs in the program year beginning July 1, 2021.

- Public hearing (with opportunity to give feedback), Tuesday, April 27, at 6 p.m., via [Zoom](#). Find the Zoom link at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/Development or by copying and pasting this link your browser:
<https://zoom.us/j/95493672786?pwd=ZE5Jb3BSdzlOWWZsc1laL3graCtTdz09>

Meeting ID: 954 9367 2786

Passcode: 153642

- City Council workshop, Thursday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building. The meeting will be broadcast live on Community Television of Knoxville at CTVKnox.org and on CTV's cable channel (check your provider's listings).

City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development is drafting the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan (which is Year Two of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan approved by City Council in 2020) to outline the proposed use of funds anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in three categories: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

This plan does not include the plan for CARES Act funds or Tennessee Housing Development Agency funds the City has received for pandemic-related housing needs.

The draft plan proposes allocation of the above listed HUD funding, plus unspent prior year funds and program income (anticipated to total around \$5.7 million) across priority areas, addressing homelessness, affordable housing, economic opportunity, neighborhood stabilization, and general administration.

The draft plan is available to review at KnoxvilleTN.gov/Development. Public comments will be taken through May 1. Please direct any questions to Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Individuals with a disability who require an accommodation in order to participate may contact the City of Knoxville's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook at 865-215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov no less than 72 business hours (3 business days) prior to the meeting/end of the public comment period. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and want to request interpretation services, please contact the City of Knoxville's Title VI Coordinator, Tatia M. Harris at tharris@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2831, at least 48 hours (2 days) prior to the meeting/end of the comment period.

4. Update For Better Building Board and Public Officer Hearing

The **Better Building Board (BBB)** will not meet this week as there is no business before the board.

The BBB meets every third Thursday of the month to hear appeals of the Public Officer's orders.

There will be nine properties that will be on the agenda for the City's next **Public Officer Hearing (POH)** at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 30.

To view the meeting by Zoom, click this [link](#). The passcode is 289988. If you do not have access at home, you may view the meeting in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 Main St.

The Public Officer holds hearings and issues orders to property owners to make repairs or to demolish unfit structures. If the property owner does not comply with the order, the City may repair or demolish the structure and bill the owner for the service.

Properties to be considered: 3945 Alma Ave., - accessory structure only; 4529 Asheville Hwy – commercial; 204 East Caldwell Ave. including accessory structure; 116 South Castle St., 109 North Cruze St. – both units – confirmation of emergency repair only order; 406 Jamey St. – including accessory structure; 2211 Maple Dr. – including accessory structure; 6201 Nicks Rd., and 1330 Tennessee Ave. – confirmation of emergency repair/demolition order.

If you wish to speak in regards to any of these properties, you must register in advance with Cheri Burke, at 215-2867 or cburke@knoxvilletn.gov.

If any of these properties are located in your neighborhood, you may consider attending the BBB or POH to speak on the issue. To learn more about the BBB or POH, visit the City's [BBB and POH website](#).

5. Parks and Rec Accepts Challenge Grant Applications

The City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for its Challenge Grants Program to help enhance public parks and recreational facilities by allowing the groups who utilize them to be involved in planning and creating the public space improvements.

Grants are open to projects that make existing parks, greenways, and other public recreation areas look nicer, be safer, or add a new component to the space. Grants may not be used for on-going maintenance, regular maintenance, or purchase of a new facility or equipment for an individual or team.

The Challenge Grants are a matching grant of up to \$2,500, allowing community groups and nonprofits with 501c3, 501c4, or 501c5 status to apply for City funds. Many groups, including neighborhood organizations, may be eligible to apply!

Challenge Grants are "Reimbursement" matching grants, meaning groups will be reimbursed up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of the project not to exceed \$2,500 per project.

To apply, read through the [City of Knoxville Parks and Rec Challenge Grants](#) for complete instructions and submit the application no later than Friday, June 25, at 4:30 p.m. Applications can be mailed to Parks and Recreation Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, or e-mailed to Tim Hester at thester@knoxvilletn.gov.

6. First Creek Park Survey Results Are In

The East Tennessee Community Design Center (ETCDC) is working alongside the Old North Knoxville Beautification Committee to make changes to First Creek Park. They recently conducted a survey to learn what updates neighbors would most like to see. The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment published the survey, and some of you might have participated. Now the results are in!

Seventy-five residents (60 online and 15 via mail) responded to the survey. Visit [ETCDC's webpage](#) to see the results and keep an eye out for future newsletters to see their progress.

7. Earth Month Tips to Reduce Your Environmental Impact

As Earth Month comes to a close, [the City of Knoxville's Office of Waste & Resources](#) has shared some great information and services to help you reduce your contribution to the landfill.

First: limit what you throw away by limiting what you have to begin with. You can bring your reusable bags to the store, exchange items with friends, shop second hand, and use scrap materials you already have for DIY projects.

Join Knoxville's free curbside recycling program if you are eligible (find out [here](#)). If you are not eligible, you can still utilize one of the City's five free drop-off recycling centers, just be sure to check [the guidelines](#) before you go.

Lastly, place all your yard waste at the curb not in your trash cart. Yard waste in your curbside garbage cart ends up in the landfill where it produces greenhouse gas emissions as it decomposes buried without oxygen. Yard waste placed in loose piles, not bags, at the curb, however, is collected by City personnel and repurposed into mulch. Please review [the guidelines](#) for proper yard waste set out instructions.

Last year, more than 31,000 tons of yard trimmings and 7,458 tons of recyclable materials were kept out of landfills in Knoxville. However, 45,700 tons of garbage still ended up in the landfill. Use these tips to reduce that number this year!

[8. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (click link for online calendar)

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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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