

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 14, No. 17 – Tuesday, May 4, 2021

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### **1. New Program Provides Assistance for Renters**

Federal funds are now available to Knoxville and Knox County residents who have fallen behind on their rent and utility payments due to lost work or income due to COVID-19.

Renters who owe rent and utility payments--and landlords who are owed past-due payments--can apply at [KnoxHousingAssistance.org](http://KnoxHousingAssistance.org). Assistance for users who have questions or problems with the platform is available by calling 865-215-3983 or emailing [knoxhousingassistance@knoxcounty.org](mailto:knoxhousingassistance@knoxcounty.org).

This program is a collaboration between Knox County and the City of Knoxville, funded by federal COVID-19 relief dollars.

### **2. Westwood Holds Annual Yard Sale**

**Westwood Homeowners Association** will hold its Annual Multi-Family Yard Sale on Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m.-12 noon both days.

To get to the neighborhood, you can take Interstate 40 to the Northshore Drive exit, head to Kingston Pike, then turn left.

There are several ways to enter the neighborhood: either from Sutherland Ave., Kingston Pike at Westwood Rd., or Bearden Rd. at Woodburn Dr. Look for the small red and white directional signs that have balloons on them, then you will see red balloons on mailboxes at participating homes.

Everyone is invited to see what the neighborhood has up for sale!

### **3. CAC Seeks Input on Beaumont/Western Heights Neighborhood**

Do you live, visit, play, go to school, or have a vested interest in the Beaumont area or in Western Heights?

If so, Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) is looking for your input to help in the revitalization of the area.

To see the boundaries of the project, learn more about the process, and/or watch videos of previous meetings, visit the [website](#).

To give feedback on what you think is needed in the community, please fill out the [survey](#).

### **4. Town Hall East Hosts Annual Educational Roundtable**

Town Hall East is hosting its Annual Educational Roundtable via Zoom on Monday, May 10, from 7-8:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Roundtable is to invite local schools to present their activities, accomplishments, and needs. After introductions of the schools by Knox County Schools Board of Education member Evetty Satterfield, the program will feature presentations from five East Knoxville schools: Sunnyview Primary, Chilhowee Intermediate, Sarah Moore Greene Magnet, Holston Middle, and Vine Middle.

You can use this [link](#) to join the meeting.  
Meeting ID: 810 7811 7047  
Passcode: 655913

All are welcome to join.

### **5. Last NSGP Workshop Coming Up on Wednesday**

Is your neighborhood interested in applying for a 2021 Neighborhood Small Grant? If you have not had a representative attend a 2021 Grant Workshop yet, make sure to send a neighbor to the last mandatory workshop on Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m., via Zoom!

To register, please contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2113 with your name, neighborhood name, and email address.

NSGP is a neighborhood grant program, providing \$500 to \$3,000 grants for neighborhood projects. If you are a resident-led, resident-controlled organization or

would like to partner with one to apply for a grant, sign up for the last NSGP Mandatory Grant Workshop.

To qualify for a NSGP Grant, at least one member from your organization must attend at least one NSGP workshop.

For a full list of requirements for the NSGP, application guidelines, and a list of previously successful projects, visit the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#).

## **6. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Next Week**

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet next week on Wednesday, May 12, at 4:30 p.m., via Zoom.

For this month, NAC will be hearing about how to garden, compost and raise chickens at home.

All are invited to attend. The NAC members ask questions and make comments first. If time allows, questions or comments can be taken from attendees.

The NAC meets monthly. Members are appointed by the Mayor to serve three-year terms giving advice about neighborhood issues to the City's administration and returning valuable information back to their neighborhoods.

For more information or if you would like the Zoom link for this meeting, contact Debbie Sharp, 215-4382 or [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **7. New KGIS Layer to Find Active Planning Cases In Your Neighborhood**

There is a new layer on [the KGIS Neighborhood Map](#) that allows you to see active planning cases in your neighborhood.

Have you ever been interested to see if there are any projects coming before Knoxville Knox County Planning in your neighborhood? Now you can view it by the map.

When you are in the neighborhood map, select map layers from the toolbar at the top, and then click in the box that says planning cases. This will bring up all the active planning cases by numbers across the city.

Zoom in to your neighborhood, select identify from the toolbar, and click the planning case you are interested in to access the applicant, current zoning, requested zoning, and links to the application, staff recommendations, case summary, and site plan.

This is a great tool to stay up to date on what is going on in your neighborhood!

## **8. City Budget Goes to City Council Tonight**

Mayor Indya Kincannon will present her 2021-22 proposed budget to members of City Council at tonight's meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. in person in the Main Assembly Room at the City County Building. You can view the meeting on [CTVKnox.org](http://CTVKnox.org) or Community Television of Knoxville's channel on your cable network.

The Mayor's proposed budget invests in the core, high-quality services residents expect, supports local partnerships to address tough challenges, and commits to continued progress to advance priorities like public safety and affordable housing.

Five key priorities shape and drive the budget:

- Public safety
- Healthy and connected neighborhoods
- A clean and resilient future
- Thriving businesses and good jobs
- Good governance

Visit [KnoxvilleTN.gov/budget](https://www.knoxvilletn.gov/budget) to learn more about individual programs being proposed within the key categories and delve into the nitty-gritty of the budget document itself.

### **9. City and O'Connor Senior Center plan Senior'iffic Event**

Are you an older adult looking for a fun way to connect with others, learn something new, and enjoy a beautiful park? Come out for Senior'iffic Fun in the Park!

On Wednesdays, May 12, 19 and 26, the City's Office of Special Events and the O'Connor Senior Center are offering physically distant, COVID-safe crafts, exercises, activities and programs at Caswell Park, 570 Winona Street. Two time options are available: 9:30-11:20 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Senior'iffic Fun in the Park will offer activities such as Tai Chi, aerobics classes, painting, music and more! Register [online](#) for the May 12 event or register for any of the event dates by calling one of the following senior centers:

- John T. O'Connor Senior Center - 523-1135
- Larry Cox Senior Center - 546-1700
- South Knoxville Community Center - 573-3575
- Northgate Terrace Center - 281-8527

Come out and enjoy a Senior'iffic day in the park!

### **10. KKB Hosts 2021 Third Creek Clean Paddle**

As part of the Great Knoxville Clean-up, [Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) is planning the first-ever creek clean-up!

Third Creek Clean Paddle will be held May 15, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Volunteers will meet at UT Gardens Parking Lot, 2518 Jacob Dr., and Knoxville Adventure Collective will provide kayaks and paddleboards.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to help clean up the creek or greenway. KKB will provide litter pickers, gloves, garbage bags, safety vests, and waders. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and closed-toed shoes; please bring sunscreen, bug

protection, and water for you to drink. All volunteers will be asked to wear a mask during gear distribution and safety instruction.

All volunteers are also asked to pre-register on the [KKB website](#). If you would like sign up as a group, please have every member sign up directly with KKB. Volunteer sign up includes a waiver, and all volunteers must be signed up to check out and receive supplies.

For more information, visit the 2021 [Third Creek Clean Paddle webpage](#).

**11. 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](mailto: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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