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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. ONE Wishes Eden Well

Eden Slater, the Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator for the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, is off to her next adventure!

Eden will be pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration at American University, and her last day with our office will be this Thursday, May 13.

Eden first joined the ONE team in 2012 as an AmeriCorps member, where she focused on building an emergency preparedness program for neighborhoods. She also worked in the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department (formerly known as Community Development) for a short time before heading to New Zealand.

As Assistant Neighborhood Coordinator, Eden has spent the last three years connecting with neighbors, advocating for the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program, promoting the Neighborhood Small Grants Program and so much more!

We will miss Eden and wish her the very best!

2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Hears About Urban Sustainability

Have you ever been interested in having chickens in your backyard? Do you want to grow your own vegetable garden? Do you have an interest in composting? You will get a chance to hear about Urban Sustainability at the next [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) meeting, on Wednesday, May 12, from 4:30-6 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

All are invited and welcome to attend. NAC members get the opportunity to ask questions and make comments first. If time allows, questions or comments can be taken from other 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 about NAC, contact Debbie Sharp, 215-4382 or dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. Have You Heard of the Knox County Planning Alliance?

The [Knox County Planning Alliance](#) (KCPA) is a local non-profit made up of people and organizations that advocate for intentional and anticipated growth. They have gained experience working with developers, Knoxville-Knox County Planning, neighborhood organizations, the City of Knoxville, Knox County government and more. They created the non-profit in order to share what they have learned. They are interested in helping Knoxville grow responsibly.

Your neighborhood may want to reach out to this group to learn how KCPA could help in the future, if a development comes to your area. Alternatively, your neighborhood could wait until development is coming, and work with them through the process.

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment is working with KCPA to bring a three-part series of workshops to the public this fall. The workshops will address land use, how to organize around a new development, and tips for engaging with neighbors and developers. Watch for future articles on this workshop series.

For more information or assistance, email Kim Frazier at hvpa2018@gmail.com.

4. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Tuesday

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting will be next Tuesday, May 18, at 4 p.m., location TBD. You will be able to access the agenda and location information when they become available [here](#).

Please contact Juliana LeClair at 215-2988, jleclair@knoxvilletn.gov with questions.

The next BZA meeting will be on June 15.

5. Planning Meets This Thursday

[Knoxville-Knox County Planning](#) (Planning), our local agency responsible for countywide planning and administration of zoning and land subdivision regulations, will meet this Thursday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room at the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

It can be helpful to review the [agenda](#) to see if there are any proposed changes being requested in your neighborhood. If there are, you or the neighborhood organization might wish to speak on behalf of an item.

If you wish to speak, you must attend in person and sign up by 9 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Fill out this [form](#) to sign up. If you wish to observe only and do not want to attend the meeting, you can do that on CTVKnox.org or Planning's [YouTube channel](#).

If you would like to learn more about the planning process, you can visit the [Planning website](#).

6. National Night Out: October 12

Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 12, which will be National Night Out. The time is right to begin planning for your event!

In Knoxville, National Night Out is usually celebrated on the first Tuesday in October; however, this year, it falls on a City Council night. Many of your City Councilmembers and the Mayor like to enjoy the festivities with the neighborhood organizations, so the celebration has been moved to the second Tuesday in October: October 12.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that aims to strengthen relationships between police and the local community. Be on the lookout for more details as it approaches! We cannot wait to see what you are planning!

7. Knoxville Tree Board Sponsors Webinar

The Knoxville Tree Board presents the workshop, "Birds and the Bees: How Trees Reproduce," on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Guest speaker Nick St. Sauveur, of Cortese Tree Specialists, will speak about the anatomy of flowers, all about pollination, and who are the pollinators.

The webinar is free but you must register at <https://forms.gle/AbjkYVhUeuG9w2oc7>. You will receive a Zoom link the day of the webinar.

For questions, reach out to Craig Walker at mudcop@gmail.com.

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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