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### **1. Make Music Knoxville Organizes Free Event**

[Make Music Knoxville \(MMK\)](#) is a free celebration of community music making designed to engage neighbors across the city on Monday, June 21. Make Music Knoxville is the first local edition of a worldwide [Make Music Day](#) initiative held on the summer solstice.

Throughout the day, Make Music Knoxville events will be held at Zoo Knoxville, Battlefield Farm and Gardens, Knoxville Museum of Art, Parkridge Neighborhood, Ijams Nature Center, Central Collective, The Bottom and the home of Real Knoxville Music.

Performers include Three Rivers Quartet, author Brian Griffin, Kelle Jolly Trio, Knoxville School of Rock performing blues music alongside live painting, Music for Mailboxes by composer Tim Woody, a percussion parade featuring "Flowerpot Music" by Nief Norf, Tinca Tinca, Max Dope and other FRVR hip-hop artists and more!

Visit [MakeMusicKnox.com](http://MakeMusicKnox.com) for a schedule and more information.

### **2. KCDC Hosts Western Heights/Beaumont Open House**

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) is seeking community input from residents who live, work, visit or have an interest in the future of the Western Heights housing site and surrounding Beaumont neighborhood.

Community members can learn about KCDC's Transforming Western planning initiative and provide feedback on possible design options for buildings, parks and greenspaces,

and the overall site at an open house on Wednesday, June 16, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Western Heights Boys & Girls Club gym, 1417 W. Oldham Ave.

Transforming Western is a 15-month planning process for the future of Western Heights housing, neighborhood and people. The process engages residents and stakeholders and will culminate in KCDC applying in November for a \$30 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to fund the transformation of the neighborhood.

People who cannot attend the June 16 open house may learn about the planning process and complete an online survey at <https://www.engagetheteam.com/western>.

For more information, contact Scott Bird, Moxley Carmichael, 865-544-0088 or [sbird@moxleycarmichael.com](mailto:sbird@moxleycarmichael.com)

### **3. ONE Welcomes LaDarius Ligon**

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment would like to introduce you to our newest member of the office, LaDarius Ligon.

His interests are teaching, building community, and working with youth. If you see him around, please welcome him into your neighborhood. You may get to meet him if he teaches one of our workshops.

LaDarius joins us from Pellissippi State Community College, where he is studying Business Management, and he will intern with us for one year.

Welcome, LaDarius!

### **4. BZA and HZC Meet This Week**

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting will be today, Tuesday, June 15 at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone interested in viewing the online meeting or participating in this online meeting can join with the following [link](#). Passcode: 499618

Please contact Cheri Burke at 215-2867, [cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov) with questions.

BZA will consider the following petitions for variance of requirements: 5826 Lucerne Ln.; 530 W. Fifth Ave.; 317 N. Cedar Bluff Rd.; 417-423 S. Gay St.; 405 W. Oldham Ave.; 215 E. Oklahoma Ave.; 718 E. Depot Ave.; 1540 Member Ln.; 7207 Coleridge Dr.; 800 Longview Rd.; 4919 N. Broadway.

The next BZA meeting will be on July 20.

The [Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet on Thursday, June 17, at 8:30 a.m., in the Main Assembly Room, 400 Main St. You can contact Lindsay Crockett at 215-3795 or [historiczoning@knoxplanning.org](mailto:historiczoning@knoxplanning.org) for questions about attending or speaking at this meeting.

Certificates of Appropriateness will be awarded to: 914 Luttrell St.; 207 S. Seventeenth St.; 1329 Armstrong Ave.; 215 E. Oklahoma Ave.; 204 E. Scott Ave.

The next HZC meeting will be on July 15.

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

## **5. The Benefits of Gardening**

Home gardening offers a variety of benefits for the environment. It can also bring benefits to your home! When you plant a garden at home, or even grow just a few plants in a windowsill, you will save money.

By having access to fruits and vegetables right at your house, you will not have to spend the time and the gas it takes to go to the store. In addition, it is free to pick! One big added benefit is that you will produce less food waste. If you grow too much, you can always share with friends, neighbors and co-workers. If your food goes bad, you can compost it and put it right back into your garden. By composting and gardening, you are improving your soil quality for other things to grow.

One big benefit to gardening at home is the reduction of food miles. Food miles is the distance from production to consumption. This means that you will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions because your food is traveling from your garden to your home.

If you are not so fond of growing food, redoing your landscape to incorporate more native plant species is also a huge help. Local gardening centers can provide you with the tools and resources to renew your lawn. By incorporating native plants into your lawn, the plants are able to take carbon in, helping to sequester CO2 emissions. Thus, helping to reduce climate change. Additionally, native plants will thrive because of the ideal climate provided. This means they are easier to take care of and require less maintenance.

Native plants create a species richness that outsider plants cannot. This means that there will be more types of plants and animals in your area. A few native North American plants you might want to consider growing are Asters, Bee Balm, Sunburst, Sweet White Trillium, and Winterberry. These plants attract pollinators like bees and butterflies which are required to turn flowers into fruits and vegetables.

This series of articles is being written for ONE's newsletter in order to continue with the City's re-certification for the [Certified Wildlife Habitat](#) with the National Wildlife Federation.

## **6. U.S. Cycling Road Races Impacts Neighborhoods this Weekend**

Neighbors in downtown, South and East Knoxville can expect excitement and some road closures when U.S Cycling races are held this weekend. Neighborhoods closest to the action are **Riverhill Neighborhood, Old Sevier, South Haven, Lindbergh Forest, Morningside Heights, Morningside, and Austin Homes.**

On Friday, June 18, cyclists will ride a course downtown, closing portions of the following streets from 4-9:30 p.m. Gay Street at Cumberland Avenue, Hill Avenue to

Hall of Fame Drive, Church Avenue to State Street for one block, to Clinch Avenue for one block, then left onto Gay Street for two blocks to the finish line.

Vehicles parked inside the course will be unable to leave until the race ends. Drivers parked in the Dwight Kessel Garage will only be able to exit onto State Street after 4 p.m. And the ramp onto James White Parkway will be inaccessible from Main Street.

On Sunday, June 20 – which is Fathers’ Day – the race starts on Gay Street, then heads to South and East Knoxville before finishing back downtown. Roads along the race route will be closed from 8 a.m. until about 7 p.m. Effected roads include: the Gay Street Bridge, Council Place, Atchley Street, Mimosa Avenue, Sherrod Road, Davenport Road, Cottrell Street and access James White Parkway at Anita Drive, Hill Avenue, Harriett Tubman Street, McCalla Avenue, Willow Avenue, Central Street, Clinch Avenue and Gay Street.

For maps and additional information, visit [www.visitknoxville.com/usa-cycle-knox/](http://www.visitknoxville.com/usa-cycle-knox/).

## **[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](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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