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1. Town Hall East Hosts Candidate Forum

Town Hall East, a group that represents multiple East Knoxville neighborhood organizations, is sponsoring a forum for candidates running for City Council seats in Districts 4 and 6, on Saturday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-noon, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Highway.

The forum will be held in the Fellowship Hall or outdoors at their picnic shelter, depending on weather and COVID-19 precautions.

For questions, contact townahleast@gmail.com or call 544-8974.

2. Local Groups Host First District City Council Candidate Forum

South Knoxville Alliance (SKA) and League of Women Voters of Knoxville Knox County (LWV) will co-host a City Council candidate forum Thursday, Aug. 5, from 6-7:30 p.m., at Church Street United Methodist Church Parish Hall, 900 Henley at Main Street.

Former WVLT-TV anchor Alan Williams will moderate the forum including candidates for the 1st District City Council seat. Residents in the 1st District will vote for the candidates in the primary election, and all city residents will vote in all district races in the general election.

SKA is a business and professional group that promotes commerce around the First District. The LWV is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization encouraging informed and active participation in government.

Candidate forums sponsored by the League honor the League's longstanding nonpartisan practices to ensure trust, respect, and fairness to all who participate. These forums use a standard set of guidelines for candidates, moderators, volunteers, and the audience. In order to maintain a nonpartisan atmosphere, the LWV's Board members have decided that no candidate or audience member may display or wear campaign materials, pens, hats, t-shirts, etc. until after the forum ends.

Church Street United Methodist Church has adjusted their guidelines to be in line with CDC recommendation as follows: Masks should be worn at all times while inside at the church by any person age four and up – regardless of vaccination status.

Visit www.GoVoteKnoxville.com and www.KnoxVotes.org for additional voting information.

3. Lonsdale Hosts Annual Homecoming Celebration

A local community is coming together to celebrate an annual tradition.

The 36th annual Lonsdale Homecoming Celebration will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, at the Haslam-Sansom Ministry Complex, 1740 Texas Ave. to celebrate friends, family and community. Events begin at 10 a.m. with a parade, followed by the opening ceremony and memorial balloon release at 11 a.m., food trucks and kids' activities from noon to 6, then live music by Brian Clay at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the day.

4. Neighborhood Advisory Council Hears About Sustainability and City Recycling

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 4:30-6 p.m. and feature guest speakers Brian Blackmon, Director of the City's Office of Sustainability, and Patience Melnik, the City's Waste and Resources Manager.

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

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5. Office of Neighborhood Empowerment Hosts Fall Workshop Series

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is collaborating with [Knox County Planning Alliance](#) (KCPA) to host a three-part series on Thursdays, Aug. 26, Sep. 23, and Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom.

The Knox County Planning Alliance (KCPA) is an association of citizens and organizations who advocate for intentional and anticipated growth with coordinated infrastructure through long-term comprehensive planning, conservation concepts, and responsible land use and development processes.

Join the workshop to learn the basics of citizen advocacy and engagement in the local land-use and planning processes.

The first workshop will be a brief introduction to KCPA, the mission, and the volunteer work conducted by the group. KCPA is a volunteer-organized community group established in 2018 to share land-use and planning experiences; advocate for long-term land-use planning, practices, policies and regulations; and educate citizens. The discussion will center around why connecting neighbors and advocacy is important, how you can learn more about land-use and planning basics, and how to organize or get involved with your neighborhood group.

The second workshop will show the Knoxville-Knox County land-use maps and planning process from a resident perspective. Gain knowledge on how to conduct research using existing tools and resources, where to focus your time and attention, and who to connect with in Planning. KCPA will walk you through the process, from the receipt of public notification or knowledge of a land-use application request, through attending City Council meetings.

In the final workshop, KCPA will share how to quickly organize your efforts and your neighbors, identify the facts, choose your speakers, how and to whom to communicate your message, and how to establish positive, long-lasting community relationships. They will provide tools and resources that will help you ask the right questions, and why the approach is just as important as the message.

Look for the Zoom links for these three workshops in future articles.

6. Second Information Session Offered on Multi-Purpose Stadium

The public is invited to attend a second open house information session on the proposed multi-use stadium project on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m.-noon, at the Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway.

Partners, stakeholders and designers will have information on hand to describe the concepts of the multi-use stadium, proposed to be publicly financed and publicly owned by the City of Knoxville and Knox County.

Come to part or all of the drop-in, two-hour open house. Go to KnoxvilleTN.gov/stadium for materials presented at the previous meeting.

The stadium just east of the Old City would be the site of hundreds of events each year – professional baseball and soccer games, but also concerts, festivals, and other community events. Advocates say the project will create jobs and encourage new private investment in East Knoxville.

As part of a larger redevelopment effort around the stadium, GEM Community Development Group, the private partner to Boyd Sports and the Tennessee Smokies, is planning to invest more than \$100 million to build apartments, condominiums, space for a grocery store, restaurants, retail space, and offices in East Knoxville.

The project is awaiting an economic impact analysis and other detail work by the Sports Authority. If the independent data supports going forward and the City and County authorize it, construction could possibly begin within a year. The multi-use stadium could open for community use and events in 2024.

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7. Is Your Group Planning a Special Event?

Is your neighborhood organization thinking of planning an event in your neighborhood? The City of Knoxville's Office of Special Events has resources to help.

The [Special Events Guide](#) includes information to help event coordinators know what – if any – City permits and insurance requirements are required for different types of events.

To start, your group will need to fill out the [Special Events Form](#) to ensure all your needs are met in regards to City services. The form is requested 60 days prior to the event date. Filling this out places your event on the Special Events calendar, viewable the City of Knoxville and Visit Knoxville websites. Insurance is required for any event on City of Knoxville property.

All special events taking place on public property in the City of Knoxville must follow COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. These guidelines are based on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. Each event organizer must submit a COVID plan to address how they will comply with each standard, and all events on public property in the City of Knoxville are pending approval by the City's COVID Coordinator. Make sure that you are up to date on safety regulations. As the COVID pandemic continues to evolve, the City of Knoxville may require additional safety measures.

A list of updated guidelines, special events forms and more can be found on the City's [Special Events website](#).

If you have questions, contact the Office of Special Events at 215-4248.

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

Call 215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google 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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