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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. Neighborhood Advisory Council Application Deadline Approaching

Are you an advocate for your neighborhood --- and neighborhoods in general? Have you wondered how a neighborhood advocate like yourself can better engage with City of Knoxville departments and work with other neighborhood leaders on neighborhood issues? Would you like to learn more about how city government works? Do you enjoy discussing public policy, particularly concerning neighborhoods?

If you answered YES to these questions, consider serving on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

If you are interested in serving, please fill out and submit an [application](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. You can also mail the application to P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. Call the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment at 215-4382 to have a hard copy mailed to you, or if you would like more information about the positions.

Applications are due by **Friday, Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m.**

The NAC meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and December) to discuss Knoxville's residential neighborhoods and provide the City with candid viewpoints on how they can best be maintained, supported, improved, rejuvenated and sustained.

NAC consists of neighborhood leaders and activists who occupy 15 seats -- two in each of the six City Council districts and three at-large. Terms are set for three years, and members may serve up to two full terms (six years). Members wishing to serve a second three-year term must reapply.

The terms of five of the 15 seats expire this December. These seats and current occupants are:

- Seat 1-B (Gayle Atherton)
- Seat 3-A (Vacant)
- Seat 4-A (Rob Glass)
- Seat 5-B (Molly Conaway)
- At-Large Seat A (David Gillette)

To be appointed by the Mayor to a numbered seat, you must live in that City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 1-B must be a resident in the First City Council district. These positions run January 2022 through December 2024.

To view City Council district boundaries, go to [KGIS's website](#) and then click on Maps, Political District Maps, and City Council. Input your own address to find out which political districts you live in.

2. Knox County Planning Alliance Offers Workshop

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is collaborating with [Knox County Planning Alliance](#) (KCPA) to host a three-part workshop series on citizen advocacy and engagement in the local land-use and planning processes. **The first workshop is Thursday, Aug. 26, from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89611889345?pwd=ZTZMY2NZdkFIVFIMMS9JNXNFeUxmUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 1188 9345

Passcode: 862046

Or you may call in: 1-646-876-9923

The first workshop, this Thursday, will be a brief introduction to KCPA, the mission, and the volunteer work conducted by the group. 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. 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 on Thursday, Sept. 23, 6-8 p.m. 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 Knoxville-Knox County Planning (formerly known as the Metropolitan Planning Commission). 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 on Thursday, Oct. 21, 6-8 p.m., 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.

Check this newsletter for the Zoom links to the last two workshops closer to these dates.

3. Early Voting Ends This Thursday

The final day of Early Voting for the 2021 City Primary Elections is Thursday, Aug. 26.

There are five convenient locations to choose from during Early Voting:

- City County Building, 400 Main Street
- Downtown West, 1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40
- Eternal Life Harvest Center at Five Points, 2410 Martin Luther King Ave.
- New Harvest Park, 4775 New Harvest Lane
- Meridian Baptist Church, 6513 Chapman Hwy

Times may vary for the different locations; see the [Knox County Election Commission's website](#) for further information.

For more information about the City elections, visit GoVoteKnoxville.com.

4. BBB Cancelled; Public Officer Hearing Scheduled This Friday

The Better Building Board meeting this month has been cancelled, as there is no business before the board.

There will be a Public Officer Hearing Meeting on Friday, Aug. 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room or by Zoom.

The properties that will be discussed are: 3407 Delrose Drive, including accessory structure; 1823 Explorer Lane, accessory structures only; 2700 Greenway Drive; 815 Hiawasse Ave, including accessory structure; 1412 Michaels Lane, including accessory structures, and 211 South 17th Street.

If you live near any of these properties and have information that could help the Public Officer better understand the situation with these structures, you are invited to speak on the subject.

To join virtually via Zoom, use this link & passcode:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84596844248?pwd=VTZZemNJQWg1dWluelowSzVqVYYwdz09>

Passcode: 808868

5. Blood Center Needs Volunteer Donors

Are you interested in donating blood? MEDIC Regional Blood Center is in need of volunteer donors, especially those who have type O negative blood.

When donating, you will need to stay hydrated, eat well, go when you feel well, and bring a valid driver's license. To find further information on eligibility, check out [MEDIC's website](#).

MEDIC's Ailor Ave. location is open Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturdays 8-11:30 a.m. and Sundays 1-4:30 p.m. You can also find a blood drive location near you [online](#) or by calling 865-524-3075. No children or guests should be brought with you when donating.

Your donation can make a positive difference in our region.

6. KCDC Earns National Recognition

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) has earned national recognition for the fourth phase of its Five Points affordable housing development, which has been certified by Enterprise Green Communities.

Opened in 2020, Five Points 4 includes 31 buildings with a total of 82 units, ranging in size from one to five bedrooms. The community also includes a playground, open green space and a computer room.

The certification recognizes a commitment to the economic and environmental benefits of sustainable construction practices for affordable housing.

Enterprise Green Communities considers eight criteria to determine certification: integrative design; location and neighborhood fabric; site improvement; water; operating energy; materials; healthy living environment; and operations, maintenance and resident engagement.

To learn more about KCDC, visit their [website](#).

7. Transportation Planning Organization Seeks Input

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) regularly updates the Outreach Plan, which fulfills federal requirements and serves as a working tool for staff to refer to with each new plan and project. The last Outreach Plan update was adopted by the Executive Board in 2018.

Since then, technology and preferences have changed, and circumstances related to public health have made it clear that traditional outreach opportunities may be impossible at times. For these reasons, TPO has updated the plan to include an expanded definition of a public meeting that encompasses in-person, virtual, and hybrid options. They have also incorporated new outreach methods and noted the importance of flexibility and dedication to using new methods when possible.

A presentation on the draft plan will be held at the September Technical Committee meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street. Feel free to attend and give comments.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to watch the meeting, you will be able to watch it live or after the meeting on [Community Television of Knoxville](#).

The [draft document](#) is available for public review and comment until Friday, Oct. 8.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Laura Edmonds at 215-2506.

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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*** This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.*

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*** Deadline for news & calendar items: 12 p.m. Fridays.*

*** May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood email lists and newsletters.*

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