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1. Violence Reduction Expert Presents Findings Wednesday

Author and violence reduction expert Thomas Abt will lead a data-informed conversation concerning gun violence in Knoxville on Wednesday, at 5 p.m. at the University of Tennessee Baker Center Toyota Auditorium, 1640 Cumberland Avenue.

Abt spoke at the Baker Center in May 2022 and returns to discuss the findings of a study that analyzed gun violence in Knoxville from 2019 and 2021. The program will review when, where and why violence in Knoxville is most likely to occur and discuss evidence-based strategies for saving lives.

After the presentation, Mayor Indya Kincannon will facilitate a discussion with Abt, Knoxville Police Chief Paul Noel and Community Safety Director LaKenya Middlebrook. All residents are invited to attend the event or watch the [webcast](#).

Learn more at <https://bakercenter.utk.edu/public-square-series/analyzing-and-addressing-gun-violence-in-knoxville-key-people-places-and-strategies/>.

2. City Celebrates Arbor Day Friday

Neighbors are invited to join Mayor Indya Kincannon, City officials and multiple City departments to celebrate Arbor Day this Friday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m., at Sam Duff Park, 4060 Chapman Hwy.

The celebration will include family-friendly activities, tree planting, a Mayor's proclamation as well as some interesting announcements about Sam Duff Park.

Nationally, Arbor Day is celebrated national on April 28. However, the best time to plant trees in Knoxville is in the fall. Mark your calendars to join us for this community event.

3. Teens Invited to Register for First-Ever Youth Summit

Knoxville residents age 13-18 who are interested in civic and community engagement and issues affecting area youth are encouraged to register now for the inaugural Youth Summit to be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

Led by the Mayor's Youth Council, summit participants will spend the day learning about municipal government and local issues as they discuss, analyze and identify solutions to four major issues affecting our city: community and civic engagement, mental health, violence prevention, and homelessness.

[Registration](#) is free and now open!

Summit participants will present their results from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and residents are invited to join

4. Reconnect With Nature at Keep Knoxville Beautiful Summit

The Fourth Annual Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) Summit will take place on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street.

The Urban Reconnection to Nature Summit will showcase sustainable developments in three cities: Greenville, SC, Birmingham, AL, and Baltimore, MD. Attendees will hear firsthand from experts in the field about equitable and sustainable parks, tree equity,

urban canopy and the renewal of communities. A local panel will bring these topics home to our city and region.

Featured speakers include:

- Knox White – Mayor of Greenville, South Carolina
- Cathy Sloss Jones – President of the Urban Land Institute, Alabama Chapter
- Ryan Alston, Communications and Outreach Manager for the Baltimore Tree Trust

Local panelists include:

- Ben Bentley, Executive Director and CEO of Knoxville's Community Development Corporation
- Carol Evans, Executive Director of Legacy Parks
- Kasey Krouse, Urban Forester for the City of Knoxville

Registration and more information about the Summit can be found on the Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) [website](#). The Summit is free unless you want to purchase a lunch. Details are included in registration information.

KKB is teaming up with Green Drinks for happy hour following the Summit at Pour Taproom located at 207 West Jackson. Kevin Murphy and Sandra Korbelik from the Knox County Planning Alliance will speak about [Advance Knox](#) beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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

Call 865-215-3232 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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