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1. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets This Week

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) meets tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Mayor Indya Kincannon will speak to the group on the search for the Knoxville Police Department's new Chief of Police and what qualities and qualifications the new Chief should demonstrate. In the past several weeks, the Mayor has met with former City mayors, police chiefs, City boards and committees, and community groups to discuss the search and its importance to our city. PERF is conducting the [job application](#)

[process](#); the deadline for applications is Feb. 20. Community feedback is being accepted online at KnoxvilleTN.gov/chiefsearch and via email at chiefsearch@knoxvilletn.gov.

All are welcome to attend. As a matter of procedure, we allow the NAC members to voice their input first. If there is time at the end, audience members may be allowed to give input as well.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City Administration. It does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, they may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

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2. City Provides Awesome Door Prizes

If you have been to previous Neighborhood Conferences, you know that there are some pretty amazing door prizes.

This year is no exception. The City of Knoxville is providing the door prizes at the 2022 Neighborhood Conference. Some of these include a beach basket, a portable Bluetooth speaker, a camping package, a mini Keurig, and a Fitbit, just to name a few.

Visit the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's [Facebook](#) page to get updates on all the door prizes that will be up for grabs for attendees of the Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Registration begins Feb. 15.

3. Save the Date: North Knoxville Clean-Up Announced

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) is hosting a North Knoxville Clean-Up on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The event base will be at Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

There are three ways to volunteer: as an individual helping clean up First Creek at Kroger in Broadway Shopping Center; as an individual at Edgewood Park; or as part of a group in a North Knoxville location of your choosing.

Participating groups will send a leader to Edgewood Park to pick up supplies and return to their group at their designated neighborhood.

If you or your group would like to participate, KKB asks that you [sign up](#) in advance. Please only fill out the section that applies to you.

KKB will provide the following equipment:

- Litter Pickers
- Gloves
- Safety Vests
- Trash Bags

KKB highly recommends wearing long pants, and all volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes for the event. Please bring your own sunscreen, bug protection, and water.

Participants of any age are welcome! KKB looks forward to seeing those who live, work, or play in North Knoxville at the Clean-Up.

For more information or if you have questions, contact KKB at amanda@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org or 865-521-6957.

4. Remote Area Medical Hosts a Pop-Up Clinic in Knoxville

Remote Area Medical (RAM) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving communities in need by offering free medical services in areas around the country – and they are coming to Knoxville!

RAM will provide a free pop-up clinic from Friday, Feb. 11 through Sunday, Feb. 13, beginning at 6 a.m. at the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Ave.

The patient parking lot will open no later than 12:01 a.m. (midnight local time) on the first night of the event and remain open. As patients arrive at the parking lot, they will be provided with additional information regarding clinic opening processes and next steps. Clinic doors typically open at 6 a.m.

In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, the parking lot may open earlier or a smaller number of patients served. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible.

Attendees can expect to wait and should be prepared with their own food, water, medicines, and clothing. Bathrooms will be provided.

Free dental, vision, and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to time constraints, attendees should be prepared to choose between dental and vision services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic.

Attendees are required to wear a face-covering and must undergo a COVID-19 screening before entering the clinic. All services are free and open to the public. No ID required.

Learn more about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities on the [Remote Area Medical](#) website.

5. Reserve Your Trees for Tennessee Tree Day

[Tennessee Tree Day](#) will take place on Saturday, March 19. In order to [reserve your trees](#), you can do it now online through Saturday, Feb. 13.

Tennessee Tree Day 2022, the largest community tree-planting project of its kind in America, is taking place on Saturday, March 19! You and your neighbors have the opportunity to collectively pick up and plant native tree seedlings in your neighborhood during the weekend of March 19. The trees are yours to plant on your own property and will enhance our environment and communities for generations to come!

Tennessee Tree Day 2022 will involve many stakeholder groups and thousands of volunteers. Some will plant trees to replace those lost to development. Others will plant trees to help to repair degraded streams and improve water quality. Others will plant trees to increase habitat for wildlife and pollinators, while others will plant trees for purely aesthetic reasons. No matter the reason, all trees planted will improve the health of our environment by reducing air pollution, and enhancing Tennessee's magnificent tree canopy.

The Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) hopes participation in Tree Day will instill public awareness of the value of trees, while nurturing a culture of sustainability in our region.

6. Local Black History Featured on City's Website

The City's Communications Department maintains a page on KnoxvilleTN.gov dedicated to Black History – the African American leaders, staff members, police officers, firefighters and everyday residents whose lives have contributed to our city's rich and complex character. There are articles, photographs and videos that delve into the narratives that have made headlines and those that linger behind the scenes.

You can learn more about Moses Smith, who, in 1882, became the City's first permanent Black policeman and Cal Johnson, who was the city's first Black millionaire. There's also a series of video interviews with local historian Bob Booker, in which he gives firsthand accounts of life in "the Bottom" neighborhood and attending segregated movie screenings at the Bijou Theatre. There is also a video of poet Nikki Giovanni reading her poem, "Knoxville, Tennessee", near the site where she spent summers with her grandparents.

Visit the [City's website](#) to learn more.

7. 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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