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## **1. Celebrating Black History Month**

February is Black History Month, and there are many ways to celebrate – local events as well as a plethora of shops and spaces you can explore to enjoy the richness and diversity of our community, including:

[The Bottom](#) (2340 E. Magnolia Ave.) is a Black-owned nonprofit bookstore and tea shop. They offer a variety of experiences, from events, to classes, to book subscriptions, all of which are written by Black authors.

[The Beck Cultural Exchange Center](#) (1927 Dandridge Ave.) is the home of Black history in Knoxville. There are 11 main exhibits for guests to explore, including an archive of over 50,000 pieces of art, books, documents and more covering more than 200 years of Black history, and the Civil Rights Corner, which chronicles how the Civil Rights Movement took shape in the Knoxville area.

To learn more about the City of Knoxville's commitment to celebrating Black history, and the Black history of our city government, visit the [City of Knoxville website](#).

## **2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Tomorrow**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet tomorrow Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. in its new meeting location: the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Mayor Kincannon will kick off the meeting with an overview of top City projects and answer council members' questions. Also, NAC members will give input on the work of the Office of Sustainability.

All residents are welcome to join. If you have any questions about the NAC, please contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-4382.

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## **3. City Offers Hands Only CPR and Stop The Bleed Workshops**

February is American Heart Month, and the City is offering opportunities for residents to support community safety efforts and be prepared for emergencies.

The Office of Community Safety (OCS), Knoxville Fire Department (KFD), and the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) are hosting two, community-wide [Hands Only CPR](#) and [Stop The Bleed](#) trainings, taught by certified KFD trainers and free for

Knoxville residents. The first hour will be the Hands Only CPR, and the Stop The Bleed will be the second hour.

Workshops will be held at Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail on:

- Monday, Feb. 20, 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 25, 9-11 a.m.

To register, contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-4382. Space is limited.

Please be aware: These are not certification classes. If you need certification for a job, please reach out to other groups, like the American Heart Association, to get certified in CPR and First Aid.

In addition to more community-wide Hands Only CPR and the Stop The Bleed workshops, which will be announced at a later date, your neighborhood, community group, or church group may request that KFD hold this training workshop at one of your monthly meetings or a special event. We already have requests from several neighborhoods for this opportunity. This training can help save lives!

Some facts about heart health:

- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States.
- One person dies every 34 seconds in the U.S. from cardiovascular disease.
- About 697,000 people in the U.S. died from heart disease in 2020—that's 1 in every 5 deaths.
- Heart disease cost the U.S. about \$229 billion each year from 2017 to 2018. This includes the cost of health care services, medicines, and lost productivity due to death.

#### **4. What is an Urban Forest Master Plan?**

An Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) is a community-driven strategic plan to invest long-term in Knoxville's trees. The UFMP will serve as a guide for the Knoxville community to prioritize, preserve and grow our tree canopy over the next several decades.

Trees Knoxville is spearheading the project with support from the City of Knoxville, the Tennessee Division of Forestry, Keep Knoxville Beautiful and Knoxville Utilities Board.

The Master Plan needs your input! There are four ways you can participate:

- Sign up to receive project updates at [www.KnoxvilleTreePlan.org](http://www.KnoxvilleTreePlan.org).

- Fill out the online survey at <https://www.knoxvilletreeplan.org/you-tell-us.html>.
- Sign up to have someone from the project's Steering Committee discuss the project at a future meeting of your neighborhood group, community event, church groups, or other organizations that have interest in trees and their value in our community. Groups interested in scheduling a guest to discuss the Urban Forest Master Plan should email the Urban Forester Kasey Krouse at [kkrouse@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:kkrouse@knoxvilletn.gov) to arrange.
- Attend the Project Open House on April 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Location TBA (but we are looking at the Public Works Service Center Community Room at 3131 Morris Ave).

Please share these links with neighbors you know who might want to learn about the Urban Forest Master Plan process, give their input, and possibly get involved.

### **5. Save the Date for ONE's First Annual Kickball Tournament**

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited to announce the first annual neighborhood kickball tournament will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

The structure and rules will be similar to our wiffleball tournament. If your neighborhood is interested in participating, email Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov) for more details. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to some friendly neighborhood competition.

### **6. CAC Hosts Youth Resource Fair**

The Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC)'s Youth Wins program is hosting a resource fair geared toward youth ages 14-24, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1-4 p.m. at the L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Ave. This is an opportunity to learn more about resources available to help youth thrive in our community.

The following agencies will be in attendance:

- [Youth Action Board \(YAB\)](#)
- [Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development \(SEED\)](#)
- [HRMC On Track](#)
- [Knox County Health Department](#)
- [Emerald Youth Foundation](#)
- [Resilient Families](#)
- [Centro Hispano](#)

- [Knoxville Leadership Foundation](#)
- [Knox Pride Center](#)
- [Knox County Public Library](#)
- [Bryant's Bridge](#)
- [Tennessee College of Applied Technology \(TCAT\) Knoxville](#)
- [Knoxville Head Start](#)
- [Live Out Loud \(LOL\)](#)

For more information, please contact Kristine Townsend at [kristine.townsend@knoxCAC.org](mailto:kristine.townsend@knoxCAC.org).

## **7. North and South Knoxville Meetings are Coming Up**

This month, the City will host two open house style meetings to provide updates and gather public input on a variety of projects in each area.

- North Knoxville - Thursday, Feb. 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Fulton High School Library
- South Knoxville - Monday, Feb. 13, 4-6:30 pm at Kerbela Temple

Neighbors can attend anytime during the open house and will have the opportunity to interact with City staff and community partners.

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## **8. KAT Reimagined Draft Service Plan Is Now Available**

The **KAT Reimagined** study is looking at KAT's current service and how they can make it better by balancing the area they cover with how well they cover that area.

This study began by asking the community how to find balance that will encourage transit use in Knoxville and make it work effectively for as many people as possible.

Based on feedback received through an extensive public input process, the Knoxville Transportation Authority has directed transit consultants to develop a draft service plan in which 70% of KAT's resources are focused on ridership goals, and 30% on coverage goals. That draft service plan is now available for public review and comment through the end of the month.

Visit the study's [website](#) to read the Draft Network Report, see the routes that are proposed for changes and provide your feedback. You are encouraged to take the [online survey](#).

Learn more and provide feedback at one of these public meetings:

- Virtual Public Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 8, 12-1 p.m. via [Zoom](#)
- In-Person Public Meeting #1 – Thursday, Feb. 23, 5-7 p.m., 301 East Church Ave.
- In-Person Public Meeting #2 – Saturday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 301 East Church Ave.

#### **9. 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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