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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. ONE's Office Is Closed Friday

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) will be closed Friday, March 3. We hope this does not cause any inconvenience for folks.

2. City Requests Input Following Community Open Houses

Earlier this month, the City of Knoxville held two, well-attended community open houses at which hundreds of neighbors learned about the status of major projects and plans for projects in North Knoxville and South Knoxville.

The North Knoxville open house at Fulton High School provided details about the Public Safety Complex and other projects in the general vicinity. If you were unable to attend or would like more information, read a recap on the [City's website](#).

Projects up for discussion at the South Knoxville open house, held at Kerbela Temple, included the proposed pedestrian bridge, planned apartment complexes and status updates for the Urban Wilderness. Learn more and provide feedback here on the [City's website](#).

In addition, the City has put together a short [survey](#). What you would like to see for South Knoxville? Please share with your South Knoxville neighbors. Your input is valuable to the city.

3. Trees Knoxville Requests Your Input for the Urban Forest Master Plan

An Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) is a community-driven strategic plan to invest long-term in Knoxville's trees. [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.

Over the next decades, the UFMP will serve as a guide for the Knoxville community to prioritize, preserve, and grow our tree canopy.

Here are four ways you can participate today:

- Get on to the project website and sign up to get project updates www.knoxvilletreeplan.org
- Fill out the online survey: <https://www.knoxvilletreeplan.org/you-tell-us.html>
- Sign up to have someone from the project's Steering Committee come and discuss the project at an upcoming meeting of your neighborhood group, community event, church group, or other organization interested in trees and the amenities they provide our community. The speaker will cater talks and solicit feedback for each group and make sure members of each group can provide input for the planning process. If a group is interested that can email the urban forester at kkrouse@knoxvilletn.gov
- Attend the Project Open House on Thursday, April 20, from 5:30-8 p.m. Location TBA.

Why are trees important?

- Trees clean the air
- Trees provide oxygen
- Trees cool the streets and the city

- Trees conserve energy
- Trees save water
- Trees help prevent water pollution
- Trees help prevent soil erosion
- Trees shield people from ultra-violet rays
- Trees provide food
- Trees promote healthy soils
- Trees provide a canopy and habitat for wildlife
- Trees beautify space
- Trees help with drought mediation
- Trees help capture rainwater

Please feel free to share these links with neighbors who might want to learn about the process, give their input, and possibly get involved.

4. Planning Provides Final Draft of One-Year Plan

[Knoxville Knox County Planning](#) has provided the final draft of the City of Knoxville's One-Year Plan, as well as a summary of revisions, which is available on [Planning's website](#).

The One-Year Plan serves as the foundation for zoning decisions and is based on the land-use goals, objectives, and policies found in the City's long-range plans.

Two virtual meetings were held to give residents the opportunity to review and discuss recommended changes to the plan. The meetings included a presentation covering all geographic areas of the city, followed by an open discussion. A recording is available for anyone who was unable to attend. Residents are encouraged to utilize the public comment feature on the One-Year Plan webpage.

The plan will be heard by the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission on Thursday, March 9, 1:30 p.m. at the City County Building, 400 Main St., Main Assembly Room.

After that, the plan will go to City Council to be approved. The first reading will be Tuesday, April 4, and the second reading will be Tuesday, April 18. Both meetings will be at the City County Building, 400 Main St., Main Assembly Room.

For more information about the One-Year Plan, please visit www.knoxplanning.org/plans/one-year-plan. If you have additional questions, contact Jessie Hillman at jessie.hillman@knoxplanning.org or 856-215-3082.

5. Reminder: Keep Knoxville Beautiful North Clean-Up is Saturday

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) will host the fifth annual North Knoxville Community Clean-Up on Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m.-12 noon. The event will kick off at Northgate Plaza, 4212 N. Broadway.

The North Knoxville Community Clean-Up is KKB's largest cleanup effort in North Knoxville each year. KKB is now seeking groups and individuals to participate in the 2023 cleanup. Registration is closed, but if you would still like to participate and volunteer please contact Amanda Seale at amanda@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org or 865-521-6957.

Leaders from North Knoxville neighborhoods and local community organizations will collect clean-up supplies at the home base in Northgate Plaza and then return to volunteers waiting at their designated locations to pick up litter. Participating groups include **Old North Knox, Inc**, **North Hills Neighborhood Watch**, UT Scabbard and Blade, and L&N STEM Key Club.

Individuals who do not have an official group will participate in a KKB cleanup at Northgate Plaza and along First Creek.

6. Mentor Youth in Your Community!

Wednesday, March 1, [Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee](#) (BBBS-ET) will launch its volunteer recruitment campaign and set out on a mission to recruit 60 Bigs (mentors) in 60 days.

There are two upcoming events for residents to learn more about mentoring through BBBS-ET.

- *Bigs and Beers* – Saturday, March 18 at 6 p.m., at Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria, 200 E Jackson Ave.
- *Bigs, Bass, and Books* – Friday, March 31, and 6 p.m., at The Bottom Knoxville, 2340 E Magnolia Ave.

Refreshments will be available at each event.

Learn more about mentorship opportunities throughout our community by watching a [series of videos](#) our Empower Knox team made for National Mentoring Month.

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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