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## **1. Neighborhoods Collaborate to Hold Candidate Forum**

Five West Knoxville neighborhoods will host a candidate forum on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 7-8 p.m. at the Albright Grove Brewing Co., 2924 Sutherland Ave. Participating neighborhoods are **Forest Heights Neighborhood Association, Historic Sutherland Heights Neighborhood Association, Marble City Neighborhood Organization, Pond Gap Area Neighborhood Association, and Westwood Homeowners Association.**

Candidates who have confirmed their attendance:

City Council At-Large, Seat A - Lynne Fugate  
City Council At-Large, Seat B - Debbie Helsey  
City Council At-Large, Seat B – R. Bentley Marlow  
City Council At-Large, Seat C - Tim Hill  
City Council At-Large, Seat C - Amelia Parker  
Municipal Judge - Tyler Caviness  
Municipal Judge - John Rosson

The event will be held town hall-style, allowing attendees to ask candidates questions. Some candidates may be able to arrive early and stay late to talk with voters individually. The general election is on Tuesday, Nov. 7, with early voting starting Oct. 18.

The Mayoral race was decided in August when Mayor Kincannon won more than 51 percent of the Primary Election vote.

For more information, visit the [Facebook event](#). For more information on the election, visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

## **2. SKNBC Hosts Candidate Forum**

The South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition (SKNBC) will host a candidate forum and meet-and-greet on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room of South High Senior Living, 835 Tipton Ave.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the run-off candidates for the November city election. Candidates for Municipal Judge and At-Large City Council Seats A, B, and C have been invited to meet constituents and share their ideas and vision for Knoxville.

SKNBC extends an invitation to all Knoxville residents, business owners, and community leaders. The event is free and open to the public.

If you have questions relevant to South Knoxville that you would like to have considered for the candidates to answer, please submit to [contact@SKNBC.org](mailto:contact@SKNBC.org), or use this online Google form: <https://forms.gle/7NT634KaEUA26vqVA>.

### **3. NAC Meets This Week**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Guest speakers meeting will be from Bike Walk Knoxville and the City's Office of Sustainability. Come learn more about what they are doing.

### **4. Deadline For Wiffleball Tournament Is Friday**

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) will host the Sixth Annual Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 8 a.m. at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

The deadline to sign up to participate is Friday, Sept 15. Reach out to Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) before it is too late!

We can't wait to see you on the field for some friendly neighborhood competition.

Former tournament winners are:

2022 – **Westwood Homeowners Association**  
2021 – **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**  
2019 – **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**  
2018 – **Westwood Homeowners Association**  
2017 – **Westwood Homeowners Association**

### **5. Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out**

**Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, and Vestal Community Organization** have signed up to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

If your neighborhood plans to celebrate, we will notify the Knoxville Police Department and the Knoxville Fire Department to schedule first responders to attend your event.

You can register by sending the following information to Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov):

- Neighborhood Name
- Neighborhood Contact Name
- Contact Name's phone number

- Contact Name's email address
- Date of the Event
- Times of the Event
- Location of Event
- Type of Event

We encourage participating neighborhoods to [register for free](#) with the national organization to download the guide and coordinator toolkit. We look forward to seeing what you have planned for NNO!

## **6. Trees Knoxville Presents Draft Urban Forest Master Plan**

Knoxville Trees will hold an Open House event on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center Community Room, 3131 Morris Ave., to present the draft Urban Forest Master Plan.

Registration is not required, just show up!

Learn more about the Urban Forest Master Plan at the [Knoxville Tree Plan website](#).

## **7. City Council Hears From Community Organizations**

The Knoxville City Council will hold a workshop this Thursday, Sept. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Representatives from the Knoxville Area Urban League will provide an update on efforts connected with the multipurpose stadium disadvantaged business enterprise engagement, as well as ongoing efforts in workforce development. Knoxville Chamber representatives will update Council on overall community workforce development, and the Knoxville Entrepreneur Center will provide Council with an overview of entrepreneurship efforts in our community.

All are welcome to attend.

Go to the City Council's website to view the [agenda](#).

## **8. PARC Meets Thursday**

The [Police Advisory and Review Committee](#), (PARC), will convene for its second quarter meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center Community Room, 3131 Morris Ave., to review cases submitted April-July.

The meeting will also include reports by the Executive Director, Chief of Police, and subcommittees. The guest speaker will be Donna Mitchell, LMSW, President/CEO of Covenant Counseling.

Established in 1998, PARC is the longest continuously running, citizen-run police advisory board in Tennessee. Members review incidents involving action by Knoxville Police Department officers following the conclusion of KPD Internal Affairs investigations.

PARC receives complaints, investigates, hears cases, makes findings and discloses those findings to the Mayor and the Chief of Police.

Complaints can be made by any person who is a victim, a witness, or who has knowledge of alleged police misconduct. Complaints can be filed by telephone, online, and/or in person by scheduling an appointment with the PARC Community Manager at 865-215-3869.

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## **9. Parks and Rec Hosts Two Community Clean-Ups**

The City of Knoxville's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting two litter clean-ups this fall:

- Thursday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the EV Davidson Community Center, 3124 Wilson Ave.
- Thursday, Oct. 5 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Larry Cox Senior Center and Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

Safety vests, trash bags, gloves and litter pickers will be provided on site. For more information, contact Verena at 865-637-5991 or email at [vhadden@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:vhadden@knoxvilletn.gov).

Let's pitch in to keep our community clean!

## **10. BZA Meets Next Week**

The next Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

There is a Zoom attendance option available upon request. If you need to request a Zoom link, please let Jen Scobee know at [jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov) before 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Properties that will be discussed are:

- 153 Old State Rd.
- 2342/2344 Robinson Rd.
- 4610 Villa Rd.
- 4335 Apex Dr.
- 4302 Thistlewood Way
- 4211 Mockingbird Ln. NE

If you wish to speak on a property, please be sure to sign in on the speaker sign-in sheet that will be on the table as you enter the room. If you would like to be advised of appeals on an item, please be sure to fill out the Appeals sign-up sheet that is also on that table.

You may view the agenda and application packets [here](#).

### **11. City Seeks Input on Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report**

The City's Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development seeks public input on a draft of its 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) between Sept. 13 and 27. All comments must be received no later than Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The draft report outlines how the City spent federal HUD (Housing and Urban Development) funds between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, and on local activities that align with the Consolidated Plan: to reduce and prevent homelessness; stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods; and create economic opportunity.

The report will be available for review online at [www.knoxvilletn.gov/development](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/development) and in person at the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Office, Suite 532B (5th Floor City-County Building), 400 Main St.

The draft report may also be mailed to interested parties upon request by calling Linda Rust at 865-215-2357. The final report will be submitted to HUD by Saturday, Sept 30.

Input may be submitted in writing to Linda Rust by emailing [lrust@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:lrust@knoxvilletn.gov), or mailed to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN 37901.

### **12. City Offers Open Houses on Missing Middle Housing**

After a study by Opticos Design last year, the City of Knoxville and Knox Planning staff have been collaborating on plans to eliminate barriers to the construction of what is known as "missing middle" housing, which includes townhomes, duplexes and other multi-family housing structures.

Residents are invited to learn about “missing middle” at Community Open House events scheduled for this month.

- Thursday, Sept. 21, 4:30-7 p.m. Emerald Youth Foundation Gymnasium, 1718 Central St.
- Monday, Sept. 25, 4:30-7 p.m., John T. O'Connor Center, 611 Winona St.

Residents can stop by anytime during the event. City and Planning staff will be available to provide an overview, show examples, and answer questions.

Information on these plans, how it will affect property owners and neighborhoods, and event details are available on our website at [KnoxvilleTN.gov/missingmiddle](https://KnoxvilleTN.gov/missingmiddle).

### **13. Volunteer Forester Training Registration Opens**

Registration is now open for Trees Knoxville's Volunteer Forester Certificate Program. The 4-week, 12-hour training program designed to help volunteers develop their tree planting and tree management skills begins on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and continues Oct. 4, Oct. 11, and Oct. 18.

To register, or learn more about the program cost and locations, visit [Trees Knoxville's website](#).

### **14. City Seeks Community Gardens to Participate in Composting Program**

The City's Waste and Resources Management Office seeks community gardens to help expand the Knoxville Compost Project and divert even more food waste from area landfills.

Established community gardens within Knoxville city limits are invited to apply to receive a three-bin (medium capacity/ 7 cubic yards), lidded composting system. Bins will be built on site and will be completed between September 2023 and September 2024.

Participating community gardens will be required to maintain the bins and report back to the City every six months after installation.

The link to apply is here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRXhWmEOnlHa\\_SUiAoxz5uJvsl89nl\\_sXuoptWc2ZewMuVRg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRXhWmEOnlHa_SUiAoxz5uJvsl89nl_sXuoptWc2ZewMuVRg/viewform)

Learn more about Knoxville Compost Project at [KnoxvilleTN.gov/compost](https://KnoxvilleTN.gov/compost).

### **15. Knox Heritage Offers Grants for Homeowners in Historic Overlay Districts**

Knox Heritage, with support from the City of Knoxville's Historic Preservation Fund, is launching a Small Renovation Grant Fund to assist eligible homeowners residing within the City's H or NC Historic Overlay Districts.

Homeowners who live in H or NC Historic Overlay districts are invited to a Q&A session on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. After the workshop, applications for the grants will become available on Sunday, Oct. 1.

### **16. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Accepts Grant Applications**

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is now accepting applications for the 2023 Community Beautification Grants! Neighborhood associations, schools, and other community organizations can apply for grants up to \$5,000 to be used for projects such as community gardens, murals, tree planting, and outdoor classrooms.

Applications will close on Friday, Oct. 6.

To learn more or apply for grants, visit the [Keep Knoxville Beautiful website](#).

### **17. Knoxville SOUP Initiates A Night of Community Impact**

Knoxville SOUP is will hold a fundraising community dinner and silent auction, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley St.

The event will feature community projects and a delicious meal as well as a raffle of items donated by local merchants and a silent auction of the iconic South Knoxville Smoky Mountain Market signs.

Knoxville SOUP is a grassroots initiative that unites the local community in support of deserving projects and organizations. The concept is simple and powerful: attendees donate \$5 at the door, enjoy a meal, and listen to presentation by local individuals or groups, all of whom are working on community-enhancing initiatives.

After dinner, attendees cast their votes for the project that resonates with them the most. The project with the most votes will get the proceeds from funds raised at the door. This is an exceptional opportunity to have an innovative idea funded and transformed into tangible community improvements. **Proposal are due Sept 17.** Visit [www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org](http://www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org) for more information.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Presentations begin at 6 p.m. with dinner following.

Knoxville SOUP welcomes individuals, families, businesses, and community leaders to attend and partake in this memorable evening dedicated to community engagement. The impact of Knoxville SOUP dinners on local projects has been profound, creating connections and providing vital financial support for initiatives that address important community challenges.



Businesses and other organizations that wish to contribute an item for the raffle are recognized online and during the event. If you or your business wishes to contribute, please send an email to [contact@KnoxvilleSOUP.org](mailto:contact@KnoxvilleSOUP.org).

For more information, visit [www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org](http://www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org) or contact event co-chairs, Gayla Guignard, at [ghguignard@gmail.com](mailto:ghguignard@gmail.com).

**18. 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](#)

The City of Knoxville requires a permit to operate a short-term rental property. Details and a list of short-term rental permits are located on the City's website [here](#).

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

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