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1. Tonight: Public Meeting on Regulation of Short Term Rentals

The City of Knoxville will hold a public meeting tonight (Oct. 18) to obtain citizen feedback on a proposal by city staff to regulate, for the first time in Knoxville, short-term rentals brokered by online services such as Airbnb.

The meeting will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Central United Methodist Church, 201 Third Avenue, in the Fourth & Gill neighborhood.

Here is a [document outlining the issues involved](#), along with possible regulatory approaches, will be posted on the city's website prior to the meeting.

2. Colonial Village Residents to Beautify Entrance

The **Colonial Village Neighborhood Association** is organizing neighbors to work with one another to beautify the area around the neighborhood welcome sign at the corner of Colonial Drive and Easton Road.

The cleanup and planting event begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Neighbors are urged to bring an assortment of garden tools. They will replace some azaleas that did not survive the drought, remove weeds, and plant winter pansies. For more, contact Terry Caruthers at t_caruthers@hotmail.com.

3. Edgewood Park Schedules Fall Festival

The **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association** will hold a day-long fall festival on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Edgewood Park and the Larry Cox Senior Center.

There will be a community yard sale at the Center from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., a chili cook-off from noon until 2 p.m., and games in the park from 2-4:30 p.m. All of this will be followed by trunk-or-treat, a children's costume contest, and live music from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. All are invited.

To volunteer or learn more, contact Carly Baskette at 253-5216 or carly.baskette@gmail.com.

4. Montgomery Village Seeks Donations for Trunk-or-Treat Event

The **Montgomery Village Residents Association** (MVRA) is planning to hold a trunk-or-treat event on Halloween for the 400 children who live in the South Knoxville housing development.

The activity will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, at the MVRA office at 4600 Joe Lewis Road, Unit 175.

Working with the United Methodist Church, MVRA is also seeking donations from individuals and other neighborhood organizations. If you would like to donate candy or show up at the event with a trunkful of goodies, contact MVRA President Ronnie Thompson at 583-9221 or mvrarts2@gmail.com.

5. Plans for Halloween?

If your neighborhood organization is making plans to celebrate Halloween as a group, please let us know. We are glad to publish your news in this space in our Oct. 25 issue. Who knows? Your creative event may inspire other neighborhood groups to bring their residents together for some holiday fun. Provide details to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382 by Monday morning, Oct. 24.

6. Broadway Corridor Meeting: Nov. 1, Not Oct. 18

As noted in this space last week, the Broadway Corridor Task Force and the East Tennessee Community Design Center will host a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1, to unveil the Broadway Corridor Enhancement Plan, which is a vision of how the corridor south of I-640 can look with the right combination of public and private investment over time.

A call meeting of the North Knoxville Business and Professional Association had been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 18, on this same subject. However, this Oct. 18 meeting has been cancelled. All are invited to the Nov. 1 meeting, which will take place in the Fellowship Hall of St. James Episcopal Church, 1101 North Broadway. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., and the meeting begins promptly at 6 p.m.

7. Early Voting Begins, Charter Amendments Explained

Early voting in Knox County begins this Wednesday, Oct. 19, and runs through Thursday, Nov. 3. Here is your handy guide to several important aspects of this important citizen privilege and responsibility.

*** Check the Knox County Election Commission website --- www.knoxvotes.org --- to confirm that you are registered to vote. (It is now too late to register for the Nov. 8 election.)

*** See a list of the [11 early voting locations](#) and the days and times they are open (including Saturdays). Or call the Election Commission at 215-2480 for this information.

*** [See the sample ballot](#), including not only the presidential race but also state House and Senate races, along with four City Charter Amendments.

These four amendments are located at the end of the ballot. Since the “legalese” ballot language can be confusing, the City has prepared a summary of each of the four proposed amendments. Visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/election for this summary.

Three of the Charter amendment proposals involve changes to the City employee pension system. They were proposed by the Pension Board and supported by Mayor Rogero, who’s a member of the Pension Board. None of the changes would increase any retiree benefits, so there’s no public expense associated with any of the proposals.

A fourth proposal – requested by the Knox County Administrator of Elections – calls for moving the date of City primary elections from the last Tuesday in September in odd-numbered years to the last Tuesday in August in odd-numbered years. The change will allow more time for Knox County election workers to prepare and mail the ballots for the November general election in an organized and timely manner.

8. Take MPC Survey on Sector Plans

The Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) is inviting the public to participate in a survey to assess the effectiveness of the current sector planning process.

In addition, you can arrange for an MPC staff person to speak on sector planning at your neighborhood meeting (see last graph).

The survey should take 5 minutes to complete and is expected to remain open through the end of November. Results from the survey will be posted on the MPC website in December. [Take the survey](#).

"Community opinions and input regarding the sector planning process is critical when planning for the future growth and development of the City and County. The desires and wishes of residents, property owners, and business owners must be known in order for MPC staff to shape how the sector planning process can be more effective and useful for all," said Gerald Green, Executive Director of the MPC.

Knox County and the City of Knoxville are divided into 12 planning sectors. Sector plans are updated on 6-year cycles to provide recommendations for land use, transportation,

and community facilities. Each sector has a 15-year plan that guides land use and development, as well as a 5-year capital improvement and implementation program to help guide them in the near-term.

Within these documents are specific recommendations, such as adopting a scenic road corridor overlay zone district to transportation improvements or allowing mixed-use development in certain areas.

Sector plans are part of the Knoxville-Knox County General Plan 2033, which also incorporates small area plans, the Knoxville-Knox County Parks, Recreation, and Greenways Plan, Major Road Plan, and other adopted plans. This plan gives broad, long-range recommendations for the entire 525 square mile jurisdiction, while sector plans are specialized and give specific guidance for the area to which they apply.

[Learn more about sector plans.](#)

Focus groups regarding the sector planning process are now being scheduled. If you are interested in having an MPC staff member attend your community group meeting to discuss the survey and collect input from your group regarding the sector planning process, please contact Liz Albertson at liz.albertson@knoxmpc.org or 865-215-3804.

[9. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (clickable to online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at scCook@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact David Massey at 215-3232 or dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov.

Other Calendars

Here are several other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [Birdhouse Community Center](#)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Knoxville Mercury](#) (weekly community paper)

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