

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 11, No. 20 – Tuesday, June 19, 2018

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### **1. OON Says Farwell to David Massey**

For the last 10 years, the Office of Neighborhood has been run by a fierce, dedicated, hard-working, kind-hearted, passionate gentleman. Whether through his penmanship, late night hours, and even his often heard whistle; David Massey showed his love for Knoxville's residents in all he did.

We are going to miss his institutional knowledge, sense of humor, and constant drive to work! He has been a blessing to this community.

The new team, Debbie, Eden, Hannah, Hope, and Lina, all wish him well in his retirement. We hope that he has time to relax, travel, and enjoy time with friends and family.

### **2. Neighborhoods Prepare for National Night Out**

National Night Out (NNO) promotes police and community partnerships. The event aims to provide community watch groups the necessary resources and assets to stay informed, involved, and motivated within the community.

Traditionally, NNO is celebrated the first Tuesday in August. Recently, some cities choose to celebrate the event on the first Tuesday in October, like Knoxville. Both are acceptable.

If you plan to celebrate on August 7, please let the Office of Neighborhoods know the following information:

- \*Your neighborhood's name
- \*Contact person
- \*Phone number
- \*Email
- \*Your event (i.e. chili cook-off, ice cream social, etc)
- \*Times, and
- \*Location

Email this information to Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov). Also, copy Officer John Morgan to the email, [jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov).

If you plan to celebrate in October, we will request that information later in the year.

### **3. Mechanicsville to Have Community Café This Saturday**

**Mechanicsville Community Association** will take part in a Community Café on Saturday, June 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street. The Café will be facilitated by Hannah Freeman, the AmeriCorps VISTA for the Office of Neighborhoods.

This particular Community Café will focus on “preventing burnout among active neighbors”. All residents of Knoxville’s neighborhood groups are welcome; however, this café focuses on providing opportunities for lower income neighborhood groups to collaborate. Limited coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The Community Café is an adaptation of the [World Café method](#), a method for conversational leadership. The World Café process uses the collective knowledge of the present community stakeholders to piece together profound and inclusive insights into various issues. Using this process, Community Café seeks first, to connect active residents across the city and second, to provide community support for neighborhood specific issues and solutions.

The Office of Neighborhoods is available to assist any neighborhood group who may wish to host a Community Café in their area. For more, contact Hannah Freeman at 215-3456 or [hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov).

### **4. Save the Date - Neighbor 2 Neighbor Resource Fair**

Thank you to those that filled out the Office of Neighborhoods logistical survey for an upcoming resource fair, posted a couple of weeks ago. After looking at the results, the Office of Neighborhoods will host its first resource fair, Neighbor 2 Neighbor, on Thursday, July 26, 5-8 p.m. at Cal Johnson Recreation Center, 507 Hall of Fame Dr.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor’s mission is to create a meaningful space to bring active residents together with local and non-profit resources. It will also facilitate create meaningful discussion among neighbors and community partners. Non-profit organizations are

encouraged to reserve a booth. Space is limited so act quickly. To make a reservation, contact Hannah Freeman at 215-3456 or [hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **5. Save Our Sons, Pellissippi State to Hold 2018 Boys Summit**

Save Our Sons (SOS), an initiative of the Mayor's Office, will partner with Pellissippi State Community College to host the 2018 Sons Summit. The Summit will be held Friday, June 29, 2018 from 1-6 p.m. at Pellissippi State, 1610 E Magnolia Ave.

The Summit will focus on uplifting boys and young men of color (aged 14-24) through an afternoon of speakers and workshops dedicated to sustainable employment. Topics include financial literacy, professional dress, and workforce readiness. Local DJ personality, Sterling "Sterl the Pearl" Henton, will deliver the keynote address.

"Save Our Sons is excited to work with our partner Pellissippi State Community College to provide a day that helps young men of color capitalize on strategies that highlight their strengths," said SOS Outreach Manager Kevin Perry. "We are continuing to promote partners and activities that help young men overcome negative situations and develop positive cultural mindsets that can be used to steer them onto healthy, successful paths."

The Sons Summit is free of charge but participants must register for the event. All registered participants will receive a free lunch. The first 15 Sons will receive free movie tickets, courtesy of Regal Entertainment. In addition, door prizes will be offered at the event.

Register [here](#). For more, contact Tatia Harris at 865-215-2831 or Kevin Perry at 865-215-2589.

## **6. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets June 21**

Twenty five properties are on the agenda for this week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Established by city ordinance, BZA hears appeals of denials of building permits by the city's Building Inspections Department. The board, consisting of five citizens appointed by the Mayor, meets at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

BZA meets Thursday, June 21. Addresses on the agenda include 1708 Boone Street, 2012 N. Broadway, 1931 Middlebrook Pike, 3105 Wood Duck Lane, 4502 Hutton Road, 6720 Clinton Highway, 2439 E. Fifth Avenue, 2018 Clinch Avenue, 1603 Jefferson Avenue, 1605 Jefferson Avenue, 814 Tyson Street, 8529 Kingston Pike, 200 Jennings Avenue, 0 Texas Avenue, 1714, 1720, 1726, 1744, 1748, & 1754 Texas Avenue, 0 Minnesota Avenue, 0 Sherman Street, 1751 Delaware Avenue, 1901 Clinch Avenue, and 901 E. Summit Hill Drive.

Keep up with how the BZA might impact your neighborhood. Watch for signs indicating that there is a pending decision on a particular piece of property. Most signs are for Metropolitan Planning Commission issues --- which are also important --- but signs with

the word “variance” are BZA items. (Learn how MPC changed the way it handles [notification signs](#).)

The BZA agenda is posted on the city website. Browse to [www.knoxvilletn.gov/boards](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/boards) and click on Board of Zoning Appeals. The agenda is posted no later than the Monday prior to the BZA meeting each month.

A neighborhood group that keeps track of BZA will call the Plans Review & Inspections Department at 215-3669 to request and study the paperwork on a particular appeal, decide whether to take a position on the appeal, and then attend the BZA meeting to voice the group’s support or objections. A group can also request a postponement to allow time to meet with the applicant.

Decisions of the BZA can be appealed within 15 days of the BZA decision to Knoxville City Council. Appeals of a City Council decision are made to Chancery Court within 60 days of a City Council decision related to BZA.

### **7. Bridge Refugee Services Hosts World Refugee Day**

Come celebrate world culture and community at the annual Knoxville [World Refugee Day](#)! Stop by Bridge Refugee Services (BRS), 3839 Buffat Mill Rd., between 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, for a fun evening of culture and comradery.

Featuring international cuisine, dancing, musical presentations, storytelling, and family friendly activities for all ages, [BRS](#) hosts this city-wide event to honor and welcome refugees and asylees from across the world.

### **8. Knoxville SOUP Seeks Proposals**

If you are looking to gain support and momentum for a project targeted toward benefiting your community or society as a whole, [submit your proposal](#) to Knoxville SOUP by Sunday, July 15.

Knoxville SOUP is a community pot luck style dinner, focused on *Celebrating and Supporting Creative Projects in Knoxville*. SOUP provides an opportunity for the community to gather, share, connect, and support community-based initiatives.

Each SOUP meeting features four presentations – each speaker presents their initiative for four minutes, followed by a four-minute Q&A. Dinner is served as guests discuss and vote on which project they wish to fund. The winning project is then granted funds from an at-door-donation, typically \$5.00 per person, and from any SOUP sponsors to help facilitate their project goals.

If you are interested in celebrating community and supporting community-based initiatives in our area, please join us for dinner on Tuesday, July 24, at 6 p.m. at the South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike.

For more information and a list of previously funded projects visit [Knoxville SOUP](#).

### **9. CASA Needs Volunteers**

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are needed. The next training class begins in August 2018.

[CASA of East Tennessee](#), Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of abused and neglected children in Knox County and the greater region. They do this with the help of highly committed, long-term volunteers who work one-on-one with a child, advocating for his or her best interests.

Being a CASA volunteer does not require any special education or background, just a heart for children and a willingness to speak out and represent their best interests. A volunteer must be 21 or over, pass background checks, and undergo a 33-hour advocate training program

For more, contact Shelley Esquivel at 865-329-3399.

## **10. Connect Knox Seeks Input**

[Connect Knox](#) is a community-centered initiative that connects those with an undeniable energy, passion and vision for uplifting and maintaining their community.

Connect Knox is looking for input to help lay the foundation for their work in 2019. Responses to the community [survey](#) will help volunteers determine priorities for the next year.

## **11. 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 [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

## **Other Calendars**

Here are 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)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)

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