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1. Time to Vote!

The election process can be mystifying for some. Below are some answers to some frequently asked questions. Let's empower every citizen's voice to be heard on Election Day! Polls are open today, Nov. 6, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Hopefully, most of you got a chance to vote early at any polling location, but if you did not, you must vote in your registered precinct today. If you're a student or live near UTK campus, you might even see Sarah, the Office of Neighborhoods' Intern, working at the polling location. See below for the steps to become an engaged voter:

Step 1: Am I registered to vote?

To find out, follow this [link](#). If yes: GO VOTE! If no: that's okay, register to vote here and you will be prepared to vote in the next election.

Step 2: Where can I vote?

Simply type in your address [here](#) and your correct voting location will pop up. Then... GO VOTE!

Step 3: But wait, what offices am I voting for?

The offices in the midterm elections today will be: Tennessee Governor, U.S. Senate, Tennessee State Senate Districts 5 and 7, and Tennessee House of Representatives Districts 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 89. See the [sample ballot](#).

Step 4: Okay, I'm heading out the door to vote – what should I bring with me?

All voters need to bring a state or federal-issued photo ID. For example, a driver's license, passport, military photo ID, handgun permit, etc. Expired state or federal IDs are accepted as well. For a full list of eligible and non-eligible IDs as well as exemptions for photo IDs, visit the Tennessee Secretary of State's [website](#). If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain one for free with the necessary paperwork at participating Department of Safety and Homeland Security Centers.

Step 5: Do you find voting awesome and want to learn more about the election process?

You can apply to become an election official online here. In addition, there are several ways to advocate and be more involved in this process locally. A great way to stay updated is through resources like [Go Vote! Knoxville](#) where you will be able to follow live election results of all candidates and offices. Another great way to stay updated is by following [@KnoxVotes](#) on Twitter (no Twitter account is needed to view this account's updates) where you will be able to follow live election results of all candidates.

This election cycle looks to break records. Be one of the voters counted.

2. Southside Waterfront Elects New Neighborhood Board

Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association (SWFT) elected a new 2018-2019 Board of Directors! Three previous officers were elected to serve in new positions, and one new, very qualified board member joined the team. Congratulations to the following neighborhood leaders elected to lead SWFT into a second successful year as a vibrant association:

- Don Browder, President
- Kevin Jeske-Polyak, Vice President
- Andrew Jeske-Polyak, Secretary-Treasurer
- Terri Durbin, Communications Director

SWFT is a relatively new neighborhood organization, located just across the Tennessee River in South Knoxville, including both the City View at the River Walk Apartments and 303 Flats. For more information, check out the [SWFT Website](#).

3. NAC Hears More on Affordable Housing

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meets on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St., to continue the discussion of Affordable Housing.

Last month, the NAC was briefed on the topic: Affordable Housing Crisis in Knoxville – What is the city doing? NAC members, audience members, and staff all voiced that the information was informative and wanted more discussion.

NAC will be continuing the conversation. At the next session there will be more discussion about how Neighborhood Groups can provide input for future development in neighborhoods.

All are welcome to attend. The procedure for this meeting will be: first, the council asks questions and/or makes comments, and then the floor will be open to the audience.

During the NAC meeting, the Office of Neighborhoods will inform the group about an upcoming survey, which will request feedback about Office of Neighborhoods' programs. Which programs are working; which ones are not; and which ones can be improved? The input will help the Office of Neighborhoods grow in the future.

The NAC meets monthly and are appointed by the Mayor to serve three year terms. The group provides feedback about neighborhood issues to the City's administration and also shares updates with their neighborhood organizations. to their neighborhoods.

4. Introduction to Local Government Workshop

The Office of Neighborhoods will present an "Introduction to Local Government" workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This workshop will focus on City departments and offices that interact the most with the public, including Public Service, 3-1-1, Inspections and more. There will also be information on City Council, the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and County Commission.

Contact Hannah Freeman at hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3456 to register. She will then give you the location.

Are you in need of a disability accommodation to attend this meeting? Contact the City's ADA Coordinator: Stephanie Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact: Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris 215-2831

5. MPC Meets November 8; Recode Deadline Extended

The Knoxville-Knox County [Metropolitan Planning Commission](#) has its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

On the [agenda](#), Recode Knoxville is being addressed on #5. However, when you click on the link, it states, "Recent direction from City Council, the Public Stakeholders Advisory Committee, and the Planning Commission has resulted in an extension of the timetable for adoption of the ordinance. The extension will allow more time for additional public input, workshops by advisory and legislative bodies involved in the ordinance adoption process, and appropriate revisions to the draft ordinance and map. With the extension of the timetable, there is no need for the Planning Commission to take action on the draft ordinance at your November meeting."

There may be other items on the agenda that interest you, so check out the agenda for developments, road closures, and/or uses on review in your neighborhood.

6. Active Knox Speaker Series Features Seth LaJeunesse

[Active Knoxville](#) is proud to present Seth LaJeunesse, a national expert on traffic safety and ending traffic deaths. Seth will speak on “Creating Truly Safer Streets” on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Knoxville Public Works Service Center in Community Room, 3131 Morris Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Please [register](#) to provide an accurate count.

Seth, a research associate and assistant director at the National Center for Safe Routes to School at the University of North Carolina, is dedicated to youth traffic safety and finding ways to diffuse more effective road safety practice. He evaluates behavioral interventions that enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and promotes access for such methods of transportation. Seth spends much of his time researching ways to advance safety and provide equitable access to physical activity and community life. He works on a vast array of projects, including those funded by the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Project, North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program, the Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Join the workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 27, to learn how everyone can work to make Knoxville a safer, more accessible city.

7. EarthFest Looks for Neighborhood Involvement

EarthFest, Knoxville’s annual Earth Day celebration, is looking for neighborhoods’ involvement in its 2019 festival!

EarthFest, scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 20, 2019, is a family-friendly, pet-friendly, zero-waste event with a sustainable, local marketplace. The festival features local leaders, non-profits, and businesses’ ideas and products for a greener future. EarthFest is committed to building a sustainable community by looking for your neighborhood’s help! Interested neighbors or neighborhood groups can volunteer at the event, be on a committee, host a children’s game, help with environmental education and much more!

If you or your neighborhood would like to be involved in EarthFest, contact Hannah Freeman at hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3456.

8. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for 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 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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