

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 7 – Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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1. The Neighborhood Challenge is ON!

Neighborhood organizations are already making plans to see which part of town will raise the most money for The Neighborhood Conference.

How does it work?

Local breweries across the City have agreed to designate Wednesday, Mar. 13, as an evening where neighborhood organizations, family, and friends can show their support for the City of Knoxville's Neighborhood Conference.

Between 5-10 p.m. on March 13, a percentage of the beer sales from participating breweries will be donated to support this important community event. Donations are also accepted. Participating breweries include: [Abridged Beer Co.](#), [Hexagon Brewing Co.](#), [Last Days of Autumn Brewing](#), [Pretentious Beer Co.](#), and [Printshop Beer Co.](#)

Gather your neighbors, and show support in your region. It is a challenge between [North](#), [South](#), [East](#), [West](#), and [Downtown](#). (Click your part of town to share a Facebook post.) Whether through beer sales or donations, the neighborhood region that raises the most funds will be recognized at the Neighborhood Conference! Gather your neighbors, spread the word, and join in the fun!

This year's Neighborhood Conference is scheduled for May 18, 2019 and is free and open to the public. Each year, approximately 600-700 people attend the event, which

provides educational sessions and networking opportunities. Representatives from City departments are on hand to provide information and answer questions.

The Neighborhood Conference is supported by sponsorships and City funding. For more information, visit the City's [website](#) or contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-4382.

Keep your eyes peeled for Neighborhood Challenge flyers, coming soon! Help us promote the event by sharing with your neighbors and on your neighborhood's social media pages.

2. City Council to Discuss Neighborhood Zoning

City Council will host a second workshop on [Recode Knoxville](#), Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

This workshop will focus on updates to residential zoning, including all housing and neighborhood zone changes. To see how Recode Knoxville will affect your neighborhood, check out the [Recode Knoxville Map](#).

Please note this City Council workshop is held on a Wednesday, rather than their customary Thursdays.

3. Planning and City Meetings Coming Up

[Historic Zoning Commission](#) (HZC) – Thursday, Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. Small Assembly Room

[Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) – Thursday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m. Small Assembly Room

[Better Building Board](#) (BBB) – Thursday, Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m. Small Assembly Room

[Public Officer Hearing](#) (POH) – Friday, Mar. 1, 9:30 a.m. Small Assembly Room

The HZC will discuss six properties: Knoxville High School H-1 Landmark 101 E. 5th Ave. – front parking lot; South High School H-1 Landmark 953 E. Moody Ave. – rehabilitation of exterior; Knollwood H-1 Landmark 105 Major Reynolds Pl. – new construction; Fort Sanders NC-1, 1601 Forest Ave. – partial demolition/addition; Fourth and Gill H-1 District, 703 Luttrell St. – accessible ramp and garage doors; and 835 N. Central Ave. - Recommendation on H-1 Overlay.

The Historic Zoning Commission works with developers to encourage the preservation of historic sites and areas and to integrate historic facilities into other plans. The commission reviews applications for building permits for construction or demolition within a designated historic zone. The commission also acts as an advocate for changes in various state, local, and federal laws that affect historic sites.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood and you have input to share or an interest in learning about Historic Zoning, feel free to attend.

There will be eight properties addressed at the BZA meeting: 3147 Whitney Pl., 3111 McClure Ln., 2921 Pershing St., 5016 McIntyre Rd., 1901 Foggy Bottom St., 101 E. Fifth Ave., 1410 Boyd St., and 1015 Locust St.

BZA listens to appeals on denied building permits. Applicants whose requests have been denied by the City's Plans Review and Inspections Department can request a variance from the Zoning Code requirements or appeal an administrative official's interpretation of the Zoning Code to the BZA.

The BBB and POH will have their agendas available next week.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to be able to attend these meetings or any public meeting should contact Stephanie Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 865-215-2831.

4. OON Offers Grant Brainstorming Workshop

Have you considered applying for an Office of Neighborhoods (OON) Neighborhood Grant? Are you struggling to come up with or narrow down the best project to benefit your neighborhood? This workshop is for you!

On Tuesday, Mar. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., in the KAT Community Room, 301 E. Church Ave., OON will host a Grant Ideas workshop. This is a peer-based workshop and will involve group discussion, brainstorming, and idea sharing.

For more information, please contact Debbie Sharp at 215-3232 or dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. Win a \$75 Neighborhood Achievement Award

What creative, innovative, think-outside-the-box projects has your neighborhood organization been doing over the past year?

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply for the Neighborhood Achievement Award. The awards will showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2018 calendar year.

To apply, fill in the [application](#) and email it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov OR mail it to Office of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN, 37901, no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Apr. 5. If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, contact Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or the above email.

Neighborhood Achievement Awards are recognized every year at The Neighborhood Conference held on May 18, 2019 at the Knoxville Convention Center this year. Winners receive \$75 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

Example accomplishments include:

--- Beautification and place-making projects, green spaces and community gardens, and other physical improvements to the neighborhood;

--- Projects, events, and activities that focus on connecting neighbors with one another, such as street fairs, potlucks, home tours, holiday celebrations, and neighbors helping neighbors;

--- New or ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters, social media, and phone tree networks; and

--- Activities involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

We are excited to see what your neighborhoods are up to!

6. OON Thanks Neighborhood Conference Sponsors

With the Neighborhood Conference coming up in just three short months, the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) has been working hard to secure funding for the event.

The conference held this year on May, 18, at the Knoxville Convention Center, draws in 600+ residents and is free and open to the public. Donations from our amazing community sponsors help the OON keep the event free, provide lunch, and serve the entire Knoxville Community.

The OON would like to give a huge, "Thank You," to those who have stepped up to sponsor the conference so far:

Platinum Level Sponsors:

-Waste Connections

Silver Level Sponsors:

-Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace

-Home Federal Bank

Bronze Level Sponsors:

-Cannon & Cannon

-Knoxville Area Association of Realtors

-Realty Executives Associations

-UT Federal Credit Union

For more information on how to be a sponsor for The Neighborhoods Conference, please contact Debbie Sharp at 215-3232 or at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. Great Neighbors Seek Award Nominations

"Wow! Did you see what Jenny did! She works so hard to make our neighborhood great. Someone should give that woman an award!"

Whether Jenny, Bob, Miguel, Chandra, Jimmy, or Sarah, many of us have a neighbor who goes above and beyond to make our community a spectacular place to live. Maybe they plan every meeting, always bring snacks, take Saturdays to help out in the community garden, or put countless hours into collecting traffic calming applications.

Whatever the challenge may be, you can honor those neighborhood volunteers by nominating them for the Neighbor of the Year Award (NOYA)!

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually at the Neighborhood Conference to a Knoxville resident who devotes their time and heart to their neighborhood community. The purpose of this award is to honor someone who humbly makes a positive contribution on the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

While only one winner will be chosen, all nominees will be recognized at the Neighborhood Conference on May 18, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Show your neighbor you appreciate their efforts; nominate them for the NOYA Award.

Nominations for NOYA are open through Monday, Mar. 4. (That is less than two weeks!) Fill out the nomination [form](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp either by email at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to: Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

If you have questions, you may also call 215-4382. To learn more about previous winners, visit the [website](#).

As Martin Luther King once said, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." Shine a light on the greatness in your community.

8. Track Bills in the State Legislature

The news is full of proposed bills during this session of the Tennessee General Assembly. If you have questions or want to look up which bills your state representative or state senator is sponsoring, please see: <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/>

9. Do's and Don'ts for the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt

"One (wo)man's trash is another (wo)man's treasure," put that idiom to the test; take part in the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt!

The Neighborhood Treasure Hunt is a unique fundraising opportunity brought to you by Community Television (CTV). Neighbors gather household items which are then displayed on Facebook as part of an online auction. The best part, neighbors have the opportunity to designate a neighborhood of their choice as the beneficiary of the funds raised from the sale of their item!

The Auction will take place over three weeks, starting April 11, and culminating in a final sale and all day CTV special on Friday, May 3.

Why not sell your "junk" to raise money for your neighborhood, a neighborhood you would like to support, or even the Neighborhood's Conference? Clean out your basement and support your community! So far, neighbors have submitted a new dog crate, vintage pool balls, and an expensive china set. What treasures can you find?

Interested? Here are some Do's and Don'ts to keep in mind while embarking on the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt:

-Do **encourage** your neighbors, neighborhood businesses, and other supporters to take part in this fun, easy way to raise money for your neighborhood.

-Do **search** your attic, basement, storage unit, garage, and closet for "treasures" to donate to the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt!

-Do **submit** an online item donation form to the [Neighborhood Treasure Hunt](#) to register your "treasures" for the sale.

-Don't **overlook** this opportunity to engage your neighbors and raise money for your neighborhood.

-Don't **forget** to spread the word via e-mail, neighborhood newsletters, social media, and neighborhood meetings.

-Don't **miss** the April deadline! All items must be submitted to [Kevin](#) at CTV by April 10 for the auction to start on the 11!

For more information, please visit [CTV Neighborhood Treasure Hunt](#). Please direct all questions to Kevin Jeske-Polyak at 215-4352 or kevin@ctvknox.org.

Happy hunting!

[10. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (click link for online calendar)

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

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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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