

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 13 – Tuesday, April 2, 2019

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1. Montgomery Village Seeks Donations

The **Montgomery Village Tenant’s Association** is seeking denotations for its Easter celebration.

Donations of items a child might enjoy in their Easter Basket are encouraged. For example, chocolate, candy, stuffed animals, small toys and other spring-time fun items are all welcome.

If you or anyone you know would like to donate, contact Diana Hill at 309-6501 or email mvtenantboard@gmail.com.

2. Five Points Up Hosts Cleanup

Five Points Up, a community group dedicated to beautifying and unifying East Knoxville, will hold a community cleanup on Saturday, Apr. 13, from 9 a.m.-noon.

All groups will meet at Eternal Life Harvest Center, 2410 MLK Jr. Ave., at 9 a.m., to get materials and equipment; all will disperse to their neighborhoods to clean up. All groups will meet back at Eternal Life Harvest Center at noon to enjoy a free lunch and fellowship with neighbors.

Neighbors from all over Knoxville are invited to join in and help.

For more information, call 546-5125 or 215-5187.

3. NAC to Hear More on Affordable Housing

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) marked Affordable Housing as one of the most important topics to address in 2019.

To speak to that, Becky Wade, Community Development Director, Linda Rust, Community Development Administrator, and Hope Ealey, Project Specialist, will start the conversation about how neighborhood organizations can work with developers and City departments for mutual benefits.

This NAC meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. All are welcome to attend.

The NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to:

- 1) Give advice and feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhoods;
- 2) Bring neighborhood issues and concerns to the attention of the Mayor and City Administration;
- 3) Propose to the Administration responses and solutions to address these concerns; and
- 4) Serve as a sounding board for City initiatives and proposals affecting neighborhoods.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City Administration. As a matter of policy, it does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies.

For accommodations, contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scCook@knoxvilletn.gov. For translation services, contact Tatia Harris at 215-2831 or tharris@knoxvilletn.gov.

4. Neighborhood Achievement Award Application Closes April 5

The Office of Neighborhoods is taking applications for the 2019 Neighborhood Achievement Awards until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 5. Neighborhood projects carried out during 2018 are eligible for the award.

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply. The awards will showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2018 calendar year. [Here is the application](#).

The **Neighborhood Achievement Awards** recognize the work of the city's neighborhood organizations in improving, protecting, and enhancing their neighborhoods. Awards will be presented at [The Neighborhood Conference](#), held Saturday, May 18, 2019, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Winners will receive a cash award of \$75.

For more information, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

5. New Sponsors Added for The Neighborhood Conference

[The Neighborhood Conference](#) has a new bronze level sponsor; Elizabeth Eason Architecture at \$500.

Mast General Store is also donating a prize for EVERY participant at the conference. We hope you will attend to see what that prize is. [Register](#) now to save your spot.

Listed last week, our current sponsors are:

- Platinum Level (\$5,000): Waste Connections
- Silver Level (\$1500): Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace and Home Federal Bank
- Bronze Level sponsors (\$500): Cannon & Cannon, First Tennessee Bank, Hatcher Hill, Knoxville Area Association of Realtors, Realty Executives Associates, and UT Federal Credit Union

We appreciate the support of these sponsors for this important community event and are still accepting sponsorships. For more information, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

The Neighborhood Conference will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Knoxville Convention Center.

6. Get Your Items in for the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt

Planning a neighborhood picnic this summer? Do you want to make this year's block party better than ever? Why not turn your old stuff into cash! [Register](#) today for the [Neighborhood Treasure Hunt Online Auction](#).

Starting Friday, Apr. 12, [Community Television](#) (CTV), in partnership with the Office of Neighborhoods, will air a four-week long online action event on Facebook, ending in a Final Sale and a three-hour televised broadcast Friday, May 3. Neighbors donate items, such as antiques, furniture, games, and more. Next, they designate which neighborhood they wish to donate the proceeds from the sale.

To date, neighbors have donated over 150 items. The more items donated from your neighborhood, the more money you could raise for a project, event or other fun neighborhood activity.

Registration closes Thursday, Apr. 11; [register your items today!](#)

To learn more and to have your neighborhood featured during the three-hour broadcast event on May 3, [click here](#).

7. Trees Knoxville Hosts Volunteer Forester Program

Do you want to become a Certified Volunteer Forester? Now is your chance.

Twice a year, Trees Knoxville offers the Volunteer Forester Training Program to develop tree management skills to the many volunteers who wish to learn.

The course begins on Wednesday, Apr. 24, and meets every Wednesday for four weeks, including May 1, 8, and 15. To learn more, register, see the syllabus, meeting times and location, visit Trees Knoxville's [website](#).

The course is \$50, payable by check or cash at the first session. All attendees must register.

For more information, call 356-0470 or email treesknoxville@gmail.com with any training-related questions.

8. April 16 to be a Big Day for South Knoxville

Tuesday, Apr. 16, is a big day for South Knoxville. Not only do neighbors have the opportunity to provide input on the [Chapman Hwy. Implementation Plan](#), they can also learn more about the [Urban Wilderness Gateway Park Project](#) during the Walk with Elected Officials.

On Apr. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the South Doyle Middle School, 3900 Decatur Dr., the second workshop will be held to discuss the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan. This workshop will focus on proposed projects for the section of Chapman Highway between Blount Avenue and John Sevier Highway. Proposed projects are based on an analysis of data received during the previous workshop and an online survey conducted last fall.

The [Walk with Elected Officials](#) will begin at South Doyle Middle School on April 16 at 6 p.m. City Council members and other elected officials will walk the connection between the planned Gateway at the James White Parkway terminus and the Urban Wilderness. This one-mile loop will start and end in the South Doyle Middle School Parking lot. Community members are encouraged to join in the fun!

Are you interested in the Chapman Highway project, Gateway Park project and getting to know your elected officials? You are in luck. The Chapman Highway workshop is open house style in which community members can drop in early before the walk and still provide input on the Implementation Plan. You can then then lace up your sneakers and head out for the Walk with Elected Officials.

All are invited to join for an after-party of food and drinks at SoKno Taco Cantina following the walk.

For more information, visit [Chapman Hwy. Implementation Plan](#), [Urban Wilderness Gateway Park Project](#) and/or [Walk with Elected Officials](#).

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9. City Seeks Comments on Draft Annual Action Plan

Starting Friday, Apr. 5, The City of Knoxville is seeking comments on the first draft of its 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. The plan will be available for a 30-day public comment period that runs through Monday, May 6.

The Annual Action Plan describes how the Community Development Department proposes to spend funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020. The Plan is an update of the City's 2015-2019 (Five Year) Consolidated Plan. HUD funds are anticipated to include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and may also include Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The amount of funds allocated for the 2019-2020 program year is still unknown and will be estimated in the draft Plan. The final version of the Plan will include actual funding amounts.

Starting Friday, Apr. 5, copies of the Draft Plan can be found at on [Community Development's webpage](#) under "Reports and Plans" and at the office of the Department of Community Development, 5th floor, City County Building, 400 Main Street. Citizens may also obtain a copy of the draft plan by calling the Community Development Department at 215-2180.

The City of Knoxville encourages citizen comment on the draft Plan. A public hearing to discuss the plan will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Apr. 29, at the John T. O'Connor Center, 611 Winona Street.

For more information and/or to submit comments, contact Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail or fax to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville, Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, fax 865-215-2962 or by calling 865-215-2357. All comments must be received no later than Monday, May 6, 2019.

10. Planning Launches New "Groundbreaking" Tool

Knoxville – Knox County Planning has launched a new web application to provide information on construction activity across Knox County. This application, called [Groundbreakers](#), allows developers, investors, lenders, and community members to see information on planned, current and recent development projects.

The application provides extensive detail on major developments, including: residential, commercial, industrial, mixed use, special use and retail projects. This map-based program is easy for looking up a construction project in your area or understanding how a new development's location may affect your neighborhood.

Details on type, size, location, timeline, costs, status and news coverage are available for more than 150 project listings. Along with information on these individual projects,

filters and searches can be applied to show groupings that meet certain criteria, such as type, stage and location.

To learn more about Knoxville –Knox County Planning and the Groundbreakers app, check out www.knoxplanning.org.

11. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation 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 before the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

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](#)

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