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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods, we report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. OON Says Farwell to Hannah and Alyssa

The Office of Neighborhoods is sad to end a chapter with two great individuals, Hannah Freeman and Alyssa Wolfe.

Alyssa, a rising senior at Harden Valley High School, was a [Summer in the City intern](#) working 30 hours a week for six weeks. Alyssa focused on video projects, internal organization, and administrative assistance. Alyssa excelled in every way -- learning as much as she could and making the [#FeedKnox](#) initiative successful. We will miss Alyssa's fun attitude, work ethic, and creative ideas!

Hannah served as an [AmeriCorps](#) VISTA member for two years. Hannah has been an integral member of our team by assisting neighborhoods across the city, building and creating connections, leading workshops, hosting community cafes, helping neighborhoods solve problems, and much more. Hannah's impact was felt across the community. We will miss Hannah's dedication to our neighborhoods, her unique perspective, open-minded ideas, spunky attitude, motivation, and overall presence in our office. Her shoes will be big shoes to fill.

Joining our team is Peter Olson as an intern. He is a rising senior at the University of Tennessee studying environmental studies as well as geography. Peter will work with the OON six hours a week, helping with place making, documenting grant projects, assisting with back office logistics, and contributing to many other projects. Peter is a

go-getter and very driven to learn the ins and outs of working in government; we are excited to add him to our team.

Thank you, Alyssa and Hannah for making a difference in our community.

2. Montgomery Village Tenants Association Opens Library

The **Montgomery Village Tenant Association** is opening a volunteer-led community library. They will host a ribbon-cutting with Mayor Madeline Rogero on Friday, Aug. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m., at 4600 Joe Lewis Rd, Apt 178. After the ribbon-cutting, tours of the library will be offered.

The Tenant Association has been working hard over the past year to complete the project. The library will feature a children's play room, children's reading room, computer room, adult reading room, and a young adult section. All books have been donated from sources across the city, including the Knox County Public Library.

To RSVP for Friday's event, contact Sandy Williamson at 865-249-2098.

3. Lonsdale Celebrates Homecoming

The historic Lonsdale community will celebrate their Homecoming on Friday, Aug. 2, through Sunday, Aug. 4, at the Lonsdale Park.

The schedule is as follows:

- Friday, Aug. 2, 6-10 p.m. – International Night, children's activities, and vendors
- Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. – Homecoming Parade, children's activities, vendors, and live music featuring artist Brian Clay
- Sunday, Aug. 4, 2 - 4 p.m. – Old Timer's Dinner, worship service, and memorial service

This event is free and open to everyone. T-shirts, food, and crafts will be available for purchase.

For more, visit the [event page](#).

4. Seven Neighborhoods Apply for the Neighborhood Small Grants Program

The deadline for the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program was Monday, July 29. Seven neighborhoods have submitted applications for projects.

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) and a committee will review the proposals. Final projects are scheduled to be approved by City Council in October.

The [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#) (NSGP) is an initiative of the OON, offering neighborhoods up to \$3,000 for projects that build capacity and connectivity in neighborhoods across Knoxville. The NSGP is designed to allow neighborhoods to use funds for projects specific to their own unique community and the people who live there.

For a list of previously funded NSGP projects, visit [Neighborhood Small Grants Program Awards](#). For more information on NSGP and criteria to apply, contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3232.

5. Are you prepared to vote?

The City's primary election will be held on Aug. 27 and the general election on November 5. Offices on the ballot for the City of Knoxville include Mayor, City Council District 5, City Council At Large Seat A, City Council At Large Seat B, City Council At Large Seat C, and Municipal Judge.

Polling places in Knoxville are open for [early voting](#) August 7 to August 22nd. Locations are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The last three days of early voting (Aug. 20, 21, 22) polls will open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. All polling locations are closed on Sundays.

Voters should remember to bring a valid federal or Tennessee state government issued photo I.D. Early voting locations are as follows:

City County Building

Main floor next to 4th Circuit Court
400 Main Street
(Opens at Noon on Thursdays)

Downtown West

1645 Downtown West Blvd. Unit 40

Love Kitchen

2418 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

New Harvest Park

4775 New Harvest Lane

Meridian Baptist Church

6513 Chapman Highway

For more information on Knoxville's Upcoming Election and list of potential candidates, visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#). For more information on where and when to vote, visit the [Knox County Election Commission](#).

6. Second Annual Maker's City Summit Announced

The [Maker City Summit](#) is a day full of inspiration, practical know-how, and dialogue about growing a successful business by doing what you love.

Join the creative group on Sunday, Sept. 8, at The Mill & Mine, 227 West Depot Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. A Maker Meet-up will follow from 4:15 to 6 p.m.

Collaborative panel discussions, workshops, and keynote speakers will address the challenges of running a creative micro-business. One-on-one sessions and small group discussions with industry experts will help guide participants in specific disciplines like

marketing, merchandising, storytelling, and social media. Most importantly, attendees will connect with fellow makers and small businesses to galvanize The Maker City here in Knoxville.

View the [schedule](#) and then [register](#). For more, visit the [website](#).

7. City Hosts Public Meeting on Jackson Ave. Ramp Project

Construction on the two structurally deficient Jackson Ave. ramps is scheduled to begin in early August. The 100-year old ramps connecting Gay St. and the Old City will cost approximately \$6.5 million dollars to replace, and will restrict traffic on Jackson Ave. between Broadway and Central St. during construction.

While the ramps will be demolished, the historic red cobblestone-like bricks currently paving the street will be reused as part of the new construction. The new ramps will greatly resemble the historic character of the originals.

The Jackson Ave. project is projected to take a year to complete. For all those who may be affected, Downtown Coordinator, Rick Emmett, will host a public meeting on Monday, Aug. 5, to provide the most up-to-date information.

If you are a stakeholder in the Old City, frequent the Jackson Ave. Broadway to Central Area, or just like to know what's going on downtown, join us at the Jackson Terminal, 213 W. Jackson Ave, at 5:30 p.m., Monday for a public Q&A session.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to attend the public meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, 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.

8. Census 2020 Has Launched

Knoxville needs everyone's help to get our count correct for the 2020 U.S. Census. Getting an accurate count is important to Knox County, Knoxville and Farragut for future planning, potential funding, and much more.

In the coming months, anticipate seeing nonpartisan educational information about Census 2020 and why a full and complete count matters.

The Census is used to draw congressional district lines. Analyses show that a significant undercount can cost our three local governments several million dollars each year in federal funds that can be collected and redistributed back to communities. Over the 10-year span, until the next Census is conducted, tens of millions of dollars are at stake.

Locally, the Joint Complete Count Committee is directing efforts to encourage greater citizen engagement. The committee is co-chaired by City of Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, and it includes Town of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, members of Knoxville City Council, Knox County Commission, representatives of various organizations, and a host of engaged people.

A local website – www.CountMeInKnox.com – has been created. There, you can find details about the Census timeline, Frequently Asked Questions, links to the national Census 2020 website, videos explaining how the Census shapes our future, and even information on Census jobs that pay \$15.50 an hour.

When a local Census office opens, or local Count Me In Knox events are scheduled, details will be available on the website.

Note, the Count Me In Knox logo that emphasizes the positive importance of being counted. Look for the logo throughout a promotional campaign that will accelerate as the Census count draws closer.

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Census 2020 will begin in mid-March 2020, when households are contacted through the mail and asked to complete Census forms.

This Census is the first in history in which people will be strongly encouraged to submit their forms electronically.

Help us make sure all of our Knox County residents are counted in 2020.

9. Knoxville SOUP Seeks Proposals for August Dinner

[Knoxville SOUP](#) is looking for proposals for the upcoming dinner on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Do you have a project that needs funded? SOUP is seeking proposals for any projects that could benefit the community.

Knoxville SOUP is a community dinner – part pot luck and part donated. Community members pay a \$5 donation to eat together, enjoy connecting with one another, and hear proposals from community organizations. Each presenter gets four minutes to present and four minutes for Q&A before participants have the opportunity to vote on the project they would like to fund. The money collected from the \$5 donation is then granted to the winning proposal.

If you have a community-based project that needs funding and/or awareness, consider [submitting a proposal](#). Proposals for Aug. 13 must be submitted by Sunday, Aug. 4. For questions, contact the South Knoxville Alliance at contact@SouthKnoxvilleAlliance.org.

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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 scook@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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