

Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 30 – Tuesday, August 20, 2019

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1. Last Day of Early Voting; Thursday

Thursday, Aug. 22, is the last day for early voting for the primary election for the City of Knoxville Mayor and four City Council members. Locations and times for early voting are listed at the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#).

Tuesday, Aug. 27, is the primary election. Polls are open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. To find your voting location, visit the Tennessee Secretary of State's [website](#). Type in your information and it will show if you registered and where to vote.

For the Mayor's race, if no one candidate gets more than 50% of the vote, the two candidates with the most votes will runoff in the general election Nov. 5. The top two candidates in each City Council race will advance to the general election.

To learn more about the candidates, visit the Go Vote! Knoxville [website](#).

2. Mechanicsville Hosts Neighborhood Cleanup

Join the **Mechanicsville Community Association**, Saturday, Aug. 24, for a community cleanup.

Neighbors and community members will gather on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at Danny Mayfield Park, 700 College St, to clean up the park and surrounding area. [Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) will provide litter pickers, trash bags, gloves, and safety vests. Volunteers are asked to wear closed toed shoes, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring lots of water.

If you plan to attend, please register [here](#). Invite your friends and neighbors to help get the Danny Mayfield Park looking spectacular for the upcoming Mechanicsville Homecoming. See future articles in this newsletter on the Mechanicsville Homecoming.

For more information, check out the [Mechanicsville Cleanup Facebook Page](#).

3. Three New Neighborhood Watch Groups Are Forming

The Office of Neighborhoods is excited to announce three new Neighborhood Watch organizations.

Glasgow Neighborhood Watch – North Knoxville District 5 -- will have a second meeting to be recognized by KPD.

Northwest Hills Neighborhood Watch – West Knoxville District 3 -- will have the last meeting needed to be recognized by KPD.

West Moody Neighborhood Watch – South Knoxville District 1 – will have the first of three meetings to be recognized by KPD.

We look forward to seeing the great work of these groups as they become active and keep neighborhoods safe.

4. South Knoxville Creates SoKno Summer Suttree Social

South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition ([SKNBC](#)), an umbrella group for South Knoxville neighborhood organizations and the South Knoxville Alliance ([SKA](#)), is sponsoring an inaugural summer social gathering.

The Summer Suttree Social is Saturday, Aug. 24, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Suttree Landing Park, 1001 Waterfront Drive.

Hot dogs will be provided as long as supplies last. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch, drinks (non-alcoholic), yard games, musical instruments, blankets/lawn chairs, and be prepared to have fun.

Among the activities, there will be an old fashioned cake walk. Participants can bring a favorite baked good to donate, but it is not required to participate.

Well behaved dogs are also welcomed (on leashes). The new bathrooms in the pavilion will be open for use.

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

5. Knoxville Celebrates National Night Out

In Knoxville, we celebrate National Night Out (NNO) on the first Tuesday in October, which will be Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019.

NNO is an annual event that promotes community-police relationships and neighborhood safety.

New this year, the Office of Neighborhoods is instituting a new neighborhood contest for NNO. The contest, which is voluntary, will have three winning categories:

- Most interesting theme (take a photo demonstrating the theme)
- Most people (take a photo and provide an estimate of the number of attendees)
- Most creative activity (take a photo of the activity and describe)

If you would like to register for the contest, email Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov **AND** Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov with the following information:

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Contact Person
- Contact Person's Email
- Type of activity (i.e. Chili Cook-off, Porch lights only, Pot Luck, etc.)

When you register with OON and Officer Morgan, you will receive two yard signs to help guide people to the event. On the day of the event, please take photographs to share.

Lastly, we will be asking neighborhoods to nominate their Officer Liaison as the best in Knoxville. We want to hear all the great things Officer Liaisons do for your neighborhood. Fill out the [application](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp no later than Monday, Sept. 16, at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call the OON at 215-3232.

For more information on the NNO Challenge or to register your event and get your signs, contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3232.

6. OON Seeks Active Neighbors for Advisory Council

Did you know the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) runs programs and ideas through an advisory council? The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), appointed by the Mayor, meets monthly to discuss neighborhood issues and priorities, ideas for tackling these issues, and ways to better connect the Knoxville community.

NAC consists of 15 members: two from each of the six council districts and three at large representatives. Members serve three year terms, with the option to reapply and serve two consecutive terms. The group has the opportunity to present their neighborhood concerns and ideas to the OON and give advice on the City's neighborhood priorities.

The NAC also provides an opportunity to ask questions and learn the ins and outs of City departments and initiatives.

Does the NAC sound interesting to you? The OON is seeking applications to five council seats, due to expire this December:

Seat 1-A (Danny Gray) – Fort Sanders and South Knoxville
Seat 2-A (Donnie Ernst) – West Knoxville
Seat 3-B (Anna Compton) – North-West Knoxville
Seat 6-B (Terrell Patrick) – Downtown and East Knoxville
At Large Seat B (Travetta Johnson) – citywide

To be appointed by the Mayor to a numbered seat, you must live in the City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 3-B must be a resident in the third City Council district.

Terms begin in January 2020 and run through December 2022. If you are interested in applying to become a member of the NAC, please submit your application no later than **Friday, Sept. 6.**

Applications can be found on the [NAC website](#) and may be sent to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail at P.O. Box 1631 Knoxville, TN 37901. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please call the OON at 215-3232.

For a list of City Council districts, check out the [KGIS's website](#), and click “City Council” under “Political Maps.” For more information on the NAC and a list of current members, check out the [Neighborhood Advisory Council webpage](#).

7. Community Development Wants to Know What Knoxville Needs

What are some priority needs for Knoxville? How would you work to address homelessness, affordable housing, veterans’ services, and other important community priorities?

The City of Knoxville’s Community Development Department wants to hear from you. Community Development is the recipient of federal funding all designated to addressing community priorities such as affordable housing, homelessness, and more. To address these needs, the Community Development department constructs a five-year Consolidated Plan. Creation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is in full swing, and Community Development wants to hear from you.

Share your input at one of the upcoming community meetings:

North

6 - 7:30 p.m. Aug. 20
Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center (301 W Inskip Dr.)

West

6 - 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22
Deane Hill Recreation Center (7400 Deane Hill Dr. NW)

South

5:30 - 7 p.m. Aug. 26
South Knoxville Community Center (522 Maryville Pike)

The first meeting, in East Knoxville, was held Aug. 19, at the Beck Cultural Center. No matter which area of town you live in, you can have a part in the process and growth of Knoxville. Come out and share your thoughts.

All City residents are also invited to participate in an online [survey](#). Take a moment to fill out your responses, and share your input on what community priorities are most important to you.

For more information on the Consolidated Plan or ways to provide input, visit the [Community Development website](#)

[8. 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 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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