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1. OON Closed September 20

Please note that the Office of Neighborhoods will be closed this Friday, Sept. 20.

2. Oakwood Scheduled to Discuss Historic Overlay

Neighbors in the Oakwood area of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** will meet today, Sept. 17, from 6-8 p.m., at the Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 N. Central St., to discuss adding a historic overlay to a portion of the Oakwood Neighborhood.

In 2016, City Council requested Knoxville-Knox County Planning recommend a portion of the Oakwood area consider a historic overlay in an effort to preserve and protect the historic structures in the neighborhood. After discussing overlay options in several public meetings, the neighbors living within the boundaries of E. Morelia Ave., Harvey St., E. Oldham Ave., and N. Central St., are considering these further protections for their area.

Oakwood-Lincoln Park added an Infill Housing Design Guideline Overlay in 2007 to help preserve the historic character of the area. While this designation helps with neighborhood preservation, it does not protect historic structures. A historic overlay

would protect historic structures from being demolished, guide exterior rehabilitation on current structures, and set guidelines for style and construction material on new construction. Additionally, under a historic overlay, neighbors would be required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Zoning Commission, in addition to a building permit, before any new construction, additions, demolition, and exterior rehabilitation work.

The Oakwood Design Overlay Committee has been working with Planning staff to draft design guidelines that would be put in place under the historic overlay. These guidelines are designed specifically to fit the range of architectural styles and construction materials found in the Oakwood area. Neighbors in the designated area of the potential overlay are welcome to join the meeting and give input on these potential guidelines.

For more information, contact Lindsay Crockett at lindsay.crockett@knoxplanning.org or visit the project page on Planning's [Historic Overlay website](#).

3. Town Hall East Celebrates East Knoxville Neighborhoods

Town Hall East (THE) is inviting members of East Knoxville residents associations and neighborhood watches to a mixer in the Mule Barn at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum this Friday, Sept. 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The event is intended to bring people together who are working in similar organizations, but seldom get the chance to communicate with one another. Organizations are being asked to name one or two of their most important accomplishments and two or three major concerns or goals. Jim Richards, Executive Director of the Botanical Garden, will welcome the group and the organizations attending. Everyone's concerns will be acknowledged, but there is no other formal program. Getting people together is the focus.

The event is supported in part by community funds provided by City Council Members Gwen McKenzie, Lauren Rider, Andrew Roberto and Marshall Stair. A new addition to the East Knoxville restaurant scene, Archers BBQ East, is donating barbeque, and beer will be provided by Knoxville's newest brewery, Albright Grove.

There are still a limited number of places available. If you are a member of one of the East Knoxville neighborhood organizations or are interested in joining one and would like to attend, please email townhalleast@gmail.com or call 544-8974 and leave your contact information.

4. South Knoxville Plans Community Forum

Do you live in South Knoxville? Would you like the opportunity to ask South Knoxville leaders important questions about the community?

Join your South Knoxville neighbors for a Community Forum on Saturday, Sept. 21, at South Doyle Middle School, 3900 Decatur Ave., from 9-11 a.m. This event is hosted by County Commissioner Carson Dailey, Board of Education Representative Kristi Kristy, and Councilmember Stephanie Welch.

Attendees will have an opportunity to hear from these elected officials, ask questions, learn about new projects and activities across South Knoxville and South Knox County, and share ideas.

5. Community Development Holds Public Information Meeting

The Community Development Department will hold a public meeting on Monday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Knoxville Area Urban League, 1514 E 5th Ave., in the Community Room, on the proposed supportive housing development on Fifth Avenue.

The City of Knoxville will host a public meeting to provide information about a proposal by Volunteer Ministry Center to build 47 units of supportive housing development on City-owned property on East 5th Avenue, adjacent to Caswell Park and Positively Living.

City of Knoxville Director of Community Development Becky Wade, Volunteer Ministry Center Chief Executive Officer Bruce Spangler, City of Knoxville Office of Neighborhoods representatives, City officials and community development partners will be attending.

Knoxville Area Urban League is located on KAT Bus Route 30 and is a block away from the Bus 31 stop at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Winona Street.

6. City Residents Prepare for Upcoming Election

The Nov. 5 election is just around the corner! Are you registered to vote? Do you know your candidates?

As the City of Knoxville gears up to vote for a new Mayor and four City Council Representatives, it's important for Knoxville residents to stay in the know. Visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#) for information on important voting dates, who is in the running for each position, upcoming forums, results from the primary election, and more.

If you are not yet registered to vote, visit [Go Vote TN](#). You can register online, print and send in a paper registration form, or check your voter registration status. Make sure to register before Monday, Oct. 7, if you plan to vote in the Nov. 5 election.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, with early voting running from Oct. 16 to Oct. 31. To find out where to vote in your area, visit the [Knox County Election Commission](#).

7. Save The Date - SEED Sponsors Mayoral Candidate Forum

Save the date - [SEED](#) will host its Mayoral Candidate Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 6 - 7:30 pm at Honey Rock Victorious Church, 4113 Holston Dr.

Both candidates, Eddie Mannis and Indya Kincannon, will address questions on the following topics: gun violence, youth opportunities, and affordable utilities / housing.

8. HZC and BZA Meet This Thursday

Six properties are on the agenda for this week's meeting of the **Historic Zoning Commission (HZA)**. The HZA will meet on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

Properties to take note of are: 2119 Jefferson Ave. and 1724 Washington Ave. in Edgewood-Park City H-1; 712 Gratz St. and 629 Luttrell St. in Fourth and Gill H-1; 1616 Forest Ave. in Ft. Sanders NC-1; and a workshop for 110 13th St. for a preliminary review of new construction.

See the HZA [agenda](#) for more information.

Eleven properties are on the agenda for this week's meeting of the **Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)**. The BZA will meet on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

Addresses to take note of are: 2501 Hoitt Ave., 5425 Lynnette Rd., 1974 Town Center Blvd., 1601 Forest Ave., 5006 N. Broadway St., 4001 Chapman Hwy., 121 N. Northshore Dr., 531 Vanosdale Rd., 610 Caswell Ave., 707 Lettrell St., and 3819 Oakhurst Dr.

See the BZA [agenda](#) for more information.

A neighborhood group can keep up with the happenings of each group by visiting [HZA](#) and [BZA](#) websites on occasion.

9. Parks and Rec Shares Community Resource

The Parks and Recreation [Community Programming](#) page has an abundance of programs to enhance the lives of all Knoxvilleans, many of which are FREE!

In addition to program details, each Recreation Center is listed separately with a schedule of activities. Learn more about the Adopt-A-Park Program, Community Heritage Program, Recreation Challenge Grant, and more.

For your convenience, we will also be listing this resource at the bottom of our newsletter each week.

10. Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meets

The Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council will be having their final meeting of the year on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in the Community Room of the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Ave.

The council was formed in 1981 in response to a report from the UT Graduate School of Planning, which found Knoxville struggled with food supply, equity, and food cost in its urban areas.

From the Food Policy Council's [website](#): "The Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council exists as a forum for local stakeholders to develop and assess public policy strategies and make recommendations that promote a healthy, fair, and sustainable local food system."

11. Are You Ready For The 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census is just around the corner. The Census occurs every 10 years, and is an important part of shaping and funding local public services, such as school, roads, children's meal programs, etc.

A [website](#) has been created to help answer the public's questions. At the website, you can find details on the timeline, an FAQ page, and job opportunities, which start at \$15.50 an hour. For the first time, households will be encouraged to fill out the Census electronically rather than on paper.

The Census is important because it helps to distribute \$675 billion in funding to local communities. By completing the Census, you help our local community qualify for funding and give our community access to data that will shape its future. If you have 60 seconds, [here is a video](#) about the importance of the Census.

12. What is Neighbor Day Celebration?

St. James Episcopal Church (1101 N. Broadway) is hosting a Neighbor Day Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 28. Money raised will support service outreach to neighbors. The event will include a silent auction, concert, dinner, and live auction. Bid online now on more than 100 interesting donated Auction Items featured at KevinAndrewOnline.com/auction.

Contact Kevin Jeske-Polyak at jeskepolyak@gmail.com to inquire about tickets (\$20) to the Neighbor Day Concert featuring Knoxville Gay Men's Chorus, Organist Josh Sumter, Singer/Songwriter John Tirro, and the St. James Schola on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 6 to 7 pm. Neighbors of all faiths are welcome!

13. 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](#)
- [Parks and Rec Community Programming](#)

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