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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 to Skip Newsletter Next Week

For those of you who read our newsletter faithfully, there will not be an edition sent out next week, Tuesday, Oct. 15. We will be back up and running with one on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

2. City Accepts Proposals for Historic Preservation Funding

The City of Knoxville is accepting proposals from owners of historic residential or commercial buildings within city limits, who are seeking funding for property improvement projects from the Historic Preservation Fund. The RFP for Funding for Improvements of Historic Buildings is available now at [City of Knoxville Current Solicitations | Vendor Registry](#).

Applicants must own the property and present a deed of trust. Eligible properties must also be located within H-1 or NC-1 historic overlay districts, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic places. Important application dates are as follows:

- 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28: Mandatory pre-proposal meeting at the City of Knoxville Public Works Center, 3131 Morris Avenue. Proposals by applicants who don't attend this meeting will not be considered.
- 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, 2019: Deadline for questions to be submitted in writing to Assistant Purchasing Agent Penny Owens.

- 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 2019: Proposals are due

Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the planning and bidding process prior to the mandatory meeting. Proposals and questions about the RFP should be directed to: Penny Owens, City of Knoxville, Office of Purchasing Agent, at 400 Main Street, Room 667-674, Knoxville, TN 37902

For more, Penny can be reached at powens@knoxvilletn.gov, 215-2648 phone, or 215-2277 fax.

3. Community Voices and SEED Host Mayoral Candidate Forum

[Community Voices Coalition](#) and [SEED](#) will host a mayoral forum this Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6-7 p.m. at Honey Rock Victorious Church, 4101 Holston Drive.

According to the hosts, “It won’t be your typical candidate forum.” At the event, mayoral candidates will hear inner city voices speak on gun violence, youth opportunities, and unaffordable utilities.

The Community Voices Coalition is a partnership of non-profit, non-governmental agencies, churches, and individuals based in Knoxville. Their goal is to empower inner city residents to understand and collectively address community-identified issues.

4. WUOT and the Compass Host Mayoral Candidate Forum

WUOT Radio and the Compass will host a mayoral forum on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Change Center, 203 Harriet Tubman St.

City residents are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates ahead of time at newsroom@wuot.org with the subject line: Mayoral Forum.

The event is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., with the forum beginning promptly at 8 p.m. If you can’t make it to the event, check the WUOT [website](#) later in the week for the digital audio format.

For more, visit the 2019 Mayoral Forum [Facebook event](#).

5. City Façade Improvement Program Helps Business Open Doors

There is a new coffee shop in East Knoxville, located in the Chilhowee Park Neighborhood! [Perk City](#), at 3229 E. Magnolia Ave., will open its doors Wednesday, Oct. 9, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

Located next to Chilhowee Park, Perk City hopes to be a friendly place for Chilhowee neighbors and visitors to grab coffee, enjoy delicious baked goods, and gather for fun and entertainment.

Stop by Perk City, have a cup of coffee, and take a minute to admire the building’s beautiful new façade. The coffee shop is a recipient of the City of Knoxville Community Development Program’s [Façade Improvement Program](#).

The Façade Improvement Program provides an incentive program to improve facades for buildings in targeted redevelopment areas, rejuvenating businesses and communities across the city. By improving the buildings' appearances, the program works to increase economic viability in target areas, including the Broadway-Central area, Five Points Redevelopment Area, Mechanicsville Redevelopment Area, Burlington Business District, Jackson Ave. Redevelopment Area, Magnolia Warehouse District, and South Knoxville Waterfront.

The Façade Improvement Program helps businesses create community and life in these communities across the city. To see more building's that have been revitalized through this program, check out these [before and after photos](#).

6. City Hosts Chilhowee Park Public Meeting

The City of Knoxville will host a public meeting about the results of a study regarding the possible future uses of Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center. The meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m., at the Jacob Building, 3301 E Magnolia Ave. Consultants have been gathering input and analyzing the park's many potentials for the past nine months and will present their recommendations.

Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center serves as home to the Tennessee Valley Fair each fall and to The Muse and Golden Gloves Charities year-round. Adjacent to Chilhowee Park is the 53-acre Zoo Knoxville, the city's top attraction, which welcomed 512,112 visitors in 2018 and set a new attendance record for the fourth consecutive year.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or LEP (Limited English Proficient) and want to request interpretation services, please contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at tharris@knoxvilletn.gov or 865.215.2831.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend, contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook, at 865.215.2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting.

7. Public Service to Switch from Brush to Leaf Collection

As Tennessee summer finally fades into fall, Public Service prepares to switch from brush pickup to fall leaf collection.

The last week for brush pickup will be Oct. 21-25. Please set out any brush you need collected prior to this date. Brush collection occurs on a biweekly schedule; be aware that your street's final pickup may occur between Oct. 14 and 18. To check when your last brush collection is scheduled, search your address [here](#).

Official leaf season kicks off on Nov. 4, and Public Service will spend the last week of October preparing for the switch. If you have questions regarding brush or leaf collection, please call 311.

8. KUB Hosts Energy and Water Saving Workshop

KUB will be hosting a workshop on energy and water saving practices from 5:45-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

The workshop is free, but space is limited to 65 participants. [Register](#) online or by calling KUB at 558-2331.

Each participant will receive a free kit with materials to help efficiency, such as LED light bulbs, caulk, faucet aerators, and more.

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

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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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