

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 39 – Tuesday, November 5, 2019

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### **1. Today Is Election Day**

Today is the City of Knoxville's Election Day. If you did not get a chance to vote during early voting, today is your last opportunity to exercise your right. The polls will be open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at various locations. On Election Day you must vote in your precinct; visit the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#) for all the information you need to find your polling place. Also, remember to bring a state or federal photo I.D. with you in order to vote.

For the 2019 Election, you will find the following contests on the ballot: Knoxville City Mayor; City Council At-Large seats A, B, and C; and District 5 Seat on the City Council.

For more detailed information on each candidate, including links to websites, see [Go Vote! Knoxville](#)

For more, contact the Knoxville Election Commission by calling 215-2480 or by filling out the [email form](#).

### **2. Mary Vestal Park Receives Plaque Dedication**

Thanks to eight years of hard work from the [Vestal Community Organization](#), Mary Vestal Park has become a beautiful place for South Knoxvilleians to enjoy. Located just

off of Maryville Pike, the park includes a greenway, pavilion, artistic archway, native flower field, performance stage, and benches for all to enjoy.

The Mayor will speak at a special event to dedicate the most recent park attraction, a historical interpretive plaque on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m., at Mary Vestal Park, 401 Maryville Pike. The plaque, located in the park pavilion, depicts the history of the two most distinctive industries in Vestal: Vestal Lumber and Manufacturing Company and Candoro Marble Company.

The plaque dedication is just another piece in the long list of attractions recently added to Mary Vestal Park and surrounding area. Thanks to the Vestal Community Organization and numerous community partners, the area has transformed from an overgrown blighted property to a neighborhood asset. The Vestal Community hopes to continue progress in the area, eventually extending the greenway from Mary Vestal Gateway Park to Fort Dickerson.

Come by this Wednesday, check out the park and see the newest addition! All are welcome.

### **3. NAC to Hear Neighbor Input on Federal Dollars**

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC), a 15-member body appointed by the Mayor, meets at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

The group will hear input thus far on what Knoxville neighbors would like Community Development (CD) to focus on for the next Five Year Plan. CD programs, which are mostly funded by federal dollars, are very reliant on community input to direct how the money is spent for affordable housing and other community revitalization projects.

Come and listen to the discussion to learn more about next steps. For questions, contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-3232.

### **4. All4Knox Holds Many Meetings in November**

[All4Knox](#) began in 2018 at the direction of County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and City Mayor Madeline Rogero. This joint initiative would become the basis for addressing the opioid and overall substance misuse epidemic in Knox County.

Stakeholders in nine identified community sectors were contacted to create subcommittees that were willing to tackle collaboration within their respective sectors.

In April of 2019, a substance misuse response coordinator was hired at the Knox County Health Department to facilitate the communitywide strategic plan. In August 2019, the Mayors' All4Knox Summit was held as a launch for the strategic planning process.

The sector meetings for November are:

- Education: Thursday, Nov 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Pellissippi State Community College, Magnolia Ave. Campus community room, 1610 E. Magnolia Ave.
- Health Care: Monday, Nov. 11, 5:30-7 p.m., UT Medical Center, 1924 Alcoa Hwy

- Family/Community: Friday, Nov 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., C.O.N.N.E.C.T Ministries, 3615 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
- Treatment/Recovery/Harm Reduction: Monday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-12 noon, Cherokee Health Systems, 2018 Western Ave.
- Nonprofit/Service Organizations: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m., Regas Building, 318, N. Gay St.
- Faith-Based: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., College Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1837 Brandau St.
- Justice Systems: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 3-4:30 p.m., Knox County Health Department community room, 140 Dameron Ave.
- Nonprofit/Service Organizations: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 3-5 p.m., Regas Building, 318 N. Gay St.

Town Hall Meetings for November are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6-7 p.m. at Dogwood Elementary School, 705 Tipton Ave.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6-7 p.m. at Farragut High School, 1137 Kingston Pike
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6-7 p.m. at Lonsdale Elementary School, 1317 Louisiana Ave.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26, 6-7 p.m. at Fulton High School, 2509 North Broadway

Meetings are open to anyone in the public interested in helping to be part of the opioid crisis solution.

Are you someone who is struggling with addiction or do you know someone who is struggling with addiction? Call the Tennessee Redline today for free, confidential information, and referrals at 1-800-889-9789.

### **5. Leaf Collection Began Yesterday**

City equipment has been switched over from brush pick up to the leaf pick up and began yesterday in Knoxville. Leaf collection will run from now through February 2020.

If you would like your leaves taken away from your property, please rake them into rows at the edge of your property close to the street in an unobstructed area for easy collection. Please do not put leaves in the street or on sidewalks. Bags of leaves left beside your trash cart or by the street will not be collected.

The Public Service Department crews will visit your neighborhood to vacuum your loose leaves according to their predetermined [schedule](#).

Last season the City of Knoxville collected over 7,000 tons of leaves that were processed for mulch and diverted from the landfill!

### **6. City Council Meets Tonight**

The next city council meeting is tonight, Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 6:00 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 Main St. Be sure to read the [agenda](#) to see if there are any items for discussion that affect you or your neighborhood.

To speak at the meeting, contact the City Recorder on the day of the meeting by calling 215-2075. You can also sign up the night of the meeting by speaking with the City Recorder when you arrive.

For more, contact Will Johnson by email ([wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov)) or by calling 215-2075.

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](mailto:tharris@knoxvilletn.gov) or 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 215-2034 or [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

## **7. Knoxville History Project Seeks Input on Art Wraps For Magnolia**

The Knoxville History Project (KHP) partnered with the City of Knoxville's Offices of Redevelopment and Neighborhoods to get feedback from the community on potential art wraps for a portion of Magnolia Ave. KHP has proposed the first four art wraps to go on the metal signal boxes in the Magnolia Streetscapes Project.

Watch this [10 minute video](#) to see what KHP has proposed. Feedback can be sent to Paul James with KHP at [paul@knoxhistoryproject.org](mailto:paul@knoxhistoryproject.org) and Debbie Sharp with the Office of Neighborhoods at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

The deadline to give feedback is Friday, Nov. 22.

As you will hear in the video, KHP is also interested in expanding its collection of artworks to include on future signal boxes for Magnolia and around town. Criteria for the artwork: it has to be done by a Knoxville or area artist from the past, the city can obtain permission from the owner of the artwork to include it in the program, and it can be obtained in a very high resolution digital file to reproduce as a graphic wrap. An added bonus is that potential artworks reflect the history and culture of a given area.

To suggest or share artworks or photos of artworks, please email them to Paul James and Debbie Sharp at the emails listed above. There is no deadline to add to KHP's [artwork collection](#).

## **8. Hollywood Rd. Closed Through Feb. 2020**

Hollywood Road will be closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists between Papermill Drive and Sutherland Avenue until February 2020, for construction.

Changes will include new sidewalks, substantial stormwater retention measures to address long-term flooding in the area, ridgetop and hillside protection, and improved sight lines of oncoming traffic and driveways. The neighborhood's historic pond, which is located on the site, is being preserved and restored.

Residents and businesses on Hollywood will still be able to access their driveways during the closure. Alternate routes connecting Papermill Drive with Sutherland Avenue are Liberty Street and Northshore Drive.

For more, visit the city's [website](#).

## **9. Note Other Important Road Closures**

The Broadway Viaduct will remain closed for the next three years as the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) demolishes and replaces the 92-year-old bridge that crosses the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks near downtown.

While the City's [Jackson Avenue ramp replacement](#) project continues, the Broadway intersection with Oak Avenue, World's Fair Park Drive, and West Jackson Avenue will remain open, according to TDOT. State signs marking the Broadway detour route are posted; drivers are encouraged by TDOT to use alternate routes of Western Ave. and Hall of Fame Dr. Read more about the project on [TDOT's website](#).

## **10. KAT Makes Changes to Several Bus Routes**

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) will be making changes to several routes, starting on Jan. 6, 2020 based on input they have received. The Knoxville Transportation Authority (KTA) approved the changes at its regular monthly meeting in October. For more, visit their [website](#).

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

Call 215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google 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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