

**Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 12, No. 41 – Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

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**1. No Newsletter Next Week**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be a newsletter published on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The City of Knoxville, including the Office of Neighborhoods, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.

We hope everyone has a peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

**2. Northwest Middle School Celebrates the Holidays with Norwood Community**

For the fourth year in a row, Great Schools Partnership working in Northwest Middle School, will celebrate Thanksgiving along with the Norwood Neighbors in the Norwood Community.

The event will be on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Northwest Middle School, 5301 Pleasant Ridge Rd. Children's activities will begin at 10 a.m. and a pot luck lunch at 11:30 a.m. Children's activities include: slime making, minute-to-win-it games, soccer, and much more.

Family portraits will also be taken and printed for folks to take home. The event is open to everyone in the community.

### **3. Sequoyah Hills Holds a Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Sequoyah Hills annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m., at Talahi Park, across from the circular fountain on Cherokee Blvd.

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church will provide carolers, cookies, and hot chocolate. Following the lighting of the tree, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive to greet the children and share some holiday treats.

If your neighborhood organization would like to announce your holiday events, please contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) and we can share them in this newsletter.

### **4. Oakwood Design Overlay Committee Plans Open House Meetings**

The Oakwood Design Overlay Committee has been working with Knoxville – Knox County Planning to help protect the historic character of the [Oakwood section](#) of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**.

Historic preservation for Oakwood will help preserve the character of homes and buildings in the selected area, but also requires specific historic guidelines that home and building owners must follow in order to be effective.

The Oakwood Design Overlay Committee is hosting four public meetings for homeowners in the impacted area to ask questions and provide feedback on historic overlay options. If you live in the Oakwood section of the Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood, come share your input at one of the following open houses:

- Thursday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m., 410 E. Springdale Ave.
- Sunday, Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m., 724 Oak Hill Ave.
- Thursday, Jan. 9, 6-8 p.m., 407 Morelia Ave.
- Sunday, Jan. 19, 2-4 p.m., 211 E. Oak Hill Ave.

If you would like to learn more about what is being considered in the Oakwood Design Overlay project, plan to attend the practical Oakwood Design Guideline Workshop, Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m., at Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 N. Central St.

For full details and a copy of the [overlay guidelines](#), check out [Knox Planning](#). For questions, contact Pam Harris at [pamela.y.harris@outlook.com](mailto:pamela.y.harris@outlook.com).

Unsure if you live in the Oakwood section of the neighborhood? Visit the [Office of Neighborhoods KGIS Neighborhood Layer](#) to see where your house is located in the neighborhood.

### **5. City Announces Thanksgiving Garbage Schedule**

City of Knoxville offices, including the Office of Neighborhoods, will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.

Garbage and recycling pickups will be on regular schedule Monday, Nov. 25-Wednesday, Nov. 27.

There will be **NO** household garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 28.

Waste Connections will run Thursday routes on Friday and Friday routes on Saturday. Please remember to place garbage and recycling containers out for pickup before 7 a.m. on your respective pickup days.

Downtown garbage and recycling collection will run on regular schedule during Thanksgiving week.

The City's recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available to accept donations on Thursday, Nov. 28.

The City's Solid Waste Management Facility, 1033 Elm Street, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Nov. 30, and will resume normal operating hours on Monday, Dec. 2.

As a general reminder, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day are the only days of the year when curbside trash and recycling are NOT picked up as scheduled.

## **6. OON Requests Input on BSNO Dates**

Mark your calendars! The Office of Neighborhoods is planning the highly anticipated [Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations](#) (BSNO) Leadership Program for Spring/Summer 2020.

Spanning over 40 hours, the BSNO curriculum will cover a wide range of topics designed to equip neighbors with the tools to start and sustain effective neighborhood organizations.

BSNO is an important program for neighborhood activists, organization board members, anyone looking to enhance their skills in community organizing, etc. Topics covered in BSNO include: styles of leadership; identifying and utilizing a neighborhood's most important asset; how to facilitate effective meetings; recruiting and retaining members; internal and external communications; decision-making; conflict resolution; and, strategic planning.

If you are interested in participating in the 2020 BSNO program, please fill out the [survey](#) and let us know which of the three options work best for you.

For more information on BSNO, check out the [website](#) or contact Debbie Sharp at [dessharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dessharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **7. Agendas For HZA and BZA Meetings Are Available**

The Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will meet this Thursday, Nov. 21, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., in Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The following addresses are included on the agenda: 1005 Olive Rd., 835 N. Central St., 404 E. Oklahoma Ave., 110 13th St., 208 13th St., 203 16th St., and 1610 Forest Ave.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet this Thursday, Nov. 21, at 4 p.m., in the Circuit Court Division III, which is located on the main floor of the City County Building.

The following addresses are included on the agenda: 3701 Sevierville Pike, 2126 & 2128 Forest Ave., 6408 Papermill Dr., 3603 Dance Ave., 1612 Starmont Trl., 1805 Forest Ave., 104 & 114 E. Fifth Ave., 531 Vanosdale Ave., and 931 Langford Ave.

If any of these properties are located in your neighborhood and you have knowledge about them that you wish to share, consider attending either of these meetings.

### **8. Clayton Holds Public Meeting For Science Museum**

The Clayton Family Foundation is proposing to build and operate an interactive science education center near the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum. To learn more, you can attend a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 5:30 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room, at the City-County Building, 400 Main St.

All are welcome to attend and view the three proposed concept plan options.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or LEP (Limited English Proficient) and want to request interpretation services for the Nov. 21 public meeting, please contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia 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 [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2034, at least 72 hours before the meeting.

### **9. City Holds Ribbon Cutting for Fort Dickerson's Augusta Entrance**

The Augusta Avenue entrance to Fort Dickerson Park and Augusta Quarry is now open.

Join Mayor Madeline Rogero, City Council members, City Parks and Recreation staff, project funders, and members of the construction team for a Ribbon Cutting at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Augusta Entrance.

The Augusta Avenue entrance provides easy access to Augusta Quarry, where swimming is permitted.

Improvements include a gateway with stone walls, a paved parking lot and infrastructure to support future phases that improve the quarry lake. Construction crews also planted native trees, shrubs, and perennials that complement the existing forestry.

The Aslan Foundation funded the Augusta Avenue entrance's design and collaborated with the City on the construction.

The 91-acre Fort Dickerson Park, a landmark feature of the Battlefield Loop portion of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness, features a historic Civil War fort at its highest point and a 350-foot-deep quarry at its lowest. The high vantage point provides full vistas of the downtown skyline as well as high peaks of the Great Smoky Mountains.

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### **10. Knoxville History Project Deadline For Input Is Friday**

The Knoxville History Project (KHP), partnered with the City of Knoxville's Offices of Redevelopment and Neighborhoods, is seeking feedback from the community on potential art wraps for Magnolia Avenue. Recommended wraps are available for the first four 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 on the recommended artworks for the Magnolia Avenue signal boxes is Friday, Nov. 22.

As the video suggests, KHP is also interested in expanding its collection of artworks to include future signal boxes for Magnolia and around town. Artwork for the KHP art wraps project must follow certain criteria: it has to be done by a Knoxville or regional artist from the past; the city must be able to obtain permission from the owner of the artwork to include in the program, and it must be available in a very high resolution digital file to reproduce as a graphic wrap. As an added bonus, the recommended artworks all reflect the history and culture of Magnolia Avenue.

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.

### **11. Census 2020 Jobs Are Available**

The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) is hiring for help with conducting the 2020 Census. They offer flexible hours, weekly pay, and competitive wages at \$15.50 per hour plus mileage.

If you are looking for a job or to earn some extra money, consider applying to work with the Census Bureau. They are looking to fill hundreds of positions over the next few months.

Please feel free to share this on social media to help get the word out.

## **12. Next Step Initiative Resources Housed at Sustainable Futures**

Next Step Initiative has found a new home at Sustainable Future Center, which will provide space for the Hope, Hearts, and the Arts Center. At their new location, they will offer life skill classes, laundry services, showers, computer access, and more. The space also provides room to sit with clients and discuss treatment options.

Next Step will also be hosting a Thanksgiving meal at Sustainable Future Center on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 1-3 p.m. Please [sign up](#) if you'd like to attend, volunteer, or donate food.

## **13. 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](#)

### **About This Newsletter**

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*\*\* Deadline for news & calendar items: 5 p.m. Mondays*

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