

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 13, No. 4 – Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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### **1. ETCDC Hosts Public Meeting For Sutherland Enhancements**

The [East Tennessee Community Design Center](#) (ETCDC) will be reviewing Sutherland Avenue as the subject for their Community Collaborative Project for 2020.

The Community Input meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Army National Guard Main Headquarters, 3300 Sutherland Ave., will be hosted by ETCDC.

All neighborhoods in the area are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Community Collaborative is a partnership between the City of Knoxville, the University of Tennessee Knoxville, College of Architecture and Design, the East Tennessee Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Knox Heritage, and Keep Knoxville Beautiful.

Last year the Community Collaborative successfully studied the East Knoxville neighborhood of Burlington.

For more information and/or special accessibility needs, please contact Leslie Fawaz at [leslie@communitydc.org](mailto:leslie@communitydc.org) or 525-9945.

## **2. Oakwood Hosts Historic Overlay Meeting**

Knoxville-Knox County Planning, in partnership with the Oakwood Design Overlay Committee, will host an informational meeting to discuss designating a historic overlay district in the Oakwood area on Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m., at the Emerald Youth Foundation, 1718 N. Central St.

If you live in the Oakwood area of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Organization**, between the boundaries of E. Morelia Avenue, Harvey Street, E. Oldham Avenue, and N. Central Street, you are highly encouraged to attend.

Planning will discuss the proposed overlay, including what a historic overlay is, its effects on Oakwood residents, requirements for living in a historic overlay district, and answer community questions.

The proposed guidelines are an effort by the Oakwood Design Overlay Committee and Planning Staff. The current draft is a working document and in the review phase; it is intentionally flexible and written specifically to fit the range of architectural styles and materials used in the area.

The entire Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood is currently under the [Infill Housing Design Guideline Overlay](#) and has been since 2007. Infill Design guidelines help preserve the area, but do not specifically protect historic structures from demolition or guide the rehabilitation of existing structures. In 2016, Fifth District City Council representative Mark Campen requested that an overlay be studied at the request of the residents on the Oakwood portion of the neighborhood to help preserve it.

The Oakwood Design Overlay Committee and Planning Staff have hosted public meetings to discuss this process since Spring 2018. The upcoming informational meeting is the cap to a series of open house input meetings hosted by the Overlay Committee throughout January and February 2020.

If you live in the Oakwood area, please join the meeting, ask questions, give input, and have your voice heard in this process.

For more information, contact Lindsay Crockett at [lindsay.crockett@knoxplanning.org](mailto:lindsay.crockett@knoxplanning.org) or visit the project page on Planning's [website](#) to see the proposed [overlay guidelines](#).

## **3. Who Won the NNO Contest?**

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019, the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) asked neighborhoods to gather all their neighbors, have a fun evening, and participate in some great activities for an amazing National Night Out event.

OON encouraged neighborhoods to come up with the following:

- Most interesting theme (take a photo that shows the theme in its glory)
- Most people (take a photo and give a count)
- Most creative activity (take a photo of the activity in action with a description)

After far too long deliberating, the winners are:

Most Interesting Theme: **South Haven Neighborhood Association** partnered with **Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association** on an event themed “What it Means to Be a Neighbor.” More than 200 people attended the block-party style event held in the parking lot of Southland Square, a neighborhood apartment complex.

Most People: **Wesley Neighbors** racked up the largest crowd at a single neighborhood event with 125 participants.

Most Creative Activity: **Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association** asked neighbors to decorate fabric squares to put together as a neighborhood tapestry reflecting their theme: “Heart Harvest: Bringing Neighbors Together!”

Lastly, at their celebration, **Norwood Community Association** and over 100 neighborhood attendees welcomed special guest Officer Eric Parks, winner of the Officer Liaison of the Year Award. Additional Officer Liaison of the Year Finalists were:

- Officer Jonathon Clabough, Vestal Community Organization
- Officer Adam Barnett, South Haven Neighborhood Association
- Officer Stephen Mercado, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch
- Officer Tyler Wiggins, Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association

We appreciate all the neighborhoods that participated in National Night Out and hope that 2020 will be another great year to bring folks together. NNO will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6, this year.

#### **4. Join The Neighborhood Challenge**

Help us raise money for our annual [Neighborhood Conference](#) by hanging out with your neighbors and supporting some local businesses!

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5-10 p.m., five local breweries will donate a percentage of their proceeds from an evening of sales to The Neighborhood Conference. If you can't or don't want to participate in the event, you can still support the conference and compete with your neighbors by donating directly to us. Whether through beer sales or donations, the neighborhood region that raises the most funds will be recognized at the 2020 Neighborhood Conference.

Gather your neighbors and head to the closest brewery to you:

[Downtown](#): Pretentious Beer Co.

[East](#): Last Days of Autumn Brewing

[North](#): Hexagon Brewing Co.

[South](#): Printshop Beer Co.

[West](#): Abridged Beer Co.

Click the links above to view the Facebook event for your area. Mark yourself as going and share the event page with your neighbors so your local brewery of choice has a better chance of winning!

Last year, fans of beer and strong neighborhoods raise \$1,000, with the largest portion of donations coming from Abridged Beer Co. Who will win this year?

The Neighborhood Conference is free event for all participants. Sponsor support and community support at events like the Neighborhood Challenge help us keep the conference free and accessible to all neighborhood residents.

## **5. OON Requests Neighborhood Photos**

Dana: “Sally, did you get any photos from the neighborhood clean-up?”

Sally: “Why yes, Dana, I got the best photos of the kids cleaning up the park together.”

Dana: “You should share those with the Office of Neighborhoods! They put together a great slideshow every year at the Neighborhoods Conference. It would be great to showcase what our neighborhood is doing.”

Sally: “Great idea, Dana! How do I send in the photos?”

Funny, you should ask... The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) is seeking neighborhood photos! Please send any photos from your neighborhood cleanup, picnic, fundraiser, potluck, ice cream social, or any other fun event to the OON.

Photos can be e-mailed to Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov).

Help us make the Neighborhood Conference slide show fun and entertaining for all; share your photos! Come to the [Neighborhood Conference](#) on Saturday, March 28, at the Knoxville Convention Center and see your photos up on the big screen.

## **6. Community Agency Grants Opens Soon**

The City of Knoxville is accepting Community Agency Grants from nonprofit organizations that provide arts, culture, health, and/or wellbeing to the Knoxville community.

Community Agency Grants are available in two categories: arts and culture or community and social services. Non-profits and neighborhood groups designated as a 501(c)3 organizations, that have operated in the city for at least five years, are eligible to apply. Award winners from this past fiscal year include museums, fine arts organizations, groups who present and promote cultural experiences, and local organizations that support physical and mental wellbeing.

Organizations that focus on homeless services are also eligible to apply for funding, but through the Housing and Neighborhood Department’s [homelessness grant](#), starting Feb. 3.

To learn more and download an application, visit the City of Knoxville [Grant Applications Page](#). Applications are due by hand delivery by 4 p.m. on Feb. 21, to Jennifer Searle, in

Suite 691 of the City County Building, 400 Main St. For questions, contact Jennifer Searle at [jsearle@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jsearle@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2267.

## **7. BBB Does Not Meet; POH Does Meet**

The Better Building Board (BBB) will NOT meet this month, as there is no business before the board.

Twenty-six properties are on the [agenda](#) for the City's next Public Officer Hearing (POH) at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

The Public Officer holds hearings and issues orders to property owners to make repairs or to demolish unfit structures. If the property owner does not comply with the order, the city may repair or demolish the structure and bill the owner for the service.

The properties to be considered are: 210 Ave. B, all units (confirmation of emergency repair only order); 2201 Daisy Ave.; 2501 Edgewood Ave. (commercial); 4320 Edington Rd.; 1405 Edington Rd.; 1405 Forest Ave., all units (confirmation of emergency repair only order); 1320 West Fourth Ave., including accessory structures; 823 Gresham Rd.; 707 West Inskip Dr., both houses; 2018 Island Home Ave.; 2437 Keith Ave., including accessory structures; 1913 Laurans Ave., including accessory structure; 4249 Lilac Ave., including accessory structure; 2446 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.; 409 East Morelia Ave.; 4528 Nora Rd.; 2530 Parkview Ave.; 2400 Rim St., including accessory structure; 2404 Rim St.; 5205 Rockcrest Rd., including accessory structures; 2536 Selma Ave. (Rescheduled from Dec. 6, 2019 hearing); 1200 Valley Ave.; 822 Valley Dr., pool and deck only (confirmation of emergency repair/demolition order); 3429 Wilson Ave.; and 104 Winstead St.

City boarding's to be discussed are 2501 Edgewood Ave. (Boarded 11/7/19); 5205 Rockcrest Rd. (Boarded 12/3/19).

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood and you feel compelled to speak on their condition, you might consider attending.

## **8. PARC Meets This Week**

The Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) will hold its fourth-quarter meeting Thursday, Jan. 30, 6-7 p.m., in the Lonsdale Area Ministry Complex, 1740 Texas Ave.

At the meeting, PARC members will address cases received by the Internal Affairs Unit since the last report made in October and outline the 2019 Annual Report. In addition, the Knoxville Police Department will provide a training session for meeting attendees.

The meeting agenda also includes committee business, speakers who have requested to address the committee, and an open forum (limited to three minutes per speaker).

To sign up to speak, contact Ola Blackmon-McBride at 215-3966.

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@knoxvillekn.gov](mailto:tharris@knoxvillekn.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@knoxvillekn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvillekn.gov) at least 72 hours before the meeting.

## **9. Planning Updates One Year Plan Meetings**

Knoxville-Knox County Planning holds three One-Year Plan meetings to present and gather input on plans for the year ahead.

The City's Charter mandates the annual adoption of a one-year comprehensive development plan covering the entire city and requires future zoning decisions in the city conform to the community's comprehensive development plans.

Planning staff will present proposed plan changes and then open the floor to residents for input. Past discussions have covered topics such as proposed developments, impact of the hillside protection area, the role of zoning and plans, and the seeming misalignment between zoning and planning patterns.

Information presented will be specific to the geographic areas of the City indicated below:

- Tuesday, Feb 4 - South Doyle Middle School, Library, 3900 Decatur Road - (South) at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb 18 - Deane Hill Recreation Center, Game Room, 7400 Deane Hill Drive (West & Northwest) at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb 27 – Washington Pike United Methodist Church, 2241 Washington Pike (North, East & Central) at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and give input.

## **10. Remote Area Medical Plans Free Clinic**

[Remote Area Medical](#) (RAM) is planning a local free clinic Friday, Jan. 31–Sunday, Feb. 2, at Chilhowee Park, 3301 E Magnolia Ave. The clinics open at 6 a.m., however; the parking lot opens no later than 12 a.m. midnight on the first night of the event.

Ticket distribution usually begins at 3 a.m., and patients are then served in numerical order according to their ticket number once the clinic doors. This process will repeat throughout the clinic days.

Dental, vision and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between DENTAL and VISION services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic.

This event is free and open to the public.

In some situations, such as inclement weather, volunteer cancellations, or other circumstances outside of RAM's control, ticketing may occur earlier than 3 am. RAM encourages everyone who would like services, especially dental services, to arrive as early as possible.

Clinic closing time may vary based on each service area's daily capacity.

## **11. Be the First Neighborhood in Knoxville to Adopt a Road**

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) has an Adopt-A-Road Program! Starting just last year, city neighborhood groups can now adopt a road; previously, roads could only be adopted in the county.

So far, there have been four roads adopted in the city, but none of them are neighborhood organizations. Which neighborhood will be the first to Adopt a Road?

What are the requirements?

- Be willing to adopt the road for a three-year period
- Conduct a minimum of two litter cleanups each year at the adopted road
- Request and return all supplies to KKB in a timely manner (1 week notice prior)
- Report all litter-pickup activities back to KKB

To learn more about the program, visit [KKB's website](#). If your neighborhood is interested in adopting a road, reaches out to KKB, and becomes the first, let us know, and we will share the good news!

## **12. Tennessee Tree Day Is March 21, 2020**

On Tennessee Tree Day, thousands of Tennesseans will plant more than 100,000 native tree seedlings, including Cyprus, Oak, Pine, Pawpaw, Sumac, Wild Plum, and more! [Sign up](#) now for America's largest single-day tree planting event, which takes place on Saturday, March 21.

There are four pick-up sites in Knoxville: [Trees Knoxville](#) at Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, Ready Mix USA, New Hopewell Elementary School, and UT Gardens.

Pick-up sites are run independently of each other, so take note of your site's pick-up date and time. Tree seedlings are available on a donation of either \$2.49 or \$4.99 per tree, based on species. Cash donations cannot be accepted at the distributions sites, so trees must be reserved and paid for by March 1.

To find the pick-up site closest to you, view this [map](#), type in your address, and click "Direct link to register." From there, you will see the location, date, and time for your selected pick-up site and find a link to order your trees.

This event organized by the [Tennessee Environmental Council](#) helps to instill public awareness of the value of trees, improve the health of our environment and communities through the multitude of benefits trees offer, and to nurture a culture of

sustainability in our region. [Sign up](#) now and help enhance our environment and communities for generations to come!

### **13. 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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