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1. OON Welcomes AmeriCorps VISTA Katie Catron

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our team, Katie Catron.

Katie will serve her AmeriCorps VISTA year of service in our office, helping the OON team and neighborhoods across Knoxville.

Katie is a graduate of The College of William and Mary with her bachelor's degree in Government. From her time in school and her previous experience working at the University Registrar's Office and as a Summer Camp counselor, she brings with her skills in conflict resolution, leadership, public speaking, writing, and many more.

We are excited to have Katie as part of our team. She will be helping us keep the office running, manage social media, build new workshops and videos, and is also available to work with neighborhoods.

Please reach out and give Katie a warm welcome! You can reach her at kcatron@knoxvilletn.gov, or by calling the OON office at 215-3232.

2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Tomorrow

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet during its regularly scheduled time, Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 4:30-6 p.m., via Zoom.

Members will discuss the Neighborhood Give Day process and guide, and they will hear from neighbors who have successfully assisted people through the Give Day process in their neighborhood.

To join the webinar, click the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/94645817833?pwd=aHFUYnllbzBFbTlVcXdiclRvZHZWZz09>

Passcode: 223470

Or you may call in with one of the following numbers:

US: 1-669-900-9128 or +1-253-215-8782

Webinar ID: 946 4581 7833

Passcode: 223470

All are welcome to Zoom in with us. If time allows, guests will be able to speak in the webinar as well.

If you have any questions, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

3. Planning Encourages Use of Interactive Map

Did you know that you can look up all the addresses on the Planning Commission Agenda and see which are near you?

That's right! There's an app for that. It's simple: Details from each case can be found on the meeting [agenda](#), and then, this [interactive map](#) shows the location of each case.

The map shows all active cases when they first open and is updated three weeks prior to the Planning Commission meeting, held every second Thursday of the month.

Check it out and see what is happening in your area!

4. Save the Date; National Night Has Been Moved!

The 36th Annual National Night Out has been moved from Tuesday, Oct. 6 to Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Knoxville. Be sure to save the date!

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The reason for the change in date is that City Council meets on Tues. Oct. 6, and the Mayor, Chief, City Council, and others would like the opportunity to see what neighborhoods are doing.

Also, due to COVID-19, the city is NOT recommending the usual public gatherings. Instead, there are 4 options that neighborhoods can do instead:

- Decorate in Blue
- Drive Through
- Leave your Lights On
- Send Thank You cards

Decorate in Blue – your neighborhood can decorate mailboxes, yards, houses, etc., with signs supporting the police, with sidewalk chalk, or any other creative thing you come up with (similar to the Trails of Red, White, and Blue for July 4). When registering for this activity, be sure to include a few major streets that the neighborhood would like to highlight so that Police Officers, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and City Council, can drive through and see your support.

Drive Through – This would include decorating in blue AND having folks out in their yards to celebrate the police. When your neighborhood registers for this activity you would need to include time frames and a few major streets where people plan to be outside in their yards. Knoxville Police Department (KPD) will try to have officers drive through to wave and join in the celebration, as time allows and at the officers' discretion.

Leave Your Lights On – This is a traditional way that neighborhoods can show support for the police on National Night Out. If your neighborhood chooses to do this, officers will do their best to drive through to see your support.

Send Thank You Cards – Simply sending a thank you card to KPD, a specific officer, an officer liaison, and/or the Chief, is another way of showing your support. Send mail to: KPD, National Night Out, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Any neighborhood that would like to participate in any of these options is asked to register with KPD and the Office of Neighborhoods. Please send an email to Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov AND Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov by Friday, Oct. 9. When registering, provide the following information:

- Neighborhood Name
- Contact Name
- Contact Email

- Contact Phone #
- Which of the four activities your neighborhood plans to do
- Location
- Start Time
- End Time
- And, if you would like a drive through, which main streets plan to participate.

If you would like to also [register](#) with the national organization, you may do so on the National Night Out website.

We encourage all who are able to participate to join in. We look forward to seeing how many neighborhoods take part in the fun.

5. Absentee Ballots Available for Nov. 3 Election

From now until October 27, 2020, people are able to request an absentee ballot for the November 3, 2020 election.

A registered voter may request an application for a by-mail ballot no earlier than ninety (90) days before the election and no later than seven (7) days before the election. To be processed for the next election, the application must be received by the election commission no later than seven (7) days before the election.

To request a by-mail absentee ballot, mail, fax or email with an attached document which includes a scanned signature the following information directly to your local county election commission office:

1. Name of the registered voter
2. Address of the voter's residence
3. Voter's social security number
4. Voter's date of birth
5. Address to mail the ballot outside the county (this applies only when the reason for voting by mail involves that the voter will be outside of the county during early voting and on Election Day)
6. The election in which the voter wishes to participate. If the election involves a primary, the political party in which the voter wishes to participate.
7. Reason the voter wishes to vote absentee. If applicable, a copy of the CDL containing the CDL number or the TWIC card must be included in the voter's request.
8. Voter's signature A request that contains this information will be processed and a ballot will be mailed to the voter.

For more information on absentee voting please refer to the following website:
<https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting>.

6. 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 scook@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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