

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 14, No. 11 – Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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### **1. North Knoxville Had Successful Clean-Up**

The 2021 Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) North Knoxville Clean-up was a major success! Check out the following stats to see what an impact a volunteer clean-up can make:

#### Clean-up Stats:

- 287 volunteers participated
- 5,025 lbs. of litter were removed
- 36.5 miles were covered
- 30 tires were removed

#### Media Stats:

- 20 Facebook posts were made
- 1,140 were reached by the Facebook event
- 3,750 people were reached through Facebook posts
- 7 Facebook and Instagram stories were made
- Event information was sent to 3,391 people through the Keep Knoxville Beautiful e-newsletter in January.
- Event information was sent to 1,948 volunteers through KKB's Volunteer Alert in February.
- 2 press releases were sent to 130 media contacts
- Featured in 2 City of Knoxville Neighborhood Advisories

- Pre-event articles in Knox Focus, Knox News Sentinel, and City View
- Pre-event coverage on WATE and WVLT
- Event was featured on 9 community calendars

Thanks to the following North Knoxville Neighborhoods and organizations for participating!

**Adair Gardens Residents Association**, Baker Labs, Compound Cuties, **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association**, **Fountaincrest Neighborhood Association**, **Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization**, Glenwood Neighbors, **Inskip Community Association**, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Next Level Brewing Co., North Hills Garden Club, **Oakwood/Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**, Old Navy #5022, **Old North Knoxville Inc.**, SAM LLC, Skooterville, The Gathering Group, Theta Chi, UT ASLA, UTK Phi Kappa Tau, UT Pizza Hut, and Women in Design.

## **2. Final Chance to Register for the 2021 Neighborhood Conference is March 22**

The final day to register for the 2021 Neighborhood Conference is Monday, March 22. The conference will be held virtually via the Knoxville Convention Center's online conference platform on Saturday, March 27, 2021, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Attendance is free, but participants must [register](#) in advance.

The conference will include welcome remarks by Mayor Indya Kincannon, community information booths, two guest speakers, and ceremonies to present the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year award and Neighborhood Achievement awards.

Three workshops will be available to view during the conference:

- Learning About KPD and PARC: Four members of the Knoxville Police Department and LaKenya Middlebrook, Executive Director of the Police Advisory and Review Committee.
- How to Be a Good Neighbor – Addressing Mental Health: Participants will learn how to respect varying levels of mental health in their communities, how to recognize signs of mental distress, and how to intervene for the health of our neighbors and neighborhoods.
- Diving into City Government: Former Deputy to the Mayor Bill Lyons will explain how city, county, and state governments work, their structures and processes, and what residents should know to make informed decisions.

The conference platform provides space for attendees to chat with each other via a chat box, and everyone who registers will be eligible to win door prizes. In addition, registered guests will have access to the conference content for a week after the event to watch or re-watch a presentation or workshop, take notes from a booth, etc.

## **3. Office of Neighborhood Empowerment Offers Neighbor-Engagement Workshop**

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will host a workshop on different ways to engage your neighbors' attention and time on neighborhood issues. The workshop will be held Thursday, April 8, from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom.

As many of you know, engaging neighbors can be challenging. This workshop will present 6-7 different topics that might spark interest in new groups in your neighborhood, including: National Wildlife Certification for those who love the outdoors; Adopt-a-Road through Keep Knoxville Beautiful for those who have a passion for clean-ups; and how to engage with developers to get the best possible win-win situation as development happens.

Guest speakers will discuss ways to engage folks virtually, how to engage youth, how to help when times are tough, etc. Hearing one of these speakers could create an idea that could work in your neighborhood!

This workshop was an idea we had planned for The Neighborhood Conference; however, since the conference is going virtual, we wanted to hold this workshop separately so that it could be more interactive.

If you would like to register for this workshop, please email Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov) to reserve your space.

#### **4. KPD and PARC to Host Monthly Facebook Live Conversations**

Starting this week, the Knoxville Police Department and the Police Advisory & Review Committee (PARC) will host a monthly “Ask KPD” Facebook Live Q&A events.

The first “Ask KPD” will air on the [Knoxville Police Department Facebook page](#) at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17.

This live video series will be driven by questions submitted by residents about any law-enforcement related or KPD-specific topics, including department policy, procedures and training.

Officers and staff will not be able to answer questions related to ongoing or open investigations, but they will make every effort to answer all user-submitted questions in a timely fashion.

Questions for the March “Ask KPD” video are being accepted now through 7 p.m. on March 16. If you have any specific questions that you would like to ask the KPD as part of this, you can submit those questions by emailing the KPD’s Communication Manager Scott Erland at [serland@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:serland@knoxvilletn.gov).

Submit your questions now and join the KPD and PARC on Facebook Live on March 17!

#### **5. CTV Presents Annual Neighborhood Treasure Hunt**

Are you looking for a fun, COVID-19 friendly way to raise money and excitement for your neighborhood? You’re in luck! It’s time to register for the 2021 CTV Neighborhood Treasure Hunt and Online Auction.

Neighbors have already started collecting treasures to auction for the hunt. Search your basement, attic, spare room, or wherever else you might be hiding unused items that might just be a “treasure” to someone else. Ask your neighbors to search for treasures, too, and sell them for a neighborhood profit! Proceeds can go to your neighborhood, a

nearby neighborhood, or whichever neighborhood you choose! Which neighborhood will raise the most money?

Would you like that perfect dresser, some antique jewelry, a lawn mower, etc? Check out the list of donated items to see if you can find a treasure and benefit a neighborhood, as well!

To learn more about the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt and Online Auction, donate, or see what's up for bid, check out the [CTV Treasure Hunt webpage](#).

For more information or to ask questions, contact Monika at [monika@ctvknox.org](mailto:monika@ctvknox.org) or call CTV at 215-4352.

## **6. BZA and HZC Meet This Week**

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting will be today, Tuesday, March 16, at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Note: This meeting is usually on Thursdays but has been moved to Tuesdays.

Anyone interested in viewing the online meeting or participating in this online meeting can join with this [link](#). Passcode: 725365

Please contact Juliana LeClair at 215-2988, [jleclair@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jleclair@knoxvilletn.gov) with questions and to register.

BZA will consider the following petitions for variance of requirements: 400 Twelfth St.; 5312 Homberg Dr.; 2205 Paris Rd.; 1508 Boyd St.; 6216 Lonas Dr.; 1111 Eleanor St.; 7128 Kingston Pike; 4914 N. Broadway; and 1300 Morrell Rd.

The next BZA meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20.

The [Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet on Thursday, March 18, at 8:30 a.m., virtually via Zoom. Contact Lindsay Crockett at 215-3795 or [historiczoning@knoxplanning.org](mailto:historiczoning@knoxplanning.org) for questions about attending or speaking at this meeting.

Certificates of Appropriateness will be awarded to: 2328 Jefferson Ave.; 1121 Eleanor St.; 712 Morgan St.; 1111 Eleanor St.; 401 E. Oklahoma Ave.

The next HZC meeting will be on Thursday, April 15.

If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact the City ADA coordinator at 215-2034.

## **7. Empower Knox Magnifies the Voices of City's Youth**

Empower Knox is an initiative within the City's Community Empowerment department that works with area community groups to provide opportunities for young people to achieve in school, in work and in the community.

Empower Knox staff held two Youth Forums in February 2021 to ask young people about their thoughts about the City of Knoxville and what changes they'd like to see made in the community.

About a dozen young people ages 12-20 attended the Zoom meetings convened to discuss youth perspectives on city issues.

Participating students represented Gresham Middle, Emerald Youth Academy, West High School, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Pellissippi State and Austin-East High School.

To read more about what the youth in our city had to say, visit the following [link](#).

## **8. City Provides Southside Waterfront Information**

Interested in what's happening south of the river? With a new park, breweries, restaurants, apartments, and more, the Southside Waterfront has become a Knoxville hot spot over the past couple of years.

Keep up-to-date on developments for Sevier Avenue, the Southside Waterfront, and other areas of South Knoxville by following the [South Waterfront Blog](#).

The blog not only features updates on exciting developments like the Sevier Ave. streetscape project, but it also offers helpful information. For instance, did you know that you can park for free on nights and weekends in the Regal Parking garage? That's correct! You no longer need to jostle for paid parking or hunt for parking around the neighborhood; now you can park for free just a brief walk away.

Whether you live in the South Knoxville area or are venturing down for a visit, make sure to check out the South Waterfront Blog for more tips and updates.

## **9. Knoxville Earns Tree Cities of the World Recognition**

Did you know that Knoxville is only one of 38 cities in the country to earn Tree Cities of the World recognition?

Knoxville has been a Tree City USA Award honoree for 29 consecutive years, and now we are included in the global community with 120 cities recognized worldwide in 63 countries.

The City boasts more than 30,000 trees planted in public spaces. In 2020, City of Knoxville crews under the direction of Urban Forester Kasey Krouse planted 785 trees in parks, at schools and in public rights-of-way.

Criteria for recognition includes maintaining an inventory of public trees, committing funding to nurture and protect an urban forest, and celebrating achievements that strengthen the diversity and number of trees. Tree Cities of the World communities have planted more than 23 million trees and invested 618,000 volunteer hours.

You can learn more about the process of becoming a Tree City and see a list of other recognized cities around the world [here](#).

## **10. 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](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours before the meeting you wish to attend. For an 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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