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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, we report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. No Newsletter Next Week

A newsletter will not go out next week, but we will be back on Tuesday, Jan. 25, with information, updates, and fun events and activities.

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates in the meantime!

2. ONE Hears Neighborhood Advisory Council Members

The members of the [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA in the Community Room to give their input about what issues, concerns, and topics are a priority for their neighborhoods.

All are welcome to join. Council questions are addressed first, before opening up the discussion to the crowd.

Facemasks and other COVID-19 safety protocols are encouraged. If you have any questions about the NAC, please contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to:

- Give advice and feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment;
- Bring neighborhood issues and concerns to the attention of the Mayor and City administration;
- Propose to the administration responses and solutions to address these concerns; and
- Serve as a sounding board for City initiatives and proposals affecting neighborhoods.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and City administration. As a matter of policy, it does not advise City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, they may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

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3. Deadline to Nominate Your Good Neighbor Is Approaching

The deadline to nominate your good neighbor(s) is fast approaching. If you have a neighbor who goes above and beyond to help individuals, your neighborhood or the community, please consider nominating this person for the *Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award*.

This award is presented annually to a Knoxville resident who — in a spirit of cooperation and with a commitment to inclusive community — has devoted time and talent in service

to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, Jan. 21**.

Nominees must reside within the city limits of Knoxville. Previous nominees may be nominated again. More than one nomination may be submitted for a single nominee.

The winner and all nominees will be honored at the annual Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2. Nomination forms are posted on the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's [website](#). For more information, contact Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3456.

4. City Services Announce MLK Holiday Schedule

City of Knoxville offices, including the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Waste Connections will run its normal residential garbage and recycling routes on Monday, Jan 17. Downtown trash and recyclables also will be collected on a regular schedule on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be on site to accept donations of household goods.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed between Saturday, Jan. 15 and Monday, Jan. 17.

As a general reminder: Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are not picked up as scheduled.

Knoxville's MLK Commemorative Commission is hosting several community events honoring MLK and his legacy, including the annual parade on Monday, Jan. 17. Visit <http://www.mlkknoxville.com/> to see a list of those events and learn more.

5. Citywide Study Aims to Identify Major Corridors with Traffic Speed Concerns

A new project seeks public input to help City traffic planners find ways to improve safety associated with excessive vehicle speeds on major local roads.

While traffic-calming devices work well on smaller residential streets, they generally are not an option for larger traffic arterial and collector streets -- Knoxville's heavier-volume main roads which don't qualify for traffic calming through the [Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program](#).

City Traffic Engineering has posted [a short survey](#), open through **Sunday, Jan. 23**, for people who drive the streets as part of their daily commutes. Traffic engineers want to hear about people's everyday experiences and frustrations in sharing major streets.

What is considered a major street? Click on [this plan](#), prepared by Knoxville-Knox County Planning. Scroll down to the street names (in alphabetical order) and see which ones are Major Collectors. If you do not see a street name on this plan, that means the street is unclassified and is a local street.

Preliminary traffic data analysis has identified some priority roadways, which are highlighted in the survey: Bob Gray Road, Cecil Avenue, Cedar Lane, Central Street, Cherokee Trail, Deane Hill Drive, Fifth Avenue, Gleason Drive, Inskip Road/Bruhin Road, Lonas Drive, Lyons View Pike, Main Street, Morrell Road, Pleasant Ridge Road, Sutherland Avenue, Texas Avenue, Washington Pike and Woodland Avenue.

However, feedback through the survey can be directed toward any roadway in the city, not just the highlighted corridors.

In addition to identifying places where speeding is rampant, respondents also are asked to identify streets where residents have concerns about safety, frequent congestion or bicycle/pedestrian conflicts with vehicles.

Survey responses will help City Engineering to further develop the list of roadways that merit additional detailed vehicle speed and volume studies. At the end of the process, strategies will be developed and recommended to help control excessive vehicle speeds.

6. Trees Knoxville Hosts Two Events

[Trees Knoxville](#) will host two events in the next two weeks.

They will be planting 20 trees at Mary Vestal Park on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Trees Knoxville received funding for the project from the City's [Parks and Recreation Challenge Grant](#).

Register [here](#) to receive an email detailing where volunteers should park and meet. **Vestal Community Organization** is working with Trees Knoxville and has been improving the park for several years now.

The second event is a Winter Tree Identification Walk on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 1-3 p.m. at Meads Quarry, guided by Mac Post, State Chair Sierra Club and Certified Naturalist. Register [here](#) to receive an email detailing information about the walk.

7. Applications Open for Community Safety Grants

Local organizations working to raise awareness of -- and prevent -- violence in Knoxville are invited to apply for grant funding now available through the City of Knoxville Office of Community Safety.

The Spring Break Opportunity Youth Micro-Grant offers funding to groups that provide jobs or other opportunities young people between ages 12 and 21 who are at highest risk of becoming victims of, or committing, violent crime during Knox County's spring break, March 14-18, 2022. The application deadline is Thursday, Jan. 27.

Youth Violence Prevention Week Micro-Grants will support programs and activities that highlight the impacts of youth violence during National Youth Violence Prevention Week, April 25-29, 2022. The application deadline: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022.

Awards may range between \$500 and \$3,000. Grant application forms and worksheets are available at KnoxvilleTN.gov/CommunitySafety.

8. 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](#)

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