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1. Groups Plan Variety of Events for National Night Out

Sixteen neighborhood groups have now signed up with the Knoxville Police Department to hold a "National Night Out" (NNO) event next Tuesday evening, Oct. 4.

If your group is not listed below, and you intend to hold an NNO event, please contact KPD as soon as possible.

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association will grill hotdogs and hamburgers at its annual NNO cook-out at the pavilion near the Beaman Street entrance to Chilhowee Park, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch and **Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch** once again will join forces to hold a sit-down, catered supper, from 5-7 p.m. at Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue.

Holding potluck suppers will be **Harrill Hills Neighborhood Watch**, **Inskip Community Association**, **Norwood Neighborhood Watch**, **Old Sevier Community Group**, **Spring Hill Villas Homeowners Association**, and **View Park Neighborhood Watch**.

Laurel Place Condos Neighborhood Watch, a 135-unit development off of Valley View Drive, is relying on each of its block captains to organize small gatherings of neighbors throughout the neighborhood between 6:30 and 8 p.m. No special events are planned --- just an opportunity to meet one another and catch up on the news.

Moss Creek Villas Homeowners Association and **Woodale Drive/Central Avenue Pike Neighborhood Watch** will each hold community events Tuesday evening.

Old North Knoxville, Inc. is encouraging neighbors to gather for refreshments starting at 6 p.m. in the park on Oklahoma Avenue.

West Haven Village Neighborhood Community will gather at 6 p.m. at their usual meeting place (Table Church, 3108 Basswood) for pizza and iced tea. Neighbors are either donating or soliciting prizes such as movie tickets, a Fandango gift card, free haircut coupons, and cakes for a cake walk.

At least two groups will be observing NNO by encouraging neighbors to turn on porch lights: **Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch** and **Stratford Park Neighborhood Watch**.

Register your event with the KPD Safety Education Unit by notifying Neighborhood Watch Coordinator John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-1519. This will ensure that KPD schedules officers to attend your event. Be sure to give the name and phone number of your contact person and organization, the time your event will begin and end, and the exact location.

In addition, please provide the same information to the Office of Neighborhoods via Debbie Sharp at 215-4382 or dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

2. South Knoxville Leaders Hold Forum Thursday

The second annual Local Elected Officials Forum for South Knoxville will be held this Thursday September 29, at South Knox Elementary Library from 6-7:30 p.m.

Three leaders --- newly elected Knox County Commissioner Carson Dailey, Knox County Board of Education member Amber Rountree, and City Councilman Nick Pavlis will each deliver some opening remarks. The floor will then be open for comments, questions and answers.

3. East/Northeast Economic Summit Slated for Thursday

Councilman Nick Della Volpe is encouraging residents and business owners in East Knoxville and Northeast Knoxville to meet this coming Thursday evening, Sept. 29, "to brainstorm on ways to help fashion a better economic future for our area."

One goal of this "East and Northeast Knoxville Economic Summit" is for residents and neighborhoods to identify the types of services, retail shops, and health care providers they would like to see in their community.

The summit will be held at the O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street. There will be a "meet and greet" opportunity starting at 5 p.m., and the summit itself will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The target area for this summit is basically the northeast quadrant of Knoxville --- everything east of Broadway from the city-county line south to the Tennessee and Holston Rivers.

4. Council Agenda: Garbage Carts, H-1 Overlay, and Baker Creek

The agenda for tonight's Knoxville City Council meeting contains several items of interest to neighborhoods.

Garbage Carts: The city administration is asking Council to increase the current year budget by \$2.9 million in order to purchase garbage carts for city residents. "The City has been evaluating its solid waste operations with a focus on increased efficiency and cost reductions," explains the Finance Department in a memo to Council. "One outcome of this evaluation is to pursue a uniform collection container (cart) for all households. In doing so this should speed up collections, allow for more automation, and reduce costs.

"In the RFP (request for proposals) for collection services, this method was incorporated into the specifications. As a result, it is necessary for the City to purchase approximately 62,000 solid waste carts prior to the implementation of the new collection contract. The estimated cost for this is \$2.9 million. Estimated pay-back on the investment is around one and a half years, an excellent return on this method. Funding is to come from the appropriation of fund balance in the Solid Waste Fund."

H-1 Overlay: Also on the agenda is a resolution "requesting the Metropolitan Planning Commission to consider and make a recommendation to the Knoxville City Council and the Historic Zoning Commission regarding the possible addition of an H-1 Historic Overlay and/or NC-1 Neighborhood Conservation Overlay to the Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood."

Baker Creek: Finally, Council will be asked to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept property known as the Baker Creek Reserve from the Legacy Parks Foundation. The reserve was donated to Legacy Parks by the Wood family.

"After Legacy's acceptance of the donation," Council materials state, "there has been over \$500,000 invested here via grants, private donations, donated goods and services, all aiding in the development of the Baker Creek Preserve into a destination park. In addition, there have been hundreds of hours of volunteer time aimed at making the park a reality.

"The expansion of Knoxville's Urban Wilderness, by the addition of 100 acres of land, will add more trails to the system which is a very good thing for the City of Knoxville's park system. The Legacy Parks Foundation will convey the four parcels to the city with restrictions that limit the use to park, trail and/or recreational activities."

5. City to Provide Update on South Waterfront Code

The City's Plans Review and Inspections Office and the Office of Redevelopment will host a public meeting next month to present an update of the South Waterfront Form Based Code. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at South Knoxville

Elementary School. This will take the place of the regular monthly meeting of the **Old Sevier Community Group**.

6. Nonprofit Seeks Nominations for Homegrown Neighborhood Projects

[Strong Towns](#) --- a national media nonprofit --- has launched a nationwide contest to identify the most innovative infrastructure project that interacts with the public realm and improves a neighborhood in some way.

Individuals and groups are invited to nominate projects that exemplify the group's principles, including local decision-making and public input, bottom-up rather than top-down action, project design that is built to adapt or change incrementally, utilization of existing resources rather than building from scratch, and true return on investment.

Contest submissions are due by Friday, Sept. 30. [See this brochure](#) for details, including examples of such projects.

7. Consider Serving on the Neighborhood Advisory Council

Applications are due by Monday, Oct. 10, from city residents interested in serving on the Mayor's [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) over a three-year term starting Jan. 1, 2017.

The NAC meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month to discuss Knoxville's residential neighborhoods and provide the city with candid viewpoints on how they can best be maintained, supported, improved, rejuvenated and sustained.

The NAC may offer advice to the Mayor or to any city department, either at its own initiative or at the request of a department wanting neighborhood input on a particular matter.

NAC consists of neighborhood leaders who occupy a total of 15 seats --- two in each of the six City Council districts and three at large. Terms are for three years, and members may serve up to two full terms (six years). Members wishing to serve a second three-year term must reapply. [See the current NAC members](#).

The terms of five of the 15 seats expire Dec. 31. These seats, current occupants and general territory are:

*** Seat 1-A (Danny Gray) – South Knoxville and Fort Sanders

*** Seat 2-A (Donnie Ernst) – West Knoxville

*** Seat 3-B (Anna Compton) – Northwest Knoxville

*** Seat 6-B (Kimberley Fowler) – East Knoxville, downtown, Beaumont, Mechanicsville, and Marble City.

*** At large Seat B (Travetta Johnson) – city-wide

In addition, Seat 2-B in West Knoxville is vacant, and someone will be appointed to serve the remaining 18 months of that term, replacing Ashley Williams, who has moved outside of the city and who is also stepping down as president of West Hills Community Association.

To be appointed to a numbered seat, you must live in that City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 2-B will be a resident in the second City Council district.

If you would be interested in serving, please fill out and submit an application, which is [located online here](#). Call David Massey in the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-3232 to have a hard copy mailed to you or to learn more about the position. Mayor Rogero makes the appointments.

To view the exact boundaries of the City Council districts, browse to <http://www.kgis.org/kjismaps/map.htm> and then click on Maps, Political District Maps, and City Council.

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If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order 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 prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact David Massey at 215-3232 or dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov.

Other Calendars

Here are several other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [Birdhouse Community Center](#)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Knoxville Mercury](#) (weekly community paper)

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