



Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 10, No. 1 – Tuesday, January 3, 2017

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1. City Seeks Nominations for Good Neighbor Award

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place?

Perhaps he or she welcomes new neighbors, volunteers to help neighbors in distress, works tirelessly in service to the entire neighborhood, or shows up to lend a hand at every neighborhood potluck, community cleanup and neighborhood meeting.

If this sounds like your neighbor, please nominate him or her for the City of Knoxville's Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award.

The award is presented annually to a Knoxville resident who --- in a spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community --- has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. Named after the late Diana Conn, the award honors someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted through Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017. The nominee must be a resident of the City of Knoxville. Mayor Madeline Rogero will

present the award at the Neighborhood Conference to be held Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

See our [webpage](#) to learn more and to obtain a copy of the Good Neighbor Nomination Form. Nomination forms may be hand delivered to room 528 of the City County Building, emailed to dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov, or mailed to Debbie Sharp, Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P. O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. Call Debbie at 215-4382 if you need a hard copy of the nomination form mailed to you.

2. Three More Sponsors Support The Neighborhood Conference

Three additional companies have signed on as sponsors of The Neighborhood Conference, which will be held on Saturday, March 11, for all citizens interested in the health and vitality of Knoxville's residential neighborhoods.

One of Knoxville's leading commercial real estate development companies, [Hatcher-Hill Properties](#), grabbed a top spot as luncheon sponsor in its first involvement with the conference.

[Cannon & Cannon Inc.](#), a woman-owned small business that provides consulting engineering and field surveying services across Tennessee, became a gold sponsor. This is the third year Cannon & Cannon has supported the conference.

In addition, [Broadway Carpets](#), which has been active in the Broadway Corridor Task Force, is joining the effort as a bronze sponsor.

As previously announced, [Waste Connections of Tennessee](#) --- which provides garbage collection services to the City of Knoxville --- will be a lunch sponsor. And [Home Federal Bank](#) will be a breakfast sponsor. Both companies were sponsors of the conference in 2013 and 2015.

Also back for the third time are [Coldwell Banker Wallace and Wallace Realtors](#), which has signed on as a gold sponsor, and the [Knoxville Area Association of Realtors](#), which returns as a silver sponsor. Finally, [Dover Development](#) is joining the family of sponsors for the first time, in the bronze category.

Please visit these sponsors' web pages to learn more about their services. When you get a chance, please thank them for their support of Knoxville's neighborhoods.

Additional sponsors are needed. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, [see this web page](#) or contact David Massey at 215-3232 or dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. Call for Neighborhood Photos

There are lots of activities happening in Knoxville's neighborhoods throughout the year.

Neighborhoods hold meetings, organize neighborhood cleanups, gather at potlucks, and engage in numerous community service projects.

Do you have photos of your neighbors, your neighborhood, and group activities that you want to share? Please send them to us.

The Office of Neighborhoods is preparing a slide show of photographs that will be shown throughout the day at The Neighborhood Conference, to be held Saturday, March 11, at the Knoxville Convention Center. This is a great way to showcase and promote your neighborhood. Please include a photo of your neighborhood entrance sign if you have one.

Send your digital photos to kfox@knoxvilletn.gov with "photo" in the subject line. Be sure to include the name of the neighborhood and any photo captions, along with a phone number. Or call Kirsten Fox at 215-3077 if you have questions.

4. Neighborhood Working Group Meets Thursday

The Neighborhood Working Group on Blighted Properties meets at 5:15 p.m. this coming Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street.

Participants will continue their discussion regarding a joint, cross-neighborhood project to address a blighted property. Specific blighted properties may also be discussed, along with an overview of the City's Chronic Problem Properties program.

All are welcome to attend and learn more about the Working Group. For more, contact David Massey at 215-3232 or dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. City to Conduct Public Meeting for Annual Action Plan

The City of Knoxville's Community Development Department will conduct a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street.

Community Department is working on the Annual Action Plan Update to its Five Year Consolidated Plan for the proposed use of U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for program year 2017-2018.

At this meeting, staff will review priorities and strategies from the 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and constraints that impact how HUD funds are allocated, as well as take comments from citizens.

In the event that inclement weather cancels the meeting, it will be rescheduled to the same time and place on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The O'Connor Center is wheelchair accessible. Persons who wish to request disability-related accommodations including sign-language interpreters should contact Stephanie Cook, City of Knoxville ADA Coordinator at 865-215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov. Please request accommodations ten days in advance.

Community Development is committed to meeting the needs of non-English speaking residents, including foreign language interpreters and materials translated in the appropriate language. Please request accommodations ten days in advance.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your feedback is still appreciated. Please send in your comments/questions to Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov, mail to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, or by fax to 865-215-2962 or by calling 865-215-2357 for additional info.

6. Okay, NOW We Can Begin Using the New Garbage Carts

Knoxville residents this week should begin using the new 95-gallon garbage carts that were delivered to 60,000 homes over the last few weeks.

The City's Public Service Department has switched to this new system for uniformity and efficiency, saving taxpayers \$2 million per year.

Tips to remember:

- *** Continue to take your cart to your usual collection location on your usual day. (Waste Connections conducted regular pickups on Jan. 2, so the usual schedule is in effect this week.)
- *** Place garbage in bags inside the garbage cart.
- *** Lids must be closed with no additional bags placed on top.
- *** The handle should face your house, away from the street, so that the truck can grab the metal bar on the opposite side of the cart.
- *** Place the cart away from vehicles, utility poles, or other items that might restrict the garbage truck.
- *** Please do not use your old garbage containers since they cannot be handled by the new automated system.
- *** If you move, leave your cart behind for the next resident.
- *** If your cart is damaged or stolen, call 311.
- *** If you need more space than the 95 gallons, there are other options. A second cart can be obtained for a small fee.

Also, please remember these guidelines for bulky waste:

- *** Bulky waste, consisting of items that will not fit into the new cart, can be placed alongside your cart on your normal collection day.
- *** Bulky waste is NOT additional bags of garbage.
- *** Currently a household may have up to 5 bulky items per week, such as furniture, appliances or carpet. See [this web page](#) for details on bulky waste collection and other solid waste services.
- *** Construction waste is NOT bulky waste

“While we like to think all our plans are executed perfectly, we understand that in a City of 60,000 households, there may be a few houses that have not received their cart yet,” noted Solid Waste Manager Rachel Butzler. “If you are an eligible household and have

not gotten your cart by January 6, please call 311 to make arrangements for your delivery. In the meantime, place your garbage for pickup as you have done in the past. Thank you for your patience during this transition.”

The Public Service Department will be asking for public input soon to address any issues that arise. Be on the lookout for future announcements.

7. Recycle Glass at Centers....Not at Curbside

Glass recycling at the curbside is now a thing of the past, but the City still accepts glass at one of its five [recycle centers](#).

The city’s contractor can no longer accept glass in the single-stream, curbside program because glass inevitably gets broken into small pieces during collection and sorting. The mixed glass produces a very low quality glass commodity, rendering it virtually useless. Glass shards also contaminate other recyclables, downgrading their quality and market value as well.

Continuing to pick up mixed broken glass would mean tons of recyclable product would go to the landfill because vendors would be unable to recycle it. However, citizens are encouraged to separate glass by color and take it to one of the recycling centers.

If you are currently not receiving Curbside Recycling and would like to have it, call 311 to get signed up. Also, check out updates and tips at the city’s new [CartSmart blog](#).

8. Next Week: Mandatory Workshop for Historic Preservation Grants

The City of Knoxville has issued a request for proposals to receive public funding for improvements to historic buildings; see <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/bids>.

For the third year in a row, the City will grant a total of \$500,000 to owners of historic residential or commercial buildings through its Historic Preservation Fund. The deadlines for this process are:

*** Mandatory pre-proposal meeting: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, Room 511 of the City County Building (400 Main Street). Your proposal will not be considered if you don’t attend this meeting.

*** Deadline for questions to be submitted (in writing) to the Assistant Purchasing Agent: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017.

*** Proposals due: Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017.

Eligible properties are residential or commercial buildings that are located within H-1 or NC-1 historic overlay districts. Also eligible are properties that either are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic places.

Applicants must own the property. Funding will be secured by a deed of trust on the property. The point of contact for this RFP is Janice McClelland, who can be reached at jmcclelland@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2063.

Mayor Madeline Rogero created the Historic Preservation Fund with an initial commitment of \$500,000 in the 2014-15 budget, and an additional \$500,000 has been approved by City Council each year since. The fund is intended to help fill financing gaps for renovation of historic properties within city limits.

In all, 14 construction projects have received grants. Completed projects include the façade restoration of the Kerns Bakery Building (2110 Chapman Highway), the marquee restoration of the Tennessee Theatre, and the main structure roof replacement of Park City Church (2204 Linden Ave.)

“These grants have led to the repair and restoration of several significant, historic structures that may otherwise have languished,” said Becky Wade, the City’s Director of Community Development. “Our goal is to help bring back these buildings so they can be utilized and enjoyed by our community.”

9. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (clickable to online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

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 scCook@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact the City Law Department at 865-215-2050.

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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