



Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 10, No. 2 – Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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1. Eastport Lee Williams to Honor Police, Fire Fighters

The Eastport Lee Williams Neighborhood Watch will hold a special ceremony at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, to pay tribute to the men and women in uniform in the Knoxville Police and Fire Departments.

The event will be held at the Lee Williams Senior Center in the middle of the housing development. The short driveway to the center is located in the 2200 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue between S. Kyle and McConnell Streets.

2. Last Chance to Nominate the Good Neighbor of the Year

Now is the time to nominate your incredibly wonderful, kind, helpful, engaged neighbor as the Good Neighbor of the Year.

Each March, the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented 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 for one more week --- through Tuesday, Jan. 17. 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 the Office of Neighborhoods [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.

3. Businesses, Nonprofits, Individuals Donate Door Prizes

The Neighborhood Conference always has a great range of door prizes, and the 2017 conference on Saturday, March 11, will live up to that tradition.

So far, volunteers and Office of Neighborhoods staff have secured door prizes from these neighborhood-friendly businesses, nonprofits and individuals: [Bliss](#), [Cokerbowl](#), [Kickstand](#), [Knoxville Ice Bears](#), [Magpies Bakery](#), [Mast General Store](#), [Regal Cinema](#), [Tennessee Theatre](#) and [Visit Knoxville](#).

Please help the Office of Neighborhoods thank these donors. Additional door prizes are welcome. Please contact Wyatt Pless at 215-3456 or wpleess@knoxvilletn.gov as soon as possible.

4. Mayor Appoints Six Leaders to Neighborhood Advisory Council

Mayor Madeline Rogero has appointed six neighborhood leaders to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, which provides advice and feedback to the Administration on matters impacting neighborhoods.

Terrell Patrick, president of Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, was appointed to a three-year term in Seat 6-B, succeeding Kimberley Fowler, president of Burlington Residents Association. Terrell is active in 5 Points Up, chairs the city's Better Building Board, and served on the committee that developed the Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations (BSNO) curriculum used by the Office of Neighborhoods.

Jennifer Reynolds, founder and current treasurer of the Timbercrest Neighborhood Association, will fill the remainder of the term in Seat 2-B, replacing Ashley Williams, former president of West Hills Community Association, who has moved outside the city. Jennifer is serving on the Program Committee for the upcoming Neighborhood Conference and also served on a panel for a recent BSNO workshop.

In addition, the Mayor reappointed the following individuals to additional three-year terms: Danny Gray, Seat 1-A, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association; Donnie Ernst, Seat 2-A, Wesley Neighbors; Anna Compton, Seat 3-B, Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch; and Travetta Johnson, At-Large Seat B, Parkridge Community Organization.

Congratulations to these appointees and many thanks to Ashley Williams and Kimberley Fowler for their years of service.

NAC meets on the second Wednesday of each month except December. The next meeting is tomorrow --- Wednesday, Jan. 11 --- starting at 4:30 p.m. at Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street. NAC members will spend time getting to know one another, deciding on topics and focus areas for the year, and discussing the upcoming Neighborhood Conference on March 11. [Learn more about the NAC.](#)

5. Mandatory Workshop for Historic Preservation Grants

If you are interested in applying for a grant from the City of Knoxville's \$500,000 Historic Preservation Fund, you must attend a mandatory pre-application workshop at 10 a.m. tomorrow --- Wednesday, Jan. 11 --- in Room 511 of the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

See <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/bids> for a copy of the request for proposals and other details. Questions about the RFP can be presented in writing to the Assistant Purchasing Agent no later than Tuesday, Feb. 7. Proposals are due Tuesday, Feb. 14.

6. Annual Action Plan Meeting Set for Thursday

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.

The purpose of the meeting is to review Community Development's 5-year plan for spending federal housing, block grant, and homelessness funds, and to take comments from citizens on an update to the plan for the 2017-2018 program year.

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

7. MPC to Hold Meeting on Historic Overlay in Parkridge

Staff of the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) will conduct a public information meeting later this month on the proposed expansion of the Edgewood-Park City Historic Overlay District, which is located in the Parkridge neighborhood.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona Street.

In April 2016, Knoxville City Council approved a resolution requesting that MPC study the potential expansion of this H-1 historic overlay district. An historic inventory survey has now been completed. A map of potential expanded boundaries, including 529 properties, can be found on [this MPC web page](#).

In addition to providing information about the survey and the rezoning process, MPC staff will answer questions and gather input about the proposed expansion.

Within an H-1 Overlay district, applications for exterior alterations to structures as well as new construction and demolition must be reviewed and approved by the Historic Zoning Commission. An H-1 overlay district helps to ensure that planning and zoning decisions support preservation of historic buildings and streetscapes.

Individuals who cannot attend the meeting can direct questions and comments to Kaye Graybeal, MPC's historic preservation planner, at kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org or 215-3795.

A summary of the presentation and discussion will be posted on the [MPC website](#) during the week of Jan. 23.

8. Beer Board to Ponder Sale of Alcohol to Minors

Members of Knoxville City Council, convening as the Knoxville Beer Board, will hold a workshop at 5:30 p.m. this coming Thursday, Jan. 12, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, to consider additional safeguards to reduce the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

9. Kevin Perry, Tatia Harris to Manage Save Our Sons Program

Mayor Madeline Rogero has hired Knoxville native Kevin Perry as Community Outreach Manager in the Community Relations Department.

Under the supervision of Community Relations Senior Director Dr. Avice Reid, Perry will co-manage the Mayor's Save Our Sons (SOS) initiative and implement the three-year Tennessee Community Crime Reduction Program (TCCRP) grant with Tatia Harris. Harris joined the department as TCCRP Grant Manager and Title VI Coordinator in October 2016, after three years as Public Affairs Specialist in the Communications Department.

Perry graduated from Austin-East High School and earned a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies and Theology from Minnesota Graduate School of Theology. In 2001, he and his wife Natalia founded Word of Life Ministries, and he has served as a chaplain for the Knoxville Police Department since 2010.

"Kevin comes to the job with strong connections in the community and a deep passion for this work," Mayor Rogero said. "His experiences mentoring and ministering to young men and families will benefit our city."

Perry has served in the United States Air Force and on advisory boards of the Boys and Girls Club, Knox County Health Department, and the FBI's Tennessee State Advisory Committee for Civil Rights.

Perry says he's eager to "develop strategies to bridge the lost relationship of men of color in the community."

"I've personally experienced the day-to-day challenges living in the inner city – in Walter P. Taylor Homes – as a youth," he says. "This position gives me the opportunity to create the change I always wished to see."

Save Our Sons collaborates with community partners with the mission of eliminating violence-related deaths among boys and young men of color and increasing opportunities for their success.

10. Alan Lawson, former KEMA Director, Dies

Alan Lawson, who retired last year as the director of the Knoxville Knox County Emergency Management Agency (KEMA), died Monday after a brief battle with cancer. He was 64.

Lawson became the KEMA director in 2002 and is credited with the modernization of this community's emergency management systems. As a result of his efforts, Knoxville and Knox County have one of the most up-to-date emergency operations centers in East Tennessee, complete with a mobile command post, and also benefit from a high degree of communication and cooperation among all of the emergency services in the area.

Lawson was an early supporter of the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program created by the Office of Neighborhoods. He will be missed.

11. Neighbors Mourn Loss of Donald Raby

Residents of Curtis Lane in Fountain City are mourning the loss of Donald E. Raby, who died Dec. 26 after a long battle with cancer. Raby, who was 65, was a U.S. Navy veteran, retired postal worker, local historian, a "true friend" to all who knew him --- and the founder and coordinator of the Curtis Lane Neighborhood Watch in Fountain City.

12. KAT Begins 2017 with Service Improvements

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) has upgraded service on 13 bus routes, in response to passenger requests and capacity issues on busy Saturday routes.

The upgrades reflect the ongoing support of the City of Knoxville towards improving transit services and mobility options in Knoxville. Here are the changes:

*** **Route 11 – Kingston Pike** will add an additional inbound trip to reach downtown at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

- *** **Route 12 – Western Avenue** will continue full service to I-640 Plaza for two additional trips on weekdays and will add 30-minute service on Saturdays.
- *** **Route 13 – Beaumont** will add two additional round-trips at 6:15 and 7:15 pm on weekdays.
- *** **Route 16 – Cedar Bluff** will add a 9:15 pm trip on weekdays and Saturdays.
- *** **Route 17 – Sutherland** will continue 30-minute service for one additional hour; add a 10:15 pm trip on weekdays and add a 10:15 pm trip on Saturdays.
- *** **Route 21 – Lincoln Park** will add trips at 7:15 and 8:15 pm on weekdays and Saturdays.
- *** **Route 22 – Broadway** will see 30-minute service on Saturdays.
- *** **Route 23 – Millertown** will add Sunday service.
- *** **Route 30 – Parkridge** will add a 6:45 pm trip on weekdays and Saturdays.
- *** **Route 33 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave** will add Sunday service.
- *** **Route 34 – Burlington** will add a 9:15 pm trip on weekdays and add trips at 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 pm on Saturdays.
- *** **Route 40 – South Knoxville** will add a 9:15 pm trip on weekdays and add a 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 pm trip on Saturdays.
- *** **Route 45 – Vestal** will add a 9:15 pm trip on weekdays and add a 7:15, 8:15, and 9:15 pm trip on Saturdays.

More information can be obtained by calling 637-3000 or visiting the KAT website, www.katbus.com. For regular updates, Like KAT on Facebook at www.facebook.com/knoxvilleareatransit or follow KAT on Twitter @kat_bus.

13. Update on Garbage Carts

As you may be aware, the City of Knoxville has been distributing new garbage carts to Knoxville single family residences --- as well as duplex, triplex, and fourplex homes --- that receive garbage pickup service from the City.

Crews have delivered about 55,000 of the estimated 60,000 carts so far, and have a few thousand left to get out over the next few weeks.

For those who have not yet received a cart, please be patient and hang in there. The crews are getting to everyone as fast as they can. In the meantime, use your old garbage can and continue to set it out in the usual location on the usual day. If you do not receive a new cart by February, please call 311.

Those who have received a cart should be using it now on the usual day and location of pickup. It is important to place the cart about three feet from other objects with the lid closed and to have the large handle used to roll the cart facing the home.

For more, visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/garbage or call 311.

14. Knox Heritage Pursues East Knoxville History

Knox Heritage has invited interested residents and business owners to attend the second Historic East Knoxville/Park City/Burlington Neighborhoods meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the Burlington Branch Library, 4617 Asheville Highway.

“As the historic preservation education and advocacy organization for our area,” the organization said in a statement, “Knox Heritage would like to assist with encouraging dialogue and action planning for preserving and improving neighborhoods in East Knoxville.”

Knox Heritage will be reviewing the history of the area and the National Register Nomination that is being prepared by Knox Heritage. Current and former business owners and residents are encouraged to attend. Complimentary dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP to Hollie Cook at hcook@knoxheritage.org. For more, visit the group’s website at www.knoxheritage.org.

15. 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 scook@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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