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1. No Newsletter Next Week

This Neighborhood Advisory will not be published next week. The next issue will be distributed on Tuesday, July 25. Deadline for that issue is 5 p.m. July 24.

2. City Maps Neighborhood Group Boundaries on KGIS

Neighborhood organizations are now **on the map**.

In this case, “the map” is actually an array of online maps, tools, and applications that are provided at www.kgis.org by the Knoxville Knox County KUB Geographical Information System (KGIS).

The Office of Neighborhoods ([OON](#)) is proud to announce that the “Knoxville Neighborhood Groups” map is now up and running on KGIS. With support from Jimmy Brink at KGIS and Donna Redden in the City of Knoxville’s Engineering Department, OON was able to map the boundaries of approximately 100 neighborhood groups throughout the city.

KGIS is displaying this map in two separate formats.

First, on [KGIS Maps](#) --- the best known of the KGIS applications --- the “Neighborhood Groups” map layer is listed under “Other Maps” along with census tracts, the city ward map, Knox County neighborhoods, watersheds, zip codes, and other stand-alone map layers.

Second, KGIS and OON have created the “[Neighborhood Groups Viewer](#)” --- an application that allows the site visitor to get a bird’s eye view of neighborhood group boundaries, search for groups, import other map layers, and perform other functions.

Using the “Identify” tool, a user can click on a neighborhood group to see the full name of the group, a contact person, and ways to contact the organization. Either a website or a Facebook page is also displayed for groups that have them.

The mapped groups are city neighborhood organizations that are registered with OON and which responded to recent update requests. Included are neighborhood associations (shown in green), neighborhood watch groups (blue outline), homeowner associations with mandatory dues and/or covenants (red), and neighborhood town halls (dark gray outline). The boundaries were provided by the organizations themselves.

If your resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood group is not shown on the map, or if you have other questions or concerns, please contact Wyatt Pless at wpless@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3456. You may also call Wyatt if you just need help with the Viewer itself.

It was Wyatt who initiated and carried out this project, which he began shortly before the end of his term of service with the City as an AmeriCorps member. Wyatt is now working for the City for a few weeks so that he can oversee the launch of this new service.

Please Note: The Neighborhood Groups map is subject to change depending on possible future criteria used by the City of Knoxville to qualify and recognize neighborhood organizations.

To see all of the special KGIS applications, visit www.kgis.org/portal.

3. Go Vote! Knoxville: One Down, Five to Go

The first of six community meetings in the City of Knoxville’s “Go Vote! Knoxville” campaign was held Monday evening in the First City Council District, with a large turnout at the South Knoxville Community Center in Vestal.

The nonpartisan campaign is designed to encourage Knoxvilleians to vote in the August 29 Primary Election and Nov. 7 General Election. Visit www.GoVoteKnoxville.com for details about the elections, including links to candidate websites and Facebook pages. Thirty candidates are competing for five of the nine seats on City Council.

Here are the dates and locations for the next meetings. All meetings are scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m. Mark your calendar now!

- *** Monday, July 17 – 2nd District, Deane Hill Rec. Center, 7400 Deane Hill Dr.
- *** Thursday, July 20 – 4th District, Milton Roberts Rec. Center, 5900 Asheville Hwy.
- *** Monday, July 24 – 3rd District, Cumberland Estates Rec. Center, 4529 Silverhill Dr.
- *** Tuesday, July 25 – 6th District, John T. O’Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

Voters in the 5th Council District will not be able to vote in the Aug. 29 Primary --- incumbent Mark Campen is not up for reelection this year --- but they will be able to vote for candidates in other districts in the Nov. 7 General Election. Therefore, a “Go Vote” meeting for the 5th District is planned for Thursday, Sept. 7, at Christenberry Community Center, 931 Oglewood Ave.

4. Knoxville SOUP Seeks Proposals

Knoxville SOUP is seeking entries for its next micro-funding event.

The next SOUP event will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the South Knoxville Community Center. Deadline to enter a project is Thursday, July 20.

SOUP is a grassroots organization that holds quarterly events at rotating locations to help raise money for projects that will benefit the community. Neighborhood and community groups, nonprofits, businesses and individuals are welcome to submit their projects for consideration.

Up to four projects are chosen to present at each event. Attendees, who pay a suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door, listen to the proposals, then dine on a meal of soup and more, discuss the projects, and vote on their favorite project.

The project with the most votes wins the money collected from the door. At the most recent SOUP, Marble Springs State Historic Site won \$830 for its Educational School Tour Project.

Knoxville SOUP is organized by volunteers of the [South Knoxville Alliance](#). The simple SOUP application is available at www.knoxvillesoup.org.

5. 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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