



Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 10, No. 37 – Tuesday, October 3, 2017

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1. National Night Out Is Tonight!

Tonight’s the night to celebrate the good work of diligent neighbors, officers, and first responders who help keep our neighborhoods safer!

Many neighborhoods around Knoxville will be participating by serving meals, playing games, delighting in desserts, playing music, and engaging in community conversations. Others are illuminating their porch lights in support.

What a great way for our neighborhoods to join together, work together, support one another, and be a part of something bigger that celebrates a team effort to keep neighborhoods safe.

[See the list of participants](#), which include Burlington Residents Association, Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch, Fountaincrest Neighborhood Association, Harrill Hills Neighborhood Watch, Holston Oaks Tenants Association, Inskip Community Association, Mechanicsville Community Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Old North Knoxville, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Spring Hill Villas Home Owners Association, Vestal Community Organization, West

Haven Village Neighborhood Community, West View community, Westavia Woods Neighborhood Watch, and Western Heights Tenants Association.

2. Annual Chili Fest This Thursday in Cumberland Estates

Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch will hold its annual chili fest from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. this coming Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Cumberland Estates Recreation Center on Silverhill Drive. All are invited to participate. Neighbors have been asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share, or to donate a pot of chili.

3. KPD Hosts “Coffee with a Cop”

The Knoxville Police Department is offering community members an opportunity to visit with officers, command staff, and Chief David Rausch in an informal atmosphere from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. tomorrow --- Wednesday, Oct. 4 --- at Chick-fil-A, 5100 North Broadway in Fountain City.

“Coffee with a Cop” is an opportunity for KPD and community members to come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. Community members can ask questions and learn more about KPD’s work in their neighborhoods.

Much of the contact between KPD and the public occurs during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

“We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers,” said Chief David Rausch. “These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships.” The event will be repeated in other areas of Knoxville on a periodic basis.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

4. Parkridge Seeks Sponsors for Home Tour

Parkridge Community Organization (PCO) is seeking sponsors for its 2017 Tour of Homes.

The annual event will take place from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, in the section of the Edgewood-Park City National Historic District along Magnolia Avenue from Cherry Street west to Winona Street in East Knoxville. Tickets are \$10 in advance.

The tour offers “an intimate glimpse of East Knoxville's history and architectural treasures,” according to one organizer. “Tour proceeds help the PCO pursue matching grants to preserve historically significant housing, fight blight, and improve living conditions through public art, green space, and other community projects.”

Sponsors can support this work with a \$50 or \$100 contribution earning a small or large logo on the home tour map given to each tour participant. Some 150 to 200 people attend this event each year. To sponsor, call PCO President Jennifer Montgomery at (865) 406-4364 or e-mail historicparkridge@gmail.com.

5. NAC to Hear from Bridge Refugee Services

The 15-member Neighborhood Advisory Council ([NAC](#)) will hear speakers from [Bridge Refugee Services](#) (BRS) at its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

This is a public meeting, and all are welcome.

BRS's mission is to provide opportunities for refugees to rebuild their lives, after suffering persecution, so that they become productive, contributing members of the community. Bridge helps refugees with the three pillars of integration: learning English, finding employment, and engaging in community.

Refugees are in our neighborhoods, and yet they can be isolated due to language barriers and not knowing that a neighborhood group exists. How nice would it be to arrive in a scary new country and be welcomed with smiles and invitations?

Neighborhood leaders will learn how someone becomes a refugee, hear about ways to include refugees in neighborhood activities, and receive tips on how to help refugees feel comfortable in their new community.

6. Save Our Sons Hosts Job Fair

The City of Knoxville's "Save Our Sons" initiative will host a City Wide Job Fair on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6-8 p.m. at Austin East High School Gymnasium, 2800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Visitors will be able to obtain information on job training, how to create a resume, restoring voter rights, and companies that are looking for new employees. Some employers may be able to hire immediately, so “dress to impress” if you are in the hunt for a new job.

Pizza and refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Kevin Perry at 215-2589 and kaperry@knoxvilletn.gov, or Tatia Harris at (865)-215-2831 and tharris@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. Candidate Forums Dot the Political Landscape

With five open seats on Knoxville City Council, the 13 candidates running for those seats are answering questions and taking positions on issues at a variety of public forums. Here are the ones currently listed on [this Go Vote! Knoxville page](#).

Wednesday, Oct. 4 --- Young Professionals, Jackson Terminal, 213 W. Jackson Ave. Candidate meet-and-greet starts at 4 p.m., and the forum runs from 5-7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 9 --- Knox County District 1 Democrats, 6-8 p.m., Communications Workers of America Union Building, 1415 Elm St.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 --- Mayor's Council on Disability Issues, Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street. The meet-and-greet begins at 5 p.m. Forum runs from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

In addition, the South Knoxville Alliance has also announced a forum on Wednesday, Oct. 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Ijam's Nature Center.

For a list of candidates, dates for voter registration and early voting, and other information, visit this [Go Vote! Knoxville page](#).

8. Help Plant Flower Bulbs at Sarah Moore Greene School

If you enjoy beautifying a neighborhood --- and especially a busy street in front of an elementary school --- then consider joining other members of the community on Saturday morning, Oct. 21, to plant daffodil bulbs in front of Sarah Moore Greene Magnet School, 3001 Brooks Avenue.

You can donate your time from 10 a.m. until noon on that Saturday. No need to supply tools, but you may wish to bring gloves. To register to volunteer, please call or email Anne Victoria at 865-215-7863 or avictoria@katbus.com. If you are representing a neighborhood or other group, be sure to mention this so your organization will be recognized.

This effort was initiated by the Neighborhood Working Group on Blighted Properties --- a group of neighborhood representatives who meet each month with city officials to discuss policies and programs that address the problem of blighted properties.

This group takes on two projects each year that counter-act blight through cleanups, beautification and/or place-making. Last spring the group initiated a [cleanup effort](#) at a mobile home park on Sutherland Avenue.

Other partners in this effort include the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum, as well as Sarah Moore Greene students who not only selected the daffodil varieties but also voted on the planting pattern for the flowers.

If you wish to take a KAT bus to this event, take Route 32 Dandridge Avenue and get off on Brooks Avenue directly in front of the school. To plan your trip, visit www.katbus.com and click on the Trip Planner button, or call 637-3000 and KAT's Customer Support will assist you. If driving, you may park in the school parking lot.

9. PARC Sets Date for Quarterly Meeting

The Knoxville Police Advisory & Review Committee (PARC) will hold its' quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Wesley House Community Center, 1719 Reynolds Street.

Open to the general public, this meeting is an opportunity for citizens to express their concerns regarding crime or safety. For more, visit [PARC's website](#).

You can also contact PARC's Executive Director, Clarence Vaughn III, at cvaughn@knoxvillekn.gov for more information.

10. Brush Collection Ends in One Month

The City of Knoxville's Public Service Department will pick up brush in residential neighborhoods through Friday, Nov. 3, and then switch its trucks to leaf pickup for the months of November, December and January.

Since brush is collected in Knoxville every other week, residents have two more chances for brush pickup this fall.

Knoxville residents can find out when their brush will be picked up by visiting the City's website at www.knoxvillekn.gov. Click on 'I want to', select 'Find' and then choose 'Brush/Leaf Pickup'. Or you can call 311 and give the operator your address.

Starting in late October, leaves should be raked to the edge of your yard in one continuous row within five feet of the street. Do not block storm drains and drainage ditches. Also, please do not rake leaves into the street: They are a safety hazard, and they get crushed and scattered by passing cars.

Please Note! The City will not pick up mixed piles of leaves, brush, and other refuse, because the leaf collection equipment is designed to vacuum leaves only and can be damaged by brush. Leaves raked to the alley will be picked up last.

11. Four Projects Up For Consideration at Knoxville SOUP

Knoxville SOUP, a micro-funding event, will be held this Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Kerbella Temple, 325 Mimosa Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., and presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Alan Williams from WVLT Channel 8 is moderating the event.

Four proposals were selected to make presentations during the community meal (\$5 suggested donation):

- South Doyle Middle School: ReZoning the Library
- Bike Walk Knoxville: Kids Love Bikes

- Dr. Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy: Fueling the Future
- Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding: Rider Sponsorship

For more, check [SOUP's website](#). Participants select the winning proposal. SOUP is sponsored by the South Knoxville Alliance of Businesses and Professionals (SKA) and is open to all of Knoxville. For more, call 661-1685 or email contact@KnoxvilleSOUP.org.

12. 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 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)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)

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