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1. Baby, It's Cold Outside

Some neighborhood groups take a break during the holidays --- but not the **Mechanicsville Community Association (MCA)**.

Expanding an existing program, MCA distributed free hats and gloves to 180 students at Maynard Elementary School on Dec. 20 and gave away another 125 (or more) sets at a neighborhood gathering on Jan. 2 at Fairview Recreation Center.

"It's been an exciting journey," remarked Christine Winton, who headed up the effort. "Our theme was 'Baby, It's Cold Outside'."

Members of Second Methodist Church and Seventh Day Adventist Church both contributed funds as well as hats and gloves. One church member knitted scarves for the MCA effort. A nonprofit organization, the Queens, also made donations, as did MCA members from their own pockets, Winton said.

MCA spread the word with flyers and social media. At the Jan. 2 gathering, MCA members served beef hotdogs, hot chocolate, and brownies, making for a festive and communal occasion.

In fact, the drive was so successful, and the need so great, that MCA plans another give-away in February. If you wish to donate, contact Christine Winton at 455-0000.

2. South Haven Requests Public Input

The **South Haven Neighborhood Association** (SHNA) is initiating a process, with the help of the East Tennessee Community Design Center, to discuss street infrastructure improvement opportunities in the Baker Creek area of the neighborhood.

There are two ways to share your input: First, you can attend the Baker Creek Area Public Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 5:30-7 p.m. at South Doyle Middle School's Library. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to leslie@communitydc.org or call 525-9945. If you have any accessibility needs, please let them know when you call.

Use this survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHNABCA112017 to also give feedback.

This project was made possible by the Neighborhood Small Grants Program and the East Tennessee Community Design Center.

For more information about the SHNA, contact Linda Rust, 679-9924.

3. Do You Have a Meeting Cancellation?

It is that time of year again where the weather can dictate our schedules.

If you publicize your neighborhood meeting on our Neighborhood Calendar and the weather snows you out, all you have to do is email Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov to cancel.

Our Neighborhood Calendar is live so as soon as we put the information in, it is available to the public.

If you have a meeting on a night that snow or ice is coming, check our [Neighborhood Calendar](#) to see if your neighborhood meeting is still on.

4. "Engaging Neighbors" Is Filling Up Fast!

Applications for the Office of Neighborhoods' "Engaging Neighbors to Develop Stronger Neighborhoods" are still being accepted through Jan. 12, but the class is filling up fast.

To apply, [click here](#) to fill out the application.

"Engaging Neighbors" is open to all city residents who wish to develop and/or sustain healthy neighborhood environments through actively participating in their neighborhood organization.

This free workshop is also designed for all active members in resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood organizations, and for any city resident who may wish to start or revive a neighborhood group.

Led by established facilitator Ron Davis, the workshop will run 11 weekly sessions on Thursday evenings, beginning on Jan. 18. There will be a two-week spring break

(March 15 and 22). Sessions will resume March 29 and conclude April 12 (assuming no postponements due to inclement weather).

Seating is limited, but neighborhood groups are encouraged to send more than one person to this training!

For questions or to request that a hard copy application be mailed to you, contact Hannah Freeman at hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov or call 215-3456. For more information about the workshop, please visit our [webpage](#).

5. Deadline Is Approaching for Good Neighbor Nominations

Nominations for the Neighbor of the Year are open and will be accepted through Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Be thinking; do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Perhaps they welcome new neighbors, volunteer to help neighbors in distress or work tirelessly in service to the entire neighborhood and/or neighborhood organization. Or maybe they make everyone feel included.

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

All nominees will be recognized at The Neighborhood Conference on March 24, 2018 at the Knoxville Marriott.

Fill out the [nomination form](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp either by email at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to: Office of Neighborhoods, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. If you have questions, you may also call 215-4382.

To learn more about previous winners, see the [website](#).

6. City Offers Two Trainings for Short Term Rental Permits

Short Term Rentals are now being permitted. Knoxville residents wishing to operate a short-term rental unit can apply for a permit from the City of Knoxville, Business Tax Office, in room 450 of the City County Building, 400 Main St., provided they meet the conditions in the City's newly adopted short-term rental ordinance.

City staff will offer two training and question-and-answer sessions for short-term rental hosts on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 5:30 p.m. in room 549 and Friday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room at the City County Building.

There is also a list of answers to frequently asked questions online at knoxvilletn.gov/STRS.

If you would like to check out the application first, the form is available on the City website at knoxvilletn.gov/STRS. It includes a list of necessary supporting documents.

For more, attend either training at the City County Building.

7. Garbage Schedule for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2018

City of Knoxville offices close Monday, Jan. 15, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. However, garbage pick-up by Waste Connections is on the regular schedule.

Downtown trash and recycling also runs on its regular schedule throughout the entire week including Monday, Jan. 15.

The City's recycling centers are open for recycling use but the Goodwill attendant is not available for household goods donations on Monday, Jan. 15.

The City's Solid Waste Management Facility located at 1033 Elm Street is closed on Saturday, Jan. 13 and Monday, Jan. 15.

8. NAACP Seeks Answers on Affordable Housing

The [NAACP](#) Housing Committee will hold a series of ***Answers to our Affordable Housing Questions*** sessions, and the public is invited to attend.

The first one will be held at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church on College Avenue. Linda Rust of the City's [Community Development Department](#) will answer questions relating to the City's affordable housing initiatives and plans.

The second session of ***Answers to our Affordable Housing Questions*** series will take place at noon Tuesday, Jan. 30, also at Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church. Ben Bentley, director of Knoxville's Community Development Corp. ([KCDC](#)), will answer questions about KCDC's big picture. A separate answer session will be held on the Section 8 program.

For both noon sessions, feel free to bring a lunch.

9. Attend a Martin Luther King, Jr. Event

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is a non-profit composed entirely of volunteers. The Commission has organized a multitude of events in the week leading up to and through Jan. 15, the birthday of and designated holiday date for Martin Luther King, Jr.

An interfaith prayer service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Mount Zion Baptist Church. People of all faiths throughout the community are encouraged to attend and come together to worship. On Thursday, Jan 11, there will be a Leadership Educational Symposium held at the Knoxville Marriott. This symposium will provide a forum for dialogue and exchange of information about social justice issues.

The week's events feature two keynote speakers. Chairman John Hope Bryant is the keynote speaker for the 2018 Leadership Awards Luncheon. Bryant is the founder and chairman for the non-profit Operation HOPE, which provides youth and adults with

financial literacy skills. The 2018 Memorial Service Keynote Speaker is Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr., a close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights activist.

For more information and a complete list of events offered, visit MLKknoxville.com. For questions or comments, contact admin@mlkknnoxville.com. To make a donation, contact finance@mlkknnoxville.com.

10. Learn How to Reduce Your KUB Bill

If you are interested in learning how to reduce and manage your utility bill, attend the latest "Savings in the House" workshop at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at CAC, 2247 Western Avenue, in the community room.

The workshops are free and last one hour. Participants discover simple ways to reduce their utility bills and learn more about KUB's Advanced Metering. Find out about energy efficiency and weatherization as well.

Offered by the Alliance to Save Energy (ASE), this workshop can be offered to neighborhood and community groups as well. For more, contact ASE Program Manager Jennifer Alldredge at 615-830-1875 or jalldredge@ase.org.

11. 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 Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

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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