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1. Town Hall East Connects with Community School

The neighborhood organization [Town Hall East](#) (THE) created a Schools Committee so that the organization could be more involved with its local community school. After working with THE, Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Academy ([SMG](#)) staff invited Town Hall East and others to be a part of one of their projects.

The project is to construct a Disc Golf Course this coming weekend at the school.

If your neighborhood group would like to be connected to your local schools, including your local community school, it is as simple as reaching out to the principal or to Great Schools Partnership to see what their needs might be. There may be background checks needed for some activities, but others, where children are not involved, might not require that.

For contact information, see the [Knox County Schools](#) website and the [Community Schools page](#) on the Great Schools Partnership website.

2 . Neighborhood Leader Wins Orchid Award

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) last week presented neighborhood leader Fran Nichols with the Felicia Harris Hoehne Award at KKB's Orchid Award banquet.

This is the second year this award has been presented and was created to honor a person who exemplifies KKB's mission of making Knoxville a "clean, green, and beautiful" city. Retired from the City of Knoxville's Public Works Department, Fran is a member of the Mayor's **Neighborhood Advisory Council** and is active in the **Moss Creek Villas Homeowners Association**.

The City of Knoxville's new Public Works Service Center, which has a geothermal heating system and other green energy features, won the award for environmental stewardship. Elmont Exchange and SoKno Taco, which received business façade grants from the Community Development Department, were also winners, as was the Knoxville Zoo. For a complete list of winners, see the [KKB website](#).

At the banquet, KKB announced that the 2018-2019 "Community of the Year" will be North Knoxville. The 2017-2018 "Community of the Year" is East Knoxville, where KKB will continue to focus their efforts until June of 2018.

3. Register Now for the March 24 Neighborhood Conference

Three weeks are left to register for **The Neighborhood Conference** on Saturday, March 24, at the Knoxville Marriott.

Don't miss this FREE citywide neighborhood event of the year, with its Neighborhood Awards and Networking Luncheon, workshops, 80 information booths, door prizes, and lots of opportunities to meet others, like you, who are working to make their neighborhoods safer, more livable and more friendly. [Learn more and register](#).

4. Lifestyle Service Company Donates Door Prize

[Help You Dwell](#), a lifestyle service company "dedicated to bringing peace and order to homes and workspaces through organization, move management, and design assistance," has contributed a \$100 gift certificate for a door prize at The Neighborhood Conference.

The company helps with organizing, move management (packing & unpacking), interior design, and Estate transitions.

A total of 17 businesses and nonprofits (including a neighborhood organization) have now made donations to the conference, which will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Knoxville Marriott. The drawing for door prizes will occur at the very end of the conference, following the Neighborhood Awards and Networking Luncheon.

[See a list of donors so far](#). If your business, nonprofit or neighborhood organization would like to contribute a door prize, contact Johnathan Blevins at 215-2113 or jblevins@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. Eason Architecture Joins List of Conference Sponsors

[Elizabeth Eason Architecture](#) has become the fourth bronze sponsor of **The Neighborhood Conference**, to be held Saturday, March 24, at the Knoxville Marriott.

This now makes for a total of ten sponsors who are contributing a total of \$13,000 to this event or about half of the cost.

Others are Platinum Sponsors [Hatcher-Hill Properties](#) and [Waste Connections of Tennessee](#); Gold Sponsors [Home Federal Bank](#) and [Cannon & Cannon Inc.](#), Silver Sponsors [Coldwell Banker Wallace and Wallace Realtors](#) and [Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers](#), and the other three Bronze Sponsors [Dover Development, Knoxville Area Association of Realtors](#), and [TIS Insurance Services](#).

The City of Knoxville appreciates these community stakeholders for their support of this conference and Knoxville's residential neighborhoods.

6. City Council to Consider Short-Term Rentals, Sidewalks

Airbnb-type short-term rentals and sidewalks are among the items on tonight's agenda at Knoxville City Council, which meets at 6 p.m. in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Council will consider adopting a [resolution](#) asking the members of the Knox County Legislative Delegation to "carefully consider and weigh proposed statewide legislation that would undo the carefully developed short-term rental ordinance in the City of Knoxville which was established through a public process lasting well over a year, balancing competing needs between affected parties."

"City Council respectfully...requests that its ordinance not be preempted by (state) legislation," the resolution states.

As reported in last week's Neighborhood Advisory, a bill advancing in the State Senate would mandate that short-term rentals of less than 30 days --- such as those arranged via online platforms such as Airbnb --- must be allowed in all residential zones regardless of whether the owner lives in the rental unit or not. Under the city ordinance adopted last year, short-term rentals in residential zones are limited to owner-occupied homes.

The bill – [SB 1086](#) – is scheduled to be heard next Tuesday, March 6, in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. See [last week's issue](#) to learn how to email the committee and reach your local state senator and representative.

Council will also vote on a resolution approving a contract that is the first step toward a comprehensive study of the city's sidewalks and how new sidewalk projects are prioritized.

The resolution is to approve a contract whereby the State Department of Transportation would provide 80 percent of the cost of the \$200,000 study. Once that contract is in place, the City's Engineering Department will seek a consultant to conduct the study. The study not only will review the entire network of sidewalks as a whole but also

examine --- and take public input on --- the criteria used by the City to determine which new sidewalks get funded in each budget year. Stay tuned.

See [this City Council web page](#) for the meeting agenda. Click on the date of the meeting you're interested in.

7. Knoxville SOUP Calls for Funding Proposals

Knoxville SOUP is looking for community-focused projects throughout Knox County that could use some cash to get going.

The next SOUP micro-funding event will take place starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Apr. 17, at Dara's Garden, 2637 Maryville Pike, and will be catered by Rothchild Catering. The deadline to enter a project is Thursday, Apr. 12.

SOUP is a grassroots organization that holds (almost) 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 listen to the proposals, then dine on a meal of soup and salad, discuss the projects, and vote for their favorite.

The project with the most votes wins the money from the donations at the door. (A donation of \$5 per person is suggested for entry.) **Vestal Community Organization** and **Montgomery Village Residents Association** are neighborhood groups that have won money. The SOUP application consists of four simple questions and is available at www.knoxvillesoup.org.

8. Brush Collection Resumes March 5

The City of Knoxville's Public Works Department will resume brush collection beginning on Monday, March 5.

Yard waste should be placed at the curb, must be kept separate from trash, and be raked or placed within 6x6x6 foot piles. All tree work completed at a residential property by a private contractor, tree trimmer, or anyone performing work for profit is responsible for the removal of the brush they generate.

The brush collection was on pause from November through February while leaf pickup season was in full force. During this last leaf collection, City crews picked up 5,100 tons of leaves. In a normal brush collection season, City crews will pick up five times that amount.

To obtain brush collection schedules for your neighborhood, call 311 or go online to www.knoxvilletn.gov/311.

9. Please Change the Way You Dispose of Latex Paint

City of Knoxville officials are reminding all residents that beginning March 1, 2018, the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off site located within the Solid Waste Management Facility, 1033 Elm St., will no longer accept latex paint.

“For years, City of Knoxville Solid Waste has been the only certified entity in Tennessee collecting latex-based paint,” said Chad Weth, Public Service Director. “Our staff can now dedicate more time to expanding collection of hazardous materials, and homeowners can now dispose of the paint without having to leave the driveway.”

Since latex paint is not a hazardous waste, it can be treated as normal household trash after a few additional steps to solidify. Once the latex paint is completely dry, it can be bagged and placed in the curbside trash cart for collection.

For residents without curbside pickup, the dried paint can still be taken to the Transfer Station at the City’s Solid Waste Management Facility, or to one of the Knox County Convenience Centers. Staff will ask that the lids be off in order to verify that the paint is dry. Since latex paint is household trash, it will be subject to the same tipping fees or residency requirements at the City and County facilities.

[Learn how to dry and dispose of latex paint properly.](#)

“This new policy will both improve convenience for residents and save tax dollars by cutting out staff time spent handling the paints,” said Patience Melnik, Solid Waste Manager. “We ask residents to please help us keep our city clean and beautiful by ensuring that the paint is completely dry prior to disposal.”

10. 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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