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1. Next Mandatory Grant Workshop this Saturday

The Office of Neighborhoods has launched the 2019 season for the Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP).

To apply for a grant under the NSGP and you did not attend last Saturday's workshop; your organization must send a representative to ONE of the following mandatory workshops:

*** Sat., June 2, 10 a.m.-12 noon

*** Thurs., June 14, 6-8 p.m.

Even if you are unsure whether your neighborhood group will apply this year, sending a representative ensures that you are eligible to apply. Participation can also assist your group in planning for a 2020 grant application.

Contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382 to register for one of the workshops. **When you register, you will receive the location of that workshop.**

Copies of the NSGP Guidelines and Application can be found [on this city web page](#). Note that the Application is a fillable PDF file. Proposals are due July 30 and will be judged on a competitive basis. Submit proposals on or before July 23 to have staff review your application for completeness.

2. City Staff to Speak at Neighborhood Working Group

The Neighborhood Working Group on Blighted Properties (NWG) will meet Thursday, June 7, 5:15-6:30 p.m., at Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. All are welcome.

City staff attended the [Reclaiming Vacant Properties](#) Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in May and will be sharing what they learned.

Under a new meeting format started in May 2018, NWG will now review blighted properties on odd-numbered months, and hear from city officials and other speakers on blighted property issues and related topics on even-numbered months. The group always meets on first Thursdays at the time and location indicated above.

Requests for a hard copy of the Blighted Property Profile and other questions may be directed to Cheri Hollifield, Neighborhood Codes Enforcement, at 215-2867 or chollifield@knoxvilletn.gov.

3. Alicia Price to Speak at NAC

Alicia Price, neighborhood director for the [Governor's Foundation for Health and Wellness](#), will be speaking to the [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) at their next meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

This program aims to get neighborhoods recognized by the Governor's Foundation when they sponsor events that increase physical activity, increase healthy eating, and decrease tobacco use.

The NAC will also continue the discussion of criteria for neighborhoods to be recognized by the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) if time allows.

If you are interested in either topic, come and listen to the discussion. For questions, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

4. City to hear Public Input for Urban Wilderness Gateway

Heads Up to South Knoxville neighbors and anyone invested in the Urban Wilderness: come and share your input this Saturday, June 2, 2-4 p.m. at the end of the James White Parkway.

Parking for the public meeting will be available at South-Doyle Middle School, 3900 Decatur Dr., with trail access to the event. Limited parking also will be provided at the end of James White Parkway.

City staff wants to hear your ideas and priorities for the Urban Wilderness Gateway Project. In her April 27 State of the City Address, Mayor Madeline Rogero proposed a \$10 million investment to create a gateway park and entrance to South Knoxville and the Urban Wilderness at the southern end of the James White Parkway.

For more details or to take a survey on what should be prioritized, visit <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/uwgatwaypark>.

5. Active Knox Presents: Creating Quality Mixed-Use Places

Are you interested in learning more about mixed-use places?

[Active Knox](#) presents: Creating Quality Mixed-Use Places on Tuesday, June 12, at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

Hear from a nationally recognized developer, Ben Crenshaw, who is the senior vice president over design at Southern Land Company. He has vast experience creating quality mixed use communities with affordable housing components.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program starts at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Register [here](#). For questions, email bikewalkknoxville@gmail.com.

6. Downtown and South Knox: Prepare for Road Closures

You may remember last year that we had an exciting weekend with the [USA Cycling National Championships](#) right here in Knoxville. They were so impressed with the City of Knoxville, Visit Knoxville, the neighborhoods, and all others involved, that they decided to come back!

Please help us get the word out about these road closures for the weekend of June 21-24. See the website for detailed [road closures](#) and [maps](#). Visit Knoxville is also looking for [volunteers](#) for the event.

If you have any questions, contact Parker Medley at pmedley@knoxville.org.

7. 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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