

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 11, No. 21 – Tuesday, June 26, 2018

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### **1. No Newsletter, Office Closed July 4**

The Office of Neighborhoods will not produce a newsletter next week. The City of Knoxville, including the Office of Neighborhoods, will be closed for July 4.

### **2. City of Knoxville Hosts Public Meeting for Parkridge**

Mayor Madeline Rogero, City Councilmember Gwen McKenzie, City and MPC staff will meet to continue a dialogue about preservation and mediation in Parkridge, tomorrow at 6 p.m., Wed., June 27, at John T. O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

A proposed expansion of the existing H-1 historical overlay in the Parkridge neighborhood created intense community debate and disagreement last year. At Mayor Rogero's request, City Council delayed action on the proposal in November 2017 to allow time for more discussion.

Since then, Mayor Rogero, Councilwoman McKenzie and City staff members have met with many representatives of the Parkridge community to better understand their priorities and concerns.

This public meeting is an effort to identify common goals and possible next steps in both preservation and possible mediation for neighborhood residents and property owners.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to attend the public meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Cook, at [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 865-215-2831.

### **3. Oakwood Lincoln Park Host Forum / Cookout**

On July 2, **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** is hosting a community picnic and public forum. Local, state and federal candidates for August's election are invited to join residents for a cookout.

The cookout will be from 5:30-7 p.m. at the picnic area on Sharp's Ridge Memorial Park Drive. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and your own chair and drinks.

The ridge top can be reached via Ludlow or Pembroke Avenues from North Broadway near the Northgate Shopping Center. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. There is additional parking at the Overlook.

### **4. No NWG or NAC Meetings for July**

"Vacation, All I Ever Wanted!" Due to the summer holiday, vacation season, and general summer busyness, the monthly Neighborhood Working Group (NWG) and Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meetings will not meet for the month of July.

Regularly scheduled meetings will commence in August:

NWG will meet on Thursday, August 2, at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St., at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will focus on, "Fight the Blight," a discussion with Neighborhood Codes Enforcement's Cheri Hollifeild.

NAC will meet on Wednesday, August 8, at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St., at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will feature an informative presentation by the City of Knoxville's Business Liaison, Patricia Robledo.

### **5. Testify on Blighted Properties at Meeting This Week**

Seven properties are on the agenda for the City's next Public Officer Hearing at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 29.

The Public Officer --- David Brace, deputy director to the Mayor --- will hear testimony on buildings that inspectors contend are in violation of the city's building codes. Testimony can also be made by the property owners, neighbors, neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders, such as lien holders.

The Public Officer then decides whether to issue an order requiring that the violations be addressed in a certain period of time. Failure by the owner to cure the problem may result in the boarding or demolition of a structure, or the cleanup of a dirty or overgrown lot, with costs billed to the owner.

A property owner may appeal the Public Officer's decision to the Better Building Board, (BBB) and, ultimately, to Chancery Court. The BBB, which normally meets the fourth Thursday of the month, is not meeting this month.

The properties to be heard for repair/demolition orders are: 4632 Ball Camp Pike, 3301 Bishop Street, 741 North Broadway, 2418 Harvey Street, 304 East Magnolia Avenue, 430 Mimosa Avenue, 2806 Painter Avenue, 2202 Southside Drive, and 322 East Woodland Avenue.

312 West Inskip Drive, Apartments #2 and #3, will be considered for confirmation of emergency repair order.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, then you or a representative of your organization may wish to attend the meeting to submit testimony about the impact of the property on the neighborhood.

The full June 29 agenda, with details on each property, can be found on the [website](#).

## **6. Waste Collection Continues as Usual**

Waste Connections, the City's Household Trash and Recycling collection agency, will provide regularly scheduled trash and recycling pickup over the Wednesday, July 4, holiday.

For 2018, only two holidays affect waste pick-up services: Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 22 and Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25. For each of these holidays, trash pickup is delayed one day. All other national holidays, including July 4, waste collection continues as usual.

For further questions please check the [Waste Collections Calendar](#) or call 311.

## **7. Applications Accepted for Citizens' Police Academy**

Currently, until space is filled, applications are being accepted for neighbors to join the Knoxville Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy (CPA).

The CPA is a ten-week program starting on Aug. 23, which meets Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at various divisions of the Knoxville Police Department.

The goal of the CPA is to create and develop a growing nucleus of responsible, well-informed citizens who have the potential to influence public opinion concerning police practices and service delivery. Graduates of the program will fulfill the critical role of providing input and information to their neighborhoods which will increase citizen involvement on issues of mutual concern. This active citizen's participation will improve the quality of life and build lasting and productive partnerships between our police department and the communities they so proudly serve.

Participants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age, live or work within the City of Knoxville, submit a completed application, and undergo a background check.

Send CPA [application](#) to [tchambers@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:tchambers@knoxvilletn.gov), or fax to 865-215-1313, or mail to Knoxville Police Academy, 800 Howard Baker Jr. Ave., Knoxville, TN 37915.

## **8. KAT to Propose Service Improvements, Requests Neighborhood Input**

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) is seeking neighborhood input for a proposal on service improvements in a variety of neighborhoods. The final proposal will be made in September.

KAT will be proposing service changes in the following neighborhoods: Parkridge to the east, Island Home, South Haven, and Vestal to the south, Sutherland Avenue and Bearden in the west, and Inskip in the north.

In the summer months leading up to the proposal, KAT will be reaching out to affected neighborhoods to gather input. Representatives from KAT are also available to speak to neighborhood groups or other community organizations.

For more, visit the [website](#) or contact Belinda Woodiel-Brill at 215-7828.

## **9. Recode Public Meetings, Round Two**

[Metropolitan Planning Commission](#) (MPC) and the Office of Neighborhood are once again partnering to hold public meetings on the proposed zoning code changes, branded [Recode Knoxville](#).

The meeting focus will be based on changes made to the first draft from previous public comments. The plan is to have a map to show the new zones as well.

Save these dates:

August 20 - **West Knoxville**, Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7414 Deane Hill Drive

August 23 - **East Knoxville**, Burlington Library, 4614 Asheville Highway

August 29 - **South Knoxville**, Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike

August 30 - **North Knoxville**, Church of the Good Shepard, 5409 Jacksboro Pike

Presentations will be the same at each meeting; anyone can attend any of the meetings regardless of residing neighborhood. All meetings will start at 6 p.m.

Special thanks go to Amy Midis, a Recode Steering Committee Neighborhood Representative, who coordinated the logistics for all of these meetings.

## **10. Knox County Commission Candidates to Participate in Forum**

The League of Women Voters of Knoxville-Knox County (LWVKKC), the Knoxville Chapter of the NAACP, Centro Hispano, and Knoxville's Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host a candidate forum for Knox County Commission Candidates.

This free event will feature candidates Randy Smith, Cody Biggs, Charles Busler, Tori Griffin, Justin Biggs, and Daniel Gerke on Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the City of Knoxville's Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.

After the forum, candidates will be available for interviews. For more, see the [Facebook page](#) or contact Kathryn King at [kathrynhking.apr@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhking.apr@gmail.com).

#### **11. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar** (clickable to online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

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#### **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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