

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 11, No. 22 – Tuesday, July 10, 2018

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### **1. Second Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament is ON!**

Neighborhoods: Plan your teams, start practicing, and get registered. The second annual Wiffle Ball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 25, at Victor Ashe Park, 4901 Bradshaw Road. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the first games beginning at 9 a.m.

Each neighborhood is invited to form a team of eight or more people (12 is recommended). If you do not have enough members in your neighborhood, you may add a few friends from outside the neighborhood. The bulk of the team, however, should be neighborhood residents.

Need to learn the rules of the game? [Learn more about wiffle ball.](#)

Teams must register by Friday, Aug. 10. The tournament is co-ed, ages 12 and up, and free to play. Team colors are chosen on a first-come first served basis. Once registration closes, playing times will be set.

To register a team, contact Mike Rogers at [mrog91@gmail.com](mailto:mrog91@gmail.com) or 865-201-0202. Include your name, neighborhood, phone number, and your first and second choices for a team color.

If you played last year, you know how much fun the tournament was. If you did not play last year, come and join the fun!

The idea for this tournament came from one individual --- Jennifer Reynolds, a member of both the **Timbercrest Neighborhood Association** and the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Thanks to Jennifer for her creativity and willingness to give her idea a try!

## **2. Montgomery Village Seeks Back to School Donations**

The **Montgomery Village Resident's Association** is seeking school supply donations for their annual backpack giveaway, scheduled for the first week in August.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the Resident Association gave school supplies to about 90 children. For the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year, the association hopes to do even more. Examples of acceptable donations include cash, notebooks, pencils, pens, and erasers. Donations will be accepted until Friday, July 27.

If you or anyone you know would like to donate school supplies, contact Amanda Beckner at 865-249-6420 or email [mvtenantboard@gmail.com](mailto:mvtenantboard@gmail.com).

## **3. Neighbor 2 Neighbor Resource Fair Open to All**

The Office of Neighborhoods will host the first Neighbor 2 Neighbor Resource Fair on Thursday, July 26, from 5-8 p.m. The fair will be held at the Cal Johnson Recreation Center, 507 Hall of Fame Dr.

The resource fair is focused on creating a space for neighbors and community partners to connect and collaborate. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with specific organizations at booths. In addition, the fair will hold "community huddles" for interested parties to collaborate over shared interests. This year specifically, we are focusing on three areas of interest in lower income communities: family, health, and physical needs.

Knoxville residents with a connection to health, family, and physical needs are especially encouraged to attend and participate in the fair's networking opportunities. Organizations interested in having a booth should contact Hannah Freeman, July 13.

For more, contact Hannah Freeman at 865-215-3456 or [hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **4. Let's Vote Knoxville**

Early voting for the 2018 County General, State and Federal Primary Election begins next week!

Early Voting begins Friday, July 13 to Saturday, July 28. Voting hours are Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

There are eight polling places for your convenience: City-County Building, Love Kitchen, Downtown West Blvd, New Harvest Park, Meridian Baptist Church, Knoxville Expo Center, Farragut Town Hall, Carter Library, Halls Recreation Center, and Karns Senior Center. To find the polling location nearest to your home, visit [KGIS](#).

Visit [Knox County Election Commission](#)'s website for a sample [ballot](#). The world belongs to those who show up. Get out and vote!

## **5. Community Collaborates on Recode Knoxville**

In an effort gather input from traditionally underrepresented sectors of the city, the Knoxville Area Urban League (KAUL) and Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development (SEED), in partnership with Centro Hispano de East Tennessee, will provide outreach services concerning Recode Knoxville.

In partnership with the neighborhood organizations closest to the area, three public meetings are planned Plan ahead and save the date:

- Burlington Residents Association, Aug. 9, from 6-8 p.m., Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Ashville Hwy.
- Vestal Community Organization, Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m., South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike.
- Five Points Community, Oct. 16, 8:30 -10:30 a.m., CAC East Office, 4200 Ashville Hwy.

Recode Knoxville is the first major update to our zoning codes in nearly 60 years. Extensive public engagement is critically important.

To gather input, a series of community meetings were held last year and this spring, with more planned for Aug. 2018. (See Office of Neighborhood's article from last week's [newsletter](#)). [Metropolitan Planning Commission](#) (MPC)'s [Recode Knoxville](#) was created to provide updates for the community, and comments can be submitted here throughout the process.

Gerald Green, MPC Executive Director, said the Urban League will assist with upcoming public meetings, network with community representatives, and develop "Zoning 101" explanatory materials. SEED will also help enhance the public process, and its members go door-to-door in neighborhoods conduct more surveys.

"The Urban League and SEED will help in explaining how zoning impacts our daily lives," Green said. "For example, how a neighborhood is zoned can affect whether the corner store remains viable – and whether you create the environment in which children can walk to that corner store."

For more information, please contact Gerald Green at 865-215-3758 or [gerald.green@knoxmpc.org](mailto:gerald.green@knoxmpc.org).

## **6. Save Our Sons to Host Neighborhood Meetings**

The City of Knoxville's Save Our Sons initiative will host the first in a series of neighborhood engagement roundtables on Tuesday, July 10, at Vine Middle School, 1807 Martin Luther King Jr., from 6-7:30 p.m.

The neighborhood engagement roundtables are focused on bringing neighborhood organizations, local community advocates and business organizations together. Frank conversations are conducted concerning the community participation needed to continue to create safe, strong and healthy communities.

Roundtable conversations will address the realities and perceptions of participants' lives and challenges; raise community awareness; and gain perspectives on the appropriate strategies necessary to create a city-wide partnership. In addition, the roundtables will utilize facilitators and surveys to collect data and better identify immediate needs and implementation strategies.

All are encouraged to attend, especially young people. For more information, contact Tatia Harris at 865-215-2831 or [tharris@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:tharris@knoxvilletn.gov).

### **7. City Council Workshop: Clayton Science/Discovery Center Project**

Representatives from the City of Knoxville and the Clayton Homes Foundation will present the proposed Clayton Science/Discovery Center Project on Thursday, July 12, at 6 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “[People] love to wonder, and that is the seed of science.” Jim Clayton, alongside the City of Knoxville, is working to make that wonder a reality with the \$150 million Science Center, proposed to open its doors in 2020.

The museum, which will be located on Howard Baker Jr. and E. Hill Ave., in place of the current City Police Station.

Stop by and discover how Knoxville plans to make science and learning an asset in our community.

### **8. City Council Prepares for FY 17/18 Audit**

Prior to the Science/Discovery Center Project Workshop, on Thursday, July 12, at 4:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St, City Council's Audit Committee will meet in preparation for the FY 17/18 Audit.

The Committee will host an entrance interview with the City's external auditor, Crosslin & Associates PC to discuss the auditing of the books. Community members are welcome to observe this public process.

### **9. Bulky Waste: What's Your Solid Waste I.Q.?**

Here in the City of Knoxville we are lucky enough to have curb-side trash and recycling pick-up, however; many people don't know the FAQs on what's appropriate for pick up and when. For the busy summer season, these quick tips are good to keep in mind:

#### **What is Bulky Waste?**

Bulky Waste is any, one item that is too large to fit in your City designated waste container.

#### **Which Items Can Be Collected as Bulky Waste?**

- Refrigerator?

YES! A refrigerator can be collected as a bulky waste, but only AFTER a technician has removed the coolant and tagged it. Contact an appliance store for suggestions.

- Couch?  
YES! Couches can be collected as bulky waste. Be aware, each cushion can count toward the five-item weekly collection limit.
- Excess Bag of Trash?  
NO! Excess bags of trash will not be collected, but can be taken to a County Convenience Center free of charge. Visit [www.knoxcounty.org](http://www.knoxcounty.org) for a list of participating centers. Excess trash can also be disposed of at the City's Transfer station, 1033 Elm St., for a small fee. City Residents can dispose of their trash free of charge the first Saturday of each month.
- Rolls of Carpet?  
YES! All carpet six-feet or less in length will be picked up.

#### When is bulky waste collected?

Bulky Waste must be placed next to your trash bin by 7 a.m. on your scheduled trash pickup day. Waste Connections will notify a specialty crew to come by within two days to pick it up.

Please note:

- The driver can pick up the bulky item that day, if room allows, but it is not required.
- If the item is still there two days past your scheduled pick up date, call 311 and report the bulky item.
- Though you may call ahead and report the item prior to putting it out, it is not necessary to do so.

For more information on the City's Trash, Recycling, and Bulky Waste pick-up, call 311, visit the [Solid Waste](#) website, and/or check out the [City Blog](#) for monthly Bulky Waste Trivia.

#### **10. Knoxville SOUP Accepts Proposals Through July 15**

[Knoxville SOUP](#), a micro funding event, is still looking for proposals through Sunday, July 15. The process is simple. Fill in the [application](#), groups will be notified by Wednesday, July 18, if they will be one of the four to present, and then dazzle the audience.

The soup dinner will be held on Tuesday, July 24, beginning at 6 p.m. at the South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike. Each person pays a suggested minimum of \$5 at the door. That covers dinner and a vote. Proposals are then

presented and the audience votes for their favorite project. The winning group walks away with the proceeds from the door. Many times it is upward of \$800.00 or more.

Knoxville SOUP, “where *Democracy* meets *Charity*,” is sponsored by South Knoxville Alliance.

#### **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](mailto: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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