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1. New Article Submission Deadline

As you may know, the Office of Neighborhoods' (OON) almost-weekly Newsletter is a popular tool for spreading the word about neighborhood events.

Due to the overwhelming number of requests, OON Newsletter will focus primarily on neighborhood news, government meetings, and non-profit work that broadly affect neighborhoods.

The **new deadline** to submit article requests is **noon**, the **Friday before Tuesday's newsletter publication**.

The key focus will remain on news and calendar items about neighborhood issues, neighborhood-related concerns, and neighborhood organizations.

While we receive frequent requests to provide news or calendar space for many worthy meetings, projects, and events; it is important that neighborhood news takes the spotlight. We will work to support other community initiatives relevant to Knoxville Neighbors through the [Office of Neighborhoods Facebook Page](#).

To submit an article to the Office of Neighborhoods, contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2113.

2. Edgewood Park Hosts Pie Contest

The **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association** will host an apple pie contest this Saturday, July 21, from 4-6 p.m. at the Edgewood Park's Gazebo, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

Guests are welcome to enter the apple pie contest or enjoy the spoils as a judge. This is an open event with face painting, water games, music and more!

It is not too late to enter the apple pie contest. To do so, contact Dustin Fisher at dustin.fisher28@gmail.com. For more, visit the association's Facebook page: [Edgewood Park Neighborhood](#).

3. OON Upgrades Guest Speakers Guide

Office of Neighborhoods (OON) is excited to direct neighborhood groups to the newest format for the [Guest Speakers Guide](#).

The guide is designed to help neighborhood leaders as they prepare programming for neighborhood meetings. Offering speakers on topics important to your neighbors can increase participation and grow your organization.

All departments and organizations featured in the guide are available and willing to come out and meet with your neighborhood group.

If you have feedback or would like to be added to the Guest Speakers Guide, please email Hope Ealey at healey@knoxvilletn.gov.

4. Board of Zoning Meets This Thursday

The City of Knoxville [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) will meet Thursday, July 19, from 4-5 p.m. in the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St., to discuss 16 properties up for consideration.

BZA listens to appeals on denied building permits. Applicants whose requests have been denied by the City's Plans Review and Inspections Department can request a variance from the Zoning Code requirements or appeal an administrative official's interpretation of the Zoning Code to the BZA.

The five BZA members, nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council, listen to zoning appeals the third Thursday of each month. Applications for appeal are typically due the Monday prior to the BZA meeting, the third Monday of the month.

The board meets prior to the 4 p.m. meeting, in the City County Building, Room 511 at 3 p.m. to discuss the pre-agenda. This week's agenda can be found [here](#).

Addresses on the agenda include 1931 Middlebrook Pike, 8529 Kingston Pike, 901 E. Summit Hill Dr., 7901 Livingston Dr., 1107 Phillips Ave., 424 Kituwah Trail, 925 W. Baxter Ave., 108 W. Oklahoma Ave., 2012 N. Broadway, 201 E. Third Ave., 3501 Middlebrook Pike, 619 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Dr., 4033 Sequoyah Ave., 2704 Mineral Springs Ave., 4924 N. Broadway, 7621 Kingston Pike.

Keep up with how the BZA might impact your neighborhood. Watch for signs indicating a pending decision on a particular piece of property in your area. Look for signs with the word “variance,” these are good indicators of BZA items. Most other signs indicate properties up for Metropolitan Planning Commission review. Learn more about MPC [notification signs](#) by following the link.

If your group would like to request and study the paperwork on a particular appeal, decide whether to take a position on the appeal, and then attend the BZA meeting to voice the group’s support or objections, call the Plans Review & Inspections Department at 215-3669. Your group can also request a postponement to allow time to meet with the applicant.

Decisions of the BZA can be appealed within 15 days of the BZA decision to Knoxville City Council. Appeals of a City Council decision are made to Chancery Court within 60 days of the City Council decision.

5. Open House Announced for Magnolia Avenue Streetscape Project

The Open House, scheduled for Monday, July 23, 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the John T. O’Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St., will be formatted like a Meet and Greet.

As part of the kickoff, residents, businesses owners, and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to meet the project team: City staff, design consultants, contractors, and others.

Attendees will get a chance to view renderings and construction plans; as well as, engage the project in one-on-one dialogue.

Please remember to provide your contact information on the sign-in sheet to stay up-to-date with the project’s new webpage and app. All are welcome.

For more, visit the City of Knoxville’s Redevelopment [website](#).

6. Cal Johnson Recreation Center Slated for Renovations

Monday, July 23, 5:30 p.m., at Cal Johnson Recreation Center, 507 Hall of Fame Dr., City of Knoxville Parks and Recreation officials and design consultants from Community Tectonics Architects, will present potential renovation options for the Cal Johnson Recreation Center.

Currently, the community center hosts various after-school activities and K.O.R.E. camp for youths, youth and adult basketball leagues, and an open weight room. The building, which was originally constructed in 1957, is slated for a much needed update. Projected to start in 2019, \$550,000 is delegated for the project.

Join us, Monday, to learn more about and have a say on what’s happening in your community.

7. Public Officer Hearing Meets Early This Month; No BBB

Although the Public Officer Hearing (POH) normally meets the Friday morning after the Better Building Board (BBB), there is no BBB this month. Additionally, the POH meeting has been moved up a day, to Thursday, July 26, at 9:30 a.m., in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building.

This month's agenda will be listed in next week's newsletter.

8. Let's Vote Knoxville

In last week's newsletter, early voting hours were listed incorrectly. For a list of hours at each location, please visit the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#).

Early Voting for the 2018 County General, State and Federal Primary Election opened last Friday and will continue until July 28. Election Day is August 2.

During Early Voting, 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.

Remember, during Early Voting you can vote at any of the voting locations listed above; however, if you choose to vote on Election Day, you can only vote at your registered polling location.

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

9. League of Women Voters Hosts Mayoral Forum

Get to know the Knox County Mayoral Candidates! On Friday, July 20, 6-7 p.m. at the Pellissippi State Community College Magnolia Campus, 1610 E. Magnolia Ave., the League of Woman Voters (LWV) is hosting a public forum to meet Democratic Candidate, Linda Haney, and Republican Candidate, Glenn Jacobs.

With the Knox County General Election coming up on Aug. 2, take advantage of a chance to voice your concerns, get answers to questions that matter most to you, and hear the candidates' positions on issues important to the community at large.

This non-partisan event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County, Knoxville Area Urban League Young Professionals, Pellissippi State Community College, Knoxville Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the NAACP - Knoxville Branch.

To learn where to vote and who will appear on your personal ballot, check out [GoVoteTN.com](#).

10. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for 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](#)

About This Newsletter

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