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1. Save The Date: 2019 Neighborhood Conference

For the past 6 years, the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) has held The Neighborhood Conference in March.

In 2019, we will move The Neighborhood Conference to May. **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, May 18, 2019, will be filled with networking, awards, and it will be back at the Convention Center on Henley Street.

Be on the lookout for ways to volunteer, get connected, host booths, and much more in the coming months.

2. National Night Out – 3 Neighborhoods Celebrating in August

National Night Out is just around the corner for **Marble City Neighborhood Association, View Park Neighborhood Watch, and Wesley Neighbors Community Association.**

-Marble City Neighborhood Association will be celebrating Aug. 7, at 6 p.m., with a neighborhood hot dog grill out.

-View Park Neighborhood Watch will be celebrating on Aug. 7, at 6 p.m., at the Sherrod's House with a Pot Luck dinner.

-Wesley Neighbors Community Association will be celebrating on Thursday, Aug. 2, from 6-8 p.m. at Jen and Jose Ferdin's house.

Wesley Neighbors plans to have a bounce house, Pelican Sno-balls, corn-hole games, and plenty of delicious food. Neighbors are asked to please bring a side dish to share and folding chair.

National Night out is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and local police officers. For more, please contact the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-3232.

3. Tools For Dealing With Blight

Interested in beautifying your neighborhood?

Tired of seeing overgrown yards or rundown homes on your street?

Join the Neighborhood Working Group (NWG), Thursday, Aug. 2, 5:15 p.m., at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St., to discuss ways to fight blight in your neighborhood.

Cheri Hollifield from Neighborhood Codes Enforcement will join us to discuss tools the city has to combat blight, including the Codes Enforcement process, Public Officer Hearings, Acquisition, Tax Sale, and Demolition by Neglect.

Eden Slater will kick off the meeting with ways to organize your neighborhood group to tackle yard clean-up and other minor blight busting projects in your area.

Your neighborhood starts with you. Come learn tools to make it the best it can be.

4. NAC To Hear From The Office of Business Support

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Aug. 8, at 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Ave., to hear from Patricia Robledo from the Office of Business Support in the City of Knoxville.

This will be a great opportunity for committee members to learn more about the Office of Business support and its role in the community.

Patricia Robledo has been the Business Support Liaison for several years, helping to enable business entrepreneurs.

NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to provide advice and feedback to the Administration on neighborhood-related issues. If you have any questions about NAC or their next meeting, please contact Debbie Sharp, 215-4382 or dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. Suspicious Behavior? Call Police!

Scenario: A questionable character is walking up and down your neighborhood. You notice them scoping out homes where it appears no one is home, peeking in windows, circling yards, and trying car door handles.

What do you do?

- a. Lock your door and turn on obvious lights.
- b. Post on your Neighborhood Facebook Group or List Serve to alert your neighbors.
- c. Call the police.
- d. All of the above.

Correct Answer: D - "All of the above". While keeping yourself safe is the most important step, i.e. locking the door and turning on the lights, it is pertinent to alert BOTH your neighbors AND the police.

Many neighbors take the time to post suspicious activity on their neighborhood Facebook or List Serve, but never call the police. Although alerting your neighbors is an important step, suspicious activity cannot be investigated and crimes will not be stopped unless you call authorities.

"What if I don't know or I am not sure the person is up to no good?"

If you see a person you do not recognize acting in a way you see as suspicious, it is still a good idea to call the police. Even if the person means no harm, it is better to have the police investigate the situation to be sure. An innocent person will explain their situation, and a criminal will be caught or prevented from carrying out their crime.

"What if I don't want to hold up the emergency hotline with a minor or potentially harmless situation?"

While it is good to be cognizant of the importance of dialing 911, it is still worthwhile to call and report suspicious activity. The city has a non-emergency number: 215-4010.

Reporting suspicious activity can help keep your neighborhood safe.

[13. 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](#)

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