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1. OON Welcomes Intern Sarah Henson

Sarah started with the Office of Neighborhood on Wednesday, Aug. 22, as the new Social Work Intern working on her Master's Degree at the UT College of Social Work with an emphasis on Organizational Leadership.

Her Bachelor's Degree, received in May 2018, is also with the College of Social Work with a minor in Global Studies.

Sarah will be working with our office 16 hours per week from Aug. 2018 until April 2019. Her work includes helping with new initiatives to get the word out about public meetings, highlight what neighborhoods are doing, keeping The Neighborhood Conference strong and vibrant, and more.

She is a leader, a mentor, an avid bicyclist, has taught soccer, and enjoys traveling. Help us welcome Sarah when you see her out and about at city meetings and neighborhood events.

2. Mechanicsville to Celebrate Homecoming This Weekend

The **Mechanicsville Community Association** (MCA) will host its 13th annual Homecoming on Saturday, Sept. 1, starting with a parade at 10 a.m. on the corner of

University and 5th Ave. The parade will conclude at Danny Mayfield Park, 700 College St, where the festivities will continue until 7 p.m.

The MCA welcomes residents from all over the city to join them in celebrating this historic neighborhood. The Homecoming has been a staple in the community for years as an opportunity to celebrate its rich history and impactful residents. While entertainment varies year to year, some parts remain a respected tradition. For example, each year a King and Queen of Mechanicsville are selected from the youth in the community. Through the years, Homecoming has remained a fun, family-friendly, positive event that appeals to residents across the city.

The 2018 Mechanicsville Homecoming theme is “Stand Up, Speak Up; You May Save a Life”. The day will include celebrations of residents young and old, entertaining competitions, talent shows, children’s games, food trucks, non-profit booths, and much more! This year, the homecoming will include a mile-long walk to raise awareness for cancer. “Our annual celebrations are positive,” President Charles Wright states. “We reconnect with old friends and family members. The atmosphere is peaceful and charged with lots of energy. This event is fun for all who attend. We look forward every year to facilitating this event!”

For more, contact David Gillette, MCA’s Vice President, at 865-356-1179.

3. Cumberland Estates Adds Autumn Yard Sale

Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch (CENW) is hosting an autumn yard sale Saturday, Sept. 1, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Directions: Travel West on Western and turn right on Palmetto; the neighborhood will be on the left. Look for arrows, balloons, and/or signs to identify participating houses.

CENW had so much success with their spring yard sale; they decided to add in some Fall fun. Join them for deals, steals, discounts, and awesome finds. For more, visit their [Facebook page](#).

4. OLPNA to Discuss NC-1 Overlay

Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff, together with the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** (OLPNA), will be hosting a public input meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the OLPNA Clubhouse, 916 Shamrock Ave.

At this meeting, OLPNA neighbors will have the opportunity to discuss a potential new design overlay district for a portion of the Oakwood Neighborhood. MPC was directed by City Council resolution to conduct a study of the Oakwood neighborhood and make a recommendation on this type of zoning overlay for the area.

The meeting is open to anyone who owns property in the Oakwood neighborhood, lives in the area, or has an interest in how design review overlay district works.

The design review overlay district could take form as either an NC-1 or H-1 zoning overlay. NC-1 stands for Neighborhood Conservation Overlay and H-1 stands for

Historic Overlay. Both types of overlays strive to protect neighborhood character through a design review of new construction and demolition. However, the H-1 Overlay additionally provides guidelines for review of changes to existing buildings, and focuses on retaining the historic character of individual houses as well as the streetscape.

For more information or questions regarding historic overlays, visit the City's [Historic Preservation](#) site or contact Kaye Graybeal, MPC Historic Preservation Planner, at 215-3795 or kaye.graybeal@knoxmpc.org.

5. City Seeks Candidates for Neighborhood Advisory Council

Are you an advocate for your neighborhood --- and neighborhoods in general? Would you like to learn more about how city government works? Do you enjoy discussing public policy, particularly with regard to neighborhoods? Would you like to work with other neighborhood leaders on neighborhood issues?

If you answered YES to these questions, then please consider serving on Mayor Madeline Rogero's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

The NAC meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month to discuss Knoxville's residential neighborhoods and provide the city with candid viewpoints on how they can best be maintained, supported, improved, rejuvenated and sustained.

NAC consists of neighborhood leaders and activists who occupy a total of 15 seats --- two in each of the six City Council districts and three at large. Terms are set for three years, and members may serve up to two full terms (six years). Members wishing to serve a second three-year term must reapply.

The terms of five of the 15 seats expire this December. These seats, current occupants and general territory are:

- *** Seat 1-B (Molly Gilbert) – South Knoxville
- *** Seat 3-A (Fran Nichols) – West Knoxville
- *** Seat 4-A (Rob Glass) – North & far East Knoxville
- *** Seat 5-B (Molly Conaway) – North West Knoxville
- *** At Large Seat A (Amy Midis) – citywide

To be appointed by Mayor Rogero to a numbered seat, you must live in that City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 4-B must be a resident in the fourth City Council district.

If you are interested in serving, please fill out and submit an application, located online [here](#). Call Debbie Sharp in the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-3232 to have a hard copy mailed to you or for more information about the positions.

To view the exact boundaries of the City Council districts, browse <http://www.kgis.org/kgismaps/map.htm> and then click on Maps, Political District Maps, and City Council. You can also input your own address to find out which political districts you live in.

6. Send Us Your Photos!

The Office of Neighborhoods would love to post your event photos on our Facebook page and give your neighborhood a shout out.

The next event you do, please take photos and email them to Sarah at shenson@knoxvilletn.gov with the name of your neighborhood in the subject line. Also include the event name, date, location, and any captions you would like to add.

7. Design Center Presents Arts and Placemaking Seminar

The East Tennessee Community Design Center (ETCDC) is hosting a free program about how creative placemaking through art can help reimagine the culture and neighborhoods of cities in East Tennessee.

Learn more about placemaking on Thursday, Sept. 13, 6-8 p.m. at the Knoxville Museum of Art, 1050 World's Fair Park Dr. in the Bailey Hall.

The event will feature three speakers: Eric Asboe, of the Chattanooga Department of Transportation and previous Director of Development and Evaluation for Public Art in Saint Paul, MN; Josiah Golson, founder of 800 Collective in Chattanooga, TN; and Liza Zenni, Executive Director of Knoxville Arts and Culture Alliance.

The evening will conclude with a light reception and guided art activity. Although the event is free, you must register by calling 525-9945.

If you love art and love enhancing your neighborhood, this could be the workshop for you.

8. Better Building Board Meets This Thursday

One property, 1846 Prospect Place, is on the agenda for consideration of acquisition at the City's next Better Building Board (BBB) meeting at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 30. The meeting will be held in Room 549 of the City County Building.

The BBB hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders. The BBB holds hearings and may affirm or alter the Public Officer's order. If the property owner does not comply with the BBB's order, the city may repair or demolish, alter, improve, secure, board, or vacate and close the structure and bill the owner for the service. A lien can also be placed against the property to recover expenses for repair or demolition.

The property owner may appeal the BBB's order to the Knox County Chancery Court. The BBB may also hear cases regarding the city's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance.

If this property is 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.

For agendas and more information about this meeting, see the City of Knoxville's [website](#).

9. City Announces Labor Day Waste Collection Schedule

City of Knoxville offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, for the Labor Day Holiday.

Waste Connections WILL run residential garbage and recycling routes on Monday, Sept. 3 – City residential pickup days will not be altered for the holiday.

Downtown trash and recycling will run on its regular schedule throughout the Labor Day weekend.

The City's recycling centers will be open for recycling use; however, the Goodwill attendant will not be available for household goods donations on Monday, Sept. 3.

The City's Solid Waste Management Facility located at 1033 Elm Street will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 1 and Monday, September 3. Because of this closure, the Free for City Residents Day at the Solid Waste Management Facility has been changed to Saturday, Sept. 8.

Have a safe and restful Labor Day! The Office of Neighborhoods will resume its regular operating hours on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

10. Input Needed at Chapman Hwy Workshop

The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and the City of Knoxville are hosting a workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the South Doyle Middle School Library, 3900 Decanter Dr., to discuss the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan.

Chapman Hwy, a key commercial area and major entry point into Knoxville from Sevier and Blount counties, affects tens of thousands of people every day. In an effort to make the City's Hwy corridor a better place to walk, bike, drive, shop, and live; MPC, the City, and consultants from Kimley-Horn Associations have formed a stakeholder committee and scheduled public meetings to hear from those who utilize the area day in and day out.

The workshop offers an informal open house for citizens to drop in at your own convenience. No formal presentation will be given, but information will be displayed throughout the library. Community members are encouraged to stop by, offer your ideas and insight, and ask questions to MPC staff and project leaders on hand to talk one-on-one with you.

The study will identify and prioritize much needed roadway improvements for the six-mile stretch of the Hwy within city limits, from Blount Ave. to South of Gov. John Sevier Hwy.

This is the first of two meetings; the following will focus on specific projects within the broader scope.

Have a voice in what happens where you live, work, and thrive! Stop by, ask questions, and offer feedback.

To learn more about the study visit the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan [webpage](#).

11. City Council to Hear Two Workshop Topics in September

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings on Sept. 11 and 25 (Tuesdays), the City Council has two workshops scheduled in September.

The first workshop on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 will cover updates on the Urban Wilderness Gateway Park Project. Continued community input is requested to guide this project. Construction on the Gateway Park is expected to begin Spring 2019, with first phase improvements to be in place by Fall 2019. For more, visit the city's [website](#).

The second City Council workshop this month will be Thursday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m. This workshop will be held to discuss the zoning code update, dubbed Recode. The second draft based on the first round of input and an interactive zoning [map](#) available. To learn more about Recode Knoxville, visit their [website](#).

Both workshops are in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

12. 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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