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1. KKB Hosts North Knoxville Clean-Up

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) will host the first annual North Knoxville Clean-up this Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m.-12:00 noon, at Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

Various local community organizations, businesses, and North Knoxville neighborhoods, will be participating. Leaders from these groups will meet at Edgewood Park to pick up supplies, such as pickers, gloves, bags, and safety vests, before moving to their respective sites. After the event, volunteers will receive discounts for local partnering restaurants.

Neighborhoods planning to help with the clean-up efforts are **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association, Fairmont-Emoriland Neighborhood Association, Fountaincrest Neighborhood Association, Historic Forth & Gill Neighborhood Organization, and Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**. Pitch in to see which neighborhood can fill up the most bags!

For more information about this event, or to sign up to volunteer, visit KKB's [website](#).

2. Rev. Dr. John A. Butler to Speak at Town Hall East

Town Hall East will host their 2018-2019 membership year meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m., at the Eastminster Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 4904 Asheville Hwy.

Rev. Dr. John Butler, President of the Knoxville Branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District AME Zion Church, will be the featured speaker.

Rev. Butler will discuss the NAACP's vision for schools in Knoxville and possible effects of the Knoxville Rezoning Plan.

For more information, please contact townhalleast@gmail.com.

3. Neighborhood Working Group Undergoes Restructuring

The Neighborhood Working Group on Blight is undergoing reconstruction to better fit neighborhood needs.

The group had been meeting on the first Thursday of each month to discuss blighted properties in neighborhoods, but is cancelling monthly meetings going forward. The Office of Neighborhoods in partnership with Codes Enforcement will be looking at new approaches to address blight.

The Office of Neighborhoods is exploring the development of a "Blight Busters" Resource Guide. We will also be offering workshops that address blight with topics such as: How to Track Down Property Owners, What is Demo By Neglect, What Are City Tools for Fighting Blight, What Can Neighborhoods Do to Fight Blight, and more.

Look for information in future editions of this newsletter about the workshop topics and dates. If you have questions or workshop ideas, contact Debbie Sharp, dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

4. NAC to Hear from Tennessee Environmental Council

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will hear from the Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Julia Weber and Jeff Barrie from TEC, based in Nashville, are encouraging city residents to increase and improve their recycling streams.

Tennessee Environmental Council is launching a Recycling Education & Outreach program in Knoxville to help increase participation in curbside programs and reduce recycling contamination in these communities.

TEC is seeking to involve Knoxville neighborhoods who want/need to improve their recycling practices by promoting: social media engagement, educational videos, neighborhood challenges and block parties. They are looking for neighborhood leaders to help get connected with communities and help achieve a 10% increase in participation and a 10% decrease in contamination for Knoxville.

From TEC's [website](#): "Tennessee is one of the most biodiverse inland states in the nation. Our natural resources form the backbone of our economy, quality of life and heritage. For over 40 years, the Council has been working to protect the environment in

Tennessee. The Council's efforts have been successful in protecting the Great Smoky Mountains, cleaning up the Pigeon River, reducing pollution from coal-fired power plants, and preventing degradation of high quality streams and the globally significant Duck River Watershed. We have twice been awarded the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award."

All are welcome to attend.

5. Community Development Issues RFP for Historic Building Improvements

The City of Knoxville is seeking proposals from home owners of historic residential and commercial buildings in need of property improvements. Buildings located in the historical overlay districts H-1 or NC-1, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or suitable for the National Register listing are eligible to apply.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, The City of Knoxville Community Development Department will release the request for proposals (RFP) for the 2019 Funding for Improvements to Historic Buildings fund.

The Funding for Improvements to Historic Buildings provides \$500,000 in grant funds to help fill financing gaps for renovation of historic properties within city limits. The Fund is mainly granted to preservation of historic buildings. While homeowners of historic residences are also eligible, they will receive funding as a temporary loan to be repaid rather than a grant.

All those interested in applying must attend a mandatory public meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 9:30 am, in the Community Room at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave. This is an important meeting to ask questions and learn how the application and funding process works.

For more, please contact Penny Owens at 215-2063 or powers@knoxvilletn.gov. See the [Historic Preservation Fund](#) for a list of projects funded in 2018.

6. Recode Zoning Map Input Deadline Approaching

Recode Knoxville's deadline for input on its first zoning map is Thursday, Sept. 13. The map serves as a tool to help neighbors visualize the proposed updates to the zoning ordinance. Users can search by land parcel or zone. Click [here](#) to view the map and submit a comment before Sept. 13.

The map is part of the second round for public input and is the first map created by Recode Knoxville for the zoning updates. To supplement the zoning map, Recode Knoxville has released its guiding principles for the map as well as an equivalence table that compares current zoning ordinances with the proposed zoning ordinances.

If you see a discrepancy between the two maps, MPC wants to hear about it. For example, a strip of houses is labeled Industrial in the new map, but should be residential, point this out in the comments on the map.

While comments on the map will close soon, there will be one more round of public meetings before the new zoning codes are sent to City Council for adoption in December.

The next community meeting will be Monday, Sept. 10, from 6-8 p.m. at the South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike. This meeting will be co-hosted by Centro Hispano, KAUL and SEED. All are welcome to attend.

For more, visit recodeknoxville.com or find Recode on [Facebook](#).

7. Bike Walk Knoxville Hosts Walk With Officials

Bike Walk Knoxville will host a Walk with Officials on Monday, Sept. 17 from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. starting at South-Doyle Middle School, 3900 Decatur Rd.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and members of Knoxville's City Council will walk with Bike Walk Knoxville folks to showcase the connections from the planned James White Parkway Gateway to the Urban Wilderness. Afterwards, the group will move to SoKno Taco Cantina for food and beverages! All are welcome to attend. Just bring comfortable shoes and maybe a few neighbors (or friends).

Bike Walk Knoxville's Summer Tour series of Walk with Officials is sponsored by Coldwell Banker Wallace and Wallace. For more, check out the [Facebook page](#) or the [website](https://www.bwknox.org/) (<https://www.bwknox.org/>).

8. Urban Wilderness Gateway Public Meeting Planned

The Urban Wilderness Design Team will present a revised concept plan for the Gateway Project on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the South-Doyle Middle School Library, 3900 Decatur Dr.

The \$10 million project will connect Morningside Park to the Baker Creek Preserve, part of the South Knoxville Urban Wilderness, by transforming James White Parkway into a linear park, complete with biking and walking access, park-like elements, and a scenic driving boulevard.

The Urban Wilderness Gateway project will create a gateway between downtown urban and Knoxville's natural playground and reflect the community's natural, historic, recreational, and environmental assets.

The Sept. 18 meeting will share the results of the community-guided process, offering revisions based on feedback gathered through online surveys, small group input meetings, and the Public Exhibition and Block Party held in June. All are welcome to attend.

To learn more, check out the [Gateway Park Project](#).

9. City Requests Input for CAPER

A draft of the City of Knoxville's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be available for review and comment for a period of fifteen days

beginning Monday, Sept. 10 and ending Monday, Sept. 24.

The report describes how the City of Knoxville spent funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Act funds, during the July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 program year.

A hard copy report will be available on Sept. 10 in the City's Community Development Office, Fifth Floor, City County Building, 400 Main Street, and on the City's web-site under [Reports and Plans](#).

The draft report will also be mailed to interested parties upon request by calling Cicely Henderson in the Community Development Department at 215-2180.

Questions and comments about the CAPER may be submitted to Linda Rust at 215-2357, lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or mailed to City of Knoxville, Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN 37901. All comments must be received no later than Monday, Sept. 24.

10. International PARK(ing) Day comes to Knoxville

Mark your calendars for a fun community-wide event, Friday, Sept. 21, for Knoxville's first annual PARK(ing) Day.

PARK(ing) Day is an internationally recognized event where parking spots are transformed into tiny "pocket parks." An open-source global event, neighbors, artists, activists, and non-profits transform metered parking spaces into temporary public places or "PARK(ing)" Spaces. Community members and organizations have the opportunity to adopt a parking space and create a public space all their own, teaching passersby about their cause or just offering a space to recreate.

The PARK(ing) project began in 2005 when an Art and Design Studio in San Francisco converted a single metered parking space into a temporary public park. Since then, PARK(ing) Day has evolved into a global movement allowing individuals and organizations to create new forms of temporary public space in urban areas around the world.

PARK(ing) Day's mission is to call more attention to the need for urban open space, generate open debate around how public space is created and allocated, and improve the quality of urban human habitat.

Come take a walk around downtown Knoxville on Friday, Sept. 21, and see what the movement is all about!

2018 Knox PARK(ing) Day is brought to you by the AIA East Tennessee, East Tennessee Community Design Center, and sponsored by Shannon Foster Boline Group. For more, check out [Visit Knoxville](#).

11. 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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