

## Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 11, No. 31 – Tuesday, September 11, 2018

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### **1. No Newsletter Next Week**

The Office of Neighborhoods will not produce a newsletter next week, Tuesday, Sept. 18, and will resume production on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

### **2. OLPNA To Discuss Historic Overlay**

If you are represented by the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** (OLPNA) or have an interest in how a design review overlay district might work, come by the OLPNA Clubhouse, 916 Shamrock Avenue, on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

OLPNA, together with Knoxville-Knox Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff, will be hosting a public input meeting to discuss a potential new design review overlay district for a portion of the Oakwood Neighborhood. On City Council direction, MPC will conduct a study of the proposed area and make a recommendation for this type of zoning overlay.

Both NC-1 and H-1 zoning overlays are up for discussion: "NC-1" stands for Neighborhood Conservation Overlay and "H-1" stands for Historic Overlay. Both types of overlay strive to protect neighborhood character through 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. Neither type of overlay would change the permitted uses for a property.

For more information, please contact Kaye Graybeal, MPC Historic Preservation Planner, at 865-215-3795 or [Kaye.Graybeal@knoxmpc.org](mailto:Kaye.Graybeal@knoxmpc.org).

### **3. 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 kick off the long-term process of connecting 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 looks to not only create a gateway between downtown urban and Knoxville's natural playground; but, it also hopes to 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, visit the [Gateway Park Project](#) website.

### **4. Five Neighborhoods Confirm National Night Out Celebrations**

National Night Out is a fun tradition of community participation and appreciation of anti-crime efforts in the City. Its goal is to strengthen the relationship between police and neighborhoods. The City of Knoxville's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out is scheduled for Oct. 2, 2018.

At the moment, five neighborhoods have confirmed their participation in National Night Out: **Kingston Pike - Sequoyah Hills Neighborhood Association, Montgomery Village Resident Association, Parkridge Community Organization, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, and West Haven Village Neighborhood Community**

In the past, neighborhoods have hosted community potlucks, cookouts, carnivals and much more. If your neighborhood would like to get involved, even if that involvement is simply turning on your porch lights, please let us know!

No matter how big or small your neighborhood's plans may be, contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or (865) 215-2113 **AND** Officer John Morgan at [jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov) (865) 215-1519 with the following details:

- ✓ Neighborhood Name
- ✓ Contact person
- ✓ Contact person's email/phone number
- ✓ Date of the event (some neighborhoods celebrate other days)
- ✓ Location of the event including address

- ✓ Times of the event
- ✓ Type of event

Officer Morgan will ensure KPD knows about your event to help your local officers plan to attend. Eden Slater will list your celebration in the Neighborhood Advisory and in the events calendar. Officer Morgan and Eden are also available to answer questions about National Night Out.

## **5. Neighborhood Advisory Council Applications Due**

The Office of Neighborhoods is currently reviewing applications for next year's Neighborhood Advisory Council appointees, which are due by Friday, Sept. 21.

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 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 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 would be interested in serving, please fill out and submit an application, which is located online here. Or call Debbie Sharp in the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-3232 to have a hard copy mailed to you. Call Debbie if you wish to learn more about the position. Mayor Rogero makes the appointments.

To view the exact boundaries of the City Council districts, browse to <http://www.kgis.org/kjismaps/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. Community Input Needed for Chapman Highway Survey**

On Monday, Sept. 6, close to two hundred community members braved the rain for the Chapman Highway workshop.

For those who were not able to attend or for those who want to add comments, MPC and the City of Knoxville want to hear from you. Take a minute to review the [study](#) if you were not in attendance, or you can go straight to the [survey](#). If you would like a paper copy, please call the Office of Neighborhoods at (865) 212-3232.

**This survey is available now and will run through October 15.**

We would like to send a huge thank you to local businesses Borderland Tees, Lowe's Home Improvement, SoKno Taco Cantina, and Commissioner Carson Dailey for providing the door prizes at the Sept. 5, community meeting.

Chapman Highway, 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 Highway 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.

MPC will be discussing the Chapman Highway improvements for bicycles and pedestrians in their upcoming meeting this week, Thursday, Sept. 13, at 1:30 p.m.

Keep your eyes open for a second Chapman Highway Implementation plan meeting this winter. The team will present their next steps based on your input.

## **7. City Council and MPC Agendas Are Available**

The agendas for city meetings such as the City Council and Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) are posted prior to meetings. Neighborhoods can find out what topics will be covered and whether their neighborhoods will be impacted by topics discussed in the meetings. By looking over these beforehand, neighborhood members can come prepared to discuss these topics and provide their own input.

For the upcoming meetings, City Council will meet: Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building.

The Metropolitan Planning Commission will meet: Thursday, Sept. 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Agendas for both [MPC](#) and [City Council](#) meetings are available, and updates will be posted on the city [website](#). Check out our [Facebook](#) page for direct links and highlights of upcoming meetings.

## **8. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Sept. 20**

Eleven properties are on the agenda for next week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Established by city ordinance, BZA hears appeals on properties denied building permits by the city's Building Inspections Department. The board, consisting of five citizens appointed by the Mayor, meets at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the City County Building Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

BZA meets Thursday, Sept. 20. Addresses on the agenda include 2012 N. Broadway, 619 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Dr., 7621 Kingston Pike, 212 Hialeah Dr., 9101 Executive Park Dr., 5331 Lyons View Pike, 6632 Colonial Forest Ln., 4683 Old Broadway, 605 Yarnell Ave., 3415 N. Broadway, and 2912 Scottish Pike.

Keep up with how the BZA might impact your neighborhood. Watch for signs indicating a pending decision on a particular piece of property. Most signs are for Metropolitan Planning Commission issues --- which are also important --- but signs with the word "variance" are BZA items. (Learn how MPC changed the way it handles [notification signs](#).)

The BZA agenda is posted on the city website. Browse to [www.knoxvilletn.gov/boards](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/boards) and click on Board of Zoning Appeals. The agenda is posted no later than the Monday prior to the BZA meeting each month.

A neighborhood group that keeps track of BZA will call the Plans Review & Inspections Department at 215-3669 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. A 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 a City Council decision related to BZA.

## **9. Open Streets Returns to North Knoxville**

The seventh Open Streets Knoxville event will be held Sunday, Sept. 30, from 2-6 p.m. on Broadway between Emory Place and East Glenwood Avenue.

Although it is returning to North Knoxville, this will be the first time Open Streets has been on Broadway.

This corridor will be closed to motorized vehicles for four hours and opened to pedestrians, bicyclists, roller skaters, skateboarders, jump-ropers, hula-hoopers and all other non-motorized participants. There will be games, activities, food trucks, vendors and businesses open along the route.

If your business or organization would like to set up at Open Streets, there's still time to contact coordinator Lindsey Kimble at [openstreetsknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:openstreetsknoxville@gmail.com). For more details, visit [www.openstreetsknoxville.com](http://www.openstreetsknoxville.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](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](#)

### **About This Newsletter**

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