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1. No Newsletter For Two Weeks

Happy Thanksgiving! With the holiday coming up and limited staff, the Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter is on vacation over the next weeks. There will be no newsletter on Tuesday, Nov. 27 or Tuesday, Dec. 4. We will resume production on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

“But, how will I get my Neighborhood and City News!?” you ask.

Good question. For neighborhood news, upcoming city events and meetings, and other neighborhood information, check out the [Office of Neighborhoods Facebook](#) page. To keep up with local neighborhood events and city public meetings, visit the [Neighborhoods Calendar](#). You can also subscribe to Mayor Madeline Rogero's weekly newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/cYicMP>, to receive the email in your inbox every Monday, or follow the Mayor and the City of Knoxville on Facebook and Twitter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns or need-to-know now neighborhood information, please contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or (865) 215-2113.

If you would like the Office of Neighborhoods to post information in the upcoming Dec. 11, newsletter, please contact [Eden](#) no later than Friday, Dec 7. Please include your first and last name, neighborhood, and any pertinent details. If it is an event, please include a contact name, e-mail, and any links you have to social media.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

2. Community Leader and City Staff, Gwen Winfrey Passes

The Office of Neighborhoods would like to take a moment to honor the legacy of Gwen Winfrey, community advocate and leader. Winfrey, a Senior Project Specialist for the City's Community Development department, was 67 years old when she passed on November 9, 2018. She had been active in the Morningside Homeowners Association for decades and was well known as a fierce advocate for her community.

She is survived by one son, Jimmie Undre' Smith; grandchildren, Jimanisha Smith-Morgan and Jimiyah Smith; one unborn great grandchild; sisters, Debra Jefferson Davis, Felippa Jefferson and Kim Freeman; brothers, Keithy Undre' (Bernadette) Smith and Kovacs Jefferson; a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Family and friends gathered at the Beck Cultural Center on Sunday, November 18 to celebrate her memory.

At her memorial, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero noted, "Martin Luther King, Jr. could have been describing Gwen Winfrey when he said these words: "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve....You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Gwen Winfrey had both...She was the epitome of a public servant. And that's what made her great."

Indeed, Gwen was recognized throughout her life as a dedicated public servant. She won numerous awards such as the City's "Employee Advocate" Award, the YMCA's "Unsung Hero" Award, and the Knoxville Women's Center "Annie Selwyn" Award. In honor of her legacy, the City is renaming the "Economic Development Award", given at the Community Development Department's annual Equity Awards, after her.

Rest in Peace our friend.

3. Call to All Neighborhoods Planning Holiday Events

With the Holiday Season in full swing, the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) wants to hear how your neighborhood plans to celebrate!

Whether you plan to eat cookies, host a friendsgiving, swap gag gifts, or have a holiday lights contest; let us know! We can help spread the word with the Newsletter, Neighborhoods Calendar, and OON Facebook.

Even if you are having a neighborhood exclusive event, please send us pictures! We would love to show off the fun happening across Knoxville, and showcase how your neighborhood celebrates!

The OON may also be able to come out and help capture video footage of your event! Let us know if you would like to show off your neighborhood's awesomeness with a CTV Neighborhood Selfie!

Please send any upcoming event information or recap details and photos to Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or call (865) 215-2113.

Happy Holidays!

4. City Council Hears Four Appointments

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, City Council will hear the nominations of four Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) members and if approved, they will join the NAC in January.

The nominees are as follows:

Gayle Atherton - Seat 1-B – steps in for outgoing Molly Gilbert
Robert Glass - Seat 4-A – is being re-appointed
Molly Conaway - Seat 5-B – is being re-appointed
André Canty - At Large Seat A – steps in for outgoing Amy Midis

Seat 3-A is still currently open, with ongoing interviews. Fran Nichols has fulfilled her term.

The Office of Neighborhoods staff appreciates the volunteer hours that council members give to help the City understand neighborhood needs. We are deeply grateful for the three members rolling off, Molly Gilbert, Fran Nichols, and Amy Midis. We thank you for your willingness to serve and hope you will stay involved.

Learn more about the NAC and those who serve on the council on the Office of Neighborhood's [NAC webpage](#).

5. Active Knox Speaker Series Features Seth LaJeunesse

[Active Knoxville](#) presents Seth LaJeunesse, to speak on “Creating Truly Safer Streets.” Seth, a national expert on traffic safety and ending traffic deaths, will share his expertise on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Knoxville Public Works Service Center in the Community Room, 3131 Morris Ave.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Please [register](#) to provide an accurate count.

LaJeunesse is a research associate and assistant director at the National Center for Safe Routes to School at the University of North Carolina. He dedicates much of his research to youth traffic safety and finding ways to diffuse more effective road safety practice through evaluating behavioral interventions that enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and promoting access for such methods of transportation.

LaJeunesse focuses on ways to advance safety and provide equitable access to physical activity and community life. He works on a vast array of projects, including those funded by the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Project, North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program, the Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Join the workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 27, to learn how everyone can work to make Knoxville a safer, more accessible city.

6. KPD Requests Community Input

The City of Knoxville's Police Department (KPD) has released a survey about community perceptions of KPD.

KPD is interested in hearing about local crime concerns, public safety, and suggestions on how to better serve Knoxville's citizens. Responses are confidential and anonymous.

The [survey](#) takes 10-15 minutes and consists of multiple choice and short answer questions.

For more, contact Sgt. Tammy Mattina at 865-215-7000 or tmattina@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. OON Offers Introduction to Knoxville's Government Workshop

The Office of Neighborhoods will host an introduction to local government workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Ave.

Are you new to dealing with issues in your neighborhood? Are you new to Knoxville? Are you wondering how Knoxville City Government works? Join us for a beginners guide to our local government.

This introductory workshop will cover the basics of Knoxville's governmental departments that interface the most with the public. This workshop is part of a larger initiative to provide introductory material to interested and newly active neighbors across the City of Knoxville. All Knoxville residents are welcome to attend; however this is aimed at the basics for beginners.

A limited amount of coffee and tea will be offered. For more, contact Hannah Freeman at hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov or call 865-215-3456.

8. 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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