



**Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 9, No. 43 – Tuesday, November 29, 2016**

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**1. How to Attract New Members to Your Neighborhood Association**

“How to Attract New Members to Your Neighborhood Group” is the topic for the next monthly workshop offered by the Office of Neighborhoods.

The workshop will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 8, at United Way, 1301 Hannah Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The session will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and end no later than 8 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Bring your own water bottle.

Seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please notify David Massey at 865-215-3232 or [dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov).

**2. Group Seeks Items to Help Fire Victims**

The Greater Knoxville Hospitality Association (GKHA) is collecting items requested by its sister association in Pigeon Forge to assist victims of the devastating fires in Gatlinburg and Sevier County.

Requested items include fruit, granola and energy bars; bottled water; stuffed animals, games, coloring books, and similar items for children; diapers, baby clothes and children's clothes; underwear (men and women, any size); medical items such as

aspirin, Tylenol, Tums, deodorant, feminine products, and lotions; blankets and towels; and plastic bags.

A collection point has been set up at the Knoxville Coliseum, 500 Howard Baker Jr. Blvd. Items may be brought to either the Hall of Fame entrance or the rear entrance facing the Safety Building. There is free 15-minute parking on Howard Baker Jr. Blvd. Or you can park in the coliseum parking garage. For more on drop-offs, including hours of operation, see this [collection effort web page](#) or contact Brent Lackey or Jamie Cunningham at the Coliseum at 865-215-8900.

Also, free accommodations are needed for evacuees, fire personnel, and those displaced or made homeless. “Any assistance in this time of tragedy would be greatly appreciated,” stated Jill Thompson, GKHA’s executive director. Contact GKHA at 865-342-9133 or [gkha@gkhospitality.org](mailto:gkha@gkhospitality.org).

### **3. Parkridge Elects New Board, Officers**

**Parkridge Community Organization** (PCO) selected new officers and board members in its recent annual election.

Beginning January 1, the PCO’s leaders will be Jennifer Montgomery, president; David Nix, vice president; Suzy Trotta, secretary; Lynne Sullivan, treasurer; and board members James Waldrup, Christopher Salmons, Jace Koelzer, Ed Strickland, and Cynthia Stancil.

The retiring board members are David Anderson, who served as president for two years; Seanna Rupe, outgoing secretary; Jennie Mezick; and Calvin Chappelle.

Parkridge is bounded by I-40, North Cherry Street, Magnolia Avenue, and Sixth Avenue.

### **4. Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Holston River Park**

Community volunteers are needed to help clean the City of Knoxville’s Holston River Park, 3300 Holston Hills Road, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Volunteers will pick up trash throughout the park and along the river. They will learn how to identify invasive plant species such as privet and thistle and how to remove them. All equipment will be provided, but bring a pair of gloves if possible, in case there are more volunteers than gloves.

Several neighborhood groups --- including **Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch, Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch, Holston Hills Community Club, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, and Town Hall East** --- are encouraging members to join the effort. Other groups are invited to participate.

To volunteer, please fill out [this form](#). Questions may be directed to Wyatt Pless at 215-3456 or [wpless@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:wpless@knoxvilletn.gov), or to Knox County Solid Waste at [Recycle@knoxcounty.org](mailto:Recycle@knoxcounty.org).

The Holston River Park clean-up --- the first of several community clean-ups conducted jointly by Knox County and the City of Knoxville --- will be led by CAC AmeriCorps members from the Knox County Solid Waste department, Christine Doka and Robby Gray.

The City has partnered with Knox County to support these events as a part of the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat Program. The City's Community Wildlife Habitat Team is composed of three CAC AmeriCorps members who are serving a year of service within city government --- Kevin Ridder, Office of Solid Waste; Sophia Etienne, Office of Sustainability; and Wyatt Pless, Office of Neighborhoods.

Volunteers in this clean-up will be helping the City achieve one of the requirements to become a Community Wildlife Habitat, a certification provided by National Wildlife Federation. The certification program is designed to educate residents about local wildlife and sustainable gardening practices. A recurring part of this program is organizing events that will help maintain and improve parks, green spaces, and rivers.

If you would like further information on how to certify your neighborhood or community with NWF, visit the [NWF website](#). Be on the lookout for future NWF clean-ups and sustainable gardening workshops!

## **5. Old North to Hold 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Holiday Home Tour**

Join **Old North Knoxville, Inc.** for their 28<sup>th</sup> annual Victorian Holiday Home Tour this coming weekend.

The tour of Queen Anne, Craftsman/Bungalow, Neoclassical Revival, and American Four Square style homes will be held 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 12:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10 at any of the five area Elder's Ace Hardware stores or [on-line](#). If you purchase on-line tickets, bring receipt to the ticket booth, and will-call tickets will be there in your name. On the day of the event, tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors. The ticket booth will be located in the parking lot of Tennova Hospital (St. Mary's Medical Center off Woodland Avenue next to Fulton High School). Children under 12 get free admission.

For more information, visit <https://oldnorthknoxville.org/>.

## **6. Five Points Group to Create Winter Wonderland**

Five Points Up, a coalition of community groups, is inviting the public to its third annual Winter Wonderland program on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Walter Hardy Park, 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

“Winter Wonderland is an opportunity for those who don’t have a family to share the holiday with the community. It’s also a way to rejoice in the season, as well as share some refreshments and entertainment with each other,” said Albert Nelson, Five Points Up member and Community Action Committee (CAC) East Neighborhood Center director.

The free event is open to the public and will feature a holiday lighting ceremony in Hardy Park followed by entertainment and refreshments at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

Partners include Project GRAD, **Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Our Community Organization**, the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, The Village of Knoxville, the East Knoxville Business and Professional Association, and the Knox County Health Department (KCHD). The purpose of the event is to build relationships among community members in East Knoxville.

The mission of Five Points Up, a community-led group facilitated by KCHD, is to beautify and unify East Knoxville through community-based activities and events. The group hopes to improve the health of those living and working in the area by increasing the sense of community.

According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, promoting meaningful community participation builds trust and relationships among neighbors, empowering them to become advocates for their communities. Neighborhood involvement helps communities reach health-related goals and empowers residents to adopt behaviors that improve health outcomes.

In 2010, KCHD secured grant funding from the Foundation to engage three at-risk neighborhoods to address environmental barriers to good health.

## **7. North Hills Garden Club to Host Holiday Home Tour**

The North Hills Garden Club will sponsor a Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 4-8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 from a North Hills Garden Club member or via PayPal (<http://bit.ly/2fkV6u0>). Tickets are \$12 at the kiosk at 1726 North Hills Boulevard, between 3:45 and 7:15 p.m. on the day of the event. Children under 12 can participate for free. Refreshments will be served at each home.

The tour will feature seven homes, a church, and the nearby fire station #11. The tour offers a glimpse inside the 1928-1940 period homes in the boulevard section of the neighborhood. That section is on the National Register of Historic Places. Visitors will see Craftsman, English Cottage, Tudor, and Tuscan Revival homes. This event has been a neighborhood tradition for over 20 years.

Visit <http://northhillsgardenclub.wixsite.com/nhgc> for more information, including photographs of the homes on the tour.

## **8. Nominate Someone for the 2017 Good Neighbor of the Year Award**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award, which is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who --- in the spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community --- has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood.

A committee made up of Neighborhood Advisory Council members will select the winner, who (along with other finalists) will be announced at the 2017 Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Knoxville Convention Center.

To learn more, visit [www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods) and click on Good Neighbor of the Year Award. Or just [download the form](#). The form is easy to fill out. Just use your own words to describe the person you wish to honor.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 4:30 p.m. The nominations can be sent to Debbie Sharp by email to [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or by mail to Office of Neighborhoods – Room 528, City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. Or call Debbie at 215-4382 to receive a hard copy of the form in the mail.

The award was named for the late Diana Conn and was presented to her posthumously at the 2013 Neighborhood Conference. Subsequent winners were Betty Jo Mahan in 2014, Rita Schwartz in 2015, and David Gillette in 2016.

## **9. Volunteers Needed for Dec. 3 Tree Planting**

[Trees Knoxville](#) (TK), a non-profit whose mission is to preserve and increase the urban tree canopy throughout Knox County, is hosting a tree planting on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Silver Leaf neighborhood, a Habitat for Humanity development.

The subdivision is almost complete with 40 homes constructed by volunteer labor. TK is partnering with Habitat for Humanity and the City of Knoxville to plant 70 trees throughout the subdivision. For more, contact [treesknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:treesknoxville@gmail.com).

## **10. Trees Knoxville Hosts Tree Give-Away on Dec. 10**

Trees Knoxville (TK) is also hosting a Tree Give-Away on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Knoxville Botanical Gardens.

Knoxville and Knox County property owners will be able to obtain two free trees. Shumard oak, sugar maple, yellow poplar and redbuds will be available. Bring an I.D. or one piece of mail with your address on it for verification.

Why do this? TK notes that trees are a solution to many modern urban challenges, as they boost air and water quality, improve health, have a positive economic return, and are an investment in the future.

This opportunity is made possible by a partnership with CSX Transportation, Knoxville Botanical Garden and TK. For more, contact [treesknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:treesknoxville@gmail.com).

## **11. KKB Sets Dec. 16 Deadline for Orchid Nominations**

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) is now accepting nominations for its beautification awards, the Orchids, which have been presented to Knoxville and Knox County buildings and outdoor spaces since 1979.

KKB will present awards in six categories: 1) New Architecture; 2) Redesign/Reuse; 3) Restaurant/Café/Bar/Brewery; 4) Outdoor Spaces such as parks, patios, rooftop gardens, and neighborhoods; 5) Public Art such as murals, sculptures, and signage; and 6) Environmental Stewardship, including properties that incorporate renewable materials, energy efficiency, LEED certification and/or other sustainable building practices. Private residences are not considered for this award.

Nominations --- due by Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 --- can be made by calling KKB at 865-521-6957 or by filling out a form at [www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org](http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org), where previous winners are listed. Winners will be announced at the annual Orchids Awards Dinner on March 7.

## **12. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar** (clickable to 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 the City Law Department at 865-215-2050.

### **Other Calendars**

Here are several 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)
- [Birdhouse Community Center](#)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Knoxville Mercury](#) (weekly community paper)

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