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## **1. Edgewood Park Holds Elections, Announces Trunk or Treat**

The **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association** (EPNA) recently held elections for new officers and board members.

Officers are President Michael Duerr, Vice President Julie Taylor, Treasurer Paul Schmutzler, and Secretary Laurie Knox. Other members of the Board of Directors are Carol Zimmerman, Heidi Schmutzler, Renee Dudley, and Pete Pallesen, the outgoing president.

EPNA also announced that the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 760, which has offices in the neighborhood, will host a Trunk or Treat for neighborhood children from 6-9 p.m. this coming Friday, Oct. 27, at 1530 Bill Williams Avenue. The fun includes a bounce house, a costume contest, free popcorn, and water.

## **2. Partners Urge Burlington Residents to Share the Vision**

The **Burlington Residents Association** and the [East Tennessee Community Design Center](#) are working to envision a welcoming place for Burlington residents and others to shop, play, live, and work in the neighborhood and adjacent Burlington Commercial District.

The two organizations are encouraging Burlington residents and others to help create the Burlington Vision Plan, which will include beautification efforts for the commercial district.

Members of the community are invited to attend a “Community Engagement Session” for the Burlington Vision Plan between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Amvets parking lot (4105 Holston Drive).

Community members are encouraged to drop by and give their input anytime during the two-hour session. This is an opportunity to identify current challenges, establish a vision for the future, and set priorities for planning. Help fill in the gaps by voicing your vision for the Burlington community, or simply suggesting businesses you would like to see in the area.

Dasha Lundy, president of Burlington Residents Association, emphasized the importance of community in the plans to revitalize Burlington. “All are welcome, and your voice matters,” she stressed. For more information, contact the Design Center at 865-525-9945 or [leslie@communitydc.org](mailto:leslie@communitydc.org).

### **3. City Council to Consider Grants for Seven Neighborhood Groups**

Knoxville City Council today will consider whether to approve \$22,200 of funding for seven neighborhood projects under the Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP). Council meets at 6 p.m. in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building.

The pending awards are:

\*\*\* \$3,000 to support the second phase of **Island Home Park Neighborhood Association’s** “Branding and Beautification of Entrances” project.

\*\*\* \$3,000 to support **Marble City Neighborhood Association’s** efforts to enhance visibility and communication.

\*\*\* \$3,000 to support **South Haven Neighborhood Association’s** Baker Creek Area Plan to guide the neighborhood through a process to develop a plan of action as the neighborhood grows with the Urban Wilderness.

\*\*\* \$3,000 to support **Timbercrest Neighborhood Association’s** upgrade of the neighborhood’s basketball court.

\*\*\* \$4,200 for **Morningside Heights Homeowners Association’s** Community Food Shed Project to learn about gardening and growing food for community members. This project will be in partnership with the nonprofit organization SEED.

\*\*\* \$4,500 for **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association’s** Community Connection Project linking the neighborhood to Sharp’s Ridge Memorial Park to increase the visibility and usability of the hiking/biking trails leading into the Park. This will be in partnership with Veterans Heritage Site Foundation

\*\*\* \$1,500 for **RiverHill Gateway Neighborhood Association's** Celebration of the Holidays Project to improve the neighborhood's connectedness to downtown, make the neighborhood more inviting to neighbors, and draw visitors to East Hill Avenue and the riverfront.

These groups responded to a [request for proposals](#) issued last spring by the Office of Neighborhoods. Funds are intended for projects that will be completed during calendar year 2018.

The NSGP supports community improvement projects and, at the same time, strengthens the capacity of neighborhood groups to better serve their neighborhoods.

It is not too early for your city neighborhood organization to begin thinking about a 2019 project for which you might need funding. Keep an eye on this newsletter for a workshop in early 2018 on how to generate project ideas and apply for this funding.

The NSGP guidelines and application for the current cycle can be found [on this web page](#). Be aware that these documents may undergo some changes before the next round of funding begins.

#### **4. Bearden Christmas Tree Lighting Slated for November 3**

**Bearden Village Council's** Third Annual Bearden Christmas Tree Lighting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at Everly Brothers Park, 4635 Kingston Pike.

There will be drinks and refreshments as well as performances by the West High School Chorus. Free parking is available in the adjacent Earth Fare parking lot.

The primary sponsor is Biltmore Property Group (which now owns Western Plaza) with added support from the City of Knoxville.

#### **5. Help Your Children Have a Safe Halloween**

Halloween can be a wildly fun event for children and adults --- and yet there are definitely some hazards to be aware of. To keep children as safe as possible, follow these tips provided by the Knoxville Police Department:

- Ensure costumes fit so children don't trip and fall.
- Make sure children can see and hear through their costume (face paint is better than a mask).
- Choose light colored costumes or apply glow-in-the-dark patches.
- Trick-or-Treat while it is light out; and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- An adult or older sibling should accompany younger children.
- Children should NOT enter the home of a stranger --- even for a moment.
- Use sidewalks and obey traffic signals; avoid walking in the street if possible.
- Establish and review trick-or-treating rules with your children.
- Instruct children to ONLY accept sealed treats. Examine their treats when they return home.
- Report any tampered treats to the Police.

- Be sure to turn a porch light on if you would like children to come to your house for a treat.

Let's all do our part to make this a safe, fun evening for children of all ages. For additional tips, [see this news article](#).

## **[6. 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 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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