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**1. Old North Knoxville Hosts Holiday Home Tour**

**Historic Old North Knoxville** will hold its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Holiday Home Tour this coming weekend with the Candlelight Tour from 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and the Afternoon Tour from 12:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Advanced tickets are available now at your area Elder's Ace Hardware stores and [online](#). Tickets can also be purchased in person at the event. The neighborhood features homes built in the Queen Anne, Craftsman/Bungalow, Neoclassical Revival, and American Four Square style.

Old North Knoxville neighbors will open the doors of seven homes in a variety of these styles, restored and decorated for the season. For more, [visit the website](#).

**2. Timbercrest Lights Christmas Tree This Weekend**

**Timbercrest Neighborhood Association** will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Neighbors and friends will gather at 1600-1604 Timber Pass near one of the entrances to the neighborhood off Lonas Road. The Southern Sisters Mobile Café Food Truck will have food for purchase. Cookies will be provided, and a "special guest" will attend.

Donations of cash or credit will be accepted with a portion of the benefit going to Mobile Meals. New this year, families can donate \$5.00 to decorate an ornament and add it to

the new neighborhood tree. For more, visit [www.timbercrestneighborhood.org](http://www.timbercrestneighborhood.org) or the group's [Facebook page](#).

### **3. New Neighborhood Group Forms in South Knoxville**

Residents of Cityview at River Walk in South Knoxville have formed **Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association** “to improve the overall quality of life among residents of multi-family residential developments and businesses on the south side of the Tennessee River in downtown Knoxville.”

The boundaries are the Tennessee River, Blount Avenue, the 100 block of East Blount Avenue, and the 400 block of West Blount Avenue. This includes not only Cityview but also One RiverWalk (the market-rate apartment units now under construction at the old Baptist Hospital site) and 303 Flats (the student housing now under construction in the southwest corner of Chapman Highway and the Henley Street Bridge).

Why form an association for residents not yet in place?

“We believe that the new multi-family developments being constructed in our area are going to house a lot of folks like us with similar interests and lifestyles,” noted Kevin Jeske-Polyak, the first president of the organization. “These will include our love of the beauty of the waterfront and our intent on preserving that beauty.”

“We think that our shared appreciation for the waterfront and the downtown amenities will make for a great neighborhood association,” he continued. “We look forward to networking with one another, working on beautification projects, and confronting issues like traffic congestion that will likely come up with the increased density.”

Other officers are Don Browder, vice president, and Malcolm Blowers, secretary-treasurer. The group meets quarterly at 6:30 p.m. on the last Monday of January, April, July and October in the club room at CityView at RiverWalk.

### **4. Nominate a Good Neighbor**

It is that time of year again! Nominations for the Neighbor of the Year are now open and will be accepted through Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2018.

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Perhaps they welcome new neighbors, volunteer to help neighbors in distress or work tirelessly in service to the entire neighborhood and/or neighborhood organization. Or maybe they make everyone feel included.

The Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

All nominees will be honored at **The Neighborhood Conference** on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Knoxville Marriott. [See profiles of last year's winner and nominees.](#)

Fill out the [nomination form](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp either by email at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or by mail to: City of Knoxville, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. If you have questions or need a hard copy of the form, call 215-4382.

## **5. Learn How to Become an Active and Engaged Neighbor**

The Office of Neighborhoods is now taking applications for its active neighbor workshop, “Engaging Neighbors to Create Strong Neighborhoods.”

The program is open to all city residents who wish to create quality neighborhood environments and who are looking for the skills and tools needed to start and sustain their efforts.

This workshop is also designed for active members in resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood organizations, and for any city resident who may wish to start or revive a neighborhood group.

Some 30 individuals representing over 20 neighborhoods have participated in this series in the past (when it was called “Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations”).

Building relationships with neighbors is both challenging and rewarding, and everyone has something to learn and share. That is why “Engaging Neighbors” is a highly interactive workshop. Participants will also address common organizational tasks such as using communication tools, running effective meetings, recruiting new members, and training new leaders.

This workshop consists of 11 weekly sessions on Thursday evenings beginning on Jan. 18. There will be a two-week spring break (March 15 and 22). Sessions will resume March 29 and conclude April 12 (assuming no postponements due to inclement weather).

Sessions will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Public Works Building (3131 Morris Ave.). KAT bus 13 stops directly in front of the building.

Seating is limited, but neighborhood groups are encouraged to send more than one person to this training.

To apply, [fill out the application](#). For more information or for a hard copy of the application, contact Hannah Freeman at [hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-3456.

## **6. Second Annual Tree Giveaway by Trees Knoxville**

[Trees Knoxville](#) will be giving away free trees from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 2, at the [Knoxville Botanical Garden](#) (KBG).

Please use the 2649 Boyd’s Bridge Pike entrance to the KBG.

The giveaway will be open to residents and businesses of Knoxville and Knox County with each receiving up to five trees for their private property. A variety of native tree species (such as Overcup Oak, Sweetgum, Redbud, Sugar Maple, and Persimmon) are available.

This opportunity for Trees Knoxville to give away trees is made possible through its membership in the [Alliance for Community Trees](#), a partnership with CSX Transportation, and the space provided by KBG. For more information on this event, go to <http://www.treesknoxville.org/events/>.

#### **7. 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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