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1. Conference to Offer Awards, Booths, Lunch, Workshops

The 2018 Neighborhood Conference has something for everyone --- neighborhood leaders, anyone interested in improving the quality of life in Knoxville's residential neighborhoods, and average citizens who want to learn more about city government.

This sixth annual gathering of Knoxville's neighborhoods will be held on Saturday, March 24, at the Marriott Hotel, 501 East Hill Avenue. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., and the conference ends at 2 p.m. Parking will be available at several nearby locations.

The heart of this conference is the free Neighborhood Awards & Networking Luncheon, where Mayor Madeline Rogero will present the finalists and the winner of the [Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award](#). In addition, the mayor will honor the neighborhood organizations who qualified for [Neighborhood Achievement Awards](#).

Attendees will be able to visit over 80 information booths provided by city and county governmental agencies and a variety of nonprofit organizations.

There will also be a slide show of neighborhood events and activities. Be sure your neighborhood is included. Send digital photos and identifying information to David Massey at dmassey@knoxvilletn.gov or call David at 215-3232.

This year's conference offers these three special workshops:

*** Knoxville Police Chief David Rausch will lead a panel discussing the opioid epidemic and the gun violence crisis and how they are impacting our community and neighborhoods, as well as law enforcement itself.

*** Gerald Green, director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission, will lead an interactive workshop about the massive effort to overhaul the city's zoning code --- something of vital importance to every residential neighborhood.

*** Finally, leaders in several city neighborhood organizations will talk about neighborhood improvement projects that their organizations were able to plan and complete successfully --- along with the lessons they learned in the process. Neighborhood leaders will pick up some great ideas for projects that can be funded by the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#).

Over 650 people participated in this event last year. Registration for this year's event will begin next week. Watch this newsletter for details. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the citywide neighborhood event of the year!

2. City to Conduct Public Meeting for Annual Action Plan

The City of Knoxville's Community Development Department will conduct a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona. Inclement weather date is February 7 at the same time and place.

Community Development is working on the Annual Action Plan Update to its 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan for the proposed use of U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for program year 2018-2019.

At this meeting, staff will review priorities and strategies from the Five Year Plan, discuss affordable housing as a priority activity, explain constraints that impact how HUD funds are allocated, and take comments from citizens.

The O'Connor Center is wheelchair accessible. Persons who wish to request disability-related accommodations including sign-language interpreters should contact Stephanie Cook, City of Knoxville ADA Coordinator at 865-215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov . Please request accommodations at least ten days in advance.

Community Development is committed to meeting the needs of non-English speaking residents, including foreign language interpreters and materials translated in the appropriate language. Please request accommodations at least ten days in advance.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, your feedback is still appreciated. Please send in your comments/questions to Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov , mail to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901, or by fax to 865-215-2962 or by calling 865-215-2357 for additional info.

3. MPC Announces Meetings for One Year Plan Update

The Metropolitan Planning Commission ([MPC](#)) has announced three public meetings as part of its [annual update](#) of the City of Knoxville's One Year Plan, which serves as the foundation for zoning decisions and is based on the land-use goals, objectives, and policies found in the City's long-range plans.

Neighborhood organizations should become familiar with the One Year Plan in and around their neighborhoods, so as to be better prepared if a developer wishes to change zoning on a particular piece of property.

The meetings have been scheduled to give community members the opportunity to review and discuss recommended changes to the One Year Plan and to slope and stream protection areas. All of the meetings begin at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6 – West & Northwest Sectors

Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church
7234 Middlebrook Pike

Monday, February 12 – South Sector

Flenniken Landing Community Room
115 Flenniken Avenue

Thursday, February 15 – North, East & Central Sectors

New Harvest Park Community Building
4775 New Harvest Lane

Information presented will be specific to the geographic areas of the City and County indicated above. Topics of discussion at these meetings will include:

- ** Plan amendments since the 2017 update;
- ** Permitted land uses and zoning districts;
- ** Development policies;
- ** Illustrations of differences between permitted land uses and zoning; and
- ** Updates to the slope and stream protection areas within the North and West City Sectors, including portions of unincorporated Knox County.

For more, visit www.knoxmpc.org/one-year-plan. To view the boundaries of the various sectors, visit www.kgis.org, select KGIS Maps, and then click on “Planning and Zoning Maps” in the left-hand navigation column.

For more, contact Jeff Archer at 215-3821 or jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org or Mike Brusseau at 215-3810 or mike.brusseau@knoxmpc.org.

4. Transportation Available for Elderly and Disabled Neighbors

If your organization gets involved in helping elderly and disabled neighbors, here is a program that will help you help them.

The Knoxville Knox County Community Action Committee --- better known as CAC --- operates a program called Volunteer Assisted Transportation (VAT).

VAT uses volunteers to provide transportation to elderly and disabled persons at low cost. Transportation can be scheduled on either an individual or group basis. Group trips are primarily geared towards low-income groups. For more, [visit the website](#) or look for [VAT on Facebook](#).

Someone from VAT is available to speak to your neighborhood meeting about these services as well as opportunities to volunteer. Contact Matthew Gabb at matthew.gabb@cactrans.org or call 865-673-5001.

5. Deadline Approaching to Purchase Tickets for Orchid Awards

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) will host the 36th Annual Orchids Beautification Awards Banquet at The Standard, 416 West Jackson Ave., from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is Thursday, Feb. 15. Individual tickets are \$85 each and tables for 10 are \$750. To learn more and to purchase tickets, [click here](#). All proceeds benefit KKB and its programs.

During the event, KKB will announce its next Community of the Year, the area of Knox County where it will focus the majority of its efforts during the 2018-19 year. East Knoxville and South Knoxville were selected previously.

Erin Gill, Sustainability Director for the City of Knoxville, will be the night's guest speaker. Chad Weth, City of Knoxville Public Service Director, will present the second Felicia Harris Hoehne Award. Orchid Awards will be presented to a winner from each of the following six categories: Redesign/Reuse, Outdoor Space, New Architecture, Public Art, Restaurant/Café/Bar/Brewery, and Environmental Stewardship. [See a list of the 2018 nominees](#).

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 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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