



Knoxville Neighborhood Advisory – Vol. 11, No. 15 – Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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1. Cumberland Estates to Discuss Yard Sale, Recode, New Ideas

Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch has a full agenda for its May meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Cumberland Estates Recreation Center, 4529 Silverhill Drive.

Discussion items include: 1) setting the date for the group's annual neighborhood yard sale; 2) informing neighbors about [Recode Knoxville](#); 3) asking for input and volunteers for a "Cumberland Estates neighborhood & Western Avenue" focus group about zoning code issues; and 4) brainstorming new ideas for the neighborhood and creative ways to strengthen the community group. Snacks will be served.

For more information, contact Coordinator Anna Compton at amcompto@gmail.com or 599-0724.

2. Mayor Unveils Plans for Science Center, Fire and Police Headquarters

A new, privately funded \$150 million science and discovery museum is proposed to be built on Hill Avenue near the Civic Auditorium and Coliseum, and a new \$40 million combined police and fire headquarters is planned for land on the Knoxville College campus in Mechanicsville, Mayor Madeline Rogero announced in her State of the City address last week.

Speaking at Mary Costa Plaza, next to the Coliseum, Mayor Rogero said the projects are complementary: The science museum, to be funded and endowed by Clayton

Homes founder Jim Clayton and his family, will be located on the current site of the City's Safety Building, which houses the Knoxville Police Department headquarters and City Court. The new police and fire headquarters will in turn take the place of vacant and blighted buildings on the back side of the Knoxville College campus.

Under the proposals, the City will vacate the existing Safety Building, which opened in 1969 and can no longer serve modern law enforcement needs. The City will convey that property, on Hill Avenue between Howard Baker Jr. Avenue and the James White Parkway, to the Clayton Foundation.

The City will also work with the Knoxville College board to take control of the back portion of the school's campus, including several vacant dormitory buildings and the track and athletic field. After demolishing the vacant buildings, the City will construct the new police and fire headquarters on part of the property, and another portion will be available for possible residential or mixed-use redevelopment.

The Knoxville College board will retain control of the campus' many historic buildings, as they work toward reinstating an educational program there. Because of lost accreditation, declining enrollment and aging infrastructure, the college ceased offering any classes in 2015.

The Knoxville College plans are contingent on approval of the college's creditors. And all of the plans will require public review and approval by City Council.

The total proposed budget is \$376.9 million, with no tax increase. The budget will be presented for first reading at City Council on Tuesday, May 8, followed by Council budget hearings scheduled for May 17. Council's second reading of the budget is scheduled for May 22. [See the full press release.](#)

All budget documents are available on the City's website at knoxvilletn.gov/budget, along with the text of Mayor Rogero's State of the City address.

3. Knoxville Fire Department Hosts Exhibition

Bring the entire family to the [Knoxville Fire Department](#) Exhibition on Saturday, May 12, from 3-9 p.m. at the Fire Department Training Facility, 3411 Vice Mayor Jack Sharp Road.

Come and learn history from the Fire Department archives, enjoy watching vehicle extrication, high angle rescue, and firefighting demonstrations. There will be free hotdogs, popcorn, ice-cream, soda, and balloons. Join the fun while learning more about the city's emergency services.

4. Motion, Second, Vote: A Tip for Neighborhood Groups

Many neighborhood groups present the minutes of the previous meeting and a treasurer's report for consideration by the members of their organizations, but some groups are skipping an important step in the approval process.

“Do I hear a motion for approval of the minutes,” a president or meeting facilitator might say.

“So move,” someone responds.

“Is there a second?”

“I second the motion,” another member confirms.

At that point, some groups are assuming the minutes have now been approved, but under Robert’s Rules of Order and most other meeting protocols, a motion and a second are not sufficient for official approval by the members.

The proper procedure following a motion and a second is for the presiding officer to ask for discussion. If there is none, or following discussion, the presiding officer should ask for a show of hands or a voice vote to approve the minutes, followed by a show of hands or voice vote of those who do not approve.

This should be standard operating procedure --- motion, second and discussion, followed by a vote of yays and nays --- for any neighborhood organization wishing to follow proper procedure for approval of important items and key decisions. Some groups decide to have most of the discussion on the front end --- before a motion is made --- so that the motion, when offered, incorporates the consensus of the group as much as possible.

5. NAACP Seeks Answers on Affordable Housing

Alvin Nance --- formerly the executive director of Knoxville’s Community Development Corp. (KCDC) and now an official with LHP Development --- will speak on the acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable homes at a meeting next week.

The meeting will start at noon on Tuesday, May 8, at Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church on College Street in Mechanicsville. Participants are invited to bring a lunch. This is the latest session of “Answers to Our Affordable Housing Questions,” a speakers series sponsored by the [NAACP](#) Housing Committee.

LHP Development and LHP Management are divisions of [LHP Capital](#), which “is a developer and manager of multi-family housing properties with a primary emphasis on affordable housing.” Its residential developments in Knoxville include Meadowbrook Apartments, Pinnacle Park Apartments, Ridgebrook Apartments, Stonewall Lofts, and Westview Towers. [See the full list](#) of 55 properties in nine states.

For more information, contact the NAACP at KnoxvilleNAACP@gmail.com.

6. You, Too, Can Become a Volunteer Forester

[Trees Knoxville](#) this month will host a four-session training for anyone interested in becoming a Certified Volunteer Forester.

The first class begins on Wednesday, May 16, and continues for the next three Wednesdays --- May 23, May 30, and June 6. Classes run from 6-9 p.m.

The cost is \$50.00 and you must [register](#) ahead of time. Topics include Proper Tree Planting, the Science and Art of Pruning, Tree Health, and Invasive Species, along with an introduction to Trees Knoxville.

Continuing Education Credits are offered if needed. Visit the [Trees Knoxville Facebook](#) page for more details.

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 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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