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1. CTV Invites Neighborhood Holiday Greetings

CTV is inviting all of Knoxville’s neighborhoods to record a Holiday Greeting which will air throughout December on CTV.

Neighborhoods interested in recording a Holiday Greeting video will need to plan on filming sometime between today and Friday, Dec. 7. Greetings will be recorded in the studio, Plaza Tower level P-336, and must be no longer than 60 seconds. CTV will provide a curtain backdrop or a selection of “green screen” holiday backgrounds to choose from.

If a green screen background is used, don’t wear green because you won’t show up!

Greetings can be recorded by individuals or small groups. You can create any message you wish, but make sure that it is suitable for family audiences. Neighborhoods can dress up, wear a costume, and/or bring props! The possibilities are endless; just don’t forget to let viewers know you are reaching out from CTV!

For more, or to reserve a time to record a greeting, contact Kevin Jeske-Polyak at 865-215-4352.

2. Lonsdale Is Re-organizing!

After a few years of being inactive, the Lonsdale community is getting re-energized. Residents have been meeting for the past few months to talk about issues that are concerning to them and have decided it is time to re-organize.

Several priorities are improving amenities at the Lonsdale Park, accessibility at Lonsdale Elementary School, and relationships in the community. Organizers are currently going door-to-door talking to folks about their concerns.

In two weeks, they will be working on doing some “asset mapping,” where the community marks on a map the places, spaces and businesses in the community that are assets. Once they see all the great initiatives in the community, they can then focus on which ones they want to exemplify.

If you are in an area that needs assistance on how to re-organize or simply organize, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

3. Forest Heights Elects New Board

Forest Heights Neighborhood Association had its bi-yearly elections last month and elected executive board members: Amy Hathaway, President; Amy Midis, Vice President; Jarrod Chapman, Secretary; and Rachel Johns, Treasurer.

Board Members are Liz DeVega, Todd Wright, Kyle Allen, Susan Passarello, Hannah Lowe, and Kathryn Vinson.

4. Eastport Changes Meeting Date

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, **Eastport-Five Points Neighborhood Watch** will meet on the second Wednesday in November, Nov. 14, instead of the regularly scheduled third Wednesday of the month.

Eastport will meet at 1 p.m. on Nov. 14 at 539 McConnell St., #11, Knoxville, TN 37915.

The November meeting will also be the fifth birthday celebration of Eastport-Five Points Neighborhood Watch! The neighborhood plans to host a big party to celebrate as part of its regular meeting.

5. Parkridge Coordinates Neighborhood Clean-up

Join in the fun! **Parkridge Community Organization** (PCO) will host a Clean-Up!

Fall has finally hit, the leaves are falling, and the weeds are still growing strong. PCO will take an afternoon to clean up their neighborhood before the holidays and winter weather hit.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m., neighbors will gather at Washington Avenue Entrance Garden, 1400 Washington Ave. The neighborhood will tackle the entrance Garden, and depending on how many people show up to help, will spread out to cover other public parks and open areas in the neighborhood.

All volunteers are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors for a fun day outside beautifying our community!

Please bring gloves, water, and any yard tools that might be helpful, i.e. weed whackers, hedge trimmers, loppers, clippers, rakes, etc. Please dress warmly and be prepared to get dirty.

For more information, and to volunteer, please contact Lynn Randazo at info@parkridgecommunity.org or Eden Slater at (865) 215-2113 or eslater@knoxvilletn.gov.

6. Active Knox Speaker Series Features Seth LaJeunesse

[Active Knoxville](#) presents Seth LaJeunesse, who will speak on “Creating Truly Safer Streets.” Seth, a national expert on traffic safety and ending traffic deaths, will share his expertise on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Public Works Service Center’s Community Room, 3131 Morris Ave.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Please [register](#) to provide an accurate count.

LaJeunesse is a research associate and assistant director at the National Center for Safe Routes to School at the University of North Carolina. He dedicates much of his research to youth traffic safety and finding ways to diffuse more effective road safety practice through evaluating behavioral interventions that enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety and promoting access for such methods of transportation.

LaJeunesse focuses on ways to advance safety and provide equitable access to physical activity and community life. He works on a vast array of projects, including those funded by the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Project, North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program, the Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Join the workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 27, to learn how everyone can work to make Knoxville a safer, more accessible city.

7. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Nov. 15

Twelve properties are on the agenda for the Thursday, Nov. 15, meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Addresses on the agenda include: 2012 N. Broadway; 619 Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame Drive; 2218 Spence Place; 121 E. Young High Pike; 7901 Livingston Drive; 800 S. Central St.; 9341 S. Northshore Drive; 4705 Chapman Highway; 3426 June St.; 7621 Kingston Pike; 913 Henley St.; and 201 Randolph St.

Established by City ordinance, BZA hears appeals on properties denied building permits by the City’s Plans Review and Inspections Department. The board, consisting of five citizens appointed by the Mayor, meets at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the City County Building Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Keep up with how the BZA might impact your neighborhood. Watch for signs indicating a pending decision on a particular piece of property. Most signs are for Metropolitan

Planning Commission issues - which are also important - but signs with the word “variance” are BZA items.

The BZA agenda is posted on the city website. Browse “City Boards” and click on Board of Zoning Appeals. The [agenda](#) is posted no later than the Monday prior to the BZA meeting each month.

A neighborhood group interested in BZA concerns can call the Plans Review and Inspections Department at 215-3669 to request and study the paperwork on a particular appeal, decide whether to take a position on the appeal, and then attend the BZA meeting to voice the group’s support or objections. A group can also request a postponement to allow time to meet with the applicant.

Decisions of the BZA can be appealed within 15 days of the BZA decision to Knoxville City Council. Appeals of a City Council decision are made to Chancery Court within 60 days of a City Council decision related to BZA.

The last BZA meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 4 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room.

8. City Announces Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

The City of Knoxville offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23, in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Waste Connections, the city’s household garbage and recycling hauler, is closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, in observation of Thanksgiving Day.

Garbage and recycling pickups will be on regular schedule Monday, Nov. 19, through Wednesday, Nov. 21.

There will be no household garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 22. Waste Connections will run Thursday routes on Friday and Friday routes on Saturday. Please remember to have garbage and recycling containers out for pickup before 7 a.m. on your respective pickup day.

The downtown garbage and recycling collection will run on regular schedule during Thanksgiving week.

The city’s recycling centers will be open for recycling use, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available for assistance or to accept household goods donations on Thursday, Nov. 22.

The city’s Solid Waste Management Facility located at 1033 Elm St. will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, through Saturday, Nov. 24, and resume normal operating hours on Monday, Nov. 26.

As a general reminder, Christmas and Thanksgiving are the only days of the year when curbside trash and recycling are NOT picked up as scheduled.

9. Special Events Seeks Volunteers

The Office of Special Events would like to invite you to participate in helping kick off the holiday season by volunteering at the Regal Celebration of Lights on Friday, Nov. 23, and Christmas at Chilhowee on Friday Nov. 30.

The Regal Celebration of Lights is an annual, free, family-friendly event in Market Square and Krutch Park Extension. Downtown is transformed into a Christmas village and will feature free refreshments and local entertainment. It is the perfect way to begin the holiday season, but volunteers are needed to make this year's Regal Celebration of Lights a success.

For the Regal Celebration of Lights, volunteers are needed on Friday, Nov. 23, for the following shifts:

* Information Booth: Assistance checking in volunteers and answering questions and assisting with a very easy craft - helping children make gingerbread man magnets. All the items will be provided and set in place for you.

* Santa's Helpers: Help keep the line for pictures with Santa running smoothly!

* Santa's Elves: Help close lines at 8:30 p.m. for train rides, face painting, balloon artists and Santa Claus pictures.

This is a family-centered event, so please feel free to bring your family with you.

If you have any questions, call 215-4248. Depending on what job you would like, there are different times per shifts. Most shifts are 5:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. It is recommended that all volunteers arrive by 5 p.m. Parking can become an issue and Gay Street will be closed for the event.

For Christmas at Chilhowee, volunteers are needed on Friday, Nov. 30, at 5:30 p.m. for the following:

* Santa's Helpers: Help keep the line for pictures with Santa running smoothly.

* Bake Shop: Assist with handing out Krispy Kreme donuts

This event is very similar to Regal Celebration of Lights, but Chilhowee Park is the host.

For questions or to sign up, call 215-4248.

10. Safety City Hosts "A Safety City Christmas"

[Safety City](#) is welcoming in the Christmas season with "[A Safety City Christmas](#)" on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Families will be able to walk through the miniature city, enjoying the decorated buildings. Children will have a blast playing games, making crafts, riding trains, and rocking out to some wonderful holiday music. We have even gotten word that Santa will make a special appearance.

All are welcome.

Also, Safety City invites visitors to enjoy the holiday lights during their [winter hours](#). They are as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 11, Thursday, Dec. 13, Tuesday, Dec. 18, and Thursday, Dec. 20, from 5-8 p.m. each of these nights.

Come ride your bikes or scooters through Safety City while it is all lit up for the holidays. These nights are free to public, but participants need to bring their own equipment and helmets. No skateboards, skates, roller blades, skate shoes, motorized scooters or razor vehicles.

[11. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (click link for 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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