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### **1. Montgomery Village Tenants Association Hosts Caroling Party**

The **Montgomery Village Tenants Association** is gearing up for its annual Christmas Caroling event on Saturday, Dec 22, at 2 p.m. in the Tenant Association Building, 4600 Joe Lewis Road, Unit 175. The association is still taking donations for hats, gloves and scarves for the neighborhood kids. Additional items requested are holiday headgear for the children such as elf hats, holiday headbands, etc.

If you would like to donate, please contact Rebecca Parr at 566-1653 or by email at [rparr1964@yahoo.com](mailto:rparr1964@yahoo.com).

### **2. Mechanicsville Provides Warmth to Local Kids**

The **Mechanicsville Community Organization** is hosting a hat and glove drive! Distribution will be on Thursday, Dec 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. Mechanicsville neighbors will hand out the warm hats and gloves to children at Maynard Elementary School at a later time.

The community is seeking hat and glove donations for the drive. Contact Christine Winton at (865) 455-0000, if you would like to donate.

The community will be collecting donations through the New Year, with plans to hold another hat and glove giveaway in early January at the Fair View Center.

For more information on the Mechanicsville Neighborhood events and initiatives, follow [Mechanicsville Homecoming & Community Association](#) on Facebook.

### **3. No Newsletter on Dec. 25 or Jan 1**

With the upcoming Tuesdays falling on Christmas (Dec. 25), and New Year's Day (Jan. 1) the Office of Neighborhoods will not put out a Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter for the next two weeks. Instead, we will be eating delicious food, visiting family, and brining in the New Year! The next newsletter will release on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019. ☺

Additionally, the City of Knoxville, including the Office of Neighborhoods, will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

We wish you a wonderful holiday, and look forward to bringing you weekly neighborhood and city updates in 2019!

### **4. OON to Release Best Practices Guide in 2019**

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) is excited for the New Year! We are looking forward to expanding on many of our programs as well as rolling out new efforts to help build stronger Knoxville Neighborhoods.

In January 2019, the OON will roll out a new initiative, the Best Practices Guide, to provide neighborhood organizations with guidelines for levels of recognition.

The Best Practices Guide will feature five separate designations for neighborhood groups, based on the group's activities. The group's designation will help the OON determine levels of support available through programs such as the Neighborhoods Small Grants program. A group's designation will be determined based on an annual Neighborhood Directory Application.

Starting in 2019, all neighborhood organizations seeking recognition by the City of Knoxville, and eligible for funding and programming provided by the City, will be required to submit a yearly Neighborhood Directory Application. This application will inquire after the group's activities for the previous year, as well as gather updated contact information. Registered groups can choose to be listed in the public Neighborhood Directory or remain private and only share contact information with the OON.

To learn more about the Office of Neighborhoods' recognition process, visit [http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city\\_departments\\_offices/neighborhoods/register\\_your\\_neighborhood](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_departments_offices/neighborhoods/register_your_neighborhood). If you have questions about this initiative, please contact Eden Slater at [eslater@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:eslater@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2113.

### **5. OON Hosts Introduction to Knoxville's Government**

The Office of Neighborhoods would like to thank everyone who came out to the Dec 11 workshop at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center! The workshop focused on introducing newly active and interested neighbors to the ways the City of Knoxville serves its residents. Topics covered included an organizational flow chart, descriptions of City Council, Public Service, and Parks and Recreation.

Thank you to Council Members Seema Singh-Perez and Marshall Stair for making attending the event and offering their input.

Check out the [Facebook Live](#) video from the workshop, and stay tuned for information about when the presentation will be published [online](#).

## **6. OON to Ask for Public Feedback**

The Office of Neighborhoods will be releasing an organizational survey on Monday, Jan. 7. The survey will be open until after the annual Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, May 18.

The organizational survey is intended to provide the Office of Neighborhoods with constructive feedback on its mission, communication methods, and initiatives. As Knoxville continues to grow, we are committed to growing with Knoxville's neighborhoods.

In order to ensure that we are providing quality services to all of Knoxville's neighborhoods (and their residents), we are implementing this survey to gain a deeper perspective of how our work can evolve with Knoxville.

The Office of Neighborhoods would appreciate you taking the survey and sharing it with fellow Knoxvilleans. The survey takes approximately 20-30 minutes and is anonymous. Survey responses can be saved and submitted at a later date. At the end of this survey, each participant will have the opportunity to enter into a monthly prize contest. At the close of each month, a winner will be selected from the month's participant pool. Prizes will vary by month and participants are not eligible to win more than one prize.

If you have questions or would like to request a paper copy, contact Hannah Freeman at [hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov) or call 215-3456.

## **7. Recode Map and Ordinance Draft Updates Released**

Draft four of the proposed [updated zoning code](#) ordinance and draft three of the proposed [updated zoning map](#) are now available for review!

Recode Knoxville is Knoxville's first inclusive city-wide zoning code update in more than 50 years. Take a look at the updated zoning code draft; see what changes and updates have been made to your area. Utilize the interactive zoning code map to compare existing and proposed maps, compare draft two and draft three maps, and compare draft three to the sector plan.

The planning commission is expected to consider Recode Knoxville at their regularly scheduled Jan. meeting, Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1:30 p.m., in the City County Building Main Assemble Room, 400 Main St.

Please submit all comments on draft four of the zoning code ordinance and draft three of the zoning map to [Recode Knoxville](#) by Jan. 4, so they may be included for consideration at the Jan. 10 meeting.

For updates and information on Recode Knoxville, follow Recode Knoxville on [Facebook](#).

## **8. 2019 Schedule Set for BBB and POH**

The Better Building Board (BBB) and Public Officer Hearing (POH) have released their 2019 schedule:

The BBB meets every third Thursday of the month, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St., from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Please see the following list of dates the BBB will meet for 2019: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27 – Room 549, July 25 – Room 549, Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 31, Dec. 5 – Large Assembly Room.

The POH meets every fourth Friday, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St., from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. Please see the following list of dates the POH will meet for 2019: Feb. 1, March 1, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 27, Nov. 1, Dec. 6 – Large Assembly Room.

The Public Officer, David Brace, Deputy Director to the Mayor and the City's Chief Operating Officer, hears testimony on buildings that inspectors contend are in violation of the City's building codes.

Testimony can also be made by the property owners, neighbors, neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders, such as lien holders.

The Public Officer then decides whether to issue an order requiring violations to be addressed in a certain period of time. Failure by the owner to cure the problem may result in the boarding or demolition of a structure, or the cleanup of a dirty or overgrown lot, with costs billed to the owner.

If the property owner does not agree with the Public Officer's verdict, they may appeal his decision to the BBB. The BBB, then, makes the decision to affirm or attest the verdict. Property owners who fail to comply with the BBB's orders are liable for the city to seek retaliation on their property, i.e.: demolition, closer, etc. The property owner can appeal the BBB's order to the Knox County Chancery Court. The BBB may also hear cases regarding the city's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance.

For more information and upcoming meeting agendas for the BBB and POH, check out the City's [Better Building Board & Public Officer Hearing](#) website.

## **9. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Dec. 20**

Ten properties are on the agenda for this week's meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

BZA meets Thursday, Dec. 20. Addresses on the agenda include: 7621 Kingston Pike, 5100 N. Broadway St., 1731 Western Ave., 5911 Weisbrook Ln, 1531 N. Central, 2806 Painter Ave., 501 Nineteenth St., 19-4 Highland Ave., 1901 Clinch Ave., and 8014 Kingston Pike.

Established by city ordinance, BZA hears appeals on properties denied building permits by the city's Building 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. (Learn how MPC changed the way it handles [notification signs](#).)

The BZA agenda is posted on the city website. Browse the [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 & 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 next BZA Meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m., in the Small Assembly Room.

**[10. 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](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 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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