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1. Colonial Village Seeks Input for Gary Underwood Park

If you live in **Colonial Village Neighborhood**, you are invited to a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the South Knoxville Church of God, 5623 Magazine Rd. to give input about the future of South Knoxville's Gary Underwood Park. The six-acre park includes a soccer/football field, Gary Underwood Greenway, a playground, a shelter, and the South Knoxville Optimist Club Building, which is available for rental.

Several months ago, neighbors from Colonial Village approached the City of Knoxville about improvements they would like to see at Gary Underwood Park. In order to make plans for investments in the park, the Parks and Recreation Department needs to hear from the neighborhood that the majority of people want these improvements.

Neighbors have been going door to door to get the word out and to invite folks to this input meeting. Representatives from Parks & Rec and the Office of Neighborhoods will be present to help answer any questions neighbors might have.

This is the time to give input. If you live in the neighborhood and want to see upgrades, please join the discussion.

2. Norwood Hosts Inaugural Chili Cookout

Norwood Community Association will host their inaugural "Love Your Neighbor" Chili Cookout on Thursday, Feb. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Norwood United Methodist Church, 2110 Merchant Dr., during their normal neighborhood meeting time.

Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share that celebrates your favorite chili recipe, side item, or topping. Indicate what you are willing to bring on their [sign-up sheet](#). Come meet your neighbors, get to know the community, and enjoy a great meal together.

If your neighborhood has an event you would like the Office of Neighborhoods to promote, reach out to either Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov and/or Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov. We are happy to share what neighborhoods are doing.

3. Mayor to Speak at NAC

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) meets Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Mayor Indya Kincannon will speak to the group about her plans and expectations.

NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to:

- Give advice and feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhoods;
- Bring neighborhood issues and concerns to the attention of the Mayor and City Administration;
- Propose to the Administration responses and solutions to address these concerns; and
- Serve as a sounding board for City initiatives and proposals affecting neighborhoods.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City Administration. As a matter of policy, it does not advise City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, they may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

All are welcome to attend NAC meetings. Council questions are addressed first, before opening up the discussion to the crowd.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact the City of Knoxville's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov no less than 72 business hours (3 business days) prior to the meeting you wish to attend.

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4. OON Thanks 2020 Neighborhood Conference Sponsors

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) would like to give a huge “Thank You” to our sponsors for the 2020 Neighborhood Conference!

The Conference is a free event to all participants, offering city residents the opportunity to network with other neighbors as well as City of Knoxville departments and officials. It is also an occasion to celebrate neighborhood achievements, honor neighbors who go above and beyond, empower each other through workshops and speakers, and gather information from community-forward city departments and non-profit organizations. Plus, it includes a delicious lunch!

While the City provides some funding for the Neighborhood Conference each year, the OON relies heavily on the generous contributions of local sponsors to keep the event free for all 600-plus participants. If you see anyone from any of these organizations, give them a huge thank you:

- Platinum Sponsor: Waste Connections of Tennessee, Inc.
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Thank you, 2020 Neighborhood Conference Sponsors!

Join us for the 2020 Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Knoxville Convention Center and see what it's all about.

5. Topics Set for Neighborhood Conference Workshops

Four unique workshops are on tap for this year's Neighborhood Conference. Topics were chosen to address a wide range of neighborhood interests, including those based on priorities identified by the Office of Neighborhoods (OON) in 2019 and important issues noted by Mayor Indya Kincannon during her campaign:

- Neighborhood Give Day - An Approach to Blight on the Neighborhood Level: Four neighborhood leaders will discuss creative and empowering ways they worked with the City, non-profits, and their neighborhood to address blight while also helping neighbors in need.
- Grant Ideas through Placemaking: In a quick-paced presentation, neighbors from across the city will discuss ways they utilized grant funds to create a sense of place. One of the ideas you hear might spur an idea for your neighborhood to utilize grant funds.
- Workforce Development: What is it and How Does it Affect Neighborhoods?

This interactive workshop will help you understand what workforce development is, what impact it could have in neighborhoods, and why it might be important to your neighborhood's future.

- **Government 101: How Does Knoxville's Government Run?**
Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons will discuss the ins and outs of local government, explain how city government works, the structure, and what you as a resident might need to know to make informed decisions.

Registration for the 2020 Neighborhood Conference opens on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Make sure you register and choose which workshop most interests you!

The Conference is a fun way to connect with other neighbors, learn and feel empowered to create a positive impact in your neighborhood. We hope to see you on Saturday, March 28, at the Knoxville Convention Center for the Neighborhood Conference.

6. OON Seeks Neighborhood Photos for The Neighborhood Conference

OON is seeking photos of your neighborhood activities for the Neighborhood Conference slide show! Please send any photos from your neighborhood cleanup, picnic, fundraiser, potluck, ice cream social, or any other event to the OON.

The deadline to submit photos is **Monday, March 2**. Photos can be e-mailed to Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. Planning Updates Their One-Year Plan Meetings

Knoxville-Knox County Planning is holding three One-Year Plan meetings to present and gather input on plans for the year ahead.

At these meetings, Planning staff will present proposed plan changes and then open the floor to residents for input. Past discussions have covered topics such as proposed developments, impact of the hillside protection area, the role of zoning and plans, and the seeming misalignment between zoning and planning patterns.

The first meeting is **today, Feb 4**, and will present information specific to South Knoxville. Attend one of the meetings below so you can learn more and give your input!

- Tuesday, Feb 4 - South Doyle Middle School (South) at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb 18 - Deane Hill Recreation Center (West & Northwest) at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb 27 – Washington Pike United Methodist Church (North, East & Central) at 6 p.m.

Please note the updated times on all three meetings and the location change on Thursday, Feb. 27.

All are invited to attend and give feedback to Planning staff on any of the proposed changes.

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Other Calendars

Additional online calendars that cover events outside the neighborhood realm include:

- [Arts & Culture Alliance](#) (There's More to Knoxville)
- [Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes](#) (City of Knoxville)
- [City of Knoxville General Calendar](#)
- [Parks and Rec Community Programming](#)

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