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1. Go Vote, Knoxville! Presidential and County Primary Election is Today

Today is the day! Tuesday, March 3, is the Presidential Primary and County Primary Election in Tennessee, known nationally as Super Tuesday. If you didn't vote early, make sure to cast your ballot today before polls close at 8 p.m.

This primary election will help choose candidates for the following offices:

- Democratic and Republican Presidential Nominees
- Republican Delegates at-Large
- Delegates, 2nd Congressional District
- Criminal Court Judge, Division II (to complete an unexpired term)
- Public Defender (to complete an unexpired term)
- Knox County Commission Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9
- Assessor of Property
- County Law Director
- Knox County School Board Districts 2, 3, 5 and 8

Are you registered voter in Knox County? If yes, GO VOTE!

To find your polling location, simply [type your name](#) and your correct location will be given.

Make sure you bring your state- or federal- issued photo ID with you to the polling location. For example, a driver's license, passport, military photo ID, etc. Expired state or federal IDs are also accepted. For a full list of eligible and non-eligible IDs and exemptions for photo IDs, visit the Tennessee Secretary of State's [website](#). If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain one for free with the necessary paperwork at participating Department of Safety and Homeland Security Centers.

For more information on all things voting, visit the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#).

2. Save the Date for South Knoxville Clean-Up

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) hosts the [4th Annual South Knoxville Clean-Up](#) on Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at Sam Duff Park, 4060 Chapman Hwy.

Individuals, neighborhood groups, businesses and others are encouraged to participate.

There are two ways to sign up: as an individual or a group. The [form](#) is the same for both, but you only need to fill out the section that applies to you. Participants of any age are welcome!

KKB will provide litter pickers, gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests. They recommend wearing long pants and closed-toed shoes, like rubber boots, for the event. Please bring your own sunscreen, bug protection and drinking water.

Participating group leaders will meet at Sam Duff Park to pick up supplies and then disperse into their designated locations across South Knoxville and meet their groups to pick up litter. Individual volunteers will meet at Sam Duff Park for a location assignment, which will be near the park.

Trash can be left in designated areas or brought back to Sam Duff Park, where lunch will be provided after the clean-up.

For more information, contact Sierra Motiee-Moore at 521-6957 or outreach@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org.

3. OON Gives a Huge Thank You to Conference Sponsors

The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) would like to give a shout out to our 2020 Neighborhoods Conference sponsors!

The City provides some funding for the Neighborhood Conference, but to keep the event free for all 600+ participants, OON relies heavily on the generous contributions of local sponsors.

This year's Neighborhood Conference would not be possible without the generous support of our dedicated community sponsors. If you see anyone from the following companies, please give them a shout out for supporting local neighborhoods:

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

The free Conference offers city residents the opportunity to network with their neighbors, city departments, and city officials. It is also an occasion to celebrate neighborhood achievements, honor neighbors who go above and beyond, learn from neighbors, empower each other through workshops and speakers, and gather information from community-forward city departments and non-profits. Plus, it includes a delicious lunch!

Join us for the [2020 Neighborhood Conference](#) on Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Knoxville Convention Center, and see what it's all about! Check out the event on [Facebook](#), and, of course, share it with your neighbors!

4. Conference Offers Four Workshops

This year's Neighborhood Conference (Saturday, March 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.) will offer four workshops for attendees to choose from:

Neighborhood Give Day is a collaborative idea that the Neighborhood Working Group, neighborhood organizations, and Office of Neighborhoods developed to help neighbors and neighborhood groups address blight. Be the first to see the Office of Neighborhoods' new manuals on Neighborhood Give Day and its cousin, the Neighborhood Blight Remediation Guide. During the workshop, representatives from different Knoxville neighborhoods -- Anna Compton, Doug Lawyer, Jay Price, and Paul Ruff -- will discuss how they incorporated Neighborhood Give Day concepts into their neighborhoods.

At the **Grant Ideas Through Placemaking** workshop, hear what other neighborhoods, non-profits, or individuals have done to improve their neighborhoods with, or without, grant funding. This quick-paced presentation will cover different topics, ideas, projects and initiatives. Anne Crais, Jean Davis-James, Danny Gray, Amy Hathaway, Dasha Lundy, Alanna McKissack, PJ Snodgrass, and Laurence Williams will speak about placemaking ideas they have implemented in their neighborhoods. You may hear a great idea for your neighborhood or glean a piece of information that could evolve into something unique for your street.

Do you know what **Workforce Development** is? It is an economic development approach that attempts to enhance a region's economic stability and prosperity by focusing on people rather than businesses. Workforce development has evolved from a problem-focused approach, addressing issues such as low-skilled workers or the need for more employees in a particular industry, to a holistic approach considering participants' many barriers and the overall needs of the region.

Because it is a complex idea, it is difficult to explain in a simple sentence; come to this workshop to learn what it is and how it might be affecting neighborhoods in the near future. Tim Waldo of the University of Tennessee will provide an interactive workshop to help you understand more.

Lastly, Special Advisor to the Mayor Dr. Bill Lyons will explain how city government works, its structure, and what you as a neighbor might need to know to get involved and make informed decisions. This workshop is called **Government 101**.

Join us at [The Neighborhood Conference](#) to learn more about making your community a better place. [Registration](#) is currently open now through noon on Monday, March 23. We would love to see you all there.

5. NAC Meets March 11

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) meets Wednesday, March 11, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

This month's topic is working with local media to explain and promote your neighborhood's concerns and initiatives. City of Knoxville Director of Communications Kristin Farley and Deputy Director of Communications Eric Vreeland will speak, along with Scott Barker of local news website [Compass](#). Barker came up with the suggestion to help neighborhoods understand when and how to reach out to the press to get the word out about their events, innovative ideas, and success stories.

All are welcome to attend!

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. To learn more about the NAC, the role of the council, and how to apply to be a member, visit the [webpage](#).

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.

The City of Knoxville is committed to meeting the needs of non-English speaking residents. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and want to request interpretation services, please contact the City of Knoxville's Title VI Coordinator, Tatia

M. Harris at tharris@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2831, at least 48 hours (2 days) prior to the meeting.

6. CTV Seeks Neighborhood Treasure Hunt Coordinators

Community Television of Knoxville is seeking volunteer Treasure Hunt Coordinators to serve their neighborhoods.

The job is simple: take pictures and write descriptions of items donated by your neighbors and local businesses. Help sell these items to raise money for your neighborhood projects during the upcoming Neighborhood Treasure Hunt and Online Auction, being held between Friday, April 17, and end on Friday, May 1, plus a live, three-hour auction.

The more items donated to benefit your neighborhood, the more money you will raise. One hundred percent of the money raised goes back to your neighborhood.

Last year, one neighborhood raised \$850 through this event, and used some of the money to purchase commercial coffee-making equipment and other items to enhance their social events. The remainder of the money was applied to other important neighborhood projects.

Find out how it works and how you can help your neighborhood by visiting the CTV [website](#) or calling 215-8848.

7. Mayor's Minute Video Premieres this Week

New this week: The City's Communications team debuted The Mayor's Minute, a quick video recap of the many things happening around town. In just one minute, get updated on events and projects and see the Mayor and City departments in action.

Subscribe to [the City's YouTube Channel](#) to receive an alert when the latest video is published each Monday. You can also visit the [Mayor's Minute page](#) on the City's website.

8. Parks & Recreation Hosts Job Fair

Knoxville's [Parks and Recreation Department](#) is hosting a job fair this Sunday, March 8, from 2-5 p.m. at the Cal Johnson Recreation Center, 507 Hall of Fame Dr.

Each year, Parks and Rec hires more than 450 creative, innovative, and customer service-friendly individuals for positions in Aquatics, Athletics, and Recreation Services include: Cashier, Concessions, Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Field Maintenance, Gym Supervisor, Scorekeeper, Umpire/Referee, Summer Camp Staff, and CDL drivers.

Applicants must be at least 15 years old for aquatics positions, 16 for summer camp staff, and 18 for additional positions. Interviews will be available at the job fair, so come prepared. You may also apply before March 8, by completing an online [application](#).

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at 215-4311.

9. Construction Has Begun At New Safety Complex

Last week, crews began demolition on the east wing of the former St. Mary's Hospital, beginning the projected two-year renovation project to transform the old hospital into the new Public Safety Complex.

The \$40 million project will reconstruct the vacant Tennova hospital office buildings into a combined complex for Knoxville Police and Fire Departments, E911, Pension System offices, and City Court operations. Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) plans to renovate the Magdalen Clark Tower for its new nursing, business, and criminal justice schools. Alongside this investment, the City will put \$6.5 million toward clearing the former hospital campus in preparation for private redevelopment.

Over the next few weeks, crews will be using heavy equipment to remove the four-story building near St. Mary's Street and East Oak Hill Avenue. This part of the project will make way for LMU to begin building the new lobby and entrance for its building. Contactors have agreed to avoid blasting and will endeavor to limit noise and dust from the project.

To view the overall site plan, visit the City's [Public Safety Page](#). For ongoing updates, check out the [Safety Complex Updates Blog](#).

10. Planning Presents ULI's Edward McMahon

Knoxville-Knox County Planning has invited Edward McMahon, a leading influencer in land use and development from Urban Land Institute (ULI), to give a public presentation on Thursday, March 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the O'Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St.

McMahon is a Senior Resident Fellow at ULI in Washington, D.C., where he leads the organization's worldwide efforts to research and teach about environmentally sensitive development policies and practices. His presentation to local residents and city officials will showcase what cities can do -- and are currently doing -- to create corridors, neighborhoods and commercial developments that are more attractive and more profitable.

Everyone is invited to attend and learn from one of America's leading influencers of new ideas in land use and development!

11. Young-Williams Hosts 13th Annual Mardi Growl

[Young-Williams Animal Center](#) hosts its 13th annual Dog Parade and Pet Party this Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The parade steps off at 11 a.m. from the intersection of Willow Avenue and Central Street, winds through the Old City and ends on Market Square and Krutch Park. During the festival, guests can visit with more than 60 vendors, enjoy a bite from local food trucks, and win prizes by entering the best dressed pet contests.

This annual fundraiser for Young-Williams supports the nonprofit's vision to find a home for every pet. And whether someone is a sponsor, vendor, or participant of Mardi Growl, you will help continue much-needed services for nearly 10,000 animals.

Visit MardiGrowl.org to learn more, to register to walk, to donate, or buy a T-shirt.

12. Bike Walk Knoxville Seeks Input

Bike Walk Knoxville (BWK) requests your input on safety concerning collisions and near misses between vehicles and bicycles and/or pedestrians. This [survey](#) targets people who walk and bicycle in the Knoxville region and who have been hit by a car or experienced a near-miss within the last 12 months. This data helps BWK understand how many crashes are and are not being reported to police.

Please share with your neighbors. The survey will be available through March 19.

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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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