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1. City Plans Public Meeting for Fort Kid

A public meeting about [Fort Kid](#) will be held Thursday, March 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Knoxville Museum of Art, 1050 World's Fair Park Dr.

Mayor Kincannon and City Administration are committed to stabilizing the park site, improving accessibility, and making it a place for all to enjoy for generations to come.

This meeting will serve as a way to update residents on the future of the park and to get feedback about their memories of the site, what neighbors like about the current play facilities and what neighbors would like to see in a future Fort Kid.

Anyone who has an interest in the park is welcome to join the meeting.

Fort Kid is scheduled to close April 6. The City of Knoxville will continue to seek public input before a final design is in place. The City anticipates re-opening the park by the end of this year.

2. VMC Hosts Public Meeting

Volunteer Ministry Center is hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 6-7 p.m. at the Knox Area Urban League, 1514 E. 5th Ave., to share the preliminary site plan and gather community feedback on the proposed permanent supportive housing development on 1501 E. 5th Avenue, the current site of Positively Living.

VMC is requesting approval through the “planned development” process, which will ensure the parcel retains the current zoning designation. Representatives from VMC, the City of Knoxville, and Knoxville-Knox County Planning will be present along with Vice Mayor Gwen McKenzie.

Residents will have an opportunity to view the site plan, ask questions and provide feedback. An overview of the planned development process will also be provided. All are welcome to attend.

3. Oakwood to Host Historic Overlay Meeting

Knoxville-Knox County Planning in partnership with the Oakwood Design Overlay Committee will host a meeting to discuss designating a historic overlay district in the Oakwood area.

If you live in the Oakwood area of the **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Organization**, between the boundaries of E. Morelia Ave., Harvey St., E. Oldham Ave., and N. Central St., you are highly encouraged to come out on Tuesday, March 31, 6-8 p.m., to the Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Clubhouse, 916 Shamrock Ave.

Planning will discuss the different overlay options, what the different historic overlays mean, how the overlays may affect Oakwood residents, requirements for living in the different historic overlay districts, and answer community questions.

The proposed guidelines are an effort initiated by the Oakwood Design Overlay Committee and Planning Staff. The current draft of the guidelines is a working document and in the review phase. The group is also open to discuss other overlay options and gain community input on all proposals.

The entire Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood is currently under the [Infill Housing Design Guideline Overlay](#), and has been an infill neighborhood since 2007. The Infill Design guidelines help preserve the area but don't protect historic structures from demolition or guide rehabilitation of existing structures. In 2016, City Council recommended an overlay be placed on the Oakwood portion of the neighborhood to help preserve it.

This public meeting is one of many being held to reach and engage more Oakwood neighbors and gain insight on what residents in the designated area would like to see in for community.

If you live in the affected area, please attend, ask questions, provide input, and have your voice heard in this process. For more information, contact Lindsay Crockett at lindsay.crockett@knoxplanning.org or visit the project page on Planning's [website](#) to see the current proposed [overlay guidelines](#).

4. Save the Date: Fourth and Gill Home Tours

The [Historic Fourth and Gill](#) Tour of Homes Committee will host their 30th Anniversary Tour on Sunday, April 26, 1-6 pm.

General admission includes access to 10 homes—including the HGTV Urban Oasis Home from 2017—as well as the Neighborhood Center (also known as The Birdhouse). GA ticketholders can also choose from two guided tours led by longtime neighborhood residents held from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Another ticket option includes a pre-tour brunch and an exclusive home not open to the general public.

[Tickets](#) are now available to purchase.

5. Would You Like to Win a Door Prize?

For this year's [Neighborhood Conference](#), the Office of Neighborhoods is fortunate to have so many wonderful donations for door prizes. Some of them are by individuals, some by businesses, and some from groups.

There are gift cards from Alumni Hall, Bliss and Tori Mason Shoes, Chili's (donated by Courtney Durrett), Darden including Cheddar's, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, etc. (donated by Courtney Durrett), Food City, Kilwins Knoxville, Knox Brew Tours, Nothing Too Fancy, and Sweet P's BBQ.

We have also received gift baskets from Clarence Brown Theatre; Denark Construction, including a gift card to Hops and Hollers; Knoxville Area Transit (KAT); Mast General Store; and Visit Knoxville.

There are family passes to East Tennessee Historical Society; passes for Downtown Stand Up Paddle Tour from Knoxville Adventure Collective; general admission tickets for the Knoxville Ice Bears; historic homes passes from Mabry Hazen House; family admission pass to The Muse Knoxville; a cruise from Volunteer Princess Cruises; and general admission tickets from Zoo Knoxville.

Other items include tea towels from Borderland Tees; print credit and shirts from CircaWear; handcrafted wooden bowl by Coker Bowls from Historic Fourth and Gill; bundles of Girl Scout Cookies (donated by City Council member Lauren Rider); a Carhartt Jacket from Cubic/GRIDSMART Technologies; wine from Downtown Wine & Spirits; jewelry from Fizz; a bicycle from Kickstand Bikes; free time to bowl at Maple Hall; plants from Stanley's Greenhouse; and *The Tennessee Theatre* book from the Tennessee Theatre.

Some of the gifts will be stand-alone prizes, others will be bundled together to make an even nicer prize.

Join us at [The Neighborhood Conference](#) on Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., to celebrate neighborhoods! You might just win one of these delightful door prizes.

[Registration](#) – which reserves your lunch and conference packet – ends on Monday, March 23, at noon.

6. Applications for BSNO Are Open

Are you interested in building your leadership skills? Would you like to learn how to better build community in your organization? Is there a major issue in your neighborhood you would like to address?

If you said, “Yes,” to any of these questions, the [Building Stronger Neighborhoods Organization](#) (BSNO) leadership workshop is for you! A 12 week program, BSNO covers a wide range of topics designed to equip neighbors with the tools to start and sustain effective neighborhood organizations. This year’s workshop will be held every Thursday from 6-9 p.m., starting April 16 and ending July 9. We will skip the week of July 4.

BSNO is an important program for neighborhood leaders, active neighbors, and anyone looking to enhance their skills in community organizing. Topics covered include: styles of leadership, identifying and utilizing a neighborhood’s most important asset, how to facilitate effective meetings, recruiting and retaining members, internal and external communications, decision-making, conflict resolution, and strategic planning, and more.

If you have a neighbor, friend, or rising leader who may benefit from the BSNO training, please pass the word on to them. The class is a great opportunity to learn alongside and network with community leaders from across the city.

[Applications](#) for the BSNO Leadership Training Program are now open.

For more information on BSNO, check out the [website](#) or contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. OON Asks for Neighborhood Help in Renaming Newsletter

Dana: “I think ‘What’s Up Knoxville?’ is pretty catchy!”

Sally: “I don’t know... I really like ‘Neighborhoods Now.’ It sounds important and immediate. And you can yell, ‘NEIGHBORHOODS NOW!’”

Dana: “That’s too funny! I still think my idea of calling it, ‘The Knoxville Neighbor,’ is cute.

Sally: “Oh, that’s creative! I wonder what other fun ideas people will come up with.”

Have you heard the gossip? The Neighborhood Advisory Newsletter – yes, this newsletter you’re reading right now – is getting a new name. The Office of Neighborhoods (OON) needs your help in coming up with a fun, catchy name that neighbors can identify across the city.

When you [register](#) for the 2020 Neighborhood Conference, pick the option you like best from the options below:

- In Our Neighborhoods
- Neighborhood Happenings
- Neighborhoods Now
- What's Up Knoxville

OR, write in your own creative name! The newsletter can use a new identity, and we would love to hear your creative ideas!

8. Neighborhoods Encouraged To Bring All To Conference

How many people from your neighborhood are planning to attend the 2020 Neighborhood Conference? Will you fill three tables with your neighborhood crew? Or leave one lonely neighbor to attend the conference all on their own?

The best part of the Neighborhood Conference isn't the informative workshops, interesting booth information, or even the delicious free lunch. The best thing about the Neighborhood Conference, each year, is the fun connections neighbors make with each other.

So bring out the troops! See how many people you can get to come from your neighborhood, and open the door for more information sharing, more connections, and more memories made with your neighbors.

[Register](#) for the 2020 Neighborhoods, today! And, don't forget to spread the word. Let's see which neighborhood will bring the largest group.

9. Homeless Coalition Speaks To Neighborhood Groups

The Knoxville Knox County Homeless Coalition would like to engage the community in productive conversations about homelessness. Coalition members are available to speak at your neighborhood group's next meeting about the affordable housing crisis in our community, how to be proactive, reasons for homelessness, and more.

Help the Homeless Coalition by being part of the solution, by making a difference, and by assisting our neighbors without homes. If your group is interested, please contact Erin Lang at erin.lang@knoxcac.org.

10. Active Shooter Training for Community Groups

District 2 Homeland Security is offering an Active Shooter training for Private Industry and Community Groups on Wednesday, March 25, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Jubilee Banquet Facility, 6700 Jubilee Center Way.

This training will help prepare organizations to protect, prevent, respond, and recover from an active shooter event. The course is made up of a two-hour "Are You Ready?" seminar that will detail how to increase organization awareness of active shooter threats and a 5- to 6-hour interactive leadership training seminar. This training is designed to facilitate discussion on how organizations can increase responsiveness and resilience to these difficult events.

To learn more or to register for this training, please visit their [site](#).

11. Planning Committee Meets this Week

Knoxville-Knox County Planning meets this Thursday, March 12, 1:30-4:30 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The following addresses are listed under “Rezoning and Plan Amendment/Rezoning”:
9127, 9137, 9141 and 0 Bluegrass Rd.; 9145 Bluegrass Rd.; 168 Overton Ln.; 3222 Weaver Cemetery Rd.; 1413 Tipton Station Rd.; 2811 Merchant Dr.; 920 Oak Grove Ln.; 4708 Messer Ln.; 0 Coile Ln.; 861 S. Gallaher View Rd. and 0 Westland Dr.; and 913 Gettysvue Dr.

The following address are listed under “Concepts/Development Plans”:
2225 Country Brook Ln.; 12059 Hatmaker Ln.; 701 & 0 E. Hill Ave.; 1405 Lovell Rd.; 901 Harbour Shore Dr.; 1510 Mountain Hill Ln. and 0 Chesney Hills Ln.; 6923 Harrell Rd.; 913 Gettysvue Dr.; 0 Martingale Dr.; 11103 Hardin Valley Rd.; 529 & 0 Nixon Rd., 0 John Norton Rd.

The [agenda](#) is available to view online.

12. Save the Date: Open Streets Knoxville

The next [Open Streets Knoxville](#) event will be on Sunday, May 3, 2-6 p.m., in South Knoxville.

Sevier Ave., from Atchley St. down to Suttree Landing via Foggy Bottom St., will be closed to traffic and full of fun activities for all ages. This festival gives Knoxville residents an opportunity to explore their neighborhood, visit local businesses, and embrace active transportation and healthy living.

To learn more, visit [Bike Walk Knoxville's](#) website.

13. City Seeks Input on North Central Street Corridor Project

Do you run, walk, bike, bus, drive, eat, drink, shop, or otherwise recreate on North Central Street?

If so, the City of Knoxville wants to hear from you!

Last year, the City finished a \$6.15 project on North Central Street, between Depot Ave in the Old City and Woodland Avenue in the Oakwood-Lincoln Park neighborhood. The project included replacing deteriorating stormwater lines, repairing and replacing damaged sidewalks, installing new bulb-outs to define street parking, and provide areas for landscaping, better-marked bike lanes, resurfacing the street, and creating a linear park near Baxter Avenue.

The project clearly improved the area's appearance. City staff would like to know users' feelings on safety improvements and its impact on accessibility and recreation usage in the area.

If you frequent the North Central Street Corridor, share your thoughts! Follow this [link](#) to take a quick 3-minute survey, and let us know how you feel.

To learn more about the Central Street Corridor Project and see an aerial view of the area in action, visit [North Central Street Project](#).

14. Knoxville Marathon Seeks Neighborhood Support

The [2020 Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon](#) is coming up on Sunday, March 29!

Featuring a half marathon, full marathon, and relay option, the Knoxville Marathon brings in over 9,000 runners each year. Marathon Day is a fun day for the whole community, promoting spirit and encouragement for both local and out-of-town runners. This year, Mayor Kincannon and several members of her cabinet will be running in the event.

Many runners choose to run in Knoxville year after year thanks to the amazing neighborhood support! This year, the marathon would like to encourage even more neighborhood participation.

Check out the [Course Map](#) to see if your neighborhood is along the route. To get more neighbors involved, the marathon has a budget to promote “Official Marathon Cheering Parties”!

If you live along the route and are interested in hosting an “Official Marathon Cheering Party” at your house, please contact Eden Slater at eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2113. Party hosts may be given funds to buy snacks and drinks, decorations, and encouraged to invite neighbors and friends to come cheer at their home throughout the day!

Additionally, if your neighborhood would like to host a neighborhood sign party and decorate signs to cheer on runners during those longer, sparser sections, contact Eden as well.

The Knoxville Marathon will have a booth at the [Neighborhoods Conference](#) with signs for neighbors to decorate, as well!

Let’s show #KnoxNeighbors spirit this year on Marathon Day!

15. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation 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 before the meeting you wish to attend. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

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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