1. 31 Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out

Today is the day! Tuesday, Oct. 2 is Knoxville’s Official Day to Celebrate National Night Out!

This year, the National Holiday celebrates its 35th year of promoting safety and unity between neighborhoods and police officers. National Night Out is an evening to celebrate police-community partnerships, bring neighbors together, and encourage safety throughout the city.

While traditionally, National Night Out is celebrated on the first Tuesday in August, some southern cities, including Knoxville, choose to celebrate on the first Tuesday in October to beat the heat.

The following neighborhoods will be hosting community potlucks, cook outs, chili fests, ice cream socials, festivals, and/or “lighting up the night” with their porch lights:

Neighborhood Association, Mechanicsville Community Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Montgomery Village Resident Association, Montrose Heights Neighborhood Watch, Morningside Heights Homeowners Association, Murray Drive / Wilkerson Road Neighborhood Watch, Norwood Neighborhood Watch, Old Mechanicsville Neighborhood Interest, Old North Knoxville Inc., Parkridge Community Organization, Reaves Hills NW, Seven Springs Subdivision HOA, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Spring Hill Villas Homeowners Association, Vestal Community Organization, We Care Neighborhood Watch, Wesley Neighbors Community Association, West Haven Village Neighborhood Community, Western Heights Neighborhood Watch, and Woodale Dr. @ Central Ave Pike Neighborhood Watch.

Join in a celebration near you! For more information on any of the National Night Outs listed above, please contact Eden Slater at (865) 215-2113 or eslater@knoxseniors.org.

2. **Lonsdale Market Closing for the Season**

The Lonsdale International Food Market will host its last event for the year on Saturday, Oct. 13, in Lonsdale Park, 2750 Stonewall St NW.

The Food Market, hosted by the Latino Task Force, Knoxville and the Lonsdale International Food and Crafts Market, is a recurring event in the Lonsdale community. The 2018 market runs every second Saturday of the month from April to October in the Lonsdale Park, which is next to Lonsdale Elementary, 1315 Louisiana Ave.

It features international cuisine and craft vendors. Most vendors take cash. The market is open from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. and has music and activities for children.

For updates on the last Market day, check out the [Facebook page](#).

3. **Town Hall East Hosts Community Conversation on Recode**

Town Hall East (THE) will sponsor a special session on Recode Knoxville on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall behind Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Hwy.

This session is not one of the “official” presentations but is being organized and led by THE board members and other THE members who have attended various informational sessions on Recode. These members will share their experiences and concerns, and listen to your comments and questions. The meeting will focus on issues of particular importance to East Knoxville.

Whether you are familiar with the details of Recode or are learning about for the first time, please come and take part in the discussion. It is an important civic issue and will be moving to City Council for review in the coming months..

All are welcome to attend. Check out the [Town Hall East Facebook Event](#) for more information.

4. **Five Points Up Hosts Fall Events**
Five Points Up, a community-led group facilitated by the Knox County Health Department, is planning a variety of fall events for East Knoxville residents.

Five Points Up will be hosting a Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 21 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Fall Festival will include vendors from previous Eastside Sunday Markets and offer residents another opportunity to access fresh, affordable food straight from the source. For more information on this event, contact Tanisha Baker (contact information below) or Nourish Knoxville at 865-805-8687.

Five Points Up will also host Steps for Health on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Steps for Health walk will begin at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. The event will kick off with a “Power” breakfast and feature two walking levels. The first level, for the Modest Walker, will be a 3.9 km (2.4 miles) route that can be taken at a moderate pace. The second level, for the Power Walker, will be a 7.2 km (4.5 miles) that can be taken at a more rapid pace. Both routes will end back at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Various community health organizations will be present to provide information and health screenings. In addition, various “Hydration Stations” will be located along both routes to make sure walkers remain hydrated. This event is free to the public and registration is available on site or by pre-registration through www.thevillageofknox.com.

Last but certainly not least, mark your calendars for the annual Five Points Up Winter Wonderland on Thursday, Dec. 6. In the past this event has featured a variety of entertainment, food, and fellowship. Last year was the first year of the tree decorating contest at which Eastport Neighborhood Watch President Sylvia Cook won second place. Stay tuned for more updates.

For more information on all of the above events, contact Tanisha Baker by phone at 546-5125 or 215-5187 or by email at villageofknox@aol.com.

5. City, UT Seek Your Answers on Speeding

Do you speed on residential streets, and if so are you okay with that? What do you consider speeding? Why do you speed, or not?

These are some of the questions on a survey prepared for the City of Knoxville’s Office of Neighborhoods by students in a senior-level class at the School of Advertising and Public Relations at the University of Tennessee.

All citizens of Knoxville are urged to take the survey at https://tiny.utk.edu/neighborhoodtraffic. The survey takes about ten minutes to complete; an answer is required for every choice presented. Demographic information is requested, but no personal identifying information is gathered.

The results will be used to help inform an anti-speeding public relations campaign.

The Office of Neighborhoods is working with these students to develop a campaign against speeding that each neighborhood can adapt for its own use. The campaign will be directed at anyone who speeds through residential neighborhoods, including both neighborhood residents and cut-through drivers. Neighborhoods will be able to use the
campaign in addition to - or in place of - measures like speed humps and stepped up enforcement where appropriate.

The speeding awareness campaign will serve as the education component of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP). For more information about the NTSP, contact the Office of Neighborhoods. For more information about the education piece and the PR campaign, contact volunteers David Massey at 865-621-8352 or Don Lindsey at 865-250-0914.

6. NAC to Hear about Affordable Housing in Knoxville

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will hear from Becky Wade, Director of Community Development, and Linda Rust, Community Development Administrator, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Wade and Rust will present information on the affordable housing crisis and how the City is responding.

All are welcome to attend.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), a 15-member body appointed by the Mayor, meets the second Wednesday of each month (except July and December) at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

7. Tell Us About Your Fall Events

Is your neighborhood organization hosting a fall event? Let us know!

The Office of Neighborhoods would love to help publicize any fall events that neighborhoods are hosting or participating in.

If you have an event to share, please contact Eden Slater at 215-2113 or eslater@knoxvilletn.gov or Hannah Freeman at 215-3456 or hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov.

8. Chapman Highway Project Seeks Neighborhood Input

The Chapman Highway Implementation Plan Survey closes in two weeks! Have a say in your neighborhood! Fill out the survey and spread the word!

180+ Knoxville neighbors have shared their thoughts and hopes for the Chapman Highway Implementation Plan; take a minute to share your vision for the six mile stretch within the City Limits.

Review the Chapman Highway Study and take the survey: https://knoxtrans.org/chapman-highway

The Chapman Highway Implementation Plan is an effort to evaluate previous studies, confirm their recommendations, identify new issues, and develop a strategy for road improvements.
In an effort to make the City’s Highway corridor a better place to walk, bike, drive, shop, and live; MPC, the City, and consultants from Kimley-Horn Associations have formed a stakeholder committee and scheduled public meetings to hear from those who utilize the area day in and day out. The team hosted a public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and will present next steps based on input from this meeting and the survey at a follow-up meeting this winter.

The survey closes Monday, Oct. 15! Get your word in today!

**9. Save the Dates for Recode Round Three**

Office of Neighborhoods is partnering with MPC to provide round three of public meetings for Recode Knoxville. This is the time to express your opinions about the new zoning code that will shape the future of our city for many years to come.

Meetings are planned in five geographical areas:

- Monday, Oct. 22 – East – Payne Avenue Baptist Church, 2714 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 – West – Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7400 Deane Hill Dr. NW
- Thursday, Oct. 25 – South – South Doyle Middle School, 3900 Decatur Dr.
- Monday, Oct. 29 – Downtown – Overcoming Believers Church, 211 Harriet Tubman St.
- Tuesday, Oct. 30 – North – Church of the Good Shepherd, 5409 Jacksboro Pike

You can find the meeting nearest you or you can attend any that fit your schedule. All presentations will discuss the changes made to draft two of the Recode plan and draft one of the Recode map.

Your opinions are important; please plan to attend at least one meeting. Meetings and locations can also be found on the Office of Neighborhoods Calendar and Office of Neighborhoods Facebook Page.

**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 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

**About This Newsletter**

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