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ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC
MONDAY, SEPT 3RD
★ 4-6 PM ★



MOE'S ORIGINAL BAR B QUE • MADE FROM
SCRATCH • BOW TIES • HOT DOGS • KONA ICE

— With music by K TOWN BAND —



The annual Labor Day Picnic will be September 3rd from 4-6 pm. It's one of the highlights of the year in our neighborhood. This is a great time to catch up with friends and meet so many of the families who live in Sequoyah Hills. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray to Vance Link Park on Cherokee Boulevard. We will have games for the kids, music by K Town Band, and – did we mention the food trucks? Moe's Original Bar B Que, Made From Scratch, Bow Ties, Hot Dogs and Kona Ice will be there. Put this on your schedule and watch for reminders on the Facebook page.

Fall Activities (West End Parking Lot)

Saturday, September 1st, 8:00 AM, Hope 5K Race

Saturday, September 8th, 8:00 AM, High School Cross Country Meet

Sunday, September 30th, Morning, Bridges to Bluffs 10K Swim (finish line)

Saturday, October 6th, 8:00 AM, High School Cross Country Meet

Saturday, November 17th, 10:00 AM Youth Greenway Series

NOTE: Animal Control has recently stepped up patrols along the river in Sequoyah Park in response to complaints about "off-leash" dogs. Animal Control can be reached Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM by calling 3-1-1. After 5:00 PM and weekends call 215-7457.



The surprise lilies gave Sequoyah Hills an outstanding show this summer. This plant (*Lycoris squamigera*) is also called the resurrection lily or naked lady. The lily's strappy leaves emerge in the spring and die back before summer. Then, mid-

July through August long stems pop up, bearing fragrant pink blossoms. After a few years a single bulb will form a clump. Squirrels and other critters dig and replant the bulbs so they can appear in unexpected places. Surprise lilies don't like a lot of summer water and often grow best in spots we don't water often, like lawns, groundcover areas, and untended patches. The plants produce leaves regardless of winter temperatures, but will bloom only when the bulbs get long enough periods of cold over the winter. The weather conditions of 2018 must have been ideal to give us such a fine display!

ReCode Knoxville Updates

The ReCode project is a complete reworking of city zoning ordinances that continues to evolve. A second draft was released in late July, with new zoning maps out August 6th. While there are many potential changes that may or may not survive to the final product, the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) concept in the proposed new ordinance package has the potential to affect the KPSHA neighborhood to a significant degree.

The current draft defines Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as "An additional dwelling unit located on the same lot with and is incidental to, a principal single-family dwelling. An accessory dwelling unit may be attached or detached and must include separate cooking and sanitary facilities, with its own means of ingress and egress."

Currently this would apply to all residential zones. Minimum lot size is 5,000 square feet. Only one ADU allowed per lot and not in a front yard or corner side yard. Size of the ADU is based on the lot size. No additional parking is required.

Several residents have voiced concerns over this concept in older well-established neighborhoods such

as ours. These include but are not limited to the variety in lot size, topography, and the potential for an ADU to be used as a short term rental (STR).

KPSHA is working to setup a neighborhood meeting with City Council members to hear opinions / concerns. The date for such a meeting will be announced on the KPSHA Facebook page. Several upcoming public meetings with MPC staff are listed below.

KPSHA recommends attendance at one of these meetings for all interested residents. Changes in the final document will hopefully depend on public feedback.

Full information is available online at www.recodeknoxville.com

- **August 20 6:00 PM** Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7414 Deane Hill Dr
- **August 23 6:00 PM** Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike
- **August 29 6:00 PM** Central United Methodist Church, 210 3rd Avenue

Sequoyah Elementary News

Greetings from Sequoyah Elementary School! As we begin a new school at Sequoyah, we are reminded of the wonderful gift we have to love and teach our students each day. Our school culture which has been developed over almost 90 years of teaching, learning, parent involvement, and community support is one we celebrate and protect. We are grateful for the ongoing excellence which surrounds our school in all ways! I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks and recognize several special people and groups who support the outstanding learning environment at Sequoyah Elementary.

Thank you to the Sequoyah school community. The success of our small community school is no doubt a reflection of the collaboration and partnership of our school partners, community members, school families, and exceptional educators. We really are thankful for the partnership which supports our school as we strive for excellence each day.

I am very thankful for our dedicated PTO and parent volunteers. Our students are better served each day because of parent volunteers who serve in the Library, art room, or other classrooms throughout our school. PTO also provides fun family events such as Carnival and Book Fair. Many of these volunteers work at our

school for long hours, many days a week. They are a big part of our school's success!

I am thankful for the boys and girls who call Sequoyah Elementary their school home. I love the students who walk through our hallways. They are special in every way – from the way they help one another work through challenges to the hard work they put into their learning!

We have an outstanding faculty and staff that I am very thankful to work with each and every day. Their dedication to our students and school is unmatched! They love their students as if they were their own and work tirelessly to provide learning experiences that will last a lifetime. It is our hope that our students leave their elementary years with a strong and deep passion for learning, exploring, and making the world around them a better place.

It takes a team of volunteers, teachers, and staff to make sure our students are prepared and provided with the very best educational environment. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Fall season!

– Ms. Hinton
Principal, Sequoyah Elementary

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Be Smart with Your Cart: Getting Curbside Recycling Right

Most Sequoyah Hills households use the city-provided recycle bins. But with recent concerns about shrinking markets for recyclables and some recycled waste ending up in landfills, how can we make sure that what we put in our recycle bins can actually be recycled? Makenzie Read, the Public Service Coordinator in Knoxville's Office of Solid Waste, answered our questions about recycle:

Can we put the recycle in plastic bags and drop the bags into the bin? Makenzie's short answer is NO. She says that all recyclables should be loose (not bagged) in both curbside recycling and at any recycling drop-off center. "Plastic bags and plastic film are only recyclable when placed in a designated bin at a grocery store. Plastic bags/film in the recycling stretch out, wrap around the machinery used to process the recyclables and ultimately break down this equipment. They also pose a danger to the workers who process the recyclables and have to open the bags without knowing what is inside."

What are the most common contaminants in curbside recycling bins? Makenzie listed four problem contaminants, which can delay or ruin the recycle: (1) plastic bags and plastic film for the reasons discussed above, (2) batteries, (3) glass, and (4) "tangles," that is, anything with a cord (water hoses, string lights, etc.) that could wrap around the machinery and break down the equipment. Food waste, yard waste, and construction waste are also serious no-no's. If the collectors detect these items, your bin will not be emptied.

What can we do with old batteries? Some types of batteries (like lithium-metal ones) can explode. They are a great danger to the drivers who collect the recyclables and to the workers who process them. Other batteries

contain rare materials that can be recovered for reuse via recycle. Please take batteries (and other hazardous household waste) to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (1033 Elm Street), for proper, free disposal.

What about glass? Glass was banned from curbside collection in 2017, but you can still take clean glass containers (not plate glass, light bulbs, window or mirror glass) to a recycling drop-off center where you sort it by color (clear, green, or brown). Glass collection in the mixed recycle was stopped because, Makenzie explains, "at some point on a glass container's journey from the curbside bin to the processing facility, it will break. The shards mix with the other recyclables and are almost impossible to separate out. This low-quality glass has no buyers and must be sent to a landfill. Removing glass from single-stream recycling keeps the other sorted materials cleaner, ensuring that they can be sold and that recycling programs remain viable!"

Break down all cardboard boxes. Whole boxes take up a lot of space in the trucks, and full trucks limit the amount collected and reduce the efficiency of the collection process. Also, if your bin is full, put recycling by the bin in a cardboard box, paper bag or a container clearly marked as recycling. Or take overflow (and glass) to city waste collection centers like the one behind the shopping center on Western Avenue or the UT public recycle dropoff on Stephenson Drive (off Joan Cronan Drive). The UT facility has containers for alkaline and rechargeable batteries.

Check the City's recycling website: www.knoxvilletn.gov/recycling or contact Makenzie with specific questions at mread@knoxvilletn.gov

Sequoyah Library Events:

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
(Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

Thank you to new and renewing members!

For those who haven't yet, it's not too late! 2018 dues are \$50 and are tax-deductible. Monetary contributions are the sole source of support for the programs of this volunteer organization. Checks payable to KP-SHA (mail to P.O. Box 1162; Knoxville, TN 37939) or pay online with PayPal at <http://sequoyahhills.org/dues.html>