



# JOURNAL

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## EVENT CALENDAR

Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) Meetings

<b>SEP</b> <b>12</b>	<b>OCT</b> <b>10</b>	<b>NOV</b> <b>14</b>
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All SPNA meetings take place at 7 p.m., downstairs at the Cohn Adult Learning Center. (48th & Park Avenues)

**SPNA Visioning Sessions Meeting**  
Saturday, Sept. 17 - 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(Lunch provided)  
West Police Precinct

**SPNA Family Movie Night**  
Saturday, Oct. 1 - 6:30 p.m.  
Richland Park

**SRC Community Fall Fest**  
Saturday, Oct. 15 - 7 a.m. to noon  
Cohn Adult Learning Center

**MNPS Giant Yard Sale**  
Saturday, Oct. 22 - 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Hillsboro High School Gym

**Election Day**  
Tuesday, Nov. 8 (early voting Oct. 19-Nov. 3)  
Visit [nashville.gov/vote](http://nashville.gov/vote) for more info

# Disney ZOOTOPIA

## Join us for SPNA's second-annual Family Movie Night Oct. 1

Calling all kids, parents, grown-up kids and movie fans: The Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association is excited to invite you to our second-annual Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 1, at Richland Park at 6:30 p.m. for Disney's animated comedy mystery Zootopia. The PG-rated film will begin at dusk around 7 p.m.

This event will be free to all neighbors thanks to our sponsors, who will be featured in a special thank you message in our next issue. Popcorn will be served.

Please bring blankets to sit on instead of folding chairs as this will allow the best visibility for all audience members. Keep an eye out for more information about this great event on the SPNA Facebook Page and Nextdoor. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, or are interested in being an event sponsor, or maybe you know a neighborhood business owner, please contact Laura Boldt, activities chair, at [lauramoninboldt@gmail.com](mailto:lauramoninboldt@gmail.com).

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# SPNA visioning sessions update

As you likely have heard, read about or participated in, SPNA has been undertaking an asset-based community visioning process over the last year. It started last fall with a neighborhood survey in which over 500 residents provided their feedback about what they love about Sylvan Park, what aspects of our neighborhood are most important to them and ways that SPNA can best serve our neighbors. Earlier this summer, about 60 residents over four different in-person sessions explored the questions "What does it mean to be a good neighbor?" and "What are the characteristics of a good neighborhood?", and then discussed ways in which Sylvan Park falls short, meets and exceeds expectations of a great neighborhood.



The next step in this process is to gather to hear the results of the four individual sessions and discuss strategies for how to keep Sylvan Park a great neighborhood for our neighbors that live, work and play here. Part of this important discussion is how SPNA can continue to fulfill its role and improve it as a hub of relevant information for our community, an organization that supports other groups serving and improving our neighborhood,

and a respectful place for difficult neighborhood discussion at times when we have difficult choices to make.

I hope you will join us on Saturday, September 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch provided) at the West Police Precinct (5500 Charlotte Avenue) to continue the work of improving the connections among us and this special place we call home.

## *Senior Renaissance Center's Pancake Breakfast to be held October 15*

The Senior Renaissance Center will hold its annual Community Fallfest on Saturday, October 15, from 7 a.m. to noon in the first floor area of the Cohn Adult Learning Center (4805 Park Avenue). Pancakes will be served until 11 a.m.

The Fallfest is free and open to the public. Pancake breakfast tickets are \$5 per adult or child. The event will feature a silent auction and a flea market, including the Oldies but Goodies clothing rack and a country store offering homemade crafts. Proceeds support the center's mission. For more information, contact Judy Redmond at Redjumond@att.net or (615) 269-4565.

## A message from the SPNA president

While I must admit that while there are aspects of every season in Middle Tennessee that I love, my absolute favorite is fall. We start to get a break from the endless heat and humidity, our lives become refocused by the routines of shorter days, school days and sports programming, and the flavors of fall's harvest are some of my favorites. All of this also brings a flood of fond childhood memories for me -- of tailgates, roasting marshmallows, hayrides, trick or treating, and various community and family gatherings. What's not to love?!

Here in Sylvan Park, we likewise turn our attention to the new school year for our neighborhood's many schools and adult education programs, sports programs gearing back up in our parks and a renewed energy at the Richland

Park Farmer's Market as summer's peak of tomatoes and corn make way for squash, apples, potatoes and lettuces. We are particularly excited at SPNA this fall because we have so many great activities planned that celebrate the best of the fall season, including our second annual Movie Night in the park. We are also partnering with other organizations in the city such as Neighborhoods Resource Center to participate in the Celebration of Neighborhoods and Walk/Bike Nashville on an Open Streets Day on Charlotte Avenue.

Fall is always a great time of year, but fall in Sylvan Park this year is going to be exceptional! I look forward to seeing you around SP.

- Tracy Kane

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# Nashville Community Education fall registration under way

Nashville Community Education, an affordable enrichment program for adults in Middle Tennessee, offers a variety of classes including fitness, cooking, languages, career development, technology and so much more. Class fees average around \$30, and some offerings are even free.

Did you know this great resource was in your backyard? Most classes are held at

the Cohn School in Sylvan Park on the corner of Park and 48th Avenues. NCE also offers classes Wright Middle School in South Nashville and, starting this fall, at the Martha O'Bryan Center in East Nashville.

Fall registration is now open, with many classes starting September 6, and registration continues through the fall. If you're looking for a safe, comfortable

and relaxed environment to learn a new skill, start a hobby and/or make connections right in your neighborhood, then Nashville Community Education is for you. Download a catalog and register online at [nashville.gov/ce](http://nashville.gov/ce). Or call NCE at (615) 298-8050.

## Neighborhood briefs

### *MNPS Giant Yard Sale to be held Oct. 22*

Hillsboro High School will host a Giant Yard Sale fund-raiser on Sat., Oct. 22, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym at 3812 Hillsboro Pike. Furniture, home goods, exercise and sports equipment, toys, electronics, clothing/accessories, pet supplies and "almost anything" else will be accepted. All donations are tax deductible. Items can be dropped off at the gym entrance on select Saturdays in September and October. Visit [WeAreHillsboro.com/yardsale](http://WeAreHillsboro.com/yardsale) for drop-off dates and more information.

### *Mark your calendar for the Sylvan Park Mom's Club annual holiday market*

It may feel like this steamy summer will never end, but the holidays are just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the SPMC Second Annual Holiday Market. Last year's event was a huge success, and we hope to make this year's Holiday Market even better. SPMC is putting together a fantastic group of vendors -- all mom entrepreneurs, and many local to Sylvan Park -- offering fabulous products and services. The market will be held Sunday, December 4, at St. Ann's Catholic Church (5101 Charlotte Ave) from 1 to 5 p.m. More

information will be provided as the date approaches, so mark mark your calendars now. We hope to see you there!

### *Join us for the Nashville Neighborhoods Celebration Sept. 24*

This fall is packed with activities that are fun for the whole family, one of them being the Neighborhood Resource Center's annual "Nashville Neighborhoods Celebration". This year's Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Scarritt Bennett Center (1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville). The event serves as an opportunity to celebrate Nashville's neighborhoods and the people who make them great. There will be bands playing all day, kids games/activities, and numerous competitive events between the various neighborhood associations including: Battle of the Neighborhood Bands, Chili Cook-Off & Tasting, The Neighbor Games, and the Neighborhood Association Competitive Showcase Presentations. Cash prizes are awarded to all first, second and third place finishers. Visit [NashvilleNeighborhoodsCelebration.org](http://NashvilleNeighborhoodsCelebration.org) for more details. Interested in participating in one of the competitions? Contact Stephanie Grant at [stephanie.c.grant@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.c.grant@gmail.com).

### *A farewell note from Lisa Quinn, owner of The Willow Tree*

I just wanted to let everyone in Sylvan Park know what an honor it has been to be your neighborhood gift shop for the past six years! Each person that has shopped with me has truly left their own imprint on my heart. It has been my pleasure to help you all find that perfect gift for a loved one or something special for you! Or perhaps a lovely treasure for your home. Each gift was wrapped with care and the hope that it helped make your "to do" list a bit shorter!

I have absolutely loved being a part of the Sylvan Park neighborhood! I couldn't imagine having my shop anywhere else. Thanks to everyone that chose The Willow Tree as their "go-to" store and who helped it grow more every year. I am proud that it was such a big success and loved by so many. It is time for me to step away from retail and begin another journey. Many people have asked why I didn't sell my precious store. My choice not to sell comes from the fact that the shop was such a huge piece of my heart and my heart is simply not for sale. I would want no one at the helm of The Willow Tree but me.

I wish each of you all the very best and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your business, but more than that, for the very special memories.

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## Join the SPNA! Take part in your neighborhood!

*Join the Sylvan Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) and help make our neighborhood an even better place to live. Dues are only \$15 per year for each adult member. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Cohn Adult Learning Center.*

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