

# ADVOCATES FOR THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION

## Newsletter

February 2, 2021

Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR) invites you to join two upcoming talks via Zoom.

### **Why We Oppose the Proposed Oak Ridge Motorsports Complex Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 PM**

A real estate developer wants to build a motorsports complex in an Oak Ridge industrial park with significant ecological and recreational value. The proposed development would destroy natural assets that DOE committed to protect and adversely affect recreational users and nearby residents. Additionally, there are questionable claims of economic benefits not supported by a feasibility study or a business plan.

But this development cannot happen without approvals from City of Oak Ridge and DOE. Join us Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm as Virginia Dale and Ellen Smith of Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR) give a history of the Horizon Center, the BORCE, the impact a motorsports complex would have on those areas and the surrounding neighborhoods, and what you can do to voice your concerns.

This presentation is sponsored by Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR), Oak Ridgers for Responsible Development (OR4RD), and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP).

To attend the meeting, please

register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoc-6gqzkjHdL8mRdKRagS0kNKzkGZviBy>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **Biodiversity on the Oak Ridge Reservation Wednesday, March 10 at 6 PM**

Dr. Evin Carter is a Research Associate in the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He serves as the Wildlife Ecologist for the Oak Ridge Reservation and has recently discovered a new species of cave snail there.

The Oak Ridge Reservation supports remarkable biodiversity, including species and ecological communities absent or uncommon in surrounding areas. The Reservation is home to 26 state-listed threatened and endangered plants, 20 federally and state-listed animal species, with appropriate habitat for additional listed wildlife species. It contains seven registered State Natural Areas and has been recognized as an International

Biosphere Reserve. Dr. Carter will share his knowledge and amazing photos of the Reservation.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94589800994?pwd=aUZobzJScnJBSzAraE41VklQTWhpQT09>

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We would appreciate your considering becoming a member of AFORR by completing the information at the end of this email.

Best wishes,

AFORR Executive Board

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- Vice President- Ellen Smith
- Secretary-Treasurer- Robert Kennedy
- Representative for The Nature Conservancy of TN- Katherine Medlock
- Representative for the Foundation for Global Sustainability – Wolf Naegeli
- Representative for Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP) - Jimmy Groton
- At-large members: Bill Schramm, Doug Colclasure, Gray Dean, and Jasmine Kreig

**Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR) MEMBERSHIP FORM (please print out and mail)**

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Membership Level:

\_\_\_\_ Individual - \$15/year

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NOTE: Nothing of monetary value has been provided in consideration of these membership dues and additional contributions. AFORR is a nonprofit organization under

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