



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 25 – Tuesday, July 13, 2021

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1. Event to Provide Info, Answer Questions on Proposed Multi-Purpose Stadium

A Block Party Info Session for neighbors to learn more about the proposed multi-use stadium proposed for the Old City area will be held Saturday, July 17, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at 400 E. Jackson Ave.

Attendees can talk one on one with project planners, representatives of the Tennessee Smokies, their multi-use development partner, Knox Pro Soccer, and community partners like the Knoxville Area Urban League. Advocates say the stadium and the hundreds of events it will host each year will create jobs and encourage new private investment in the area. Join the event to ask your questions.

Bring the kids to the Block Party, in the shade beneath the James White Parkway near the site of a proposed multi-use stadium. This is a family-friendly event with food trucks and activities.

The stadium, if built, would be leased to Boyd Sports and the Tennessee Smokies AA Southern League baseball team, but the facility would host hundreds of other non-baseball events each year, such as concerts or festivals. As part of a larger redevelopment effort around the stadium, GEM Community Development Group, the private partner to Boyd Sports, is planning to invest more than \$100 million to build apartments, condos, restaurants, and offices in East Knoxville.

The project is awaiting an economic impact analysis and other detail work by the newly formed Sports Authority. If the independent data supports going forward and the City and County authorize it, a best-case scenario calls for construction possibly beginning within a year and the multi-use stadium opening for community use and events in 2024.

Visit [KnoxvilleTN.gov/stadium](https://www.knoxvilleTN.gov/stadium) for info about the proposal.

2. No NAC Meeting in July

There will be no Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meeting this month. Typically, the NAC does not meet in July and December of each year. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 4:30-6 p.m.

3. The Neighborhood Advisory Gets New Name

For the past 14 years, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment has been providing residents with a wealth of information through the almost weekly Neighborhood Advisory.

In 2020, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment asked Neighborhood Conference registrants to suggest and vote for a new name for the newsletter. We had a great number of responses. However, when COVID hit, and the 2020 Neighborhood Conference was cancelled, the name change was put on pause.

A few months ago, we revived the topic and compiled all the suggestions that people made. Our department's staff voted, and the winner was ***The Neighborly Notice!*** The person who came up with this name was Makenzie Read, our very own City staff who works in Public Service.

The newsletter content and structure is not changing, but be on the lookout for possible upgrades with more pictures, graphics, etc.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest. It was great fun going through the suggestions.

4. ONE Provides Resources for Neighborhoods

Did you know that the Office of Neighborhoods (ONE) has almost 30 different resources for both new and existing neighborhood organizations? Best of all, these resources are available on our website for anyone to access!

We have guides to help you deal with blight in your neighborhood, starting or restarting your neighborhood group, getting neighbors involved and engaged, holding successful neighborhood meetings, governing your neighborhood, fundraising opportunities, ways to communicate with neighbors, and more.

To access these resources, check out our website [here](#).

5. In Knoxville, We Vote!

The election cycle is upon us, with the 2021 City Primary Election coming up in three weeks. The final day to register to vote before the Primary is Monday, Aug 2. City of Knoxville elections are held in odd-numbered years.

Offices on the 2021 ballot for this year are City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

All terms of office are 4 years. After 2021, the next City election will be 2023. That is when the City will vote for City Council District 5; City Council At Large A, B, and C; and the Mayor.

Be on the lookout for upcoming candidate forums so that you can be informed about the candidates and the issues before you vote.

To register to vote, click [here](#). For additional election information, including candidates and links to their campaign websites and social media accounts, visit GoVoteKnoxville.com.

6. 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 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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*** This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.*

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*** Deadline for news & calendar items: 12 p.m. Fridays.*

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