



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 27 – Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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Published by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, we report news important to Knoxville's residential neighborhoods. Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1, Huge Thanks Go To Katie and Holly

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) owes a huge Thank You to two very special people who are about to fly the coop.

University of Tennessee student Holly Van de Vate joined us in May of this year to see if she had an interest in government work. It has been wonderful to watch her learn, grow, and share her creative ideas with us. She has helped us with articles in the newsletter, reviewed and shared suggestions on our programs, and worked on a potential pilot program for neighborhood groups and student groups to work together to improve neighborhoods. We hope to be able to implement this pilot in the near future.

We wish Holly the best of luck as she finishes out her last year at UT in 2022, where she will graduate with a BS in Environmental Sustainability. Her last day will be Thursday, August 5.

Katie Catron came to us as an AmeriCorps VISTA member in August 2020. It has been an interesting year for her, to say the least. Just as we were starting to get her out into the community, everything closed down for the second time. She is witty, resourceful, and always ready to help, so she figured out ways to engage. She re-imagined the health program, known as Healthier Tennessee, for Knoxville, and has guided several neighborhoods through this first pilot year. This program still does not have a name, but we are working on it. She has taught neighbors how to use Zoom; updated our Guest Speakers and Funder's guides; kept us on track with our (almost) weekly newsletter; and been an integral part of our team during these unusual times. Her last day is Monday, Aug. 2.

Katie will be moving to West Virginia to work as a youth counselor. We wish her well and hope she brings her talents back to Knoxville one day.

If you want to wish either Holly or Katie well, you can email Holly at sustainabilityintern1@knoxvilletn.gov; or Katie at kcatron@knoxvilletn.gov.

2. City Seeks Candidates for Neighborhood Advisory Council

Are you an advocate for your neighborhood --- and neighborhoods in general? Would you like to learn more about how city government works? Do you enjoy discussing public policy, particularly in regard to neighborhoods? Would you like to work with other neighborhood leaders on neighborhood issues?

If you answered YES to these questions, consider serving on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

The NAC meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and December) to discuss Knoxville's residential neighborhoods and provide the City with candid viewpoints on how they can best be maintained, supported, improved, rejuvenated and sustained.

NAC consists of neighborhood leaders and activists who occupy 15 seats -- two in each of the six City Council districts and three at large. Terms are set for three years, and members may serve up to two full terms (six years). Members wishing to serve a second three-year term must reapply.

The terms of five of the 15 seats expire this December. These seats and current occupants are:

- City Council district, Seat 1-B (Gayle Atherton)
- City Council district, Seat 3-A (Vacant)
- City Council district, Seat 4-A (Rob Glass)
- City Council district, Seat 5-B (Molly Conaway)
- City Council district, At Large Seat A (David Gillette)

To be appointed by the Mayor to a numbered seat, you must live in that City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 1-B must be a resident in the First City Council district. These positions run January 2022 through December 2024.

If you are interested in serving, please fill out and submit an application, located [here](#) and return it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. You can also mail the application to P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN, 37901. Call the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-4382 to have a hard copy mailed to you, or if you would like more information about the positions.

Applications are due by **Friday, Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m.**

To view City Council district boundaries, browse [KGIS's website](#) and then click on Maps, Political District Maps, and City Council. You can also input your own address to find out which political districts you live in.

3. Wiffleball Anyone?

We are doing a poll to see if we have enough interest in having a 2021 Wiffleball Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Three neighborhoods -- **Westwood Homeowners Association, West Hills Neighborhood Association, and Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** -- have said they are available, but we need a couple more groups to make it a tournament.

If your neighborhood is interested, email Sarah Holsenback at sholsenback@knoxvilletn.gov to express your interest.

The Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament began in the spring of 2017. The winner for two years in a row was Westwood Homeowners Association. In 2019, Oakwood Lincoln Park took the championship away from Westwood. Unfortunately, in 2020 we were not able to have the Tournament. If there is enough interest, we would like to have one for 2021, but in the fall and in a new location, Caswell Park Fields.

For 2022, we will plan to go back to having the event in the spring at Victor Ashe Park.

4. KAT & KCHD Partner for Vaccine Clinic

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) and the Knox County Health Department (KCHD) are working together to host a vaccine event for the public. This clinic will be on Monday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 12-4 p.m. at Knoxville Station Transit Center's Community Room, 301 E. Church Ave.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be administered, and no appointment is necessary to receive a vaccine.

This is a convenient way to get your vaccination while at work or shopping downtown. The Blue Line Trolley travels directly to the station, and for those not taking transit, parking is available at the Civic Coliseum Garage. Masks are required while riding KAT and at Knoxville Station Transit Center.

For more information, you can call 637-3000.

5. Life-Altering Crash Map is Now Available

Every 13 hours in our region, someone experiences a fatal or serious-injury traffic crash.

A new [interactive map](#), created by the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), shows where these life-altering crashes occur and sorts them by severity and type.

The idea for this mapping and data analysis came from previous work on pedestrian- and bicycle-related traffic crashes, which account for approximately 8 percent of life-altering crashes in the region. TPO staff wanted to investigate additional crash types to better understand the locations and circumstances in which road users of all types are most at risk.

All of this crash information – including maps, infographics, reports, and access to raw data – can be found on one [web page](#).

This data is important to TPO's work on traffic safety. Some crash types occur more often on certain days and times of day. For instance, teen-driver crashes happen most frequently on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons, while senior-driver crashes occur most often on weekday afternoons. Just 13 roadways in the region account for a large share of life-altering crashes. Many of these crashes also involve alcohol or other drugs, which suggests that the use and abuse of these substances is an important factor.

Addressing these issues requires a broad effort by multiple parties. TPO helps coordinate those efforts by regularly collaborating with local governments, Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), and others to share information.

6. Why Are My HOA Fees High?

Are you considering moving into an area with a legal Homeowners' Association (HOA), Condo Association, or do you currently live in one?

Deterioration is constant, predictable and can be expensive to repair. Is the board of the HOA setting aside funds on an ongoing basis to offset the deterioration of things included in the organization's bylaws/covenants, such as neighborhood entrance signs, public spaces, detention ponds, and/or structural improvements?

Low HOA fees could be a sign that you might not be covered when deterioration occurs in your neighborhood. There might not be funding available for important upgrades when needed.

If you live in a legal HOA and you do not have a copy of the organization's bylaws/covenants, it would be good idea to request a copy from the president. If you would like to understand more about the importance of keeping HOA and Condo fees up to par with the responsibilities and needs of the group, see this article by [NPR](#).

7. BBB And POH Meet This Week

The [Better Building Board](#) will meet this Thursday, July 29, in the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St. and via Zoom at 3:30 p.m. You can access the meeting via [Zoom](#). Passcode: 853282

There are two items on the agenda: 708 E. Depot Ave. as old business, and 5117 Tillery Rd. as an appeal.

The [Public Officer Hearing](#) will be held Friday, July 30, in the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St. and via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. You can access the meeting via [Zoom](#). Passcode: 453612

The new items on the agenda are: 1417 Crocus Ln.; 708 Delapp Dr.; 3407 Delrose Dr.; 1823 Explorer Ln.; 1209 Forest Ave.; 112 Greenbrier Dr.; 2550 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.; 201 E. Morelia Ave.; 412 Ocala Dr.; 221 Oglewood Ave.; 211 S. Seventeenth St.; 3418 Skyline Dr.; 5129 Tenwood Dr.; and 118 Westwood Rd.

Speakers must register in advance with Cheri Burke at 215-2867 or cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov.

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8. Alliance House Hosts Emancipation Day Freedom Ride

The Alliance House will be hosting its first “Emancipation Day Freedom Ride,” from Knoxville to Jefferson City, on Saturday, Aug. 8, meeting at Chilhowee Park and leaving the area at 7:30 a.m.

This free event is in memoriam of enslaved Black people of Tennessee who were freed on Aug. 8, 1863.

For more information, Contact De’Ossie Dingus at 332-2677 or visit their website at www.alliancehousecc.org.

9. Do You Know the Affect Cruises Have on the Environment?

Cruise can be a super fun way to go on vacation. At the same time, cruises can inflict significant harm on our environment.

A typical cruise ship with 3,000 passengers generates the following: 1 million gallons of gray water; 210,000 gallons of sewage; 25,000 gallons of oily bilge water; 100 gallons of

hazardous or toxic waste; 50 tons of garbage and solid waste; and diesel exhaust emissions equal to thousands of cars on the road.

Sea rules and regulations can vary. Since the sea spaces are owned by different entities, regulations can range from strict to no regulations at all. Cruise companies have been caught dumping trash, food, and even sewage out into the ocean.

So what can you do if you want to take a cruise, but you care about the environment?

Find cruises that use solar panels, recycle and reduce on-board waste. Find out if the cruise ship's staff is eco-educated and ask about their water filtration system.

There are also things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint while on a cruise, such as taking public transit to the port, turning lights out while not in your room and not wasting food as you graze through the mile-long buffets.

This series of articles is being written for ONE's newsletter in order to continue with the City's re-certification for the [Certified Wildlife Habitat](#) with the National Wildlife Federation.

[10. 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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