



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 32 – Tuesday, August 31, 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. Primary Election Is Today

If you want your voice heard, it is important to vote! The City Primary Election is being held today, Tuesday, Aug. 31.

If you did not get a chance to vote during Early Voting, you have one last chance to vote today. During Early Voting, you can vote at any of the polling sites; however, on Election Day, you must vote in your precinct. If you are unclear which precinct you are

in, try this handy [KGIS tool](#) or contact the Knox County Election Commission (KCEC) at 215-2480.

The top two winners in each district (1, 2, 3, 4, and 6) from today's election will go on to the General Election, which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2. For that election, Early Voting will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

For more information, visit the City of Knoxville's [Go Vote! Knoxville website](#) or visit the KCEC [website](#).

2. City Announces Labor Day Weekend Schedule

City of Knoxville offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, for the Labor Day holiday. This includes the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Waste Connections will run residential garbage and recycling routes on Monday, Sept. 6; city residential pickup days will not change for the holiday. (As a general reminder, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are not picked up as scheduled.)

Downtown trash and recycling will also run on its regular schedule throughout the Labor Day weekend.

The City's five recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available to receive household goods donations on Monday, Sept. 6.

The City's Solid Waste Facility located at 1033 Elm Street will be closed on Saturday, September 4 and Monday, September 6. Due to the holiday, Free for City Residents Saturday at the Solid Waste Facility will be held on the second Saturday of the month, Saturday, Sept, 11.

3. No Newsletter Next Week

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will not produce a newsletter next Tuesday, Sept. 7, but do not worry; we'll be back soon with information, updates, fun events and activities!

If you just cannot make it a whole week without an update from the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, then make sure you're following us [on Facebook](#) to fill in the gaps.

4. Mayor Kincannon Names Community Safety Director

Tuesday morning, Mayor Indya Kicannon announced the appointment of LaKenya Middlebrook as the City's new Community Safety Director.

This new cabinet-level position will oversee and coordinate all aspects of community safety, increasing collaboration between the Mayor, her leadership team, KPD, KFD and other community partners who are on the ground to address public safety issues in Knoxville.

“LaKenya Middlebrook is an effective and passionate leader who works tirelessly for justice in all situations,” Mayor Kincannon said. “She has established relationships with key partners that will help us build out sustainable violence interruption programs and other solutions that will work best in our city.”

Middlebrook will transition from her current role as the Executive Director of the City’s Police Advisory & Review Committee (PARC) to Director of Community Safety in early September.

Read more in [this City news release](#).

5. City Hosts COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Have you been waiting for the COVID-19 vaccine to become fully approved by the FDA? That time has come, and the City of Knoxville is hosting three vaccine clinics to increase opportunities for City staff and members of the public to get the vaccine. The newly FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine will be administered by Knox County Health Department staff to all eligible persons ages 12 and older at the following times and locations:

- Monday, Sept. 13 (1st Shot) and Monday, Oct. 4 (2nd Shot), at the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.);
- Tuesday, Sept. 14 (1st Shot) and Tuesday, Oct. 5 (2nd Shot), at the Public Works Building's Community Room, 3131 Morris Ave. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.);
- Friday, Sept. 17 (1st Shot) and Tuesday, Oct. 12 (2nd Shot), at the Civic Auditorium Lobby, 500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave. (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Appointments are not necessary. Check with your doctor if you have any questions about this vaccine.

6. National Night Out Scheduled for Oct. 12

National Night Out (NNO) is on! Due to the high level of the COVID-19 virus in our community, City officials encourage neighborhood groups that want to participate to host outdoor events, but if that is not possible, to host indoor events with attendees wearing masks.

If your neighborhood is not comfortable doing an event, there are other ways to show your support:

- Decorate in Blue
- Leave Your Lights On
- Send Thank You cards

Decorate in Blue – Decorate your mailboxes, yards, houses, etc., with signs supporting the police, sidewalk chalk, or any other creative ideas. Be sure to include the major streets your neighborhood would like to highlight in your registration for Police Officers, Fire Fighters, First Responders, and City Council, to drive through and see your support.

Leave Your Lights On – This traditional way to show support for the police is a classic NNO option. If your neighborhood chooses to leave the lights on, officers will do their best to drive through and see your demonstration of support.

Send Thank You Cards – Simply sending a thank you card to KPD, a specific officer, an officer liaison, and/or the Chief, is another way to show support. Send mail to: KPD, National Night Out, 400 Main St., Knoxville, TN 37901.

If your neighborhood plans to have an event or show support by decorating/leaving the lights on, please register with KPD's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov along with Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov by Friday, Oct. 8, including the following information:

- Neighborhood Name
- Contact Name
- Contact Email
- Contact Phone #
- What activities your neighborhood plans to do
- Location
- Start and End Time
- Do you want a Drive Through by Police and/or Fire?

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO provides an opportunity to enhance relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. NNO provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

If you would like to also [register](#) with the national NNO organization, visit the National Night Out website.

All neighborhoods are encouraged to participate in one way or another!

7. City Requests Public Input on CAPER

The City of Knoxville is looking for public input on the program year 2020-2021 draft of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

It will be available for public review and comment for 15 days beginning on **Monday, Sept. 13, and ending Monday Sept. 27.**

The report describes how the City of Knoxville spent Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during the program year that ended June 30, 2021. The report will also describe how the City used supplemental funding from HUD through the CARES Act, including CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds, which were given to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

The draft report will be available for review in the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Office, Fifth Floor, City-County Building, 400 Main Street and on the City's website at www.knoxvilletn.gov/development under "Reports and Plans." The draft report may also be mailed to interested parties upon request by calling Cicely Henderson at 215-2180. The final report will be submitted to HUD by Sept. 30, 2021.

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To share a comment or for questions, contact Linda Rust at 215-2357, lrust@knoxvilletn.gov, or mail to City of Knoxville, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN 37901.

All comments must be received no later than **Monday, Sept 27.**

[8. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (click link for online calendar)

Call 215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

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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](#)

About This Newsletter

*** 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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