



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 14, No. 36 – Tuesday, October 05, 2021

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### **1. National Night Out is One Week Away!**

National Night Out (NNO) is one week away -- Tuesday, Oct. 12!

To show your appreciation for Knoxville's first responders, you and your neighbors may choose to turn on your porch lights on, decorate in blue, or host an event.

If your neighborhood group plans to hold an event or show support in another way, please register with KPD's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Officer John Morgan at

[jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov) along with Neighborhood Coordinator Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto: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. This annual, neighborhood-based observance is a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive, non-emergency circumstances and to build relationships and mutual understanding between neighbors and public safety officers. It is also a great opportunity to recognize all first responders in the area for all the work they do for the community.

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

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

## **2. Knox County Planning Alliance Offers Final Workshop in Series**

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is collaborating with Knox County Planning Alliance (KCPA) to host a virtual workshop series on citizen advocacy and engagement in the local land-use and planning processes.

The third and final workshop in the series will take place online Thursday, Oct. 21, 6-8 p.m.

Join this [Zoom link](#).  
Passcode: 611011

KCPA will share how to quickly organize your efforts and your neighbors, how to identify the facts, how to choose your speakers, to whom to communicate your message, and how to establish positive, long-lasting community relationships. They will provide tools and resources that will help you ask the right questions, and why the approach is just as important as the message.

All are welcome to join. If you have questions, contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-4382.

### **3. City Seeks Candidates for Fifth District Neighborhood Advisory Council Seat**

Are you an advocate for your neighborhood -- and neighborhoods in general? Have you recently been involved in your neighborhood -- or been involved for a while? Would you like to learn more about how the City of Knoxville government works? Would you like to work with other neighborhood leaders on neighborhood issues?

If you answered YES to these questions and you live in the 5th City Council District, please consider serving on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

[Applications](#) are due by **Friday, Oct. 29, at 4:30 p.m.**

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 who occupy 15 seats -- two in each of the six City Council districts, plus three at-large members. 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.

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

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.

### **4. Alliance for Better Nonprofits Hosts City Council Candidate Forum**

The Arts & Culture Alliance, Old City Association, Downtown Knoxville Alliance, and Alliance for Better Nonprofits will be hosting a City Council Candidate Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at The Emporium Center, 100 S Gay St.

Masks will be required for this event.

You must RSVP and submit questions by TODAY, Tuesday, Oct. 5 to [info@knoxalliance.com](mailto:info@knoxalliance.com).

The citywide election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 2, with early voting beginning Oct. 13. Join the forum to learn more about the candidates running to represent residents in Districts 1-4 and 6.

## **5. Go Vote! in the 2021 City of Knoxville General Election**

The first day of the Early Voting period for the 2021 City of Knoxville General Election starts next week on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The final day to request an [absentee ballot](#) is Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Offices on the 2021 ballot are listed below:

- [City Council District 1](#)
- [City Council District 2](#)
- [City Council District 3](#)
- [City Council District 4](#)
- [City Council District 6](#)

Are you not sure where to vote? Visit the [KGIS Voting Location Search Tool](#). Enter your address in the text box and click the “Go!” button. You will be able to see your voting location and a list of local and state representatives.

City elections are held in odd-numbered years. All terms of office are 4 years. After 2021, our next City election will be 2023.

For more voting information, please visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

## **6. Police Advisory and Review Committee Meets This Month**

The Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) will hold its quarterly public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. The location of the meeting has not been announced yet. You may check back on the [PARC web](#) page for the location closer to the meeting date.

PARC reviews citizen complaints made against the Knoxville Police Department and incidents involving police action following the conclusion of KPD Internal Affairs Unit investigations. Citizens can either register formal or anonymous complaints with PARC.

Any person who is a victim, a witness, or who has knowledge of alleged police misconduct can make complaints. A complaint may be filed by telephone, online, consultation, and/or by scheduling an appointment with the PARC office.

To file a complaint on police misconduct online, use this [form](#). To print a physical copy of the complaint form, please click [here](#).

If you have questions, contact Marcus Rudolph at [mrudolph@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:mrudolph@knoxvilletn.gov) or 215-3966.

## **7. Last Chance to Provide Feedback on TPO Outreach Plan**

The Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is requesting community input on its Outreach Plan. The [draft document](#) is available for public review and comment until this Friday, Oct. 8.

TPO regularly updates its Outreach Plan, which fulfills federal requirements and serves as a working tool for staff to reference with each new plan and project. The last Outreach Plan update was adopted by the Executive Board in 2018.

Since then, technology and preferences have changed and circumstances related to public health have made it clear that traditional outreach opportunities may be impossible at times. For these reasons, they have made updates to the plan that include an expanded definition of a public meeting that encompasses in-person, virtual, and hybrid options. They have also incorporated new outreach methods and noted the importance of flexibility and dedication to using new methods when possible.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Laura Edmonds at 215-2506.

## **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](#)

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