



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 38 – Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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1. No Newsletter Next Week

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) will not produce a newsletter next Tuesday, Oct. 26, but don't worry, we'll be back soon with information, updates, and fun events and activities!

If you can't make it a whole week without an update from the ONE, then make sure you're following us [on our Facebook](#) page to fill in the gaps.

2. South Woodlawn Installs Neighborhood Signs

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association (SWNA), located in South Knoxville, had a ribbon cutting this past Saturday, Oct. 16, for their four neighborhood signs that they installed over the past few months.

They had a team of people research the possible locations, picked the viable ones, and worked through the city's Neighborhood Sign process. Their sign committee, led by Sara Baskin, thanks all involved who made the project a reality.

SWNA was able to secure a grant through the Neighborhood Small Grant Program this year and request City Council 202 funds to help pay for their signs.

If you have questions about the Neighborhood Sign process, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

3. Neighborhood Reschedules Picnic in the Park

Anyone interested in learning more about the First Creek Park Vision Plan designed by the East Tennessee Community Design Center (ETCDC) is encouraged to attend the neighborhood picnic in the park hosted by **Old North Knox Inc.**

The neighborhood picnic was moved to Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 5:30-7 p.m. at First Creek Park. First Creek Park is located at the end of Pratt Street off Hall of Fame Drive.

Please bring your own dinner, dessert, and a picnic blanket or chairs so that everyone can socially distance. **Old North Knox Inc.** will provide hand sanitizer, water, and hot dogs for the children that attend the event.

The neighborhood asks that you RSVP to the event if possible by contacting Margareth Olsson at margaretholsson@gmail.com. If you are unable to RSVP, the group would still love for you to attend the event.

The group is excited to see you there!

4. Knox County Planning Alliance Offers Third Workshop

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 final workshop in the series is scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom.

What do engaged neighbors do when they see a zoning sign posted on a property in the neighborhood? KCPA will share how to identify the facts, organize efforts and neighbors, choose speakers for meetings, how and 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.

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 811 6936 2210

Passcode: 611011

All are welcome to join. If you have questions, contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-4382.

5. Save the Date For The Neighborhood Conference

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment has announced the date of the Neighborhood Conference (TNC). It will be Saturday, April 2, 2022, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are planning for this event to be in person at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Have you attended a previous Neighborhood Conference and seen the many different workshops that have been offered? Do you have any ideas for a workshop in which you and your neighbors would like to participate? Are you new to TNC, but still have ideas about great topics for neighborhoods? We would love to hear them.

In addition, we want to hear from neighbors about what they would like for this year's door prizes in the \$100 range. We can't purchase gift cards, so what are items you would love to see as door prizes?

Please send any comments, ideas, and thoughts to Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3456.

We are excited to hear your ideas!

6. Early Voting has Started for the General Election

If you are a registered voter in Knox County and you live in the City or own property in the City, you may early vote in the Regular Election until Thursday, Oct. 28.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2.

During early voting, you may vote at any early voting location. To find the location nearest you, visit the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#).

In this election, City residents/property owners are voting on City Council representatives for Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6. To see a sample ballot, visit the [KCEC website](#).

To see how to use the new voting machines, you can watch [this video](#).

For more information, visit 2021 [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

7. Sports Authority Meets

The sixth meeting of the Sports Authority will be 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the City of Knoxville Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

The proposed multi-use stadium, if authorized by the City and County, would be built on property just east of the Old City and managed by the Sports Authority. The stadium would host professional baseball games/soccer matches, as well as concerts, festivals, and other public events.

The total economic impact of the stadium and surrounding private development is projected to be nearly \$480 million over 30 years.

No property taxes will be used to pay for the stadium. The estimated cost to the City and County would be \$240,000 for each government annually for the first 10 years. At that point, according to the economic impact study, the project has the potential to pay for itself.

For more information about the proposed project, visit www.knoxsportsauthority.com or www.knoxvilletn.gov/stadium.

8. BBB and POH Scheduled for Next Week

The Better Building Board (BBB) will meet on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building or via [Zoom](#). Passcode 639481

Properties being addressed are 1823 Explorer Ln. – Accessory structures only and 4522 Asheville Hwy – Boarding approval.

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

The BBB hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders. They hold hearings and may affirm or alter the Public Officer's order. If the property owner does not comply with the BBB's order, the city may repair or demolish, alter, improve, secure, board, or vacate and close the structure and bill the owner for the service. A lien can also be placed against the property to recover expenses for repair or demolition.

The property owner may appeal the BBB's order to the Knox County Chancery Court. The Better Building Board may also hear cases regarding the city's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance.

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) will be held the next day, Friday, Oct. 29, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building or via [Zoom](#).

Properties being addressed will be 3320 Ashland Ave.; 314 West Church Ave. aka 322 West Church Ave. – Commercial – Confirmation of emergency repair only order; 306 West Churchwell Ave.; 140 West Moody Ave.; 4717 Santala Dr. – including accessory structure.

Board Approvals are for 408 Ambrose St., and 1151 Sevier Ave.

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9. PARC Meets Next Week

The Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) meets on Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. at the Family Justice Center, 400 Harriet Tubman Street.

The purpose of PARC is to strengthen the relationship between the members of the Knoxville Police Department and the citizens they serve through an independent review of police actions.

PARC reviews incidents involving police action following the conclusion of the Internal Affairs investigations. Citizens can either register formal or anonymous complaints with PARC's executive director.

To request to speak during the public forum portion of a PARC meeting, contact Marcus Rudolph at mrudolph@knoxvilletn.gov before 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27.

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10. Leaf Season is Quickly Approaching!

The City of Knoxville will start collecting leaves on Monday, Nov. 1.

Crews use the same trucks to collect leaves that they do to collect brush by switching out the equipment mounted to the truck bed in different seasons. The knucklebooms used to collect large limbs and trash in the spring, summer and fall will be replaced with large vacuums to suck up leaves this winter.

Because of this, brush collection will be suspended over the winter months so crews can focus on leaf collection. Leaf collection season runs November-February. You can expect collection four times throughout the winter. This is about every four weeks, but it does vary depending on several factors. Some years the leaves all drop within a short timeframe, and other years they drop continuously through the winter. Weather can also impact collection. Wet sticky leaves are harder to collect quickly than dry leaves, icy conditions impede pick-up, shortened daylight hours don't allow for sufficient time, and fog impacts the crews ability to work safely.

To help facilitate collection of leaves, please remember the following:

- Leaves are vacuumed, so do not mix brush with leaves as it jams the equipment.
- Rake leaves into piles at the edge of the street in an unobstructed area for easy collection.
- Place leaf piles away from fixed objects like mailboxes, decorative lawn ornaments, or landscaping fabric; the vacuum is very powerful and the collection pipe must be swung to collect leaves.
- Leaving adequate space around objects will reduce the likelihood of property damage and lead to a more efficient leaf collection.
- Leaves must be kept separate from trash.
- Bagged leaves will not be collected as the bags compromise the mulching process.

Leaves should be placed at the curb by Monday of your collection week. The collection schedule can be delayed due to uncontrollable circumstances, but your leaves WILL get picked up. Call 311 or visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/leafpickup to find your collection schedule.

[11. 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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