



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 44 – Tuesday, December 14, 2021

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1. No Newsletter for the Next Two Weeks

There will not be *The Neighborly Notice* newsletter for the next two weeks, but don't worry – we'll be back in the new year with information, updates, fun events and activities that keep you and your neighbors engaged with the City and your community!

If you simply cannot make it two weeks without an update from the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE), then be sure you're following us [on our Facebook](#) to fill in the gaps.

We will see you in 2022!

2. NAC Appointment Goes Before City Council

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) had one last appointment to go before City Council for 2022, and that happens tonight.

If approved, Angel Bowman from **Lonsdale Community Association** will take Seat 5-B. Rolling off that seat was Molly Conaway from **Oakwood Lincoln Park**.

The NAC consists of neighborhood leaders from around the city, and it serves in an advisory and partnership capacity to:

- Give advice and feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment
- Bring neighborhood issues and concerns to the attention of the Mayor and City administration
- Propose responses and solutions to address these concerns
- Serve as a sounding board for City initiatives and proposals affecting neighborhoods

Members are appointed by the Mayor. There are two designated seats for each City Council district as well as three at-large positions. Members serve three-year terms, limited to two consecutive terms.

3. Historic Gibbs Drive Hosts Holiday Parade of Lights

Historic Gibbs Drive Neighborhood Association invites everyone to experience their Holiday Parade of Lights on Gibbs Drive in Fountain City now through Saturday, Jan. 1.

You will see beautiful historic homes decorated in festive holiday style! From classic white Christmas traditions to handmade decorations and some over-the-top displays, this neighborhood will have you feeling the Christmas spirit. Tell the kids to be on the lookout for Santa coming out of the 30-foot chimney. Everyone is welcome to vote for his or her favorite lights on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 5-7 p.m.

Gibbs Drive is located directly across N. Broadway from the Fountain City Kroger. Visit the [Historic Gibbs Drive Facebook](#) for more information and photos of some of the decorated homes.

4. Board of Zoning Appeals to Hear Four Properties

The City of Knoxville Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will consider four petitions for variance of requirements of the Knoxville City Code Zoning Regulations at their Dec 21, meeting.

The meeting will be held at 4:00 pm in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street. The four properties are:

- 222 Radford Pl
- 2126 Forest Ave
- 7201 Kingston Pike
- 5121 Camelia Rd

For more details about these requests, see the [BZA agenda](#).

Data pertinent to this amendment may be seen in the office of City of Knoxville Plans Review and Building Inspections Department, 4th Floor of the City County Building, Main Street, Knoxville, TN.

If you need assistance or accommodation for a disability, please contact the City ADA coordinator at 865-215-2034. Please contact Cheri Burke at 865-215-2867 or cmurke@knoxvilletn.gov with questions about attending or for alternate attendance options.

This meeting and all communications between the Board members is subject to the provisions of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act, Tenn. Code. Ann. § 9-44-101, et seq. A decision of this Board may be appealed to City Council by filing an Appeal Application and paying the required fee with the Plans Review and Building Inspections Department within fifteen (15) days of the date of the decision.

5. City Announces Holiday Schedule

City of Knoxville offices, including the 311 Center for Service Innovation, will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 31.

Because Christmas falls on Saturday this year, there will be no suspension of residential trash and recycling services; trash and recycling will be picked up as usual on your service days. While Waste Connections will pick up garbage and recycling on Friday, Dec. 24, their office will be closed and telephones will not be answered.

However, downtown trash and recycling, which are typically serviced on Saturdays, will not be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 25.

Trash and recycling are always picked up on New Year's Eve, and this year is no exception; however, Waste Connections' office will be closed Friday, Dec. 31 and phones will not be answered.

Between Monday, Dec. 27 and Jan. 7, 2022, drivers will collect properly bagged excess holiday household trash and broken-down cardboard placed next to full garbage carts.

The City's five recycling centers will be open but the Goodwill attendant will only be available for household goods donations for a half day on Friday, Dec. 24. The center will be unstaffed but open for recycling drop-off on Saturday, Dec. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 1.

The City's Solid Waste Facility located at 1033 Elm Street will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 27, with normal hours resuming on Tuesday, Dec. 28. For the New Year's holiday, the Facility will be closed on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1 with normal hours resuming Monday, Jan. 3.

Due to the holidays, "Free for City Residents Day" at the Solid Waste Facility will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, the *second* Saturday of the month. This service is for Knoxville residents only—please no contractors and no shingles.

For tips on how to prevent waste by recycling or donating gently used items during this giving season, please visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/recyclingguide.

6. Make a Difference in Young Lives as a Foster Grandparent

The CAC Office on Aging is searching for adult seniors to join the Foster Grandparent program.

Foster Grandparents mentor and tutor students, provide emotional support, and volunteer in schools or afterschool programs. Enrich your life while enriching the lives of the youth in our community. The comfort and love provided by Foster Grandparents sets a child on a path to a successful future.

Volunteers for this program receive a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement or public transportation tickets, meal allowances, paid orientation, and much more. A Foster Grandparent is in good physical and mental health, is a good role model, is willing to serve 15-40 hours a week, and can pass a background check.

If this sounds like you, call 524-2786 or visit the [Foster Grandparent Program website](#) to complete an application

7. Bring in 2022 at the Sunsphere

Bring in 2022 with your friends and family at World's Fair Park on Friday, Dec. 31, with food trucks, free activities, DJ music starting at 9 p.m., and live music by the Mike Snodgrass Band beginning at 10 p.m.

The ball will drop from the Sunsphere at Midnight.

Plan an evening enjoying the lights and restaurants in Downtown Knoxville. Ice-skating

at Holidays on Ice will be open until 10 p.m., and then take the short walk over to World's Fair Park to continue your evening celebrating the start of a new year!

Let's all hope for a healthy, fun, productive and amazing 2022!

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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