



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 43 – Tuesday, December 7, 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. CAC Senior Companion Program Needs Volunteers

Are you 55+ and looking to increase your income? Would you like to help seniors maintain independence? If so, consider becoming a companion for the CAC Office on Aging's Senior Companion Program.

Volunteers for this program will provide companionship and support to older adults who are experiencing loneliness, isolation, and barriers relating to aging. It allows seniors to

build meaningful relationships with one another in adult day facilities and in-home settings. Each companion volunteer will receive a tax-exempt stipend, mileage reimbursement or bus pass, and payment for training.

To start your volunteer journey as a Senior Companion, contact the CAC Office on Aging at 865-524-2786 or knoxooa@knoxseniors.org. Find more information about this program at KnoxSeniors.org.

2. Celebrate Christmas in Burlington

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's annual Christmas in Burlington!

This event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 12-5 p.m, in the area of the Greater Warner Tabernacle parking lot along Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. and along Oakland and Kirkwood St.

Fun activities taking place during the day include:

- Gift booths
- Music and entertainment
- Hot cider and cocoa
- Food vendors
- Shopping
- Networking
- Singing
- Prizes
- Arts and crafts
- Coloring contest
- Christmas games
- Christmas photos

Stick around to enjoy the special Christmas tree lighting service at 5 p.m.

3. West High School Hosts Outdoor Fest

Are you interested in learning more about land stewardship in your neighborhood?

The West High School Environmental Club is hosting the West High Outdoor Fest on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 2-5 p.m. in the school's Sutherland Avenue side parking lot.

Attendees will enjoy a native plant swap, nature-themed booths, lectures, live music, and food trucks.

If you have any questions about the event, please email landstewardshipinitiative@gmail.com.

4. Nominate Your Good Neighbors

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Do you know someone who welcomes new neighbors, volunteers to help those in distress or works tirelessly to service your neighborhood organization? Is your neighbor that person who shows up to lend a hand at every neighborhood potluck, community cleanup, or neighborhood meeting?

The *Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award* is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who — in a spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community — has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The mission of the annual award is to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

Nominations are now open and will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 21, at 4:30 p.m. Nominees must be residents of the City of Knoxville. Previous nominees may be nominated again. More than one nomination may be submitted for a single nominee. The winner will be announced and all nominees will be honored at the annual Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2. Nomination forms can be found on the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment [website](#).

5. Enjoy the Holidays in the City

There are so many ways to celebrate the holidays here in Knoxville!

If ice skating in the heart of Downtown Knoxville sounds like fun, get [tickets](#) for Holidays on Ice! This is an open-air ice rink located in Market Square, open day and night, seven days a week, for children and adults to skate the day away.

Regular Hours:

Now - Friday, Dec. 17

Monday through Thursday: 4 to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 1 to 9 p.m.

Extended Hours:

Saturday, Dec 18 - Sunday, Jan 2

Monday through Thursday: 1 to 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 1 to 9 p.m.

Special holiday hours for Christmas & the New Year:

Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas Day: Closed

December 26: 1 to 9 p.m.

New Year's Eve: 1 to 10 p.m.
New Year's Day: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

If drive-in movies are your thing, enjoy a free holiday event in Chilhowee Park at the Midway. There will be free activities for all ages, and there will be free photos with Santa Claus from 5:30-7 p.m. The photo shoot with Santa will be followed by a free drive-in movie presentation of Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) starting at 7 p.m.

6. Tour de Lights Returns to Knoxville

Bike Walk Knoxville (BWK) and Visit Knoxville are partnering to continue the Tour de Lights tradition in Knoxville for its 15th year!

The community is invited to participate on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. in a fun, free, family-friendly bike ride through the Old City, North Knoxville and downtown. Participants are encouraged to decorate themselves and their bikes. The event engages neighborhoods and businesses, along with others who come out to view the festivities.

The ride will begin in the Old City, at the corner of Willow Street and Patton Avenue, and end in Market Square. Participants are encouraged to show up early and join in the festivities. Stay after the ride to enjoy the holiday scenery and businesses in downtown Knoxville. Mast General and Three Rivers Market will be providing hot chocolate and cookies in Market Square following the event.

Bike Walk Knoxville would like to thank their sponsors, whose generous support makes this event possible. For more information, visit the BWK [website](#).

7. Planning Meets This Thursday

[Knoxville-Knox County Planning](#) (Planning), our local agency responsible for countywide planning and administration of zoning and land subdivision regulations, will meet this Thursday, Dec. 9, at 1:30 p.m., in the Main Assembly Room at the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

It can be helpful to review the [agenda](#) to see if there are any proposed changes being requested in your neighborhood. If there are, you or the neighborhood organization might wish to speak on behalf of an item.

If you wish to speak, you must attend in person and sign up by 9 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Fill out this [form](#) to sign up. If you wish to observe only and do not want to attend the meeting, you can do that on CTV or [YouTube](#).

To learn more about the planning process, visit the [Planning website](#).

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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