



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 15, No. 23 – Tuesday, June 21, 2022

To subscribe to this newsletter via email, fill out this form at <http://eepurl.com/b2Rk9T>. You will then receive an automated email. Reply to this automated email to secure your free subscription.

Newsletter (PDF version): <https://bit.ly/NeighborlyNotice-2022-06-21>

1. Challenge Grants Due This Friday
2. Fourth and Gill Hosts Home Tour
3. Are There Alternatives to Robert's Rules of Order?
4. Save Lives With 25
5. DA Announces Citizen's Academy Dates
6. USA Cycling Championships Return to Knoxville
7. Help Riparian Areas Where We Live
8. [Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#)

-----  
*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.*

[Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleNeighborhoods](https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleNeighborhoods)

-----

### **1. Challenge Grants Due This Friday**

The Parks and Recreation Department's 2022 Challenge Grants are due by this Friday, June 24.

Applications can be mailed to "Parks and Recreation Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901", or emailed to [thester@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:thester@knoxvilletn.gov).

These grants are reimbursement matching grants, which means groups will be reimbursed up to one half (50%) of the eligible costs of their approved projects. Parks and Recreation will not reimburse more than 50% of the eligible cost of the project. If your project is approved you will be awarded a specific grant amount that will not exceed \$2,500.

For more, visit the City's [website](#).

## **2. Fourth and Gill Hosts Home Tour**

This Saturday, June 25, Historic Fourth and Gill Neighborhood Organization, will be hosting their 32nd anniversary Tour of Homes fundraising event.

They will be providing a new feature of a VIP Champagne Brunch as well as tours of secret gardens throughout the neighborhood.

You can join the neighborhood folks as well as Mayor Indya Kincannon for the VIP Brunch from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Tour of Homes and Secret Gardens will be from 1-6 p.m. The tour will feature the beautiful Gothic Revival architecture of Central United Methodist Church along with seven historic houses, including the 2017 HGTV Urban Oasis and seven meticulously designed gardens. Adding to the celebration, the church's organists will be presenting concerts at 2 p.m. and at 4 p.m. in the church's sanctuary.

This event will be rain or shine. For more information or to get your tickets, go to their [website](#).

For questions, contact [4g.hometours@gmail.com](mailto:4g.hometours@gmail.com)

## **3. Are There Alternatives to Robert's Rules of Order**

Robert's Rules of Order are a complex, formal system for group decision-making. They were developed by General, Henry M. Robert, a U.S. Army Engineer who studied parliamentary procedure. He first published Robert's Rules of Order in 1876.

For some nonprofit organizations, Robert's Rules of Order are an appropriate way to manage the way meetings are conducted and especially to handle disagreements. For others, the use of Robert's Rules may be counterproductive to the goals of the organization, including the desire for productive working relationships among the members.

Here are some web-based resources that offer alternatives to Robert's Rules. You may wish to consider these resources before deciding on the best method for conducting formal business and settling disputes. By offering these resources, the Office of

Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is not advocating one approach over another. Also, keep in mind that some approaches, such as consensus decision-making, may be too time consuming or simply impossible under specific circumstances.

- Consensus Decision-Making: A Virtual Learning Center: <http://consensusdecisionmaking.org/>
- Democratic Rules of Order (this has to be purchased): <http://democraticrules.com/>
- Atwood's Rules: <http://robertsrules-team1.weebly.com/alternatives.html>
- Comparison of Robert's Rules, Consensus Process and Dynamic Facilitation: <http://www.co-intelligence.org/l-comparisonRR-CC-DF.html>

If you know of other resources for making decisions, feel free to share them with the ONE.

#### **4. Save Lives With 25**

The speed limit on some neighborhood streets will soon be changing!

City Council approved a measure that means starting July 1, 25 miles per hour (mph) will be the new speed limit on all unmarked neighborhood roads. (That means streets with no posted speed limit sign.)

This is a 5 mph reduction, which may sound small, but research shows it can significantly reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

The bottom line: Save Lives with 25!

Learn more by going to [www.knoxvilletn.gov/savelives25](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/savelives25).

#### **5. DA Announces Citizen's Academy Dates**

The District Attorney General, Charme Allen, has announced the dates and application process for the 2022 District Attorney General Citizens Academy.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in Knox County, and must undergo a criminal background check.

If you would like to attend the Citizens Academy, [apply](#) by Friday July 22. The dates will be eight consecutive Thursdays. Sept. 1, Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13 & Oct 20; from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. each session.

If you have not participated before, you might want to consider joining this fall. Feel free to share this information with your fellow neighbors, colleagues, and friends.

Held each year in the fall, the District Attorney General's Citizens Academy provides an overview of the criminal justice system and addresses current trends impacting public safety in the 6th Judicial District. After covering the basics, participants learn what it is like to represent the State of Tennessee in the court of law, through a mock trial. With seasoned prosecutors playing as witnesses, victims, and defense attorneys, the mock trial can take several turns.

For more, contact Emily Scheuneman at (865) 215-2515 or [emily.scheuneman@knoxcounty.org](mailto:emily.scheuneman@knoxcounty.org).

## **6. USA Cycling Championships Return to Knoxville**

The USA Cycling Pro Road National Championships are returning to Knoxville this weekend!

This event will run from June 23-26, with the time trials starting on Thursday, June 23 in Oak Ridge. Friday, June 24 will be the Criteriom in downtown Knoxville, Saturday, June 25 will be Olympic Day at Safety City, and the Pro Road Nationals will be on Sunday, June 26 in Downtown Knoxville.

The USA Cycling weekend is a fun-community wide event; neighbors are encouraged to come out and cheer, make signs, and be a part of the excitement. In order to protect the cyclists and yourself, be sure to remain 6 ft. from the course when cyclists come through.

Unfortunately, to host such a major event here on our streets, the city will also experience road closures and changes in traffic patterns during that time. Visit the [City's website](#) for road closures. For any questions, you can call 865-342-9137.

## **7. Help Riparian Areas Where We Live**

A riparian area is the entire length of transition between land and water. We sometimes call them banks, buffers, or zones because this strip of land buffers the water from human and other impacts.

The landscape around us is constantly changing. As Knoxville continues to build and grow, the green spaces around us work to accommodate all of the changes. What we do outside affects what goes into our waterways, ranging from commercial construction down to the neighborhood kid mowing lawns over the summer. Every individual can play a role in keeping our riparian areas healthy.

A few of the benefits from riparian areas are stream bank stabilization, habitat for wildlife in the water and along the waterway, filtering stormwater pollutants, and providing space for storing extra water from heavy rains. These help humans by

minimizing safety hazards from unstable streambanks, increasing wildlife diversity, improving water quality, and reducing property damage to the built community.

You may know of a riparian area in your neighborhood, but can you tell if it is healthy or not? A healthy riparian zone has trees, shrubs, plants, shade, and it looks safe to walk along the edge without thinking the bank will collapse.

If your community is interested in repairing or restoring a riparian area the [State of Tennessee website](#) has some great resources for putting a plan into action.

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

Call 865-215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

The City of Knoxville ensures meaningful access to City programs, services, and activities to comply with Civil Rights Title VI and ADA Title II laws and reasonably provides translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, auxiliary aids and services.

To request language translation services, contact Community Empowerment Director Charles F. Lomax Jr at [clomax@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:clomax@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2536. For disability accommodations, contact City ADA Coordinator Stephanie Brewer Cook at [scook@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-2034 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

#### **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.*

*\*\* Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

*\*\* Deadline for news & calendar items: 12 p.m. Fridays.*

*\*\* May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood email lists and newsletters.*

*\*\* See past issues at our website: <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods>*

*\*\* Don't have internet access? Call 865-215-4382 if you need a copy of a particular document.*

