



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 27 – Tuesday, July 26, 2022

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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. KAT Updates Stakeholders

After hearing from the public about the community's transit priorities during the [KAT Reimagined](#) study, the Knoxville Transportation Authority (KTA) voted to direct consultants Jarrett Walker + Associates to move forward with a system design that

dedicates 70% of resources to ridership goals and 30% to coverage goals. The consultant team will be back at the end of this month to begin work on the next stages of implementing this concept.

KAT invites everyone to a progress update and feedback session tonight, Tuesday, July 26, at 4 p.m. at Knoxville Station Transit Center's Community Room, 301 Church Avenue.

This meeting is open to the public and is expected to last about an hour.

The system redesign process will go through another round of public engagement, with a draft plan to be released in the fall. Any final concepts would be approved by the Knoxville Transportation Authority.

2. City Hosts Second Burlington Streetscape Project Meeting

The City of Knoxville is hosting a Burlington Streetscape Project update meeting on Monday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. at Greater Warner Tabernacle AME Zion Church, 3800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

This public meeting will relay the final details of the Burlington Streetscape Project. This meeting will primarily be focused on plans based on the community's input, the Right-of-Way process, and the project's next steps.

All are welcome to attend.

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For disability accommodations, contact City ADA Coordinator Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

3. Full Directory is Back on the City's Website

The full Neighborhood Directory is back up on the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's (ONE) website. You can view the updated directory [here](#).

ONE recently put the full directory back online in order to ensure easy access to neighborhood's contact information. The directory provides the City Council district, names, emails, and website/social media information as provided by the neighborhood organizations.

If you have any questions about the directory, feel free to contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

4. Neighborhood Advisory Council Accepts Applications

Have you ever wondered how you and your neighbors can better engage with the City of Knoxville, its offices and services? Are you an advocate for your neighborhood...and neighborhoods in general? Would you like to learn more about how city government works? Do you enjoy discussing public policy, particularly in regard to neighborhoods? Would you like to work with other neighborhood leaders on neighborhood issues?

If you answered YES to these questions, consider serving on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

If you are interested in serving, please fill out and submit an application, located [here](#), and return it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. You can also mail the application to Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN, 37901.

Applications are due by **Friday, Aug. 26, at 4:30 p.m.**

The NAC meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and December). We would ask that applicants commit to attending these meetings, missing only when necessary.

NAC consists of neighborhood leaders and advocates who occupy 15 seats -- two in each of the six City Council districts and 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.

The terms of five of the 15 seats expire this December. These seats and current occupants are:

- Seat 2-A (Jack Sherrod)
- Seat 3-B (Jody Mullins)
- Seat 5-A (Philip Hipps)
- Seat 6-B (Morgan Wilson)
- At-Large Seat B (Millie Ward)

To be appointed by the Mayor to a numbered seat, you must live in that City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 2-A must be a resident in the Second City Council district. These positions run January 2023 through December 2025. The At-Large position may live anywhere within the city.

To view City Council district boundaries, visit [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.

Call the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment at 215-3232 to have a hard copy mailed to you, or if you would like more information about the positions.

5. Last Call For National Night Out

Is your neighborhood planning to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 2? If so, please notify Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov and Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov by Monday, Aug. 1, with the following information:

Name of the Neighborhood

Event time

Location

Address

Contact person's name

Contact person's email

Contact person's phone number

Type of activity

We will inform local First Responders about your activities so that they may attend.

For questions, please contact Officer John Morgan or Debbie Sharp via their emails listed above.

6. POH Meets This Week

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) will be held on Friday, July 29, at 9:30 a.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, and online via [Zoom](#).

During the New Business/Orders, they will address 2410 Amber St.; 4205 Coster Rd.; 1509 North Fourth Ave.; 1723 Maryland Ave.; 1201 New York Ave.; and 211 Seaman St.

During the Boarding Approvals portion of the meeting, they will address 2410 Amber St., 1209 Forest Ave., 3407 Greenway Dr., 1207 Hedge Ave., 3101 East Magnolia Ave., 1201 New York Ave., 217 East Scott Ave., 2831 Woodbine Ave., 201 East Young High Pike.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you or someone from your neighborhood organization may wish to speak on the current situation.

Anyone wishing to speak in person or via Zoom, should contact Cheri Burke in advance at cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov.

The [Better Building Board](#) (BBB) will not meet this week.

The BBB hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders. The BBB holds 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 BBB may also hear cases regarding the city's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance.

After the Neighborhood Codes Enforcement office issues complaints to property owners regarding structures that are alleged to be unfit or dangerous, the Public Officer holds hearings and issues orders to property owners to make repairs or to demolish unfit structures. If the property owner does not comply with the order, the city may also repair or demolish 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 Public Officer may also order an owner to alter, improve, secure, board, or vacate and close a structure. The property owner may appeal the Public Officer's order to the BBB within ten days of receipt of the order.

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7. Fort Sanders Summer Roundup Cleans Streets July 30, Aug. 7

City crews will thoroughly clean the streets of the Fort Sanders neighborhood on Saturday, July 30, and Sunday, Aug. 7, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day. Residents need to move their vehicles from on-street parking spaces during this time. Vehicles that are not moved prior to each day's clean-up will be towed.

Crews will clean streets running north and south on Saturday, July 30, and streets running east and west on Sunday, Aug. 7.

To remind residents of the cleaning days and street-parking closures, crews are posting roughly 250 temporary no-parking signs on Thursday, prior to Saturday's street-cleaning work, as well as putting flyers on hundreds of vehicle windshields throughout the neighborhood.

Traffic is expected to continue to flow on the affected streets, although some temporary short-term closures may occur as needed due to safety protocols.

For additional information about individual streets affected by the bi-annual cleanup, read the news release at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov.

8. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Releases Litter Reporting Video

Keep Knoxville Beautiful released a video last week on how to report litter in the city limits using the City of Knoxville's [My Knoxville app](#), available for Android and Apple devices. Watch [this video](#) to learn how to report littered areas to 311.

The video explains how to download the My Knoxville app, how to enter the address of the littered area, submit pictures if desired, and check the status of the request to ensure the littered area was serviced. City residents may alternatively call the 3-1-1 Center for Service Innovation (865-215-4311 if dialing from outside Knox County).

9. KCHD Hosts Heart Healthy Class

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) will be hosting free Heart Healthy classes in August.

KCHD will be teaching a two-part series on heart healthy living on Tuesday, Aug. 9 and 16, from 6-7 p.m. at the Knox County Health Department Community Room, 140 Dameron Ave.

To register for a free class, please call 865-215-5170 or visit the [KCHD website](#).

10. Where to Look for Problem Sources of Carbon Monoxide in the Home

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, deadly gas. It can kill you before you know it because you can't see it, taste it, or smell it. At lower levels of exposure, it can cause health problems. Infants, children, senior citizens and those with heart or lung problems may be more vulnerable to CO poisoning. When CO is breathed in by an individual, it accumulates in the blood and forms a toxic compound known as carboxyhemoglobin (COHb). Hemoglobin carries oxygen in the bloodstream to cells and tissues. Carbon monoxide attaches itself to hemoglobin and displaces the oxygen that the body organs need.

Carboxyhemoglobin can cause headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion and

irritability. Later stages of CO poisoning can cause vomiting, loss of consciousness and eventually brain damage or death.

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of combustion of fossil fuels. Fumes from automobiles contain high levels of CO. Appliances such as furnaces, space heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, water heaters, charcoal grills, fireplaces and wood burning stoves produce CO. Carbon monoxide usually is vented to the outside if appliances function correctly and the home is vented properly. Problems occur when furnace heat exchanger crack or vents and chimneys become blocked. Insulation sometimes can trap CO in the home.

Below is a checklist of where to look for problem sources of CO in the home:

- A forced air furnace is frequently the source of leaks and should be carefully inspected.
- Measure the concentration of carbon monoxide in the flue gases.
- Check furnace connections to flue pipes and venting systems to the outside of the home for signs of corrosion, rust gaps, holes.
- Check furnace filters and filtering systems for dirt and blockage.
- Check forced air fans for proper installation and to assure correct air flow of flue gases. Improper furnace blower installation can result in carbon monoxide build-up because toxic gas is blown into rather than out of the house.
- Check the combustion chamber and internal heat exchanger for cracks, holes, metal fatigue or corrosion. Be sure they are clean and free of debris.
- Check burners and ignition systems. A flame that is mostly yellow in color in natural gas fired furnaces is often a sign that the fuel is not burning completely and higher levels of carbon monoxide are being released. Oil furnaces with similar problems can give off an oily odor. Remember you can't smell carbon monoxide.
- Check all venting systems to the outside including flues and chimneys for cracks, corrosion, holes, debris, blockages. Animals and birds can build nests in chimneys preventing gas from escaping.
- Check all other appliances in the home that use flammable fuels such as natural gas, oil, propane, wood or kerosene. Appliances include water heaters, clothes dryers, kitchen ranges, ovens or cooktops: wood-burning stoves, gas refrigerators.
- Pilot lights can be a source of carbon monoxide because the by-products of combustion are released inside the home rather than vented outside.
- Be sure space heaters are vented properly. Unvented space heaters that use a flammable fuel such as kerosene can release carbon monoxide into the home.
- Barbecue grills should never be operated indoors under any circumstances nor should stove tops or ovens that operate on flammable fuels be used to heat a residence.
- Check for closed, blocked or bent flues, soot and debris.
- Check the clothes dryer vent opening outside the house for lint.

Stay safe!

11. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 865-215-3232 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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*** This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.*

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