

The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 28 – Tuesday, August 2, 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. City Accepting Neighborhood Advisory Council Applications

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment is now accepting applications for the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

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 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 candidate may live anywhere within the city.

To view City Council district boundaries, visit <u>KGIS's website</u> 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 865-215-3232 to have a hard copy mailed to you, or if you would like more information about the positions.

2. Next Neighborhood Safety Meeting is in South Knoxville

The next in series of neighborhood meetings focusing on neighborhood safety and awareness practices will be held in the 1st District (Fort Sanders and South Knoxville) on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m. at the Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary.

The Neighborhood Safety and Awareness series is a collaboration between the City of Knoxville Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE), Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC), the Community Safety Department, Knoxville Police Department (KPD), and the East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers initiative.

Residents of the 1st District are invited to learn about the types of crime happening in their neighborhoods and best practices for community safety, crime prevention, and safety awareness. If you have questions you would like to be answered at the upcoming meeting, please send them to neighborhoods@knoxvilletn.gov.

A meeting for North Knoxville neighborhoods will be held later this year. Meetings focused on East and West have already occurred earlier this year.

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 or 865-215-2536.

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. KFD Plans Next Fire Station Open House

The Knoxville Fire Department is hosting Open Houses in their fire stations. The next one is Thursday, Aug. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at Station 10 located at 2911 Sevier Ave.

They will have station tours, firetruck tours, meet and greet with the firefighters, and other activities.

All are welcome to join!

4. UT Offers Free Screenings

The University of Tennessee Medical Center is offering two different types of free screenings.

Free screenings for prostate cancer will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 8-10 a.m. at UT Medical Center Cancer Institute, 1926 Alcoa Hwy, Building F, on the First Floor. Free parking is available in the C1 lot. Free prostate cancer screenings will also be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, 9-11 a.m. at St. Paul Baptist Church, 2342 Louise Ave.

To schedule an appointment, call 865-305-6970, M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or email healthcoor@utmck.edu.

Prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer in men. Recommended for the screening are men 50 years and older, or men aged 45 and older for African American men or any man with a family history of prostate cancer.

UTMC will conduct 3D mammograms on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Lennon-Seney United Methodist Church, 2084 Dandridge Ave. Insurance will be filed for those who have it; for those who do not, call to qualify for grant funding. To schedule an appointment, call 865-839-7416 or email lking@utmck.edu.

The criteria for mammogram screenings:

- Age 40+
- No current breast problems
- No personal history of breast cancer
- Must be able to climb stairs independently
- At least one year since your last mammogram
- Patients with implants will need two appointments times

5. Election Day is Thursday, Aug. 4

If you have not done so during Early Voting, you may exercise your right to vote on Election Day, Thursday, Aug. 4, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

On the ballot will be the State and Federal Primary as well as the Knox County General Elections.

On Election Day, you must go to your precinct in order to vote. To find out your precinct location, visit the KGIS website.

There are many things on the ballot this year, so plan to spend 10-15 minutes filling out the ballot. To see a sample ballot, visit the Knox County Election Commission's website.

"Our political leaders will know our priorities only if we tell them....and if those priorities begin to show up at the polls." Peggy Noonan

<u>6. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar</u> (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

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.