



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 31 – Tuesday, August 23, 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 Extends Deadline for NAC Applications

The City of Knoxville has extended the deadline to accept applications for the Neighborhood Advisory Council to Friday, Sept. 2, 4:30 p.m.

If you are active in your neighborhood, want to learn more about how the City of Knoxville works, want to give input on new initiatives, and like to communicate back to your neighborhood; this council might be for you.

The group meets every second Wednesday of the month from 4:30-6 p.m. except July and December. We ask that folks attend at least 7 of the 10 meetings.

If this group interests you, please fill out the application and mail it to Debbie Sharp, Community Empowerment, Suite 546, 400 Main Street, 37902 or email it to dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

2. Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out

The national date to celebrate [National Night Out](#) is the first Tuesday of August, and three local neighborhoods – **Old North Knoxville, Inc.**, **Timbercrest Neighborhood Association**, and **West Hills Community Association** – [hosted fun community events](#) on a hot Aug. 2.

However, many Knoxville neighborhood groups have grown accustomed to celebrating the first Tuesday in October.

The City would like to know which neighborhoods plan to celebrate Tuesday, Oct. 4, so that local First Responders will be aware and can attend your event if they are available.

Please register your neighborhood with Officer John Morgan jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov and Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

Please respond with the following information:

- Neighborhood Name
- Neighborhood Contact
- Contact email
- Contact phone number
- Date of your event
- Time of your event
- Location of your event
- Planned activity

3. Safety & Awareness Series – South is Next Week

The next neighborhood meeting focusing on neighborhood safety and awareness practices will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 30, from 6-8 p.m. in the sanctuary of Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike.

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 City Council District – including Fort Sanders and South Knoxville neighborhoods – are invited to learn about the specific types of crimes 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 this year.

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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.

4. Fire Station 10 Hosts Open House

The Knoxville Fire Department (KFD) is hosting an Open House at Fire Station No. 10, located in the South Knoxville community, on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 4-7 p.m., 2911 Sevier Ave.

Everyone is welcomed to attend in order to meet your local firefighters, tour the station, see a fire truck, and much more. Light snacks will be provided.

Visit the [City's website](#) to see a video and photos of the last event, held in July at Fire Station No. 7 in Lonsdale.

5. PARC Meets This Week

The Police Advisory Review Committee will have their second quarterly meeting of 2022 on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m., at the City County Building, Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street.

During this meeting, the PARC members will be reviewing files that came through their office from April-June of 2022.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, you may contact Marcus Rudolph at mrudolph@knoxvilletn.gov before 3 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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6. What is Public Officer Hearing? When Do They Meet?

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 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 Better Building Board within 10 days of receipt of the order.

The Public Officer Hearing is held on the last Friday of the month, the day after the Better Building Board. Their next meeting is this Friday, Aug. 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

The properties on the [agenda](#) are: 6105 Chapman Hwy - Commercial; 6107 / 6109 / 6111 / 6113 / 6119 Chapman Hwy – Commercial; 1735 Maryland Ave.; 2525 Sutherland Ave.; 1734 Tennessee Ave., including accessory structure; and 2743 Wilson Ave. Confirmation of emergency repair/demolition order.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you may want to attend the meeting in order to speak to the condition of the property.

Zoom links are available on the agenda. If you wish to speak, but you plan to view the meeting via Zoom, you will need to call ahead to register with Cheri Burke at cmurke@knoxvilletn.gov.

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7. What is Better Building Board? When Do They Meet?

The Better Building Board hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders.

The Better Building Board holds hearings and may affirm or alter the Public Officer's order. If the property owner does not comply with the Better Building Board'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 Better Building Board's order to the Knox County Chancery Court. The Better Building Board may also hear cases regarding the City's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect ordinance.

The BBB meets fourth Thursday of the month. Their next meeting is this Thursday, Aug. 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

The one property on the [agenda](#) for this month is 205 Spruce St.

If a property on the list is in your neighborhood, you may want to attend to speak to the Board about the condition of the property.

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8. City of Knoxville's Public Works Department Holds Job Fair

Job seekers looking for steady, satisfying outdoor work that helps keep Knoxville clean and operating efficiently are invited to the Public Service Job Fair on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

More than 30 open positions are available, including the entry-level Public Service Worker, whose duties may consist of:

- Picking up brush and litter from streets, parks or other areas within the City.
- Assisting in laying brick or block for catch basins and retaining walls.
- Pouring and finishing concrete for sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
- Weed control, cutting, trimming and pruning trees, flowers and shrubs and maintaining undergrowth.

In [this video](#), several Public Service employees share what they like best about their jobs.

Job seekers may apply for Public Service positions in person at the job fair or online at <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/jobs>. Attendees should also bring their resumes and driver's licenses, which are required for the job.

Learn more about working for the City of Knoxville at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/jobs.

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