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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. No Newsletter Next Week

A newsletter will not go out next week, but we will be back on Tuesday, Sept. 12, with information, updates, and fun events and activities.

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates in the meantime!

2. City Announces Schedule for Labor Day

It is time once again to celebrate workers all over our country! Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 5, and, in accordance, the City of Knoxville offices will be closed, including the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Waste Connections will still run residential garbage and recycling routes on the holiday. Downtown trash and recycling will also run on its regular schedule throughout the Labor Day weekend.

The City's five recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available to receive household goods donations.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, located at 1033 Elm Street, will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 5. Due to the holiday, Free for City Residents Saturday at the Solid Waste Facility will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, rather than the normal first Saturday.

Now that you have the important information you need, sit back, relax, and have a spectacular Labor Day weekend!

3. Mechanicsville Celebrates Annual Homecoming

The 17th Annual Mechanicsville Homecoming is scheduled to take place Thursday, Sept. 29-Saturday, Oct. 1. With dozens of activities, performances, and special recognitions, this is a celebration you will not want to miss.

The weekend will kick off on Thursday night with a movie night, followed by kids' activities in Danny Mayfield Park on Friday evening. The culmination of the Homecoming celebration will take place Saturday, beginning with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by presentations of talent, special recognitions – including former member of the Tennessee House of Representatives Joe Armstrong – and a memorial balloon release, all taking place in Danny Mayfield Park.

Lastly, Mechanicsville Homecoming will conclude with a block party. Organizers have said that members from all communities in Knoxville are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

4. Historic Holston Hills Hosts Mums and Mimosas Event

The Historic Holston Hills Community Club's 6th Annual Mums and Mimosas Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 1-3 p.m. in the Holston Hills Community Park, 3300 Holston Hills Rd.

All sales from the event benefit the park and go toward neighborhood improvements.

For more information about the event, please reach out to Millie Ward at mmward@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 805-551-6805.

5. Micro Grants Applications Now Accepted Year Round

The [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment \(ONE\)](#) is now accepting applications for micro grants year round from groups wishing to initiate a project or start a new event.

The Neighborhood Micro Grants Program is designed to strengthen Knoxville neighborhoods by supporting start-up, immediate-need initiatives, and one-time projects through grants and technical assistance.

In previous years, funds from the Micro Grants Program were only available to start-up neighborhood groups and those that went through our “Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations” Leadership Training. Now, established neighborhood groups that want to start a new project or launch an inaugural event can apply for a grant, available for up to \$500.

If you have a potential event or project in mind, feel free to reach out to ONE staff with your questions. For more information, please see the City’s [webpage](#) and scroll down to the Micro Grants information.

6. City Seeks Input on Federal Dollars

The City’s Housing and Neighborhood Development Department seeks public input on how it should spend approximately \$4 million in federal funds to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations.

Earlier this year, the City was awarded a one-time allocation amount of \$4,076,859 appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act from the U.S. Department of Housing Development (HUD) to fund local program activities including provision of rental housing (including Permanent Supportive Housing), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

A draft of the proposed HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan will be available online at KnoxvilleTN.gov/development for public review from **Tuesday, Sept. 6-Tuesday, Sept. 20**. To submit comments or questions, please contact Bennett Meeks at bmeeks@knoxvilletn.gov or P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

A virtual public hearing on the draft plan will be held **Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at 6 p.m., via Zoom**. To join the Zoom meeting, find the Zoom link at www.knoxvilletn.gov/development. To ensure the security of the meeting, speaking privileges will be approved for those who request it during the meeting.

At this virtual meeting, City staff will:

- Discuss the range of eligible activities
- Review priority goals and objectives from the City's 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan
- Provide data and feedback from consultation meetings with social service agencies and affordable housing providers
- Describe the process/timeline for developing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and
- Answer questions and receive comments

Learn more about community priorities established through public meetings for the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan in [this document](#).

7. Save the Date: Arbor Day Celebration – November 4

The City of Knoxville will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. at Sam Duff Park, 4060 Chapman Hwy.

For the first time, the Horticulture Department and Tree Board are collaborating with the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment to include neighborhoods.

The celebration will include planting trees. Yes, Arbor Day, is celebrated national on April 28. However, the best time to plant trees in Knoxville is in the fall. Mark your calendars to join us for this kid-friendly event. More details will follow in this publication.

8. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts East Knoxville Cleanup

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful \(KKB\)](#) will be hosting their second annual East Knoxville Community Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event will kick off at Ashley Nicole Dream Playground in Caswell Park, located at 620 Winona St.

Leaders from various neighborhoods and local community organizations will collect cleanup supplies at the Ashley Nicole Playground, then return to volunteers waiting at their designated locations to pick up litter.

KKB is looking for individuals, neighborhood groups, businesses, and more to participate in the cleanup. Volunteers can [sign up](#) as an individual or a group.

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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