



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 15, No. 34 – Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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### **1. Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out**

Back in August, three neighborhoods celebrated National Night Out and hosted local first responders at local parks: Old North Knoxville, Inc.; Timbercrest Neighborhood Association; and West Hills Community Association.

Many Knoxville neighborhoods are used to celebrating the first Tuesday in October and will do so again on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022.

If your neighborhood plans to celebrate in October, let us know! We want to inform local responders about your events so they can attend, as they are available.

Please register your neighborhood with Officer John Morgan [jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov) and Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto: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

## **2. Officer Liaison of the Year Nominations Now Open!**

Officer Liaison of the Year (OLOYA) nominations will be accepted now through Friday, Oct. 7, at 4:30 p.m.

Does your neighborhood association or neighborhood watch have an Knoxville Police officer liaison who goes over and above for your neighborhood? Is he/she the one attending every meeting, checking on neighborhood concerns and following up on issues, sharing prevention ideas, and being an all-around great advocate for the community?

We want to hear about it!

Nominate your neighborhood's Officer Liaison by completing [this application](#) and return it to Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov) or by mail to the following address:

Courtney Durrett  
Office of Neighborhood Empowerment – Room 546  
City of Knoxville  
P.O. Box 1631  
Knoxville, TN 37901

If you would like a hard copy of the application mailed to you, please call the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment at 865-215-3232.

Nominees will be announced in the *Neighborhoodly Notice* in late October.

## **3. Engage Your Neighbors Through Traffic Calming**

This year, the City installed speed humps in several neighborhoods as the result of their completion of the [Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program \(NTSP\)](#). The program's goal is to identify the best ways to slow speeding drivers and make our residential streets safer. We anticipate the program becoming even more popular in the years to come.

One requirement of the NTSP is for applicants to get more than 50 percent of households residing on the effected streets to sign a petition. This process presents neighbors with a unique opportunity to engage with, get to know and learn more about their neighbors as well as collect their contact information. Neighbors interested in [organizing](#) are encouraged to reach out to Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov).

Organized neighborhoods also have an opportunity to reach neighbors who are not currently involved. Some people are not aware that a neighborhood organization exists in their area. Regardless of your neighbors' current level of participation in your organization, we hope that you are willing to lend a helping hand! Your willingness to help a street within your neighborhood's boundaries might inspire a neighbor to become more involved in other, mutually beneficial endeavors.

For additional resources for neighborhoods, please visit the [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's website](#).

#### **4. County Seeks Community Input for Advance Knox**

Knox County seeks community input on [Advance Knox](#), a comprehensive planning process that will guide land use and transportation decisions in the county for years to come.

Three in-person events will be held in early October as part of Choices Week. At the events, attendees will be presented with three different scenarios to show strategies for guiding the county's future growth. These scenarios are based on data the project team has been analyzing, as well as input gathered earlier this year.

Meeting dates, times, and locations for in-person workshops are:

- Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2-4 p.m. at New Hopewell Elementary School, 757 Kimberlin Heights Rd.
- Monday, Oct. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Gresham Middle School, 500 Gresham Rd.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Cedar Bluff Middle School, 707 N Cedar Bluff Rd.

A virtual workshop will also be held at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 5, ([registration required](#)) and information about the scenarios and opportunities to provide input online will be available on [advanceknox.org](http://advanceknox.org) after the in-person events conclude.

#### **5. KCHD Offers Free Diabetes Management Classes**

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is hosting free Diabetes Management Classes on Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, and 18, from 6-7 p.m. in the KCHD Community Room, 140 Dameron Ave.

This three-part series will cover different topics including the diagnosis of diabetes, how healthy diet and exercise can help, and medication management.

To register, please call 865-215-5170.

## **[6. 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](#)

### **About This Newsletter**

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