



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 35 – Tuesday, September 27, 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. Celebrate East Knoxville This Friday

Town Hall East has invited all the neighborhood associations and watches in East Knoxville to an evening Celebrating East Knoxville. The free event will be this Friday, Sept. 30, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum, 2743 Wimpole Ave.

BBQ has been donated by Archers and a beverage from a local craft brewery, Last Days of Autumn.

The evening will be mostly for socializing – meeting and talking to neighbors, with music provided by a jazz trio.

A brief program will highlight some of the many good things going on in East Knoxville neighborhoods. Rev. Reneé Kesler, Oba Ajanaku, J.D. Jackson and Bailey Foster will talk about what the Beck Center, Drums Up Guns Down, SEED, and Real Good Kitchen are doing to enrich the East Knoxville community. In addition, representatives of East Knoxville-based organizations The Bottom, the Shora Foundation, The Women LLC, Connect Ministries and New Direction, and BattleField Farm and Garden will be on hand to answer questions about their programs.

If you have questions, contact David Lee by email at townhalleast@gmail.com.

2. ONE Accepts Officer Liaison of the Year Applications

We have been made aware that the link to the application for the Officer Liaison of the Year in the newsletter article from last week is not working properly. Our apologies! The application [link](#) is now working, so get those nominations in for your incredible neighborhood officers. Return your completed application to cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to the following address:

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

The deadline to receive completed applications is Friday, Oct. 7.

For any questions or more information, contact Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3456.

3. Wiffle Ball Tournament Is This Weekend

The Fifth Annual Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament is happening this weekend on Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

We have six teams participating in the tournament this year: Westwood, West Hills, Forest Heights, Timbercrest, Parkridge, and Oakwood Lincoln Park. We wish all our teams the very best of luck!

The deadline for your neighborhood to participate in the tournament has passed, however we still encourage anyone who is interested to attend and have some fun with us!

Teams should have been sent the rules and regulations when they register, and if you have any questions please email Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

We can't wait to see you on the field for some friendly, fun neighborhood competition!

4. Public Officer Hearing Meets This Week

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

New Business/Orders will address: 1615 Dora St., 5100 Fleetwood Cir., 1610 Jourolman Ave., 421 Oakcrest Rd., 217 East Scott Ave., and 1508 Wilder Pl.

Board Approvals will address: 408 Ambrose St., 204 East Caldwell Ave., 2561 East Fifth Ave., 1201 Forest Ave., 1205 Forest Ave., 1800 Mingle Ave., and 2910 Woodbine Ave.

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

To view the agenda, please click [here](#).

Anyone wishing to speak in person or via Zoom, should contact Cheri Burke in advance at cmurke@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 10 days of receipt of the order.

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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.

5. Who Is Celebrating National Night Out?

Knoxville has many neighborhoods ready to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 4. That is next Tuesday!

They are Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch, Harrill Hills Neighborhood Watch, Inskip Community Association, Mechanicsville Community Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Murray Dr. / Wilkerson Rd. Neighborhood Watch, Northwest Hills Neighborhood Watch, Norwood Community Association, South Haven Neighborhood Association, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Vestal Community Organization, We Care Neighborhood Watch, West Hills Community Association, and Westavia Woods Neighborhood Watch.

If your neighborhood is participating but not on the list, please reach out to Officer John Morgan at jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov AND Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov 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

There are some great activities planned for this year; we look forward to seeing you all.

6. Ride with Elected Officials and Bike Walk Knoxville

Join local elected officials, business owners, and community members on a North Knoxville bike tour of the Caswell and First Creek greenways with Bike Walk Knoxville on Thursday, Oct. 6.

The ride will start promptly at 6 p.m. and will begin and end at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. The ride will be approximately 5 miles and should take no longer than an hour. After the ride, participants and others are invited to Last Days of Autumn Brewing, where \$1 per pint sold will go to support Bike Walk Knoxville.

This tour will be a great opportunity to learn how funding and policy impact infrastructure for biking and walking in our community and engage with community members on important issues like making our streets safe for all people.

Participants must provide their own bicycle and helmet and come prepared with closed-toe shoes and a water bottle.

More information about the event can be found on the Bike Walk Knoxville Facebook [page](#).

7. Free Courses Provided for Renters

HouseKnox and Regions Bank are offering a free, two-part Renters' Readiness Certification course that provides tenants with information and financial-stability tools to become knowledgeable, empowered renters. Housing is a significant, long-term investment for all residents, and the choices you make as a renter can affect your ability to borrow money and your ability to rent or buy for a lifetime.

Course topics include:

- Understanding your lease
- Understand the rights and responsibilities under current landlord-tenant laws
- Accessing community resources and maintaining your rental housing
- Learn how to set a budget and improve your credit score

Classes will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11 and 18, 3-4:30 p.m. at United Way of Greater Knoxville, 1301 Hannah Ave. Pizza will be provided, and, if transportation is a barrier to participation, transportation can be arranged in advance.

To register or get more information, email houseknox@unitedwayknox.org or call Elvia Reyes at 865-824-2081.

8. 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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