



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 37 – Tuesday, October 11, 2022

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1. What is Your Neighborhood Doing for Halloween?

Break out the pumpkin-carving kits and spooky decorations, because it is time for Halloween, and the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment wants to hear from you! Is your neighborhood planning anything special for the upcoming holiday? If so, reach out to us by email at emays@knoxvilletn.gov.

Several local news agencies are looking for Halloween festivities to cover for their publications and we would be happy to give them information about your event. Or, if you do not want the press to be there, but would like us to advertise your event in our newsletter, that's fine too! Either way, we are excited to hear about fun, spooky festivities happening in the community.

If your neighborhood does not have anything planned, but you are looking for ideas, consider doing a trick 'r treat carpool sign-up, a trunk 'r treat party, or even a neighborhood Halloween scavenger hunt!

2. Deadline Extended for Officer Liaison of the Year Nominations

The deadline to send in your nominations for the Officer Liaison of the Year has been extended a week. Nominations for this award will now be accepted through Friday, Oct. 14, at 4:30 p.m.

Nominate your neighborhood's Officer Liaison for going above and beyond expectations by completing this [application](#) and return it to Courtney Durrett at 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 *Neighborly Notice* in late October.

3. NAC Learns About Homeless Services

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will hold its regular meeting and learn about services available to people experiencing homelessness this Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Angela Petty, from CAC, will provide information about a program developed to help homeless families, and Shawn Griffith, Homeless Program Coordinator with the City's Office on Homelessness, will present best practices for addressing homelessness in our community.

For more information about what the city is doing to address the many issues surrounding homelessness, please visit the [City's website](#).

4. The Neighborhood Conference Evolves

Since 2013, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment has hosted an annual event that engages neighbors, celebrates good deeds, encourages collaboration between neighborhood groups, and informs residents about City departments and area agencies.

In 2023, the Neighborhood Conference will be split into two events. Save the dates!

- **Neighborhood Awards Dinner, Thursday, March 2, 2023**
The dinner will celebrate the Good Neighbor of the Year, Neighborhood Achievement Awards, Officer Liaison of the Year, Healthy Knoxville participants, and the debut of a new award: Wiffleball Champions.
- **Neighborhood Resource Fair, Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023**
The resource fair will be a lively opportunity to meet other neighbors and groups and learn from City and County departments, non-profit organizations and other groups that provide services of interest and value to neighborhood groups.

Workshops held at past Neighborhood Conferences will be planned and held throughout the year. If you have suggestions or requests for workshop topics or leaders, let us know!

5. Board of Zoning Appeals Is Next Week

The [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) will meet Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m., in the Division II Circuit Court Room in the City County Building.

The Board will hear various requests and appeals. Under old business, the Board will consider a variance request at 7727 Kingston Pike, and an administrative appeal at 451 W. Blount Ave.

Under new business, the Board will hear variance requests at multiple locations including 3934 Alma Ave., 5858 Lucerne Lane, 2323 E. Glenwood Ave., 2113 Sunny Lane, and 4208 Garden Dr.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood and you wish to speak about them, you might consider attending the meeting.

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accommodations, contact City ADA Coordinator Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

6. Leaf Collection Season Is Quickly Approaching

The Public Service Department will begin collecting leaves starting Tuesday, Nov. 1.

That means your last scheduled collection of brush will be either the week of Oct. 17 or Oct. 24. It's a good incentive to get your last-minute yard cleanup done this weekend!

Crews use the same trucks to collect leaves and brush by switching out the equipment mounted to the truck bed. The knucklebooms used to collect large limbs and brush in the spring and summer are replaced with large vacuums to suck up leaves during fall and winter. Leaf season runs November-February, when regular brush collection changes from every other week to about every four weeks.

During leaf season, you can expect leaf collection approximately four times, about every four weeks, varying based on several factors. Some years, the leaves all drop within a short timeframe, and other years they drop continuously through the winter. Weather can also impact collection. Wet sticky leaves are harder to collect quickly than dry leaves. Additionally, icy conditions, shortened daylight hours, and fog impact the crews' ability to work safely.

To help facilitate collection of leaves, please remember:

- Leaves are vacuumed, so do not include brush with leaves as it jams the equipment
- Leaves must be kept separate from trash
- Rake leaves into piles no higher than six feet at the edge of the street in an unobstructed area for easy collection
- Place leaf piles away from fixed objects like mailboxes, decorative lawn ornaments, or landscaping fabric; the vacuum is very powerful and the collection pipe must be swung to collect leaves. Leaving adequate space around objects will reduce the likelihood of property damage and lead to a more efficient leaf collection
- Bagged leaves will not be collected as the bags compromise the mulching process
- Leaves should be placed at the curb by Monday of your collection week.

Be aware that the collection schedule can be delayed due to uncontrollable circumstances, but your leaves will get picked up. Call 311 or visit www.knoxvilletn.gov/leafpickup to find your collection schedule.

7. Early Voting Begins Oct. 19

Early voting for the State and Federal General Election begins on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and run through Thursday, Nov. 3. Election Day, when you must vote at your precinct location, is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Early voting is one of two ways in which a registered voter may vote before Election Day. Some registered voters qualify to vote early through [absentee by-mail voting](#). The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, Nov. 1.

There are [10 early voting locations](#) in Knox County. There are many advantages to voting early, namely being able to choose a day and a location that best fits the voter's schedule and availability.

For details regarding times and early voting locations, a person must contact the Knox County election Commission at [KnoxVotes.org](#).

[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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