



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 15, No. 43 – Tuesday, November 22, 2022

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### **1. City Announces Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule**

The City of Knoxville offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. That includes the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Garbage and recycling collection will be on the regular schedule Monday, Nov. 21, through Wednesday, Nov. 23. **There will be no household garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 24.** And Waste Connections' office will be closed.

## **Waste Connections will run Thursday routes on Friday and Friday routes on Saturday.**

Please remember to limit your waste to the contents of your City-issued trash cart; no overflow trash or carts with lifted lids will be picked up.

As a general reminder, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only two days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are not picked up as scheduled.

Downtown garbage and recycling collection will run on the regular schedule during Thanksgiving week.

The City's five recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available for donations on Thursday, Nov. 24.

The City's Solid Waste Facility located at 1033 Elm St. will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, through Saturday, Nov. 26, and will resume normal operating hours on Monday, Nov. 28.

Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's staff hopes that you have quality time with your family and friends as well as enjoy some delicious food!

## **2. Old North Knoxville Home Tour is Back**

The **Old North Knoxville** Victorian Holiday Home Tour is back for the 32nd year. Several Old North neighbors have decorated for the holiday season and will open their historic homes to guests.

Homes will be open for a candlelight tour on Saturday, Dec. 3, 4-9 p.m. and an afternoon tour on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1-5 p.m.

Homes on the tour were built in a variety of traditional architectural styles, such as Queen Anne, Craftsman/Bungalow, Neoclassical Revival, and American Four Square style.

Guests are asked to park at St. James Episcopal Church (1101 N. Broadway) or Rose Funeral & Cremation (1421 N. Broadway). Tour shuttle buses will pick up and drop off at both lots and houses on the tour.

Additional information and tickets are available at the Victorian Holiday Home Tour [website](#). Advance tickets are on sale now for \$15, and group package rates are also available.

## **3. Co-Responder Teams Address Mental Health Crises in Knoxville**

In the fall of 2020, local leaders established the Co-Responder Program within the Knoxville Police Department. The program pairs a behavioral health specialist from McNabb Center with a KPD officer to respond to situations in which a person in distress or crisis needs treatment or time to deescalate before the situation becomes a criminal offense. The team's goal is to divert people with mental health and substance misuse issues away from jail and criminal charges, instead connecting them to community resources.

The co-response model is endorsed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Crisis Intervention Team International, Inc. (CIT). Our local program was developed to reflect successful practices used in other U.S. communities.

To learn more about the co-responder model and explore additional data, download a report at [KnoxvilleTN.gov/coresponder](https://KnoxvilleTN.gov/coresponder).

If you would like someone from the Co-Responder Program to speak to your neighborhood group about what is being done to address mental health issues in our city, please contact Lillie Kilbarger at [Lillie.kilbarger@mcnabb.org](mailto:Lillie.kilbarger@mcnabb.org).

#### **4. Knox County Health Department Offering Diabetes Prevention Program**

The Knox County Health Department is enrolling participants for a free, 12-month, online diabetes prevention program for Knox County residents that begins in January.

The goal of the KCHD program is to assist adults in cutting their odds of developing Type 2 diabetes nearly in half. Participants will receive individualized as well as group support from a registered dietitian lifestyle coach.

In order to qualify for enrollment, potential participants must live or work in Knox County, and meet a few other health-related requirements. To see if you are eligible, complete the [eligibility survey](#).

#### **5. KUB Provides Fiber Internet**

Knoxville Utilities Board is now providing high-speed fiber internet service to thousands of customers in several Knoxville neighborhoods and is gradually reaching additional residents through Phase 1 of the project through 2023. KUB expects to make its high-speed fiber available to its 210,000 household electricity customers within the next six years.

Inskip, Lincoln Park and several East Knoxville neighborhoods were involved in the pilot program; customers in that area can currently purchase KUB internet. Norwood, Pleasant Ridge, Ridgedale and other neighborhoods are being connected through the end of this year.

To find out if KUB Fiber is available – or will be available – at your address, go to [KUB's website](#) and type in your address.

## **6. Nominations for the 2023 Orchid Awards Now Open**

Since 1979, [Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) has presented Orchids Awards to Knoxville and Knox County buildings and outdoor spaces that beautify and elevate the local landscape.

In addition to traditional categories such as New Architecture, Redesign/Reuse, Outdoor Space, and Public Art, KKB will highlight the accomplishments and sustainability efforts of their valuable volunteers, community partners, and green organizations and businesses.

Orchids Awards will be granted in the following categories:

- New Architecture
- Redesign/Reuse
- Outdoor Space (Parks, Patios, Rooftop Areas, Public Gardens, etc.)
- Community Space (Neighborhoods, Schools, Senior Living Facilities, Apartment Complexes, etc.)
- Public Art (Murals, Sculptures, Signage, etc.)
- ReGreen (Enhanced landscapes such as streetscapes, asphalt-reduction, treescapes, waterscapes, etc.)
- Environmental Stewardship
- Green Organization (Businesses, schools, restaurants or organizations)

Requirements:

- The nomination form must be filled out completely with photos and supporting documents emailed to [info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org](mailto:info@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org). **Nominations are due by Friday, Dec. 23.**
- Property must be accessible to the public. Private residences will not be considered.
- Properties that received an Orchid Award since 2013 are ineligible, except in cases of major renovations.
- Property must be complete at the time of nomination.
- Projects must have been completed in the last 5 years.

Anyone can nominate a location or project by completing a simple online form on [KKB's website](#). Go to the bottom of the page, click on the category for which you wish to nominate a space, and fill out the nomination form. A list of previous winners can be found [here](#).

The 2023 Orchids Awards will be held on Thursday, Feb 16, at the Mill & Mine, 227 W Depot Ave. To purchase tickets, go to [KKB's website](#).

## **7. 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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