



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 6 – Tuesday, February 15, 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. Welcome Our New Intern, Evan

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited for you to meet our new intern, Evan!

Evan is a junior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, studying Social Work with a minor in Social Justice. He is originally from Church Hill, Tenn. After graduating with his

bachelor's degree, Evan plans to get his master's degree in Social Work, followed by his juris doctorate. In his spare time, Evan enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing tennis, and cooking.

Be sure to stop in and say hello!

2. The Neighborhood Conference Registration is Now Open

Mayor Indya Kincannon and the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, a part of the Community Empowerment Department, are excited to bring you the 2022 Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knoxville Convention Center.

[Registration](#) for this free event is now open. Please be sure to read all instructions carefully.

Some new things are happening this year! The Welcoming Ceremony will include the Officer Liaison of the Year Award; recognition for the neighborhoods who participated in Healthy Knoxville; and a drawing for a select number of door prizes.

There are also familiar features attendees have come to expect and enjoy, including more than 80 booths representing City, County, and non-profit agencies; four workshops addressing significant neighborhood issues; the Awards Luncheon; and plenty of door prizes!

Many residents attend to network with their neighbors, other neighborhood residents, different government departments, and non-profits working in neighborhoods. It's also a fun way to learn what other neighborhood groups are doing, formulate new ideas for neighborhood activities, and learn about community resources that can help your neighborhood achieve its goals.

During lunch, learn what some of our outstanding neighborhood leaders are doing, hear an inspirational story from a community leader, and Mayor Kincannon will announce the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award winner.

This free event is open to all residents who want to learn how to improve their neighborhood, be a stronger leader, advocate for their neighborhood, understand how government departments work for neighborhoods, or anyone who has a slight interest in why it's important to be involved in their neighborhood and local government.

We hope you will join us for the 2022 Neighborhood Conference!

If you have any questions about the Neighborhood Conference, please contact Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-3456.

3. Neighborhood Achievement Award Nominations Are Due Friday

Don't miss this opportunity to receive recognition for the work your neighbors have done throughout 2021. Applications for the Neighborhood Achievement Award are due this **Friday, Feb. 18.**

What creative, interesting, resourceful, clever projects have your neighborhood organizations done over the past year?

Whether your organization is large or small, well established or brand new, your group is encouraged to apply for these awards, which showcase accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2021 calendar year. Winners receive \$75 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

To apply, go to the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's [website](#), complete the nomination form, and be sure to save a copy. Then email it to Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov OR mail it to Office of Neighborhoods, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN, 37901, no later than 4:30 p.m. **Friday, Feb. 18.** If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, contact Courtney at 215-3456 or the above email.

Examples of accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- Beautification and place-making projects, green spaces and community gardens, and other physical improvements to the neighborhood;
- Projects, events, and activities that focus on connecting neighbors with one another, such as street fairs, potlucks, home tours, holiday celebrations, and neighbors helping neighbors;
- New or ongoing communication efforts such as newsletters, social media, and phone tree networks; and
- Activities involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

We are excited to see what creative things you have done in 2021!

4. Office of Community Empowerment Hosts Free Drive-In Screening

To celebrate Black History Month, the City of Knoxville Community Empowerment Department and Empower Knox Initiative and hosting a free drive-in screening of "Black Panther" on Friday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. at the Midway at Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center. Gates open at 5:45 p.m.

There will be a pre-show performance by Drums Up Guns Down at 6:30 p.m., and the film will start at 7 p.m.

You might want to get there early, as there are limited spaces. [RSVP and share](#) on Facebook. See you there!

5. Neighborhood Safety Series Begins Feb. 24

A series of neighborhood meetings focusing on neighborhood safety and awareness practices will begin in East Knoxville on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 6-8 p.m. at Logan Temple AME Zion Church, 2744 Selma Ave.

This series is a collaboration between the City of Knoxville Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE), Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC), the Community Safety Department, and Knoxville Police Department (KPD). In addition, a representative from East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers will attend to explain their program.

Neighbors will learn about the kinds of crime happening in their neighborhoods and best practices for community safety, crime prevention and safety awareness. If you have questions you would like to be answered at the upcoming meeting, please send them to neighborhoods@knoxvilletn.gov.

Future meetings will be held quarterly in North, South and West Knoxville neighborhoods.

The City of Knoxville ensures meaningful access to City programs, services, and activities to comply with Civil Rights Title VI and ADA Title II laws and reasonably provides: translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, auxiliary aids and services.

To request language translation services, contact Diversity and Inclusion Officer Tatia M. Harris at tharris@knoxvilletn.gov or 215-2831.

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.

6. City Launches New Compost Project

Neighbors who don't have space or the desire to maintain a compost pile can still help our community keep methane-producing food scraps out of the landfill, thanks to the new Knoxville Compost Pilot Project.

Residents can bring food scraps to the drop-off location in the Old City Recycling Drop-Off Center, at 227 Willow Ave. Only these items should be placed in the bins: fruits and vegetables; egg and nut shells; coffee grounds and paper coffee filters.

To participate, residents will need to take a short quiz at KnoxvilleTN.gov/Compost to learn the ins and outs of composting and receive the code to unlock the food scrap bins.

The project is a collaboration between BattleField Farms, City Possum Farm, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

Find more information about the new composting program on the [City of Knoxville's Compost website](#).

7. Bike Walk Knoxville Hosts Best Practices Workshop

When you are behind the wheel of your car, have you ever wondered about the best practices for sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians?

[Bike Walk Knoxville](#) is hosting a free workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Avenue.

The event is FREE; however, [registration](#) is required. Registration will close at 2 p.m. on the afternoon of the event, and space is limited. Reserve your ticket soon!

This program will help to explain things like why cyclists “take the lane” and how drivers can best react; how to pass cyclists and pedestrians safely; and the significance of different active transportation infrastructure in our community.

Instructors will also discuss the most common collisions occurring in Knoxville and how everyone on the roadways can contribute to making our streets safer.

This program is free and open to the public, courtesy of a grant from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office.

For more information, see the [event on Facebook](#).

8. Open Streets Knoxville Has Been Scheduled

Get to know South Knoxville at Open Streets Knoxville 2022! Bike Walk Knoxville is excited to bring our community together for a day of fun and exercise without motorized vehicles on Sevier Avenue on Sunday, May 15.

Participants of all ages and abilities are encouraged to walk or ride bikes, get to know local businesses, and socialize. In this annual event, Bike Walk Knoxville seeks to accomplish many things, including “[enhancing] the brand and identity of greater Knoxville as a progressive urban community.”

For more information about this event, visit [Bike Walk Knoxville's website](#).

9. Turn Around Don't Drown

Did you know that a mere six inches of fast-moving floodwater can knock over an adult?

Or that it takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away most cars and just two feet of rushing water to carry away SUVs and trucks?

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm-related hazard.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater. The next highest percentage of flood-related deaths is due to walking into or near floodwaters. People underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in cars swept downstream. Many of these drownings are preventable. Never drive around the barriers blocking a flooded road. The road may have collapsed under that water. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into floodwaters.

To learn more about flood safety, please visit the [National Weather Service's Website](#).

[10. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#) (click link for online 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

** This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.

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** Deadline for news & calendar items: 12 p.m. Fridays.

** May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood email lists and newsletters.

** See past issues at our website: <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods>

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