



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 7 – Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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1. Lake Forest Begins its Own Newsletter

Lake Forest Neighborhood Association (LNFA) has started its own newsletter!

In an effort to update community members on important events, highlight local restaurants and businesses, and promote city events, the neighborhood group is producing and distributing the easy-to-use and navigate newsletter to neighbors.

This month, in between eye-catching photos and updates about holiday decoration winners, the newsletter showcased the upcoming Open Streets event and also reminded community members about the upcoming LNFA meeting.

<http://www.lakeforestknox.com/>

2. Congratulations to the Neighborhood Achievement Award Recipients

Congrats to the following neighborhoods being recognized at the 2022 Neighborhood Conference for outstanding service to their communities. These groups engaged in projects to bring neighbors together for a common good.

- Mechanicsville Community Organization – *It's All About Our Kids*
- Norwood Neighborhood Watch – *Community Policing/National Night Out*
- South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association – *SWNA Welcome Signs*
- Vestal Community Organization – *Vestal Gateway Park Improvement Projects*
- West Hills Community Association – *Holiday Light at the Gazebo with Tour de Lights*
- Westmoreland Hills Homeowners Association – *Improved Communication Initiatives*

These neighborhoods completed an application process in order to be considered for this award. Each group will receive a certificate and check for \$75 to be used for the betterment of their community.

Join us in congratulating them for their accomplishments at the Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. [Registration](#) is open until Monday, March 28 at noon.

3. We Need Your Neighborhood Photos

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment needs photos of your neighborhood's activities over the past year. Your landscaping, volunteering, neighborhood yard sales, fun projects – we want to see it!

ONE is assembling a slideshow of these photos to show at the 2022 Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2. If we don't get many photos, we may have to skip the presentation this year, so send them in! Email your photos to our Conference Coordinator Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knovilletn.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing all the activities that have taken place this past year!

4. Volunteers Needed for Conference Prep

Have you been getting interested in The Neighborhood Conference coming up on Saturday, April 2? Would you like to help the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) get ready?

The ONE is looking for several volunteers to help with this coming Saturday's Volunteer Work Day. We will be putting together the binders that all participants receive, cutting meal tickets, and helping to organize the supplies.

There are only a couple of openings, so call Debbie Sharp at 865-215-4382 and let us know that you will be available, and we will send out an email about how to get in the building.

5. Tornado Safety: Watch vs. Warning

What is the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning issued by the National Weather Service?

Tornado Watch: Be Prepared! Tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. Review and discuss your emergency plans and check supplies and your safe room. Be ready to act quickly if a warning is issued or you suspect a tornado is approaching. Acting early helps to save lives! Watches are issued by the Storm Prediction Center for counties where tornadoes may occur. The watch area is typically large, covering numerous counties or even states.

Tornado Warning: Take Action! A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. There is imminent danger to life and property. Move to an interior room on the lowest floor of a sturdy building. Avoid windows. If in a mobile home, a vehicle, or outdoors, move to the closest substantial shelter and protect yourself from flying debris. Warnings are issued by your local forecast office. Warnings typically encompass a much smaller area (around the size of a city or small county) that may be impacted by a tornado identified by a forecaster on radar or by a trained spotter or law enforcement officer who is watching the storm.

What can you do to prepare for a tornado?

- **Be Weather-Ready:** Check the forecast regularly to see if you're at risk for tornadoes. Listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about tornado watches and warnings. Check the Weather-Ready Nation for tips.
- **Sign Up for Notifications:** Know how your community sends warnings. Some communities have outdoor sirens. Others depend on media and smart phones to alert residents of severe storms capable of producing tornadoes.
- **Create a Communications Plan:** Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and related information. If you live in a mobile home or home without a basement, identify a nearby safe building you can get too quickly, such as a church or a family member's home.
- **Pick a safe room in your home,** such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. Check more ideas for your family plan at: <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>.

- Practice Your Plan: Conduct a severe thunderstorm drill with your family regularly so everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching. Make sure all members of your family know to go there when tornado warnings are issued. Do not forget pets if time allows.
- Prepare Your Home: Consider having your safe room reinforced. You can find plans for reinforcing an interior room to provide better protection on the Federal Emergency Management Agency website.
- Help Your Neighbor: Encourage your loved ones to prepare for the possibility of tornadoes. Take CPR training so you can help if someone is hurt.

6. Management Advisory Group Presents Compensation Study Info

On Thursday, March 3, at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 Main Street, Management Advisory Group International, Inc. (MAG) will give a presentation to City Council on the research they conducted on behalf of the City of Knoxville on comprehensive classification and compensation for City employees.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. For a full list of upcoming City Council meetings and events, visit their [calendar](#).

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7. Reps Host Q&A With Residents

Fourth District City Councilmember Lauren Rider and 2nd District County Commissioner Courtney Durrett will cohost a community meeting for Fountain City residents on Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m. at Fountain City Park, 117 Hotel Rd., in one of the shelters.

The format will be a general question & answer session, with additional representatives in attendance, including a Knoxville Police officer. Bring your questions and ideas so they can best serve the community's needs.

8. KKB Hosts North Knoxville Cleanup

The North Knoxville Community Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

Sign-ups are closed for this event. If you wish to have a clean-up in your area, consider working with Keep Knoxville Beautiful. For more and to see upcoming events check out the [Keep Knoxville Beautiful website](#).

9. [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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