



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 12 – Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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1. No Newsletter Next Week

Due to Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) hosting the Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2, our office will be closed on Monday, April 4; therefore, we will not be doing a newsletter for Tuesday, April 5.

But don't worry, we will be back up and producing the lovely Neighborly Notice starting on Tuesday, April 12.

For more information, visit our [Facebook Page](#) in the meantime.

2. The Neighborhood Conference is THIS SATURDAY!

The wait is finally over! The Neighborhood Conference is THIS SATURDAY, April 2 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Knoxville Convention Center.

What can you do at the Neighborhood Conference? Glad you asked! You can:

- Visit more than 80 booths made up of City & County departments, non-profits and other organizations that offer services to Knoxville residents.
- Attend informative workshops with topics including community safety, creating neighborhood leadership plans, affordable housing and how to navigate local government.
- Enjoy a FREE buffet lunch while being inspired by a guest speaker, and honoring the recipients of the Neighborhood Achievement Awards and the Dianna Conn Neighbor of the Year Award.

Get ready for an energetic day of networking, honoring outstanding neighbors and neighborhoods, learning how to make your neighborhood even better, and door prizes. See you Saturday!

3. Free KAT Rides to the Neighborhood Conference

Want to attend the Neighborhood Conference but are not sure about transportation there? Or would you rather not worry about parking? KAT is offering FREE rides to and from the Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, April 2.

If you can get to a bus stop, you can ride to the conference for no charge. KAT buses will run a regular Saturday schedule on April 2. Just tell the driver you are going to the Neighborhood Conference at the Knoxville Convention Center, and you will ride for free.

Once you arrive at the Convention Center and check in at the registration table, stop by the KAT booth to get your free bus pass for the ride home. Be sure to stop by their booth before 12 p.m. noon when booths close.

To help you plan your route, visit the KAT [website](#) for routes and schedules. You can also use the handy Trip [Planner](#) on the KAT website.

You can also call a KAT Transit Agent at 865-637-3000. Give the agent your starting point, your destination, and when you wish to arrive. They will tell you which route, or

routes, you will need to take, where you can wait to catch that route, and any other information you need, such as whether you'll need to transfer to another bus to get to your final destination.

The conference Welcoming Ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. so be sure you plan your trip accordingly. Pre-registration is now closed. If you didn't get a chance to register, you may still register on site but we cannot guarantee a meal ticket.

For questions, call the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment at 865-215-3232

4. KAT Seeks Input for a New Transit Future

What would you like to see in the future for Knoxville's public transit system? What are our community's biggest transit priorities?

Between now and April 22, KAT invites residents to learn more by visiting the KAT Reimagined [project website](#), participating in public meetings, and taking the public survey, available at the project website. KAT will be engaging the public in multiple ways in April to get responses from riders and the general public.

KAT will host in-person public meetings on:

Saturday, April 2, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Neighborhood Conference, Knoxville Convention Center

Thursday, April 7, from 5-7 p.m., at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Saturday, April 9, from 1-3 p.m., at the Knoxville Station, 301 Church Ave.

Details for participating in these public meetings is available at the project website, www.katreimagined.com, click the Connect button at the top to get there.

KAT Reimagined planning process is a year-long planning study led by KAT in partnership with Knoxville Regional TPO and many community partners to analyze the current KAT bus network and recommend changes to the system.

KAT's consultant team and staff will also be meeting bus riders and residents at various events to ask about these concepts with a paper version of this survey.

Feedback from the public survey and meetings will guide decisions by the Knoxville Transportation Authority Board to decide how KAT should balance important but competing priorities.

To stay involved in the Reimagine KAT study, join the email list at their website www.katreimagined.com, like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/knoxvilleareatransit and follow them on Twitter @kat_bus or Instagram @kat_transit.

5. Public Officer Hearing Held This Week

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) will be held on Friday, April 1, at 9:30 a.m., in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, and online via Zoom.

During the New Business/Orders, they will be addressing properties on 4101 Alma Ave., 2752 Lay Ave., 217 E Scott Ave., and 102 View Rd., and accessory structures on each of those respective properties. Additionally, properties at 1020 Groner Dr. and 2436 East Magnolia Ave. will be addressed, as well as pools at 519 Fern St. and 3623 Lilac Ave. Also under new business is the confirmation of emergency repair at 2637 Gaston Ave. During the Boarding Approvals portion of the meeting, they will address the previously boarded properties 1020 Groner Dr., 102 View Rd., and 2831 Woodbine Ave. Visit the [POH website](#) to view the meeting's agenda and get the Zoom link.

If any of these properties is in your neighborhood, you or someone from your neighborhood organization may wish to speak on the current situation. Anyone wishing to speak in person or via Zoom, should contact Cheri Burke in advance at cm Burke@knoxvilletn.gov.

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6. Bread-to-Beer Food Waste Awareness Event is April 9

The City's Waste and Resources Management Office is collaborating with Get Food Smart TN and other community partners on the Bread-to-Beer Food Waste Awareness event on Saturday, April 9, at Crafty Bastard Brewery (6 Emory Place, 37917).

This family-friendly event includes the Mima Thai Food Truck, a food drive for Ladies of Charity, a composting workshop by Chad Hellwinckel, and other resources to help you reduce your household's contribute of food waste to the landfill. Donate to the food drive and receive \$2 off a specialty craft beer Crafty has brewed with recovered bread donated by Paysan Bread. RSVP & share on [Facebook](#).

Thanks to Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Knox Green Drinks, Nourish Knoxville, Real Good Kitchen, Green Heron, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, Beardsley Farm and others for their participation and support!

7. Bike Walk Knoxville Hosting Event with Elected Officials

Mark your calendars! Bike Walk Knoxville will be hosting a walking tour with members and candidates for Knox County School Board, and other elected officials, on Tuesday, April 12.

The event will take place at Green Magnet Academy, 801 Lula Powell Dr., and will begin at 6 p.m.

Visit the [Bike Walk Knoxville](#) website for more information on this event and a full list of other upcoming events!

8. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Organizes South Knox Clean Up

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) has organized a South Knoxville cleanup for Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m.-12 noon, with the base camp being at Sam Duff Park, 400 Chapman Hwy. If you live, work, and/or play in South Knoxville, you are welcome to join! If you have never been, but want to give back to your community, you are also welcome.

Groups that want to participate will send a leader to Sam Duff Park to pick up supplies and then meet their group at their designated spot to pick up litter.

Individuals can either help cleanup at Goose Creek at Mary Vestal Park or at Sam Duff Park.

To register your group or as an individual, go to [KKB's website](#).

KKB will provide the following equipment: litter pickers, gloves, safety vests, and trash bags. Individuals need to bring their own sunscreen, bug protection, water, and hand sanitizer. Volunteers must wear closed toed shoes for the event and are encouraged to wear long pants.

For more, contact KKB at amanda@keepknoxvillebeautiful.com or 865-521-6957 with any questions you may have.

9. What is a Watershed?

A watershed is the land area that drains to a body of water. Like puzzle pieces that fit together to create a larger picture, small creeks and streams have small watersheds that fit together along ridges and form larger watersheds or river basins.

Watersheds are important because they show us the connection between land and water. The topography of the landscape defines how water moves through it. Another

term for watershed is hydrologic unit. The nature and quality of a waterbody reflects that of the land that drains to it.

Just as cities and towns are located in counties and states, small watersheds are nested together to comprise larger river basins.

Hydrologic Unit Codes, or “HUCs,” are sequences of numbers used to describe watersheds in terms of scale. Large river basins (like the Mississippi River) are described with 2-digit HUCs. These 2-digit HUCs are comprised of river basins that are described with 4- and 6-digit HUCs. Small creeks and streams are described with 12-digit HUCs.

Just as your home has a physical mailing address with a street, city and state, it also has a “watershed address” that reflects where your home lies in the mosaic of watersheds.

Find your Tennessee Watershed Address by using this [interactive map](#)!

10. Join the SKYWARN® Storm Spotter Program

In most years, thunderstorms, tornadoes and lightning cause hundreds of injuries and deaths and billions in property and crop damages. To obtain critical weather information, the National Weather Service (NWS) established SKYWARN® with partner organizations. SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with between 350,000 and 400,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

Although SKYWARN® spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the focus is reporting on severe local thunderstorms. In an average year, the United States experiences more than 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods. SKYWARN® storm spotters form the nation's first line of defense against severe weather.

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are encouraged to become a spotter.

Ready to learn more?

[Find a class in your area](#). Training is free and typically lasts about 2 hours.

There is also an [online Spotter Training Course](#).

11. 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

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