



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 15 – Tuesday, April 26, 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. Correction – Holston Hills Plant Sale is May 21

Historic Holston Hills Garden Club will hold their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 21, (not May 7 as stated in the previous newsletter). Be on the lookout for more details in this newsletter closer to the date.

2. East Knoxville Hosts Community Clean-Up

Volunteer alert! East Knoxville will host a community clean up on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the Eternal Life Harvest Center (2410 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.) to pick up materials and equipment for the clean up. Participants will then return to the Eternal Life Harvest Center by noon to enjoy a free lunch and fellowship with neighbors.

For additional information about how you or your neighborhood can participate in this event, please call 865-546-5125.

3. Neighborhood Small Grants Workshop is Tonight!

Neighborhood groups wishing to apply for a Neighborhood Small Grant must send a representative to one of two final mandatory pre-application workshops. One will be held **tonight**, Apr. 26, or you can attend virtually on Wednesday, May 4.

Even if your group is doubtful you will apply, send someone to one of the workshops anyway. It could help you learn how to apply in the future or it could ensure that you have met this requirement to preserve your right to apply in this 2023 round.

Pre-Application Workshop B: 6 p.m. TONIGHT, Tuesday, April 26 via Zoom

Pre-Application Workshop C: 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 4 via Zoom

The Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP) is designed to strengthen Knoxville neighborhoods by supporting a wide range of community-based initiatives through grants and technical assistance. For more information about the NSGP, please visit [ONE's website](#).

Please register with Hayley Howard by sending her an email at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov or calling 865-215-2113. Zoom links will be provided when you register. If a neighborhood representative absolutely cannot attend any workshop, please call Hayley Howard at the number listed above.

4. Police Advisory Review Committee Meets This Week

The Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 26, at 6 p.m. at the Emerald Youth Foundation, Lonsdale Complex, 1740 Texas Ave.

Individuals interested in speaking to agenda items or during public forum should contact Marcus Rudolph at mrudolph@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3966 before 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 27.

PARC provides an independent review of police activity and makes recommendations to the Chief of Police. At the meeting, PARC members will present information on cases received by KPD's Internal Affairs Unit during the first three months of 2022. The agenda, posted at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/PARC, also includes committee business, speakers who have requested to address the committee, and a public forum, limited to five minutes per speaker. Director of Area Ministries-Lonsdale Kevin Dubose will lead a training session.

Community Television of Knoxville will post video of the meeting at CTVKnox.org for on-demand viewing approximately 24 hours after the meeting.

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5. BBB is Cancelled but POH Meets This Week

The meeting of the [Better Building Board](#) (BBB) has been cancelled this week.

These items will be rescheduled to the Thursday, May 26, meeting of the BBB: 3609 Cherrylog Rd. and 0 Maplewood Dr.

The Public Officer Hearing (POH) will be held per usual on Friday, April 29, at 9:30 a.m., in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, and online via Zoom.

During the New Business/Orders, they will be addressing 4918 Coster Rd. including its accessory structure, in addition to a discussion on the confirmation of emergency repair on the commercial property of 2660 East Magnolia Ave.

The following properties will also be addressed at the hearing: 450 Cedar Ave., 1611 North Central St., 1205 Forest Ave., 1209 Forest Ave., 3407 Greenway Dr., 2537 Jefferson Ave., and 102 View Rd. Visit the website to view the [POH agenda](#) and get the Zoom link.

If any of these properties are 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 cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov.

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6. Fun Upcoming Events from Parks and Rec

Warm weather is here! And when the sun is shining and the birds are chirping, rest assured that the City of Knoxville Department of Parks and Recreation has something fun for you to do. There are lots of exciting new programs happening now through May 13.

If you are looking to be outside and enjoy the weather, try out disc golf. Every Monday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Intro to Disc Golf class is being taught in Victor Ashe Park. And once you feel like you are ready to show off your disc golf skills, join a game at Inskip Park. Disc golf games happen every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Looking for some relaxation? Try out Florals and Flows Yoga every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Suttree Landing Park. Registration is \$5; more information can be found on the [Florals and Flows Yoga Facebook page](#).

Are you looking to be more active, but not much of an outdoors person? Well, Parks and Rec still has you covered. If you are looking to bust out some dance moves, try Line Dancing every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at West Haven Rec Center or Xtreme Hip-Hop Dance Class every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

You could also attend the Adult Open Dodgeball every Wednesday or Badminton every Thursday. Both take place at 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Cumberland Estates.

If you are looking for a more permanent team sport, sign up for an Adult Athletic League Sport. This summer the league will be offering basketball, baseball, and volleyball. More information and registration can be found on their [website](#).

For a full list of upcoming activities, visit the Parks and Recreation [website](#).

7. Last Day to Early Vote is This Thursday

It is election time in Tennessee! Over the past few weeks, more than 5,000 Knox County residents have cast ballots in either the Democratic or Republican primary elections during the early voting period. There is still time if you have not yet voted!

Early voting will end this Thursday, April 28, and Election Day is May 3. Remember, in the State of Tennessee, you must be registered to vote, but you can pick which political party primary you would like to vote in. The following is a list of all the early voting locations:

- Carter Senior Center
- City County Building (Small Assembly Room)
- Downtown West
- Eternal Life Harvest Center at Five Points
- Farragut Town Hall
- Halls Recreation Center
- Karns Senior Center
- Knoxville Expo Center
- Meridian Baptist Church
- New Harvest Park

For a full set of resources including sample ballots and candidate lists, visit the [Knox County Election Commission's website](#).

8. Free Breast Cancer Screenings Saturday

Women ages 30-39 are invited to receive free breast exams and DNA testing at the [Pretty in Pink Breast Exams and Mammograms](#) event, Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Austin East High School, 2899 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Black Women Breast Cancer Awareness Committee, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knox County Health Department, and Alliance House are sponsoring this event.

The first 100 women to [pre-register](#) and sign in will receive a \$10 gift card, and the first 22 women will receive a free mammogram.

Register [using this Google form](#). For more, visit www.alliancehousecc.org.

9. Vestival Is Back!

Vestival, the festival in Vestal put on by the Candoro Arts and Heritage Center, will be Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the historic Candoro Marble Building, 4450 Candora Ave.

There line-up of local performers includes Jodie Manross, Pistol Creek Catch of the Day, The Tennessee Sheiks, and more. There will also be an aerial arts show put on by

Dragonfly Aerial Arts, and a Puppet show by Cattywampus Puppet Council roving puppets.

There will also be vendors of all kinds including food vendors. While you are there, you can tour the historic Candoro Marble building, which was the site of the South Knoxville Marble Company that employed many people in its peak.

Learn more about Vestival on their [Facebook page](#).

10. Can You Identify Poison Ivy

After we published our article about how to remove pesky vines, we had a request to identify poison ivy.

Did you know that poison ivy grows as a vine with no thorns. It has woody, hairy vines that climb trees, utility poles, etc. Leaves turn red, orange, or yellow in fall. The leaves are waxy green on the top. Urushiol oil in the plant causes the allergic reaction. The oil in dead or dying plants is still active. The oil can stay active on clothing and pets that are not washed after contact. The leaves grow in leaflets of three, never five.

There are several sayings to help folks identify poison ivy:

“Leaves of three, Let it be!”

“Harry vine, no friend of mine.”

“Side leaflets like mittens will itch like dickens.”

“Berries of white, danger in sight.”

For those of you that are allergic to this vine, you probably know that getting it is no fun. For those of you that are not allergic, count it as a blessing!

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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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