



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 15, No. 17 – Tuesday, May 10, 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. Westwood Holds Annual Yard Sale

Westwood Homeowners Association will hold its Annual Multi-Family Yard Sale on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m.-12 noon both days.

To get to the neighborhood, you can take Interstate 40 to the Northshore Drive exit, head to Kingston Pike, then turn left.

There are several ways to enter the neighborhood: either from Sutherland Ave., Kingston Pike at Westwood Rd., or Bearden Rd. at Woodburn Dr. Look for the small red and white directional signs that have balloons on them, then you will see red balloons on mailboxes at participating homes.

Everyone is invited to see what the neighborhood has for sale!

2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Tomorrow

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) meets tomorrow, Wednesday, May 11, from 4:30-6 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

Attendees will learn about the City's Stormwater Engineering department activities and the Tennessee Smart Yards program. The City of Knoxville and the City of Chattanooga are competing to see who can get the most yards certified as "smart yards." Join the meeting to see what you can do in your yard to improve our waterways. And visit KnoxvilleTN.gov/NoogaKnoxChallenge to learn more.

All residents are welcome to attend. As a matter of procedure, we allow NAC members to voice their input first. If there is time at the end, other attendees may be allowed to give input as well.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City administration. It does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, they may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

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3. Neighborhood Safety Series Continues at Deane Hill

A series of neighborhood meetings focusing on neighborhood safety and awareness practices will continue in West Knoxville on Thursday, May 19, from 6-8 p.m. at the Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7414 Deane Hill Drive. The meeting will take place in the gym.

The Neighborhood Safety and Awareness 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) and the East Tennessee Valley Crime Stoppers initiative.

Residents of City Council Districts 2, 3 and part of 6 are invited to learn about the types 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.

Meetings focused on North and South Knoxville neighborhoods will be held later this year.

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4. Vision Zero Coalition Meets May 16

The first meeting of the Vision Zero Coalition will take place on Monday, May 16, from 2-3 p.m. Folks wanting to watch the meeting live may do so on the [City's Facebook page](#) or review the recordings afterwards at KnoxvilleTN.gov/VisionZero.

The meeting will feature a panel of experts sharing information about the state of traffic safety in Knoxville from:

- City Engineering
- Knoxville Knox County Planning
- Bike Walk Knoxville
- Knoxville Police Department

In October 2021, City Council unanimously passed a Vision Zero resolution to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on Knoxville's streets, and the City's Vision Zero Coalition launched in February of this year.

To learn more about the City's Vision Zero commitment, go to the above website. To sign up for email updates, go to <http://eepurl.com/g92mbP>.

5. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet next Tuesday, May 17, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Properties that will be discussed under New Business are 1537 Forest Ave.; 3917 Holston Dr.; 4831 Summit Cir.; 3908 Wilani Rd.; 3912 Wilani Rd.; 200 E. Blount Ave.; 2750 Schaad Rd.; 1905, 1909, 1911, 1915 Lake Ave.; 4301 Kingston Pike; 3330 West Governor John Sevier Hwy; 451 West Blount Ave.; 5705 Crestwood Dr.

If you live near any of these properties and wish to speak to any of them, check the City's [website](#) for the process.

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The next BZA is on Tuesday, June 21, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room.

6. Volunteer Forester Classes Are Back!

Trees Knoxville and the City of Knoxville will be offering their Spring Level One Volunteer Forester course beginning next week.

There will be four consecutive workshops starting on Wednesday, May 18, and going through Wednesday, June 8. All are from 6-9 p.m. and at different locations

The class is filling up! Residents with interest in trees and serving the community through urban forestry initiatives should sign up now. The course costs \$50, and [registration](#) is required.

This is the fifth year of the program through which hundreds of residents have learned about trees and proper tree care. Graduates will take away information to build a better understanding of trees and be able to share the information with other community members and folks in their organizations. Learn more about the class by visiting the [Trees Knoxville website](#).

7. Open Streets Returns to Knoxville on Sevier Avenue

Bike Walk Knoxville is looking forward to playing in the streets at [Open Streets Knoxville](#) on Sunday, May 15, 2-6 p.m. Head on over to Sevier Ave. in South Knoxville to walk, bike, dance, and more!

Open Streets Knoxville brings together community groups and local businesses, giving people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to walk, ride bikes, hula hoop, and much more -- all in a setting that is fun and safe! More than a street festival, Open Streets Knoxville gives residents a unique opportunity to explore their neighborhood and local businesses. Participants can enjoy being physically active and visiting local businesses by foot or on bike. It encourages the use of active transportation and healthy living, and has a goal of giving residents an opportunity to rethink our streets as public space.

To get involved as a sponsor, food truck, performer, or volunteer please go to Bike Walk Knoxville's website to [register](#).

8. Are You Feeling The Heat?

Have you heard of Heat Equity? It refers to the development of policies and practices that mitigate [urban heat islands](#) (areas that can be up to 20 degrees hotter than nearby rural areas). It also helps people adapt to the impacts of extreme heat in a way that reduces the inequitable distribution of risks across different populations within the same urban area.

This summer, University of Tennessee researchers will team up with community members to map these heat islands and collect data necessary to protect disproportionately affected communities. This citywide heat mapping campaign will involve volunteer citizen scientists to map areas in Knoxville where excessive heat may occur, using specifically designed heat sensors mounted on their own cars to measure temperatures in neighborhoods in the morning, afternoon, and evening on an appointed day in late August 2022.

Knoxville was one of 14 U.S. cities chosen to participate in the [2022 Heat Mapping Campaign](#) supported by the NOAA Climate Program Office and CAPA Strategies LLC. Cities from past campaigns have used their heat island maps to develop heat action plans, add cooling stations to bus shelters, educate residents and policymakers, and inform new research.

For more information on the project, including how to volunteer, visit www.heatequity.utk.edu, and keep an eye on the *Neighborly Notice* for further articles

9. 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](#)

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