



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 16, No. 1 – Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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### **1. Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association Elects New Leaders**

New leaders were recently elected in **Edgewood Park** and will continue the great work in the community moving forward in 2023.

The newly elected officers and board members are:

Cindy Latham, President

Ellen Zavisca, Vice President

Erin Hatfield, Secretary  
Jennifer Sicking, Treasurer  
Lizzie Gaver, Board Member  
Jason Stark, Board Member

Congrats and thank you for your volunteer spirit!

## **2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Changes Location**

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will hold its first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 4:30-6 p.m. in its new meeting location: the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street.

The Council has four new appointees: John Cadotte from Scottish Pike, James Tomerlin from **Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch**, Sydney Poker from **Parkridge Community Organization**, and Brad Guilford from **Old North Knoxville, Inc.**

At this meeting, NAC members will be giving input to the City's Urban Forester Kasey Krouse about the new Urban Forestry Master Plan collaboration between Trees Knoxville, the City of Knoxville and other partners.

All residents are welcome to join. If you have any questions about the NAC, please contact Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) or 865-215-4382.

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## **3. Neighborhood Achievement Award Nominations Are Now Open**

What creative, interesting, resourceful, clever projects did your neighborhood organization accomplish in 2022?

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is now accepting nominations for Neighborhood Achievement Awards, which highlight accomplishments by neighborhood groups during the 2022 calendar year. Whether your organization is large or small, well

established or brand new, your group is encouraged to submit a nomination. Winners receive \$100 for their Neighborhood Organization to use on future initiatives.

Self-nominations are highly encouraged. Be proud of what you've done!

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 like newsletters, social media, and phone tree networks; and
- Activities involved in launching, reviving, or strengthening a neighborhood group.

Don't miss this opportunity to receive recognition for the important work you and your neighbors did in 2022. Applications for the Neighborhood Achievement Award are due Friday, Feb. 3.

To apply, go to the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's [website](#), complete the nomination form, and email it to Courtney Durrett at [cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov), or mail it to the address below no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, contact Courtney at 215-3456 or the above email.

New this year: Neighborhood Achievement Award recipients will be recognized at an invitation-only awards dinner in early March.

We are excited to see what creative things you did in 2022!

If mailing your application, send to the following address:

Office of Neighborhood Empowerment  
400 Main Street, Room 546  
P.O. Box 1631  
Knoxville, TN 37901

#### **4. City Shares MLK Holiday Schedule**

City of Knoxville offices, including 311 and the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Waste Connections will run its normal residential garbage and recycling routes on Monday, Jan. 16.

Downtown trash and recyclables will also be collected on a regular schedule.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be on site to accept donations of household goods.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed between Saturday, Jan. 14 and Monday, Jan. 16, resuming regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Knoxville Area Transit will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday, Jan. 16. Trolleys will not be operating, and the customer service counter and administrative offices will be closed.

## **5. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week**

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hear properties on Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m., at the City County Building, Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street. There is a Zoom attendance option available upon request. Email Jennifer Scobee by noon on the day of the meeting at [jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov) for a link.

Properties being addressed during New Business are 1401 Forest Ave.; 828 N. Broadway, Suite 201; 7601 Bennington Dr.; 1315 Forest Ave.; 809 Emerald Ave.; 1905, 1909, 1911, 1915 Lake Ave.

If you or anyone from your neighborhood would like to speak about these properties, you may do so by calling Jennifer Scobee, information above.

The next BZA meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Small Assembly Room.

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## **6. Community Safety Now Accepting Proposals for Youth Opportunities Grants**

The Office of Community Safety is now accepting applications for the 2023 Spring Break Opportunity Youth Teens Micro Grant program.

The City of Knoxville seeks to provide grant funding to non-profit and community-based organizations, including neighborhood organizations, capable of providing high-quality programming and/or employment to Opportunity Youth, ages 14-19, in Knoxville during the week of Knox County Schools Spring Break (March 13-17, 2023). Proposals should specifically engage teens identified as being at highest-risk of involvement in violent crime based on Opportunity Youth criteria (see “How Funds Can be Used” section).

Check out the [guidelines](#), and view the [application](#).

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023.

Awards may range between \$500 - \$3,000 and shall specifically support programming, stipends, payment, or other services directly for the Opportunity Youth engaged in programming.

Breaks in activities such as school and recreational programming provide opportunities to engage young people and provide expanded experiences that may not be feasible during regular programming hours. Connecting young people to positive networks and engaging them in opportunities associated with personal, community, and social development can begin the process of dismantling barriers to success, expanding perceptions of what is possible, and focusing on community strengths and assets.

**This is a competitive process. Some applications may not be funded, and some may be only partially funded.**

A post-project report of programs or activities administered, number and demographics of opportunity youth served, and impact of programming must be submitted at the end of the grant cycle.

For more information about this Spring Break Opportunity Youth Teens Micro Grant, as well as the grant program to raise awareness about Youth Violence Prevention, visit [KnoxvilleTN.gov/CommunitySafety](http://KnoxvilleTN.gov/CommunitySafety).

## **7. Learn About Bridging the Gap Toward Equity**

Each January for Health Disparities Awareness Month, the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine raises awareness of health disparities through a series of presentations, which are available for viewing by the public via Zoom. The theme for 2023 is “Bridging the Gap Toward Equity.” Presentation topics include socioeconomic and environmental factors that affect health; cultural competency and cultural humility; care of LGBTQ+ patients; and more.

View a list of presentations and Zoom links at <https://gsm.utmck.edu/about/HealthDisparities.cfm>

On Jan. 18, Dr. Oluwaferanmi Okanlami will discuss his own struggle to define his personal and professional identity through a framework of intersectionality in a presentation titled “Disabusing Disability and Redefining Race.”

Dr. Oluwaferanmi Okanlami, MD, MS, is the Director of Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services at the University of Michigan, and he is also an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Urology at Michigan Medicine.

This free, virtual event will take place via [Zoom](#) on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 12-1 p.m.

#### **8. 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](#)

The City of Knoxville requires a permit to operate a short-term rental property. Details and a list of short-term rental permits are located on the City’s website [here](#).

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- \*\* *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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