



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 11 – Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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1. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Today

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will have their monthly meeting today in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St., at 4 p.m.

During this meeting the Board will consider variance requests at the following addresses:

- 6800 Deane Hill Dr.
- 5450 Millertown Pk.
- 206 Cedar Ln.
- 1113 & 1115 Phillips Ave.
- 0 (3627) Division St.
- 416 Cherokee Blvd.
- 2439 E. Magnolia Ave.
- 2424 Washington Ave.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood's boundaries, you might consider attending this meeting to speak any issues concerning the address.

Please contact Jennifer Scobee at 865-215-2988 or jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov with questions about attending or for alternate attendance options.

2. Housing and Neighborhood Development Seeks Input

The City of Knoxville's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department seeks input on its draft Year Four Annual Action Plan Update to the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. The draft plan will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning Friday, March 31, at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/Development under the "Reports and Plans" tab.

A public meeting to discuss and hear input on the draft plan will be held Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m., at the City's Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan prescribes the planned local use for three types of federal funds allocated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The Annual Action Plan Update accommodates for changes in community conditions and needs, funding resources, etc. that impact how federal funds should be allocated for the 2023-2024 program year, starting July 1, 2023.

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department would like to encourage your participation and hear your input. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to give input or have questions, please contact Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. Comments will be accepted through Monday, May 1.

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3. SKNBC Sponsors Conversation on Knoxville's Tree Canopy

South Knoxville Neighborhood & Business Coalition (SKNBC) is sponsoring a meeting for all South Knoxville neighbors to learn about the [Knoxville Urban Forest Master Plan](#) process and give input on the future of the tree canopy in Knoxville. The meeting will be on Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at the Ijams Nature Center Community Room, 2915 Island Home Ave.

There will be time to hear a presentation about the status of trees in the city, as well as matters that will affect the city for many years to come. The presentation will be followed by time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

4. Save the Date – East Knoxville Community Open House

The City will host an [East Knoxville Community Open House](#) on Tuesday, April 11, 5-7 p.m. at the Jacob Building, 401 Lakeside Dr. The format of the open house will be the same as the open houses held in North and South Knoxville in February.

Residents are welcome to attend any time during the event. City staff and partners will be present to provide information and answer questions about many projects located in East Knoxville including: Magnolia Avenue streetscapes; Burlington streetscapes and signage; Magnolia / Rutledge Pike / Asheville Highway study; East Knoxville greenway; multi-use stadium project; Morningside Park developments; and more.

Watch for more details in future issues of The Neighborly Notice and updates at KnoxvilleTN.gov/EastKnoxville.

5. 2023 Recreation Challenge Grants Announced

Applications are [now available](#) for the Parks and Recreation Department's annual [Recreation Challenge Grant Program](#).

This program is available to community groups with a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) status. Grant recipients will be reimbursed 50 percent of the cost of a single project, up to \$3,000 -- an increase from \$2,500. In past years, groups have used grant funding for playground equipment, water fountains, benches, landscaping, and other projects that enhance public property and benefit the general public.

Grant funds can also be used to promote activities in City parks or greenways, and can even be used to match funds for various activities, like yoga.

Applications are due Friday, June 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in applying for the Recreation Challenge Grant, or have questions about the process, contact Sheryl Ely, the Director of Parks and Recreation, at sely@knoxvilletn.gov or at 865-215-4311.

6. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts South Knoxville Community Clean-Up

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) will host the South Knoxville Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. The event will start from Mary Vestal Park, 522 Maryville Pike.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to participate. All are welcome to join; however, [registration](#) is required. Registration closes on Sunday, April 16, at 11:59 p.m. This helps KKB know how many materials to provide and measure cleanup efforts.

The event rain date is Sunday, April 23, from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

If you have other questions, contact KKB at amanda@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org or 865-521-6957.

7. Health Department Hosts Spanish Language Diabetes Management Series

The Knox County Health Department will host a three-part series of Diabetes Management classes on Mondays, April 5, 12, and 19, from 6-7 p.m. at the Interfaith Health Clinic, 315 Gill Ave. Instruction will be provided in the Spanish language.

Participants will learn to better manage type 2 diabetes. Each class covers different topics like how to manage with good nutrition, exercise, and medications.

To register for the class, call 865-215-5555.

8. Metro Drug Coalition Hosts Virtual Meeting on Youth Substance Misuse

The Metro Drug Coalition (MDC) is hosting a virtual town hall meeting to answer questions about youth substance misuse in our community this Thursday, March 23, from 7-8 p.m. via Zoom.

A panel of experts with a variety of perspectives on how substance misuse is affecting youth in our city will present information and take questions.

Attendees must register for this free event at the [MDC website](#), where you can get additional details about the event and the panelists and submit questions for consideration.

9. City Council Calls Special Meeting to Discuss SB0526

Knoxville City Council is having a special called meeting Wednesday, March 22, at 6 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 W Main St., to discuss the Tennessee State Senate Bill - SB0526 - which mandates a change to the way Knoxville elects its district council members without following the course for change and public input as laid out in our city charter. Council will discuss and vote on a Resolution asking SB0526 to be defeated.

To learn more about SB0526, please visit this link:

<https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=SB0526>

For more information about this special meeting and to view the meeting agenda, please visit this link: [2023/03/22 06:00 PM City Council Special Meeting - Web Outline - City of Knoxville, Tennessee \(iqm2.com\)](#)

If you would like to sign up to speak at this meeting, please contact Will Johnson, City Recorder, at wjohnson@knoxville.tn.gov or 865-215-2075.

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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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