



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 16, No. 12 – Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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### **1. City Council Workshop is This Thursday**

The Knoxville City Council will hold a workshop this Thursday, March 30, at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 Main St SW.

Representatives from Opticos Design and City staff will present on the concept of “Missing Middle Housing.” The presentation will focus on housing choice and affordability as well as barriers and development opportunities in Knoxville.

All are welcome to attend.

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## **2. South Haven Hosts Community Yard Sale**

The **South Haven Neighborhood Association** is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

On the day of the sale, you will be able to obtain a map of participating houses at Maynard Glen Ballfields parking lot, 2100 McClung Ave.

You could find a great bargain and meet new folks in South Knoxville. All are welcome to check out the sales!

## **3. Purchase Your Ticket for the Fourth and Gill Tour of Homes**

The **Historic Fourth and Gill** Tour of Homes and Secret Gardens will take place on Saturday, April 30, from 1-6 p.m.

Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 201 E. Third Ave.

The 2023 tour will show off seven historic homes, two historic structures, and eight open gardens for guests to enjoy.

Tickets are \$20 now through Saturday, April 29, and then tickets will be \$30 to purchase the day of the event.

For more information about the event and to purchase a ticket, please visit <https://www.fourthandgill.org/2023-tour-of-homes>.

## **4. Register for Mandatory Neighborhood Small Grants Program Workshop Now**

It’s that time of the year again!

Neighborhood groups wishing to apply for the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#) (NSGP) for the 2024 grant cycle must send a representative to one of the three scheduled pre-application workshops.

**NEW for this grant cycle:** The person who attends the workshop **must be** the primary contact for the project.

- Pre-Application Workshop A 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023 (Zoom)
- Pre-Application Workshop B 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (In person)
- Pre-Application Workshop C 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023 (Zoom)

You must register to attend one of these workshops by contacting Hayley Howard at 865-215-2113 or [hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov). Also contact Ms. Howard if a neighborhood representative absolutely cannot attend any of these three workshops.

Learn more about the NSGP on the [City's website](#).

## **5. Knoxville Participates in City Nature Challenge**

The Tennessee Butterfly Monitoring Network and Zoo Knoxville, in partnership with the City of Knoxville, are coordinating the [2023 City Nature Challenge](#) for the Knoxville area on Friday, April 28 thru Monday, May 1.

The [City Nature Challenge](#) is a bio-blitz, in which cities all over the world collaborate to observe as much wildlife – wild plants, animals, fungi, insects, etc. – as possible.

What does it mean to observe wildlife? In this case, it means to take photos of and upload to a website. You do not need to know what species something is. All you need to do is take photos and upload them.

What are the steps to observe and document?

- Download the iNaturalist app at [www.iNaturalist.org](http://www.iNaturalist.org) to your smartphone
- Create an account for yourself
- Take photos of the wildlife at different angles, if possible, while on the app

What if you don't have a smartphone? You may still take photos with a camera and then upload them to iNaturalist later.

If you would like to join a group bio-blitz activity, head to South Doyle Middle School (3900 Decatur Drive) on Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Science teachers will have an established area for participants to observe plants, insects, birds, aquatic life, and other wildlife together.

Anyone who would like training on how to download the app and use it, there will be a training on Thursday, April 13, from 5-7, at South Doyle Middle School. You will be able to drop in any time between 5-7 p.m. Folks will show you how to download the app, show you how to take the photos, and upload them.

If you are interested in participating on Saturday, April 29, please email Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) so we know how many people will be joining us.

## **6. Public Officer Hearing this Friday**

The Public Officer Hearing Meeting will be held Friday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 W. Main St.

There are several repair/demolition orders that will be considered at this meeting. They are at the following addresses:

- 416 Douglas Ave.
- 807 Drive D
- 201 Grata Rd. – including accessory structure
- 909 Kingland Ave. – including accessory structures
- 503 Oakland St. – including accessory structure
- 928 Tennessee Ave.

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## **7. Summer Opportunity Youth Engagement Grant Applications Due April 6**

Grant funding through the City's Office of Community Safety is available to non-profit and community-based organizations, including smaller organizations, to provide high-quality summer youth programming and/or employment in or around Knoxville.

Applications for the Summer Opportunity Youth Engagement Grant Program are due 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6.

Awards may range from \$3,000 - \$20,000, and will specifically support programming, stipends, payment, or other services directly for the Opportunity Youth engaged in programming.

More information about this opportunity, including the application and program guidelines, can be found on the City's [website](#).

If you have a question or need help understanding these guidelines or the application, call Mustafa Ali-Smith at 865-215-4429.

## **8. Parks and Rec Releases Group Hiking Schedule**

The City of Knoxville's Parks and Recreation Department released its Spring 2023 group hiking schedule. They meet on Thursdays at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. in different locations.

To learn about the dates, location, duration, and difficulty, visit the City of Knoxville's Parks and Recreation [website](#).

## **9. City Participates in the NoogaKnox Challenge**

We are all connected by water—streams flow into rivers and into the ocean. And it begins as rain falling into our yards and into storm drains.

Knoxville residents who want to play a bigger part in supporting healthy stormwater and waterways can join the Second Annual NoogaKnox Challenge, a friendly competition between Chattanooga and Knoxville to see which community can get the most residential yards certified as Smart Yards by the end of September.

Chattanooga won last year. If we win, there is consideration for changing the name to KnoxNooga Challenge

In Knoxville, residents can get certified through the Tennessee Smart Yards program, developed by the University of Tennessee Extension Office. The program guides homeowners through the process of making their yards more stormwater friendly, through native plantings, use of swales and other techniques.

Visit the [NoogaKnox Challenge Dashboard](#) to learn more about this challenge to improve water quality across the Tennessee River watershed. And, if you want to start your yard improvements today, go directly to [Tennessee Smart Yards](#) to download your workbook and begin the certification process.

Visit the story map [here](#).

## **10. KCHD Hosts Education Vape Night**

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) will be hosting an Education Vape Night at 6 p.m. this Thursday, March 30, in the Knoxville Convention Center's Rotunda Room, 701 Henley St.

This free event is aimed at educating parents/caregivers, school faculty/educators, healthcare professionals, and coaches/leaders on the dangers of vaping and tobacco products.

To register, please call Community Health at 865-215-5148 or visit the [website](#). If you cannot attend in person, a zoom option will be provided once you register.

The first 50 people to sign up will get hors d'oeuvres and a parent toolkit.

Door prizes and free parking will also be available.

### **11. 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](#)

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