



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 18 – Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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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. Best Wishes to Evan on Graduating

Evan's internship with the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) has come to a bittersweet end, and he will graduate with his bachelors in Social Work later this month.

Evan was named one of only 11 Torchbearers at the University of Tennessee, the highest honor the university gives to undergraduates. We are very proud of him and his many accomplishments on and off campus

Not only has Evan excelled at school, he has also been a tremendous asset to our office, helping with administrative tasks such as answering phones and assembling this weekly newsletter, the *Neighborly Notice*. He successfully ran the booth room at the 2022 Neighborhood Conference. He spoke on stage and helped greet everyone at the first annual Neighborhood Awards Dinner back in March. Evan attended multiple neighborhood meetings and events, assisting neighbors whenever he was able. He also helped evaluate many of our office's programs, and he created a sample grant application to help those interested in applying for the Neighborhood Small Grants Program.

Evan intends to pursue a career in law once he graduates, and he is waiting to hear back from several schools.

Wish him well as he continues to be a light in the communities he currently serves and will serve in the future.

2. FENA Hosted Arlington Garden Dedication Event

The **Fairmont Emoriland Neighborhood Association (FENA)** hosted an event this past Sunday to celebrate the great work done in what is now known as Arlington Garden.

In 2000, FENA was formed to channel neighborhood input into First Creek flood control plans being proposed by the City for the portion of the creek north of Emoriland Boulevard to Broadway at Chickamauga Avenue. A final improvement to the plan was the acquisition and demolition of the Pizza Hut located on the corner of Emoriland and Broadway.

The FENA board and others decided that a pollinator garden would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood and would provide a gathering space for neighbors in the lot where the Pizza Hut once stood. The neighborhood began participating in the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program \(NSGP\)](#) in 2019 and has worked with the City's Parks and Recreation department to bring their vision to life. Many volunteers have worked hundreds of hours to help develop and maintain the garden, and the neighborhood has continued to participate in the NSGP to help fund new ideas and improvements.

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) was happy to attend and be a part of such a special event.

3. Westwood Holds Annual Yard Sale

Westwood Homeowners Association will hold its Annual Multi-Family Yard Sale on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m.-12 noon both days.

To get to the neighborhood, you can take Interstate 40 to the Northshore Drive exit, head toward 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 neighbors have for sale!

4. Lonsdale Community Festival – Save the Date!

The **Lonsdale** Community Festival will take place on Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Emerald Youth Foundation, 1014 Heiskell Ave.

There will be multiple food trucks, vendors, free activities for children and youth, and fun for the whole family!

All are invited to join and enjoy the festival!

5. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Tomorrow

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet tomorrow Wednesday, May 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. in the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

Harold Cannon will speak to the council about the new multi-use stadium project.

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

6. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week

The [Board of Zoning Appeals \(BZA\)](#) will hear properties on Tuesday, May 16, at 4 p.m., at the City County Building, Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St. A Zoom attendance option is available upon request. Email Jennifer Scobee by noon the day of the meeting at jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov for a link.

Properties being addressed during New Business are 2230 Laurel Ave., 1458 Wilson Rd., 1452 Wilson Rd., 6919 Haverhill Dr., 5402 Rutledge Pk., 11068 Parkside Dr., 2900 N. Broadway, and 2126 Forest Ave.

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

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7. Historic Zoning Commission Meets Next Week

The [Historic Zoning Commission](#) will meet on Thursday, May 18, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room in the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Properties being addressed at this meeting will include, 121 Leonard Pl., 415 Lovenia Ave., and 420 E. Oklahoma Ave.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you may wish to attend in order to speak to any issues or concerns you and your neighbors may have.

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8. Trees Knoxville Hosts Open House May 11

Urban Canopy Works and Trees Knoxville, in partnership with the City of Knoxville, are helping the City evaluate its tree cover and get input from residents, business owners, property owners and major landholders about what the community wants to do moving forward with regard to the tree canopy.

Plan to attend the Urban Forest Master Plan Open House this Thursday, May 11, 4-7 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St. Presentations will be given at 5 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Registration is not required – just show up.

If you cannot attend this open house, you can invite someone from the team to attend your next meeting or fill out the online [survey](#).

9. South Knoxville Group Hosts Commercial Zoning Meeting

The **South Knoxville Neighborhood & Business Coalition** (SKNBC) is hosting a community meeting to help residents learn more about a proposed change to General Commercial Zoning (C-G-2 & C-G-3) specifications.

The meeting will be held Thursday, May 25, from 5-6:30 p.m. on the patio at 71 South, South Knoxville's newest restaurant, located at Baker Creek Bottoms.

This zoning change, if approved, could affect Chapman Highway south from Young High Pike.

The purpose of the C-G General Commercial Zoning District is "to provide for a heterogeneous mix of retail, personal services, office and residential uses..." and is intended to promote mixed-use development in a pedestrian-oriented development.

The change is being recommended to remove the build-to-percentages and build-to-zones for this area. The current standards require new buildings to be built closer to the road, like the new Fast Pace Health location across from Checkers. Having buildings closer to the road makes the area more walkable.

10. Knoxville SOUP Hosts Fundraising Dinner

Knoxville SOUP will host its next micro-fundraising community dinner on Wednesday, May 17, at Dara's Garden, 2637 Maryville Pike. Rothchild's Catering will provide dinner.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and presentations start at 6 p.m.

Here is how Knoxville SOUP works: attendees give a suggested donation of \$5 or more at the door and receive soup, salad, and a vote. Multiple groups present their projects for which they request funding. Attendees cast their votes and all the money collected at the door goes to the winner. Then folks can eat, mingle, and collaborate.

It is an opportunity for the community to gather, share, and connect. It is also an opportunity to support local projects that benefit the community as a whole.

11. CORRECTION: Open Streets 2023 Slated for June 4

Previously, we published that Open Streets 2023 was slated to occur on June 6. However, the correct date is Sunday, June 4, 2-4 p.m. in the Downtown North Knoxville area. We regret the error.

The route will be the first-ever loop and will include sections of Depot St., Gay St., Central St., Emory Pl., 3rd Ave., 4th Ave, and Lamar St. Check out the map route on [BWK's website](#).

Open Streets, hosted by Bike Walk 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 in a safe, fun setting.

All are welcomed to join in the activities.

12. Community Mediation Center Hosts Third Annual Peace Out Event

Mark your calendar for the Community Mediation Center's Third Annual Peace Out Event on Saturday, June 10, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Ijams Nature Center, located at 2915 Island Home Ave.

[Registration](#) is \$45 for the 5K Run/Walk, and profits from every registration will be matched by a generous anonymous donor. Your participation will have TWICE the impact.

More information about the event can be found on the [website](#).

If you have any questions about this race, please contact the race director at peaceoutinfo@2mediate.org.

13. What is the Right Tree, Right Spot?

If you plan to plant a tree in your yard, you can help reduce power outages for you and your neighbors by following these simple steps to smart landscaping:

- Choose the right tree.
 - Before making your selection, be sure to determine how tall and wide the tree will be at maturity and how deep the root system will be.
 - Select a native plant, which will require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to maintain. A list of native plants and trees can be found [here](#).
- Choose the right spot.
 - Remember to look up to make sure that you are clear of any power lines.
 - Pick your spot based on the mature size of your tree to ensure there will be enough clearance as it grows.
 - If you are not sure, you can always ask a tree specialist.

In the end, this will help you, your neighbors, and our Knoxville Utility Board (KUB).

If you have questions, please contact the City's Tree Board at treeboard@knoxvilletn.gov.

14. 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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