



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 19 – Tuesday, May 16, 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. Amherst Helmbolt Hosts First Spring Fling

The recently formed **Amherst Helmbolt Neighborhood Association (AHNA)** hosted their first Spring Fling on Friday, May 12, at the old grocery store site at the corner of Old Amherst and Francis.

Neighbors braved the impending rain to mingle, eat, get to know one another, and build community together. They had hot dogs, drinks, and a hibachi food truck.

AHNA used funding from the City's Micro Grant program to help produce this event.

If your group has a new project you would like to receive start-up money for, or you are a start-up group, please reach out to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov for more information on the [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's Micro Grant Program](#). The application process is closed for 2023, but you can learn more to be ready for 2024.

2. 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!

3. East Knoxville Continues Community Cleanup – Volunteer Now!

The East Knoxville Community Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Volunteers will meet at Eternal Life Harvest Center (ELHC), 2410 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue to pick up materials and equipment. Then, volunteers and groups will disperse back to their neighborhoods for the cleanup. At noon, volunteers are invited to return to the ELHC to enjoy a free lunch, live entertainment, and have fun with neighbors.

For more information about the event, please call 865-546-5125.

4. Lonsdale Community Festival – Correction!

Lonsdale neighbors are invited to attend the **Lonsdale Community Festival** this Saturday, May 20, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Emerald Youth Foundation, 1014 Heiskell Ave. The event is specifically for residents of the Lonsdale community. There will be a focus on faith, mental health and healing.

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

5. Participate in the Healthy Knoxville Program

It's not too late for your neighborhood to participate in the Healthy Knoxville Program for 2023!

The Healthy Knoxville Program is designed to strengthen Knoxville neighborhoods by supporting a wide range of community-based initiatives focused on health and wellbeing.

The program's goals are to increase healthy outcomes for neighbors by planning activities in at least 3 of 4 categories:

- Physical Activities / Utilizing Outdoor Spaces
- Nutrition / Healthy Food Access
- Tobacco / Vaping Cessation
- Mental Health and Wellness

Participating in this type of a program is a way to get neighbors involved in a positive, proactive, healthy way.

If your neighborhood would like more information about this program, please contact Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov.

6. PARC Meeting Cancelled

The Police Advisory and Review Committee (PARC) meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 18, has been cancelled. We will include an announcement in the Neighborly Notice when a new date has been set.

PARC reviews cases of alleged police misconduct that have been completed by the Knoxville Police Department's Internal Affairs investigation process or by direct complaints by neighbors. Visit PARC's [website](#) for more information.

7. City Announces West Knoxville Community Open House

The City will host a West Knoxville Community Open House on Thursday, June 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Bearden Middle School, 1000 Francis Road. Attendees are encouraged to use the driveway entrance located on Middlebrook Pike.

West Knoxville neighbors and stakeholders are invited to attend and learn about a number of projects in West Knoxville.

Constituents can attend anytime during the open house, and will have the opportunity to get updates on a variety of projects, including:

- Pleasant Ridge Road Phase II
- KUB Fiber Internet
- Kingston Pike Complete Connections
- African American Equity Restoration Task Force
- Northwest Greenway Connector
- Middlebrook Advanced Traffic Management System
- Lakeshore and West Hills Park
- Signal at Gleason and Downtown West
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming
- And More!

Please share this meeting with your West Knoxville neighbors and connections. We hope to see you there.

If you would like more information, visit www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/WestKnoxville.

8. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Today

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet this evening, May 16, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The Board will consider variance requests at the following addresses:

- 2230 Laurel Ave.
- 1458 Wilson Rd.
- 1452 Wilson Rd.
- 6919 Haverhill Dr.
- 5402 Rutledge Pk.
- 11068 Parkside Dr.
- 2900 N. Broadway

For more information about the meeting, please refer to the [City's website](#).

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9. Knoxville SOUP Restarts Fundraising Dinner

After a few years' hiatus, Knoxville SOUP will resume hosting their micro-fundraising community dinner on Wednesday, May 17, at Dara's Garden, 2637 Maryville Pike. Rothchild's Catering is providing dinner.

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

The four groups presenting their projects are:

- **Center for English and Integration Services (CEIS)** – CEIS provides English instruction to the growing immigrant population in Knoxville.
- **Knoxville-Tennessee Environmental Soil and Stream Testing (K-TESST)** – K-TESST wants to expand its local citizen science program by assembling more water and soil testing kits and hosting more middle school environmental testing labs in Knox County.
- **Library of Infinite Outcomes** – This group preserves the collective sovereignty through the power of plants.
- **SPARK** – Spark supplies tools that improve life for people with disabilities.

Here is how it works: attendees make a suggested donation of \$5 or more at the door and receive soup, salad, and a vote. Groups present their projects, then guests cast their votes. All money collected at the door goes to the winner.

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

For more, visit www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org, or you may contact them at contact@KnoxvilleSOUP.org or 865-661-1685 if you have questions.

10. UT Medical Center Hosts Free Hands-Only CPR Demonstrations

The University of Tennessee Medical Center will host Free Hands-Only CPR skills demonstrations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2, in the Heart Hospital Conference, located just inside the Heart Hospital entrance at Fountain Circle, 1924 Alcoa Hwy. Please park in Garage 1 OR 4.

Registration is not required, but if you have a large group, they request that you email cpr@utmck.edu so they can better prepare. Any questions can also be sent to cpr@utmck.edu.

Everyone is welcome to join. Be the Beat. Learn CPR to save a life.

11. Enhance Public Spaces with ONE's Placemaking Guide

Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces. Placemaking capitalizes on a local community's assets, inspiration, and

potential, with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and well-being.

Placemaking inspires people to collectively reimagine and reinvent public spaces as the heart of every community. Strengthening the connection between people and the places they share, placemaking refers to a collaborative process by which we can shape our public realm in order to maximize shared value. More than just promoting better urban design, placemaking facilitates creative patterns of use, paying particular attention to the physical, cultural, and social identities that define a place and support its ongoing evolution.

Placemaking is centered on observing, listening to, and asking questions of the people who live, work, and play in a particular space in order to understand their needs and aspirations for that space and for their community as a whole.

For more information about placemaking, check out the [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's Placemaking Guide](#).

This is also a great resource for those interested in applying for the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#).

12. Join BWK for Open Streets on June 4

Join Bike Walk Knoxville for Open Streets Knoxville in the Downtown North neighborhood on Sunday, June 4, from 2 - 6 p.m.

This year's event will close roads around Emory Place, including portions of W. Depot Avenue, N. Central Street and N. Gay Street, creating a car-free footprint for a variety of activities. Learn more by viewing the [Open Streets map](#).

Open Streets Knoxville closes local streets in order to bring together community groups and local businesses, giving people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to walk, ride bikes, hula hoop, and much more. More than a street festival, Open Streets Knoxville gives residents an opportunity to explore neighborhoods and local businesses in a safe, fun, and family-friendly way.

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.

For more information, visit Bike Walk Knoxville's event [page](#).

13. Rescheduled Date for Walk with Elected Officials

Bike Walk Knoxville is hosting a walking tour with local elected officials that connects **Pond Gap, Forest Heights,** and Bearden neighborhoods.

The rescheduled date is Tuesday, June 6, at 6 p.m.

Attendees will meet at Everly Brothers Park, 4635 Kingston Pike, and walk about one mile. Afterwards, guests are invited to attend pint night fundraiser at Albright Grove Brewing Co. on Sutherland Avenue.

For more, see Bike Walk Knoxville's [website](#).

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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