



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 22 – Tuesday, June 13, 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. City Closes for Juneteenth

City of Knoxville offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth, and that includes the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Waste Connections will run its normal residential garbage and recycling routes on that day. (Please note: Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are not picked up as scheduled.)

Downtown trash and recyclables will also be collected as usual.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will also be open, and the Goodwill attendant will be available to take household goods donations.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed on Saturday, June 17, and Monday, June 19, resuming normal business hours on Tuesday, June 20.

City Recreation centers, including the Knoxville Arts Center, will be closed and not holding summer camp sessions on Monday, June 19. The City's outdoor pools – Inskip and Ed Cothren – will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional pool information is posted at KnoxvilleTN.gov/aquatics.

Knoxville Area Transit (KAT) buses will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday, June 19. Visit KAT's brand new website, KATBus.com, for more information.

2. Mayor Names Joseph 'Black Atticus' Woods as New Poet Laureate

Joseph Woods, also known as Black Atticus, has been announced as the City of Knoxville's next Poet Laureate.

Woods has been active in the Knoxville community for years. He has performed poems for The Neighborhood Conference and participated in rap and spoken word events. He also hosts a monthly open mic night.

The City's Poet Laureate is encouraged to nurture appreciation of poetry and literature by conducting public readings, workshops, lectures and presentations in neighborhoods, schools, colleges, universities and other public settings in geographically diverse areas of the city.

Previous poet laureates have been R. B. Morris, Marilyn Kallet, and Rhea Carmon.

For more information on the City of Knoxville's Poet Laureate Program, visit the [website](#).

3. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Tomorrow

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet tomorrow Wednesday, June 14, from 4:30-6 p.m. in the City County Building's Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

City staff from the Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) and Empower Knox will speak about the services and programs they each offer Knoxville residents.

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

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4. Welcome ONE's New Interns!

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited to welcome our new interns, Sydney Jones and Madelyn "Ren" Hogan.

Sydney is participating in the [Summer in the City intern program](#) and will be with our office until the end of July. Ren is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Social Work at the University of Tennessee.

If you are in the City County Building, feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. Both interns will be out and about in the community very soon.

5. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets June 20

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, June 20, 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Properties that will be discussed are as follows:

- 5402 Rutledge Pk.
- 236 W. Scott Ave.
- 321 Deaderick Ave.
- 519 Douglas Ave.
- 109 S. Broadway St.
- 1931 & 1923 Forest Ave.

Please see the [agenda](#) for more details.

The meeting is in person, however, if you would like to attend via Zoom, you can request a link from Jen Scobee at jscobee@knoxvillentn.gov. You will need to make this request no later than 12 noon, the day of the meeting.

If you wish to speak on a property, please sign in sheet as you walk in. If you would like to be advised of appeals on an item, please be sure to fill out the appeals sign-up sheet that will also be on the table.

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6. Historic Zoning Commission Meets Thursday

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet this Thursday, June 15, 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 1622 Jefferson Ave., 0 Leonard Pl., and 409 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 there may be.

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7. What is a Master Gardener?

Do you have a garden question? Contact a Master Gardener!

Growing plants is a challenge, particularly in the rocky clay soils of east Tennessee. Choosing the right plant, finding the right spot, amending the soil, watering...the

questions are endless. The Master Gardeners of Knox County are ready to help you with these and many more gardening questions.

The Master Gardener program began in 1972 at Washington State University to train garden enthusiasts in research-based horticultural practices under the auspices of the Cooperative Extension Service of a land-grant university. In Knoxville, the Master Gardeners are a program of the University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension Service.

Training classes are held once per year and are open to everyone. Master Gardeners are required to give service hours to the community, and Knox County Master Gardeners do so through many activities including plant sales, information tables, Habitat Urban Gardens (HUG), talks on special subjects, such as native plants and hummingbird gardens, community and school gardens, volunteering at public parks, and many more educational and service-oriented events.

You can visit the Master Gardeners [website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

To contact Knox County Master Gardeners with your gardening questions email: kcmgamg@gmail.com or phone 865-215-3554.

8. Juneteenth Activities in Knoxville

City offices will be closed Monday, June 19, and City employees will have the day off. City Council voted in 2022 to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Juneteenth National Independence Day, the newest federal holiday, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The name originates from the date—June 19, 1865—when enslaved people in Texas, in the aftermath of the Civil War, were told by federal troops that they had been freed under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

How will you celebrate? Several Knoxville groups are hosting Juneteenth events, including:

Juneteenth 2023: Rooted in History

Sunday, June 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum, 2743 Wimpole Ave.

Rooted East Knox hosts food, libations, educational workshops and art.

Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration Parade and March

Monday, June 19, 10 a.m.

Parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Chilhowee Park, 330 E. Magnolia Ave. and conclude at Dr. Walter E. Hardy Park, where there will be a party. Sponsored by Knoxville's MLK Commission.

Juneteenth Ride at the Bottom

Monday, June 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Bottom Knox, 2340 E. Magnolia Ave.

Connect with the Bottom and Two Bikes for a special Juneteenth ride. This short, casual bike ride will take you through East Knoxville landmarks before returning to The Bottom for a fish fry and vintage market.

The Crown Pitch Competition

Monday, June 19, 6 p.m.

Old City Performing Arts Center, 111 State St.

The Women LLC and Shora Foundation host a competition for black entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas in hopes of winning \$5,000 along with resources and mentoring.

Please contact the individual organizations to receive additional information about their events.

9. Celebrate World Refugee Day

In celebration of local diversity and the contributions refugees make to the community, [Bridge Refugee Services](#) is hosting an annual celebration of World Refugee Day (June 20) this Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cumberland Estates Community Center, 4529 Silverhill Dr.

The community-wide event will feature international foods, vendors, and information from organizations assisting in refugee and international protected class resettlement. Bridge's clients have arrived from countries including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Cuba, Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Vietnam, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Burundi, Iraq, Venezuela, Colombia, Sudan and many others.

More information about this event is available at <https://bridgerefugees.org/events> and on [Facebook](#).

10. Apply to Participate in DA's Citizens Academy

It's that time of year again! District Attorney General Charme Allen is now accepting applications for the 2023 District Attorney General's Citizens Academy.

The Citizens Academy offers Knox County residents a behind-the-scenes look at the criminal justice system. Participants learn about the specific roles of law enforcement officers, attorneys, judges, and jurors, while being exposed to the inner workings and complexities involved in prosecution.

Citizens can practice what they have learned by participating in a mock trial, arguing a criminal case as prosecutors. In addition to the mock trial, assistant district attorneys

present on a wide range of topics including Criminal Justice 101, the “CSI Effect,” the opioid epidemic, gangs, and other trends that impact our community.

To be eligible for this program, applicants must be at least 18 years old; live and work in Knox County; and agree to a background check to be completed by the DA’s Office

The Citizens Academy will be held from 6-8 p.m. on the following eight Tuesdays: Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26; Oct 3, 10, 17 and 24.

To request an application, contact Emily Schueneman with the Office of the District Attorney General at emily.scheuneman@knoxcounty.org or 865-215-3736.

You can also apply [online](#).

The deadline to apply is Friday, July 2. The program acceptance notice should be released by Friday, Aug. 4, if not sooner.

11. Are You Caring for Someone With Parkinson’s disease?

If you are caring for someone with Parkinson’s disease, there are resources out there for you and the person with Parkinson’s.

The Cole Center for Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders offers an Education Series that meets the first Wednesday of each month from 2-3 p.m. at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 6900 Kingston Pike.

The Cole Center Caregiver Community meets every second Friday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd., in Farragut.

Also, there are Therapeutic Singing sessions that meet every Friday, June through September, 10-11 a.m. also at the Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd, in Farragut. The Therapeutic Singing Program is for both individuals with Parkinson’s and their care partners. Music therapy allows members to engage in group singing, breathing and vocal exercises, as well as movement to music, all while building a strong sense of community and support. All are welcome. No singing or musical experience is necessary.

To register for these events, visit UT Medical Center at www.UTMedicalCenter.org/events. For additional questions or assistance, please contact Paige Huggler at phuggler@utmck.edu.

12. 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](#).

About This Newsletter

*** This Advisory is produced on most Tuesdays of the year.*

*** Ideas and contributions are welcome. We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

*** Deadline for news & calendar items: 12 p.m. Fridays.*

*** May be copied and forwarded via neighborhood email lists and newsletters.*

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