



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 23 – Tuesday, June 20, 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. Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out

Later this year, Knoxville neighborhoods will celebrate National Night Out, a nationwide community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships.

The earliest National Night Out events were held in Philadelphia and Boston, on the first Tuesday in August. Texas and other areas began a tradition of holding NNO celebrations on the first Tuesday of October, which is when Knoxville neighborhoods celebrate. The October date – which is Oct. 3 this year – suits cooler local temperatures

and avoids early August, when parents and kids are focused on back-to-school activities.

If your neighborhood plans to celebrate National Night Out, please send the following information to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov:

- Neighborhood Name
- Neighborhood Contact Name
- Contact Name's phone number
- Contact Name's email address
- Date of the Event
- Times of the Event
- Location of Event
- Type of Event

We will help notify the Knoxville Police Department and the Knoxville Fire Department to schedule first responders to attend your event.

We look forward to seeing what you all plan for the festivities.

We encourage neighborhoods that host NNO events to [register for free](#) with the national organization to download the guide and coordinator toolkit.

2. Meet Your Candidates at the Neighborhood Resource Fair

Once chance you'll have to meet the candidates running in the upcoming 2023 City election is in the Candidates' Corner at the Neighborhood Resource Fair on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Jacob Building. Candidates running for the following offices have been invited to participate:

- City Mayor
- City Council at-Large, Seat A
- City Council at-Large, Seat B
- City Council at-Large, Seat C
- City Council, District 5
- Municipal Judge

See a list of candidates and important dates at the Knox County Election Commission's website, KnoxVotes.org. Making informed decisions about who to vote for is very important to your community.

We can't wait to see you at the Neighborhood Resource Fair!

3. KFD Hosts Station 11 Open House

The Knoxville Fire Department is hosting its next open house on Friday, July 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m., at Station 11, 2600 Whittle Springs Rd.

KFD welcomes everyone to come out and meet the firefighters, tour the station, and see the firetrucks. You will also get to learn about the tools and equipment that firefighters use as part of their jobs.

Light snacks will be provided by Tranzonic.

The next Open House will be at Station 5, 419 Arthur Street, on Friday, Aug. 11.

4. Don't Forget To Register To Vote

The final day to register to vote in the 2023 City of Knoxville primary election is Monday, July 31. Early Voting begins Wednesday, Aug. 9, and Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 29.

City of Knoxville elections are held during odd number years, so, after 2023, the next election will take place in 2025. All terms of office are four years.

Residents of Knoxville will vote for:

- City Mayor
- City Council at-Large, Seat A
- City Council at-Large, Seat B
- City Council at-Large, Seat C
- City Council, District 5
- Municipal Judge

The Knox County Election Commission facilitates City elections, as well as those for Knox County and Farragut. Visit [KnoxVotes.org](https://www.knoxvotes.org) to find a variety of information, including important election deadlines, candidate information and polling locations for both early voting and election-day voting.

You can also download and use the [GoVoteTN App](#), which assists Tennessee voters in finding their polling locations, sample ballots, see their elected officials, districts, and county election commission information as well as access online election results. Voters can download the free app in the App Store or Google Play to view voter specific information. State law even allows voters to use the GoVoteTN app inside polling locations.

Remember! Your voice makes a difference!

5. RYDE Offers Free Summer Movement Wellness Workshops

The [Royal Youth Dance Ensemble \(RYDE\)](#) is hosting a series of free, fun and creative movement workshops that focus on moving with joy and purpose for wellness. These workshops are geared toward youth ages 8-19 and will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Broadway Academy of Performing Arts and Events Center, 706 N. Broadway St.

These workshops will take place on the following dates:

- Friday, July 7 - Movement as a Tool for Emotional Wellness with Brynn Yeager
- Saturday, July 15 – SeroToned: Journaling and Movement with David Maccree
- Saturday, July 22 – Knox Community Street Dance: Jamming for Community with Maddei Collins

For more information about these workshops, contact Sherra Branner as 865-745-9363 or royaldance129@gmail.com.

6. Gas Leaks: Recognize, React, and KUB Responds

Natural gas is a safe, clean, and affordable source of energy in our community, but like any fuel source, you have to use it carefully. The [Knoxville Utility Board \(KUB\)](#) conducts proactive safety surveys to monitor, operate, and maintain its natural gas distribution system. This information is used to make repairs and determine replacement programs. But natural gas leaks do happen, and they are most common on customer-owned fuel lines and appliances, so it is important that you're familiar with basic natural gas safety procedures.

Do you know how to recognize a gas leak? Consider the following:

- **Smell:** Before processing, natural gas has no odor or color. KUB adds a harmless chemical called mercaptan to help you detect even small amounts of escaped natural gas. The mercaptan gives natural gas a distinctive “rotten egg” smell. For safety, you and your family need to know how to recognize that odor and what to do if you smell it.
- **Sound:** You may hear a blowing or hissing sound near a leak.
- **Sight:** You may see bubbling in a wet or flooded area or flames if a leak ignites. Dead or discolored vegetation may also be a sign of a natural gas leak.

Natural gas leaks are dangerous. If you think you smell natural gas or suspect a leak:

- Leave the area or building immediately.
- Go to an area where you no longer smell the gas.
- Call KUB at 865-524-2911 as soon as you leave the area.
- Notify KUB or 911 of damages to utilities, including natural gas pipelines.

- Don't do anything that could create a spark.
- Don't operate equipment, tools, or vehicles.
- Don't smoke or have any open flames.
- Don't reenter the area until KUB investigates and tells you it is safe.

If someone reports a natural gas leak, KUB immediately sends a trained technician to perform a free leak inspection.

[7. 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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*** See past issues at our website: <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods>*

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