



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 25 – Tuesday, July 11, 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. Register for the Neighborhood Resource Fair

Have you registered for the Neighborhood Resource Fair yet? Neighbors who register by Monday, Aug. 7, increase their chances of winning one of our fantastic door prizes!

Our first-ever Neighborhood Resource Fair will be held Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park, 401 Lakeside St. Admission is free and

registration isn't required, but attendees who register will have more opportunities to win a prize during the hourly drawings.

This event will offer an abundance of information and activities. You will be able to visit a vast number of information booths to learn what local services and organizations are available to you and your neighbors. The Muse Knoxville and Zoo Knoxville will be on hand with demonstrations and family-friendly activities. And the Candidates' Corner will host candidates running for City Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Judge.

All attendees also will receive two food tickets to use at the Jacob Building concession stand during the event.

To register for the event, please complete the [Event Bright Form](#).

We look forward to seeing you there!

2. What Are You Doing for National Night Out?

Several Knoxville neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out, a nationwide community-building campaign that promotes partnerships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Check out [this blog post](#) to see how West Hills, Timbercrest and other neighborhoods had fun in 2022.

If your neighborhood plans to celebrate National Night Out, which is Oct. 3 this year, please register with the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment. We will notify the Knoxville Police Department and the Knoxville Fire Department to schedule first responders to attend your event.

Register by sending 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 encourage participating neighborhoods to [register for free](#) with the national organization to download the guide and coordinator toolkit. We look forward to seeing what you have planned for NNO!

3. No Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting in July

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will not meet in July.

The next NAC meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, 4:30-6 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room at the City County Building, 400 Main St. All are welcome to attend.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City administration. It does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, representatives may speak as individuals or on behalf of their neighborhoods.

4. BZA Meets Next Tuesday

The next [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting is scheduled for July 18, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

A remote attendance option is available upon request. Email Jennifer Scobee at jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov before noon the day of the meeting to receive a Zoom link.

Properties that will be discussed are:

- 1415 Third Creek Rd.
- 2230 Laurel Ave.
- 816 Heins Ct.
- 200 W. Fifth Ave.
- 1600 Island Home Ave.

If you wish to speak on a property, please be sure to sign in on the speaker sign-in sheet that will be on the table as you enter the room.

If you would like to be advised of appeals on an item, please be sure to fill out the Appeals sign-up sheet that is also on that table.

You may view the agenda and application packets [here](#).

5. West District Command Forum Announced

West Knoxville neighbors are invited to the Knoxville Police Department's West District Commander Forum on Wednesday, July 26, at 6-7 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

The boundaries of KPD's West District are roughly I-275 to the east and Knoxville city limits to the west and north. You can review the Field Operation District Beat Map [here](#).

At the meeting, West District Commander John Kiely and his support staff will discuss ongoing crime trends in the district, crime-prevention tips, and answer questions and address the concerns of residents.

We hope to see folks there.

RSVP at the Facebook event page [here](#).

6. Financial Literacy 720 Offers Free Workshops

Knoxville-area organizations are working together to raise awareness and provide assistance to individuals striving for credit scores that promote financial stability and opportunities to build wealth that can be passed on from generation to generation.

Financial Literacy 720 is an annual campaign around July 20 that brings attention to the significance of credit scores to an individual's and household's ability to finance purchases, including vehicles, homes, education and small businesses.

Credit scores of 700 or higher can significantly improve a borrower's chances of securing loans with better interest rates. It can make a difference in whether purchasing a home becomes possible or whether a new business can access the necessary start-up capital.

Financial Literacy 720 partners include the United Way of Greater Knoxville, Operation HOPE, First Horizon Bank, Truist, Regions Bank, Pathway Lending CDFI, HomeSource East Tennessee, Simmons Bank, Home Federal Bank and Pinnacle Bank.

More details about Financial Literacy 720 and a list of free workshops being held July 19 and 20 are posted at <https://uwgk.org/financial-literacy-hwy/>. Resources are available to English and Spanish speakers, catering to individuals and families.

7. What to Do in Extreme Heat

Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year. When temperatures are in the 90s with high humidity, it is important to know what we can do as a community and as individuals to stay safe.

Here are some tips for staying safe in dangerously hot weather:

- First and foremost, minimize your time outside, especially during the hottest parts of the day. Stay in an air-conditioned building.
- If you must be outside, wear light-colored and loose-fitting clothing.
- Drink plenty of water or natural juices if you are out in the heat, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic or caffeinated beverages as they can be dehydrating.
- Think about others! Never leave children in a car on even a moderately warm day as conditions in the car can quickly heat to unhealthy levels. Check on the elderly or other people at risk.

For more heat information, please visit the [National Weather Service website](#).

Stay cool!

8. Planting Trees Helps Manage Flooding

Did you know that while taking in carbon and adding value to our lives, trees also help reduce flooding?

Deep tree root systems help water penetrate deeper into the soil at a faster rate under and around trees. This means less surface run-off and more water storage in the soil.

Also, tree leaf canopies (cover) help reduce erosion caused by falling rain by dissipating the droplets. Leaves provide surface area where rain water lands and evaporates as well.

When you are considering ways to help manage run-off water and prevent erosion at your home or business, consider the benefits of planting trees.

For more information, please visit the [Environmental Protection Agency's website](#).

9. 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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