



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 28 – Tuesday, August 1, 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 865-215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. West Hills Celebrates National Night Out

The **West Hills Community Association** is hosting their National Night Out celebration tonight, Aug. 1, from 6-8 p.m. at the gazebo and pavilion, at 410 Winston Rd. The event also includes a cook out, pool party, food trucks and a spray from the Knoxville Fire Department pumper truck at 7 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and honor first responders.

If your neighborhood plans to host a National Night Out event on Tuesday, Oct. 3, please contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvillekn.gov.

2. Lonsdale To Celebrate 38th Annual Homecoming

Lonsdale will celebrate its 38th Annual Homecoming from Friday, Aug. 4, to Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Emerald Youth Complex, 1740 Texas Ave. Food and merchandise vendors will be on hand Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 2-8 p.m. All Knoxville neighbors are invited to attend the festivities!

- Kids' Field Day, Friday, Aug. 4, 12-3 p.m.
Field day on the soccer fields with a DJ, pizza, drinks, and prizes, plus open gym time, 3-6 p.m.
- Parade & Festivities, Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. on Texas Ave. Mayor Kincannon will serve as Grand Marshal. A chalk walk will be held at 12 p.m. Festivities continue in the gym, followed by a balloon release for deceased loved ones from the Lonsdale community.
- Old Timers Day, Sunday, Aug. 6. Luncheon at 2 p.m. at the Friendship Baptist church, and Gospel music from 4-7 p.m. at the same location. Activities continue at the Emerald Youth Complex between 4-8 p.m.

3. Don't Forget! - Register For The Neighborhood Resource Fair

Don't forget to [register](#) for the inaugural Neighborhood Resource Fair before registration closes on Monday, Aug. 7, to increase your chances of winning one of our fantastic door prizes!

The fair will take place on Saturday, Aug. 12, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park, 401 Lakeside St.

This is a great opportunity for new Knoxville neighbors to learn more about the services and resources available to them and their families. It's also a fun way to meet others!

Neighbors can visit a vast number of informational booths to learn what services and organizations are available locally.

The Muse Knoxville and Zoo Knoxville will be on hand with demonstrations and family-friendly activities. The City's Public Service Department will also bring a knuckle boom, a backhoe, and mini-excavator. You will get to see how they operate! Candidates running for City Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Judge will be available to answer your questions at Candidates' Corner.

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

[Register now](#) for the event through EventBrite. We can't wait to see you there!

4. ONE Offers Leadership Training Classes

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is proud to bring back our leadership training class called Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations.

The program consists of 11 classes, starting Monday, Sept. 11, and running through Monday, Nov. 20. Graduation is slated for Saturday, Dec. 2.

It is a time commitment for participants, but one that is well worth the effort. Folks who complete the class will be eligible for Micro Grant Funding. Although there can be more than one person per neighborhood accepted into the training, there will only be one Micro Grant awarded per neighborhood.

Space is limited. Priority will be given to Knoxville residents, those who are new or newish to organizing, or those struggling to organize a neighborhood.

If you are interested, send the following information to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

- Name
- Neighborhood
- Address
- Years living in your neighborhood
- What you hope to gain by participating

5. City Council, County Commission Meet on Mental Health

A joint workshop on area mental health issues, data and response with members of Knox County Commission, Knoxville City Council, and Knox County State Delegation to the General Assembly will be held Thursday, Aug. 3, at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 West Main St.

The meeting agenda includes reviews of the Knoxville/Knox County Sequential Intercept Mapping Report 2022 and Crisis Response Continuum, a discussion of current and additional response options, E-911, history of local mental health continuum and questions/discussion of area department-funded services.

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6. KFD Hosts Open House at Station 5

The Knoxville Fire Department (KFD) will host its last open house of the year on Friday, Aug. 11, 4:30-7:30 p.m., at Station 5, 419 Arthur St. in Mechanicsville.

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.

7. Knox County Students Return to School Next Week

Knox County Schools students return to class on Tuesday, Aug. 8, and our teachers, school leaders and support staff are excited to begin the academic year!

Be mindful that speed limits in school zones are reduced during arrival and dismissal times. Keep an eye out for youth as they may be walking in your neighborhood and crossing streets to and from school.

Be aware of school buses stopping to pick up children. When the flashing lights are on and the stop sign comes out, please do NOT pass the school bus. To help keep our kids safe, please share this information with your neighborhood groups.

For more information about school start and end times for county schools or other information, you can visit the Knox County School District [website](#).

8. LWV Hosts Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Knoxville/Knox County has scheduled two candidate forums for the Knoxville City Primary Election cycle this summer.

The forum for candidates for Knoxville City Mayor will take place tonight, Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Knoxville Public Works Service Center, located at 3131 Morris Ave.

The forum for candidates for Knoxville City Council At-Large Seats A, B, and C, will take place on Monday, Aug. 7, from 6:30-8 p.m., in the Main Auditorium of West High School, located at 3300 Sutherland Ave.

The forums will be live-streamed on the [Facebook page of the League of Women Voters of Knoxville/Knox County](#) and archived for later viewing.

Early voting in the primary runs from Wednesday, Aug. 9, through Thursday, Aug. 24, and Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Visit [GoVoteKnoxville.com](#) for additional information on the candidates, early voting locations, and sample ballots.

9. Community Mediation Center – What Services Do They Provide?

[Knoxville's Community Mediation Center \(CMC\)](#) has been mediating disputes since 1994, using well-trained volunteers who work in pairs as co-mediators to help people manage and resolve their conflicts.

You don't have to wait until you're in court to mediate, although that's the time many people find out about mediation. You are able to initiate mediation at any time.

The mediators walk the participants through a process that involves storytelling, listening, conversing, identifying goals, brainstorming solutions, and finding agreement or a way forward. The parties in mediation are in control of the outcomes and are encouraged to find their own solutions in creating their mediated agreement.

The application process is simple, and the mediation sessions are scheduled to be convenient to working people.

Who might the parties be in a mediation? They might be landlords and tenants, neighbors, church groups, non-profits, sports teams, families. One might even be you if you have a conflict with another person or organization, and you want to talk it out to reach a solution before it escalates into something bigger.

What's the first step if you are thinking about a mediation? [Contact CMC](#) to see if your conflict is appropriate for mediation. Should you move forward with mediation, you and the other party involved are contacted and asked to participate. If both agree to participate, the confidential process begins. The dialogue proceeds in a safe, judgement-free zone, and both sides get the opportunity to speak and to be heard.

But don't just think of CMC when there is a conflict; they also provide training on conflict resolution and de-escalation skills. If your community group desires training so that you and your neighbors can make and keep peace yourselves, without additional intervention, this training might be of interest to you.

If this sounds like something you'd like to pursue or learn more about, then CMC wants to hear from you! For more, contact the Community Mediation Center at info@2mediate.org or 865-594-1879.

10. 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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