



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 29 – Tuesday, August 8, 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. No Newsletter Next Week

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will not produce a newsletter on Tuesday, Aug. 15. We will be back to it on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

In the meantime, if you miss the newsletter, visit our [Facebook page](#) to read about and share City- and neighborhood-related happenings.

If your neighborhood is planning an event that you'd like to promote, or news you want to share with other readers of the Neighborly Notice, please reach out to either [Hayley](#) or [Debbie](#) to see about getting it in the newsletter.

The deadline to request an article in the newsletter is the Friday prior to publication on Tuesday.

2. Town Hall East Hosts Candidate Forum

Town Hall East will host a forum including all eight candidates running to serve in the three At-Large City Council seats on Monday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Hwy.

This is a great opportunity to meet the candidates, ask questions, and find out what they can do to support East Knoxville and all Knoxville neighborhoods. Your vote matters!

If you have questions, email townhalleast@gmail.com or 865-544-8974.

For more information about the election, please visit www.KnoxVotes.org.

3. NAC Meets This Week

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

The focus of this month's meeting will be to learn about new initiatives and give input to the City's Waste & Resources Management Department.

Also, we are currently accepting applications for the Neighborhood Advisory Council in Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and one At-Large position. If you are interested in serving, please fill out and submit an [application](#), and return it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. You can also mail the application to Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN, 37901.

Applications are due by **Friday, Aug. 25, at 4:30 p.m.**

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4. Neighborhood Resource Fair Saturday

The wait is finally over! The Neighborhood Resource Fair is THIS SATURDAY, Aug. 12, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park, 401 Lakeside St.

What can you do at the Neighborhood Resource Fair?

- Visit more than 80 booths representing City & County Departments, non-profits and other organizations that offer services to residents of Knoxville
- Chat with candidates running for City offices
- Enjoy family-friendly activities from the Muse Knoxville and Zoo Knoxville
- Watch the City truck demonstration
- Register for a drawing of some awesome door prizes

Get ready for an energetic morning of networking, learning what resources are available to you, fun activities for the whole family, and door prizes. See you Saturday for our first Neighborhood Resource Fair! Share the [Facebook event](#) to invite your friends.

5. 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.

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

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.

6. It's Wiffleball Time in Tennessee

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited to announce that the Sixth Annual Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

If your neighborhood is interested in participating this year, please reach out to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. We already have several teams signed up.

We cannot wait to see you on the field for some friendly neighborhood competition!

Former tournament winners are:

2022 – **Westwood Homeowners Association**
2021 – **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**
2019 – **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association**
2018 – **Westwood Homeowners Association**
2017 – **Westwood Homeowners Association**

7. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week

The next Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting is scheduled for Aug. 15, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

There is a Zoom attendance option available upon request. If you need to request a Zoom link, please let Jen Scobee know at jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov before Noon on the day of the meeting.

Properties that will be discussed are as follows:

- 5121 Camelia Rd.
- 4145 Holston Dr.
- 185 Wrinkle Ave.
- 1108 Forest Ave.
- 1800 and 1900 Vermont Ave.
- 500 Clinch Ave.
- 7300 Westridge Dr.
- 0 Sanders Ln.
- 2230 Laurel Ave.

If you wish to speak on a property, please be sure to sign in on the speaker sign-in sheet located 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 by visiting the [City's website](#).

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8. KEMA Hosts Community Emergency Response Teams Training

Knoxville Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) is hosting a Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) training this fall!

The CERT trainings will take place from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Aug. 26, Sept. 16, Oct. 7 and 28.

Topics covered in the training include:

- Disaster Preparedness
- CERT Organization
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Fire and Hazardous Materials Safety
- Medical Operations
- CERT and Terrorism

The last day will include a final exercise and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Fair to connect attendees with local volunteer agencies.

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating, you can apply online [here](#).

There is no set deadline for applications; however, capacity is limited to 25 participants.

9. Early Voting Begins Tomorrow

The first day of early voting for the City of Knoxville's Primary Election is Wednesday, Aug. 9.

The final day to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, Aug. 22, and the official Election Day is Tuesday, Aug. 29.

For more information about the election, please visit www.KnoxVotes.org.

10. Historic Zoning Commission Meets Next Thursday

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet next Thursday, Aug. 17, 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:

- 424 E. Oklahoma Ave.
- 321 Deaderick Ave.
- 1202 Luttrell St.
- 200 W. Hill Ave.
- 1025 Luttrell St.
- 119 W. Glenwood Ave.
- 1111 Harvey St.
- 1000 Olive Rd.
- 410 E. Oklahoma Ave.
- 801 N. Fourth 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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11. Trees Knoxville Hosts Tree Walk

The August Tree Walk, hosted by Trees Knoxville, will be on Thursday, Aug. 24, 5:30-6:30 at Ashley Nicole Dream Playground in Caswell Park, 570 Winona St. The group will meet in the parking lot.

The group will walk the **Parkridge Neighborhood** with the City's Urban Forester Kasey Krouse to explore the past 10 years of management practices in the City's Urban Forestry Program, leading up to the development of the [Urban Forest Master Plan](#).

Everyone is welcome to join!

12. Be Safe – Drive Sober

According to the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security, between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, 1 in 3 fatal crashes involved a DUI, and 1 in 7 serious injury crashes involved a DUI.

Driving under the influence (DUI) – also known as driving while intoxicated (DWI), drunk driving, or impaired driving – is the crime of driving a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, including those prescribed by physicians.

In Tennessee, a drunk driver's level of intoxication is typically determined by the measurement of blood alcohol content (BAC). A BAC measurement of 0.08% defines the criminal offense.

Being convicted of DUI can impact your life in many ways, including loss of employment, prevention of employment in certain jobs, higher insurance rates, serious financial setbacks, personal and family embarrassment, and possible incarceration.

For more information and resources about the dangers of impaired driving, please visit the [Tennessee Highway Safety Office's website](#).

14. How to Help Wildlife in a Heatwave

With this summer's high temperatures, it can be hard for people to stay cool and even harder for wildlife. Birds, insects, squirrels – all critters need to keep cool too. How can we help our wildlife friends during a heatwave?

National Wildlife Federation suggests:

- Keeping birdbaths full, and replace water at least once a week to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.
- Hanging a drip jug over your bird bath to keep the water fresh and moving.
- Putting out additional water in shallow containers, like saucers, to avoid creating a breeding area for mosquitoes, and replace the water regularly.
- Using generous amounts of mulch in the garden can help the insects, worms and smaller critters.
- Watering plants so that they can provide moisture for anything eating them (plus, the dew provides water for bees).
- Using natural hummingbird feeders.
- Capturing rainwater when you can and putting it out for wildlife to drink from.

Every effort to help our outside friends counts. Let's help everyone stay cool this August!

15. The Significance of August 8 in Tennessee

Generations of Black Knoxville residents and those across Tennessee have celebrated the Eighth of August as “Emancipation Day,” the anniversary of Aug. 8, 1863, when Tennessee Military Governor Andrew Johnson freed people who were enslaved per the federal Emancipation Proclamation signed earlier that year.

Beck Cultural Center will host its Annual Eighth of August Jubilee Red Carpet event tonight, which includes a screening of the documentary “Emmett Till: White Lies, Black Death” at the Tennessee Theatre. VIP and general admission tickets to the event are available online at TennesseeTheatre.com.

For more details about Eight of August Jubilee and the history of the holiday, visit the [Beck Cultural Exchange Center’s website](#).

16. 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.*

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

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