



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 34 – Tuesday, September 26, 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. Participation in National Night Out is Growing

Is your neighborhood planning to participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 3? This is your last chance to let us know so that we can assist in getting first responders to your celebration.

If you are participating and want first responders, please email the following information to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov by no later than this Friday at 4:30 p.m.

- 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

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch, Inskip Community Association, Mechanicsville Community Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Montrose Court, Northwest Hills, and Norwood HOA are all participating in National Night Out for 2023.

Also participating are **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, Old Mechanicsville Neighborhood Interest, Old North Knoxville, Inc., Parkridge Community Organization, Seven Springs Homeowners Association, South Haven Neighborhood Association, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, Vestal Community Organization, and Westavia Woods Neighborhood Watch.**

2. Annual Wiffleball Tournament is Saturday

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) will host the Sixth Annual Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament this Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 8 a.m. at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

The deadline to sign up to play in the tournament has passed, but you are welcome to come and cheer on the teams participating!

Will Westwood hold on to their title, or will a new team break up this long-time rivalry? We hope 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**

3. BBB and POH Meet This Week

The Better Building Board (BBB) will meet this Thursday, Sept. 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Room 461 of the City County Building, located at 400 Main St.

The property and accessory structure at 1106 Raleigh Avenue will be discussed to see if it meets Determination of Blight. Two properties will be discussed to see if they meet a Certification of Blight, 1509 N. Fourth Ave., and 412 Ocala Dr., including the accessory structure.

The Public Officer Hearing will take place this Friday, Sept. 29, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, located at 400 Main St.

Properties being reviewed under New Business are: 909 Belleaire Ave.; 5605 Bluet Rd.; 534 N. Burns Rd. – Commercial warehouse only; 3937 Cluster Ave.; 1620 Dunbar St.; 921 Forsythe St., including accessory structure; 1431 Harvey St., including accessory structure – confirmation of emergency repair/demolition order; 2415 Hoitt Ave., including accessory structure; 2909 Linden Ave.; 202 Stone Rd., including accessory structure.

Properties being discussed as Boarding Approvals are: 205 Avenue C, 3937 Cluster Ave., 2415 Hoitt Ave., 2201 Virginia Ave.

To view the BBB or POH agenda, please visit the City's [website](#).

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you may wish to attend the meeting in order to speak to their condition.

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4. City Council Holds Workshop on 'Missing Middle' Housing

City Council will hold a workshop on “missing middle” housing on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 5 p.m. in the Large Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The City and Knoxville Knox County Planning have worked together to propose zoning changes that will ease the process of construction of a type of housing called “missing middle” because it's between single-family homes and large apartment complexes. This includes duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and townhomes. Approximately 400 residents

have attended 2 community open houses held Sept. 21 and 25. Learn more about the proposed zoning changes at www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/missingmiddle.

More information regarding the workshop agenda will be posted [here](#).

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5. Parks and Rec Hosts a Community Clean Up

Edgewood Park, Fairmont/Emoriland, Whittle Springs, Belle Morris neighbors! It's your time to shine! The City's Parks and Recreation team is holding its second litter cleanup on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Larry Cox Senior Center and Edgewood Park, 3109 Ocoee Trail.

Safety vests, trash bags, gloves and litter pickers will be provided on site. For more information, contact Verena at 865-637-991X or email her at vhadden@knoxvilletn.gov.

Let's help keep our community clean!

6. Input on Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report Due Wednesday

The City's Office of Housing and Neighborhood Development will be accepting public input on a draft of its 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) through tomorrow, Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The draft report outlines how the City spent federal HUD (Housing and Urban Development) funds between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, on local activities that align with the Consolidated Plan: to reduce and prevent homelessness; stabilize and revitalize neighborhoods; and create economic opportunity.

The report is available for review online at www.knoxvilletn.gov/development and in person at the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Office, Suite 532B (5th Floor City-County Building), 400 Main St.

The final report will be submitted to HUD by Saturday, Sept 30.

Input may be submitted in writing to Linda Rust by emailing lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or mailed to Linda Rust, City of Knoxville, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN 37901.

7. KPD Launches Faith and Blue

Between Oct. 6 and 9, the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) is participating in [Faith and Blue](#), a national initiative launched in 2020 to facilitate safer, stronger, more just and unified communities by connecting law enforcement professionals, residents, businesses and community groups through the connections of local faith-based organizations.

The different KPD Field Operation districts are hosting events or initiatives. Additionally, the Investigations Bureau, Management Services Bureau and Professional Standards Bureau are taking part in the Faith & Blue events as well.

- The West District is collecting essentials, basic hygiene items, which will be donated to the Western Heights Baptist Center to support vulnerable, needy residents in the Western Heights area.
- The Central District is sponsoring a blessing of the department's K-9s on Friday, Oct. 6, at Immaculate Conception Church. In conjunction with that, they are collecting essential items to support the animals in the care of the Young-Williams Animal Center.
- The East District will host an ice cream social on Monday, Oct. 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the Christenberry Community Center on Oglewood Ave. The event was jointly organized by the KPD and the Alliance for Community Transformation
- KPD's Management Services and Professional Standards Bureaus are partnering to collect items to support the Isaiah 117 House, which temporarily houses children who are removed from their homes due to safety concerns. Specifically – the Bureaus are collecting clothing items for teenage children. Items collected will be donated to Isaiah 117 House at their new location on Mill Road on Monday, October 9.
- Finally, the Investigations Bureau is partnering with Foster Chapel Baptist Church to support the Wesley House Community Center, which serves the Mechanicsville, Lonsdale and Beaumont communities. Food items will be collected for the Wesley House food pantry, which will culminate with an event at the Wesley House.

Residents wishing to contribute to those causes can drop off donations with the Telserve Unit on the first floor of the Public Safety Complex, 1650 Huron St.

For more information, visit KPD's blog on the [City's website](#).

8. Knox Heritage Offers Grants for Homeowners in Historic Overlay Districts

Knox Heritage, with support from the City of Knoxville's Historic Preservation Fund, is launching a Small Renovation Grant Fund to assist eligible homeowners residing within the City's H or NC Historic Overlay Districts. [Knox Heritage](#) opens their grants beginning Sunday, Oct. 1.

For more information, email info@knoxheritage.org or call 865-523-8008.

9. American Red Cross Needs Volunteers

The East Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross, located at 6921 Middlebrook Pike, will be issuing and installing battery-powered smoke detectors in a community near North Gallaher View Rd. and Middlebrook Pike on Saturday, Oct. 7, as part of their Tennessee Home Fire Campaign.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this effort from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

If you are interested, you may sign up to volunteer or request smoke alarms [here](#).

10. Health Department Offers Free Heart Health Classes

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) will be holding a free, two-part series on heart-healthy living.

Classes will be held on Oct. 5 and 12, from 6-7 p.m. at 140 Dameron Ave.

The classes will cover topics such as heart disease, heart-healthy eating, active living, and more.

Registration is encouraged; please call 865-215-5170 to register.

11. 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](#)

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](#).

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