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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. ONE Welcomes Shannett Riley!

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited to welcome our new part-time staff member, Shannett Riley, to the team!

Shannett will be ONE's Administrative Assistant and Event Planner and will help with administrative tasks as well as helping to plan our annual events, including the Neighborhood Resource Fair, Neighborhood Awards Dinner, the Wiffleball and Kick-Ball tournaments, Arbor Day, and workshops scheduled throughout the year.

If you are in the City County Building, feel free to drop in and say hello!

2. Laurel Place Homeowners Association Hosts Yard Sale

The **Laurel Place Homeowners Association** is holding a neighborhood Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Laurel Place Condos on Laurel View Rd.

Stop on by! You never know what you might find.

3. Neighborhoods Celebrated National Night Out Yesterday!

Last Night Knoxville neighborhoods celebrated our first responders in an event called National Night Out (NNO). This is a national grassroots community-building campaign where neighborhoods promote police-community partnerships.

First responders work hard to keep our neighborhoods safe and this is a time where neighborhoods say thank you.

A total of 21 groups are participating, with activities including cookouts, chili cook-offs, ice cream socials, potlucks, and so much more.

Participants are:

Burlington Residents' Association, Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch, Harrill Hills Neighborhood Watch, Inskip Community Association, Mechanicsville Community Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Montrose Court, Northwest Hills, and Norwood HOA..

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, Spring Hill Villas HOA, Vestal Community Organization, and Westavia Woods Neighborhood Watch.**

To learn more, go to the [NNO website](#).

4. Westwood Wins Sixth Annual Wiffleball Tournament

Congratulations to the **Westwood Homeowners Association** for winning the Sixth Annual Wiffleball Tournament!

In second place was **Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association** and in third place was **Parkridge Community Organization**.

West Hills Community Association and **Timbercrest Neighborhood Association** also participated.

This event is a great opportunity to engage with your neighbors, get outside on a beautiful Saturday, and have some fun! We appreciate each neighborhood that participated.

Teams might want to start practicing now if you want to play next year! We have some great teams!

5. Parks and Rec to Host Community Clean-Up

Calling all Edgewood Park, Fairmont/Emoriland, Whittle Springs, Belle Morris neighbors! The City's Parks and Recreation team is holding its second litter cleanup in collaboration with Keep Knoxville Beautiful 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 865-637-5991 or email her at vhadden@knoxvilletn.gov.

Let's help keep our community clean!

6. 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 local faith-based organizations.

KPD Field Operation districts (East, West and Central) are hosting events or initiatives, as well as the Investigations Bureau, Management Services Bureau and Professional Standards Bureau.

- 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.

- 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.
- 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 clothing items for teenage children to support the Isaiah 117 House, which temporarily houses children who are removed from their homes due to safety concerns.. Items collected will be donated to Isaiah 117 House at their new location on Mill Road on Monday, Oct. 9.
- 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 these causes can drop off donations with the Telsolve 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](#).

7. "Missing Middle" Housing Resources Available Online

More than 170 Knoxville residents came out to learn about the City's proposal for "missing middle" housing zoning changes, get their questions answered, and provide feedback on the plans during two community open houses held Sept. 21 and 25.

This community input and additional consultation from Opticos Design informed some edits to the original submission to Planning Commission for the October meeting. The changes were primarily to reword for clarity, remove redundant language, etc.

Additionally, changes simplified some of the dimensional specifics. There were no substantive changes and no changes to the intent of any section. Visit the [City's "missing middle" housing webpage](#) for more information.

8. City Hosts Arbor Day Celebration

Save the date and join the City's Arbor Day Celebration on Monday, Nov. 6, 2 p.m. at Harriet Tubman Park, 300 Harriet Tubman St.

Guests will learn more about what the City has done to keep our community labeled a Trees City USA city, assist with the task of planting new trees, as well as learn about the environment.

Arbor Day is a day of observance in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees! The holiday represents a hope for the future and a step toward a better tomorrow. Benefits to planting trees include higher quality of life for residents, business development, tourism, cleaner air and cleaner water.

9. KKB Beautification Grant is Due This Week!

Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB) is accepting applications for their 2023 Community Beautification Grants through this Friday, Oct. 6, at 5 p.m.

Once a year, KKB seeks proposals from community groups inspired to take on a community project that aligns with their mission: To inspire and empower Knox County communities to improve their quality of life through beautification and environmental stewardship. Projects must promote at least one of the following: litter prevention, waste reduction, community beautification, or environmental stewardship.

Any Knoxville or Knox County community group, including schools, neighborhood associations, religious organizations, etc. are eligible to apply.

Examples of potential projects include, but are not limited to:

- Tree plantings
- Butterfly gardens
- Community gardens
- Murals
- Graffiti removal and repainting of wall
- Large scale litter pickups (100+ volunteers)
- Educational projects that promote beautification and environmental stewardship
- Outdoor classrooms

KKB will be accepting projects with budgets up to \$5,000.

You can apply and find more information about the grant opportunity on [KKB's website](#).

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

[Knox Heritage](#), with support from the City of Knoxville's Historic Preservation Fund, launched a Small Renovation Grant Fund to assist eligible homeowners who reside within the City's H or NC Historic Overlay Districts with small renovation projects.

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

11. Go Places Seeks Youth Participants

Go Places, a new initiative to assist young people in our community, has launched.

The overall purpose of the Go Places project is to introduce and prepare youth ages 18-24 for the world of work through placement into paid work experiences and on a path to more equitable career opportunities with their peers.

Participants must be Knox County residents who are justice-involved or -adjacent, or formerly in DCS custody.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Erika Delaney at erika.delanyechw@gmail.com or 865-315-8801.

This is a pilot program funded by the US Department of Labor.

The East Tennessee Development District, Knoxville Urban League, and Grow Partnership Tennessee are partners in Tennessee.

12. Health Department Offers Free Heart Health Classes

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is 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.

13. Students and Families Participate in Walk & Roll to School Day

Schools across Knox County will participate in [Walk & Roll to School Day](#) this Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Walk & Roll to School Day is a global event promoting the benefits of walking to school, including increased physical activity and decreased traffic and air pollution near schools. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Today, thousands of schools across America—from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico—participate every October. Over time, this celebration has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school.

Students and families are encouraged to walk to school even if there is no official event at your school.

Drivers, please be extra cautious and aware while driving near schools and through Knoxville neighborhoods on Wednesday morning beginning around 7 a.m.

Join the movement!

14. [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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