



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 36 – Tuesday, October 10, 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. Last Day to Register to Vote is Today!

To cast a ballot in the City of Knoxville General Election, Tennesseans must register to vote by tonight, Tuesday, Oct. 10, by 11:59 p.m.

Register now at: GoVoteTN.gov.

Any U.S. citizen with a Tennessee driver's license or a photo ID can register in minutes on a computer, phone, or tablet by visiting the above website.

Early voting for the Nov. 7, City General Election starts Wednesday, Oct. 18, and runs Monday to Saturday until Thursday, Nov. 2. The deadline to request an absentee by-mail ballot is Tuesday, Oct. 31. Your vote matters; it is important to use your voice!

For more information about the City General Election, please visit [Go Vote! Knoxville](#).

2. Laurel Place Homeowners Association Hosts Yard Sale

This weekend, on Saturday, Oct. 14, **Laurel Place Homeowners Association** is hosting a neighborhood yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Laurel Place Condos are located on Laurel View Rd. in Northeast Knoxville. Stop by for some shopping and help support a local neighborhood!

In case of rain, the rescheduled date will be next weekend on Saturday, Oct. 21.

3. Who is Having A Halloween Gathering?

Is your neighborhood doing a celebration for Halloween? We would love to hear about it.

Are you all participating in the traditional door-to-door candy/treat giving? Do you have a 'trunk-or-treat' organized? Are you having a spooky night of music on someone's porch? Or are you decorating for a prizes?

We are always so impressed with the ideas that neighborhoods come up with to celebrate our holidays. If you let us know what you are doing, we will be happy to share it in the *Neighborly Notice*, and you might get featured on the news if you are interested in that.

Email your activities to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

4. NAC Meets This Week

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

This week's meeting will include a discussion on homelessness.

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5. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Now Open!

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make his or her neighborhood a better place? Do you know someone who welcomes new neighbors, volunteers to help those in distress or works tirelessly to service your neighborhood organization? Is your neighbor that person who shows up to lend a hand at every neighborhood potluck, community cleanup, or neighborhood meeting?

Nominations are open and will be accepted through **Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m.** Nominees must be residents of the City of Knoxville. Previous nominees may be nominated again. More than one nomination may be submitted for a single nominee.

Nominate a Neighbor of the Year by completing the [application](#) and return it to Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to the following address:

Shannett Riley
Office of Neighborhood Empowerment – Room 546
City of Knoxville
P.O. Box 1631
Knoxville, TN 37901

If you would like a hard copy of the application mailed to you, please call the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment at 865-215-3232.

The *Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award* (NOYA) is presented annually to a City of Knoxville resident who — in a spirit of cooperation and with commitment to inclusive community — has devoted time and talent in service to his or her neighbors and neighborhood. The award is meant to honor someone who makes a positive contribution at the neighborhood level without seeking recognition for their service.

The winner will be announced in the newsletter and will be presented at an invitation-only awards dinner in early March.

6. Officer Liaison of the Year Nominations Now Open!

Officer Liaison of the Year (OLOYA) nominations also will be accepted now through Friday, **Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m.**

Do you have an officer liaison that goes over and above for your neighborhood? Is he/she the one checking on neighborhood concerns and following up on issues, sharing prevention ideas, and being an all-around great advocate for the community?

We want to hear about it!

Nominate your neighborhood's Officer Liaison by completing this [application](#) and return it to Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to the following address:

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7. BZA Meets Next Week

The next [Board of Zoning Appeals](#) (BZA) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the 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:

- 1300 Vermont Ave.
- 2342 Robinson Rd.
- 6701 Baum Dr.
- 8403 Kingston Pike
- 724 Taylor Rd.
- 2000 Cumberland Ave.
- 5852 Washington Pike
- 1501 N Central St.
- 2230 Laurel 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 by visiting the [City's website](#).

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8. State Holds Public Meeting about Emission Reduction Strategy

The State will hold a public meeting on the Tennessee Volunteer Emission Reduction Strategy on Monday, Oct. 16, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay St.

The City of Knoxville and State of Tennessee both received federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) to reduce harmful emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants that cause climate change, bad air quality, and public health issues.

Join the meeting to learn about the proposed Tennessee Volunteer Emission Reduction Strategy – and share your feedback to influence the plan. If you cannot attend the meeting or would prefer to take an online survey, visit the [state website](#).

The City of Knoxville will host public events for the City's CPRG plan this fall. Stay tuned and learn more on the [city website](#).

9. Bike Walk Knoxville Hosts Walk With Elected Officials

Join [Bike Walk Knoxville](#), local elected officials, community members, and more for a walk to discuss pedestrian safety in West Hills!

This event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. beginning at Bearden Middle School, 1000 Francis Rd.

This walk will be an opportunity to engage with elected officials and community members about how policy, funding, and infrastructure affects safety for walking in our community.

The weather should be nice, don't forget your comfy shoes, and stay hydrated!

10. Knoxville Museum of Art Offers Free Activities during October

The [Knoxville Museum of Art](#) (KMA) welcomes the community for several fun, educational, relaxing and free events during the month of October.

Events will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 10 - KMA Book Club; 6-8 p.m. Join KMA to discuss “All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me” by Patrick Bringley.
- Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21-22 - In-gallery Movement Meditation Experience; 20-minute sessions at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. An enlivening, in-gallery movement experience led by instructor Jill Frere. Space is limited; register at www.knoxart.org/events.
- Tuesday, Oct. 24 - Deaf Night at the KMA; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Deaf Night at the KMA welcomes Knoxville’s Deaf Community to an open house at the museum.
- Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29 - In-gallery Guided Meditation; 3:30 p.m. Sessions led by Tammy Kaousias will further immerse you in the exhibition, Drink Up the Moon by Jane Cassidy. Space is limited; register at www.knoxart.org/events.

For additional information about these and other events, visit knoxart.org/events.

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](#).

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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