



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 37 – Tuesday, October 17, 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. Early Voting Starts Tomorrow!

Election Day in Knoxville is officially Tuesday, Nov. 7, but residents can vote early starting tomorrow, Wednesday, Oct. 18, through Thursday, Nov. 2.

All information about voting in Knox County--including polling locations, voting hours, and candidate lists--can be found at www.KnoxVotes.org. Voters who would like to request an absentee mail-in ballot need to do so at the above website by Tuesday, Oct. 31.

City of Knoxville elections are held in odd-numbered years. All terms of office are 4 years. After 2023, the next City election will be in 2025. Offices on the 2023 ballot are:

- City Council, District 5
- City Council At Large Seat A
- City Council At Large Seat B
- City Council At Large Seat C
- Municipal Judge

It is important to use your voice and cast your vote! See you at the polls!

2. Parkridge Hosts Home Tour

Parkridge will host their Home Tour on Sunday, Nov. 5, 12-6 p.m. beginning at 1520 Washington Ave. Tickets may be purchased in advance through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) for \$15. Tickets may be also purchased until 4 p.m. the day of the tour for \$20. Children 12 years and younger do not need tickets/wristbands.

Homes on the tour span the 1890s to the 1920s, and guests will be able to see inspiring examples of the ongoing neighborhood revitalization that is taking place in Parkridge.

Parking is available on Washington Ave. at the first tour stop where wristbands and programs will be distributed to ticket buyers.

To ramp up the fun, local Parkridge businesses will also be offering specials during the home tour!

- Orange Hat Brewery: First pint is \$1 with home tour wristband
- Last Days Autumn Brewery: First pint is \$1 with home tour wristband

3. Historic Zoning Commission Meets Thursday

The Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The following properties will be addressed at the meeting:

- 3220 Gov. John Sevier Hwy.

- 1527 Fairmont Blvd.
- 1707 Emoriland Blvd.
- 1701 Emoriland Blvd.
- 616 Luttrell St.
- 1800 Clinch Ave.
- 1404 Armstrong Ave.
- 219 W. Glenwood Ave.

The HZC works with developers to encourage the preservation of historic sites and areas to integrate historic facilities into plans.

For more case information, please visit the [Knoxville Knox County Planning website](#).

4. City of Knoxville Holds Ribbon Cutting For Public Safety Complex

The City's new Public Safety Complex, located at 1650 Huron St., is now officially open to the public! Officials will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. at the Municipal Court Main Entrance.

Following a short ceremony, attendees will have the opportunity to experience an escorted tour of the building, including select offices of the City Court, Knoxville Fire Department and Knoxville Police Department. Please note that attending these tours will require a security check at the entrance.

The new Knoxville Public Safety Complex is now the home of the Knoxville Police Department, Fire Department, E-911 Backup, Pension Board, and Municipal Court.

Learn more about the development of the Public Safety Building on the former campus of St. Mary's Hospital on [the City's website](#).

5. KEMA Organizes Emergency Preparedness Fair

Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) will host a Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Fair on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. at Safety City, 165 S. Concord St.

The fair is a great opportunity to learn about the volunteer organizations in our community that work in response to disasters.

If you have interest in learning more about these organizations and the services they provide to our region, or learning more about preparedness training in our community, please attend or visit KEMA's [website](#).

6. McClung Warehouse Redevelopment Meeting Set for Nov. 16

Mark your calendars! The City of Knoxville and Knoxville Community Development Corporation (KCDC) will host a community open house about redevelopment of the former McClung Warehouses on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 4-6:30 p.m. at The Standard, 416 W. Jackson Ave.

Residents are invited to attend at any time during open house hours to provide input on the redevelopment of the former McClung Warehouse site on Jackson Avenue. City staff and partners will be available to answer questions and collect feedback. Topics include: historical and existing land uses, site design, layout and programming, connectivity and public spaces.

Ideas and input from the open house will be used to inform programming and redevelopment of the site.

Learn more about the status and the history of the McClung Warehouses site at KnoxvilleTN.gov/McClung.

7. Advance Knox Shares Update

Advance Knox, a joint effort between Knox County and Knoxville Knox County Planning will share updates on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Advance Knox is a process to prepare a land use and transportation plan for Knox County that is informed by research and community input.

The updated Growth Plan is the first step of codifying the results of the Advance Knox Initiative, which will update the General Plan and later update the county zoning ordinances and development standards. These can have significant future impact for how our county and communities will look, and develop.

All are welcomed to join the meeting!

Here is a look at the [agenda](#). Here is more information about the [meeting](#). And for more information in general, see the Advance Knox [website](#).

The meeting will be hosted by our Knox County Mayor Jacobs.

8. Knox Heritage Seeks to Fund Historic Preservation

Applications for the Knox Heritage Small Renovation Grant Program are now open! With support from the City of Knoxville's Historic Preservation Fund, Knox Heritage is looking to fund historic preservation through supporting rehabilitation, restoration, and repair projects in Knoxville.

The program opened on Oct. 1. Applications for grants up to \$2,500 will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be reviewed in order of their receipt.

To be eligible:

- Property must be located in an H or NC Historic Overlay within City of Knoxville limits
- Property must be owner-occupied; commercial or rental properties will not be considered at this time
- Property must be current with all City of Knoxville and Knox County taxes

For more information about the grant application process, click [here](#).

9. Bike Walk Knoxville Plans 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, as well as ideas toward making our city more walkable and bike-able.

Don't forget your comfy shoes and a water bottle!

10. Trees Knoxville Hosts Cleanup at Pond Gap Elementary

Trees Knoxville will host a Volunteer Cleanup Day at Pond Gap Elementary School, 4530 Papermill Dr. NW, on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help clear invasive species and understory growth. This project will help to make Pond Gap's fruit tree forest functional again! To sign up, visit [Trees Knoxville's website](#).

11. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Presents October Saturday Spruce Up

Keep Knoxville Beautiful will host their Saturday Spruce Up on Saturday Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Adair Park, 4896 Jenkins Rd.

They will be removing invasive species, like privet, English Ivy, and Winter Creeper. Come help open up the Adair Park area so our beautiful native species can thrive!

To sign up, click [here](#).

12. Take a Walk Through the Trees

Join Trees Knoxville for their monthly Tree Walk on Thursday, Oct 26, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Racheff Park and Garden, 1943 Tennessee Ave.

Take a walk around Racheff's Arboretum and hear tree experts discuss what an arboretum is, the creation of one, and how to become certified.

[Trees Knoxville](#) is an organization whose mission is to preserve and increase the urban tree canopy in the city and county with a goal to grow a vibrant forest community.

13. Celebrate the Harvest Festival at Beardsley Farm

Come celebrate the fall harvest at CAC Beardsley Community Farm with a free community event on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Harvest Festival will celebrate the farm, the community, and all things fall. Enjoy free food, live music, kids' games and activities. You can wear your Halloween costumes and explore the farm in fall.

The CAC Beardsley Community Farm is located at 1741 Reynolds Street. (In case of severe inclement weather, this event will be canceled. Please check the Beardsley Farm [Facebook page](#) for updates.)

To learn more about Knoxville's only urban demonstration farm, visit [the Beardsley Farm website](#).

14. October is Leave the Leaves Month

October is Leave the Leaves Month! As leaves change color and fall to the ground, you can create habitat right where you live. Did you know that leaving the leaves in your yard or garden not only saves you time and energy but also benefits wildlife?

Here are a few good reasons to put down the rake:

- **Provide habitat for wildlife:** Frogs, turtles, and salamanders rely on fallen leaves to provide cover and hibernation places; many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring.
- **Provide food for wildlife:** Creatures, like earthworms and millipedes, reside in (and decompose) leaf litter and are themselves a source of food for bigger wildlife like birds and toads.
- **Increase fertility of your soil:** Decomposing leaves add nutrients to your soil and also allow for greater water retention.

If you belong to a homeowners association (HOA) that requires homeowners to remove leaves, you can rake them into your garden beds to use as free mulch. If that is not an option, rake your leaves to the curb for City crews to collect during leaf season, which officially begins Nov. 6. Leaf piles collected by the City are used to make compost, so it is still going to good use.

Knoxville has been certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation since 2017. By including articles about conservation in this newsletter, we help encourage others to be mindful of the environment and help keep our certification.

Learn more about certifying your neighborhood or property as a wildlife habitat [on the City's website](#).

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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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