



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 39 – Tuesday, October 31, 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. Stay Safe This Halloween

With Halloween being tonight, the combination of increased pedestrian traffic and distracted and impaired driving makes Halloween one of the most dangerous nights

each year for pedestrians and motorists. Here are some recommendations to help keep trick-or-treaters and drivers safe.

Drivers:

- Remain seated and buckled
- Designate a navigator so you can focus on driving
- Keep an eye out for trick-or-treaters; watch for children's shoes or costumes under vehicles to make sure they are not crossing the street between parked cars in neighborhoods.

Trick-or-Treaters:

- Be visible. Light-colored clothing or costumes provide the best visibility to motorists. Add reflective material or tape to costumes to increase visibility.
- Cross using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look both ways before crossing the street and keep an eye on the road while you are crossing.
- Stay on sidewalks. If no sidewalks are available, always walk facing traffic and stay as far to the left of the roadway as possible.

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

2. Historic Sutherland Heights Has Halloween Yard Party

On Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31, **Historic Sutherland Heights** will host a Halloween yard party, "An Evening of Happy Haunted Halloween Hoopla" on Greenleaf Avenue.

The event will include fortune telling, bobbing for apples, costume contests, and more!

3. Parkridge Hosts Home Tour

Parkridge will host their Home Tour on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 12-6 p.m. beginning at 1520 Washington Ave. Tickets may be purchased in advance through [Eventbrite](#) 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 Avenue at the first tour stop where wristbands and programs will be distributed to ticket buyers.

To ramp up the fun, 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

4. City Celebrates Arbor Day

The City's Tree Board will host the Arbor Day Celebration on Monday, Nov. 6, starting at 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.

All are invited to attend.

Arbor Day is a day of observance in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees! The day 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.

5. Neighbor of the Year Nominations Are Open!

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

Yes? Nominate that person for the Diana Conn Good Neighbor of the Year Award!

Nominations are open and will be accepted through **Friday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 p.m.** Nominees must be live within Knoxville city limits. 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 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 presented at an invitation-only awards dinner in early March and will be announced in this newsletter.

Meet the 2023 nominees for the Neighbor of the Year Award in this video:

<https://youtu.be/9TmqOWbaZxc>

6. PARC Meeting Has Been Cancelled

The Police Advisory and Review Committee's (PARC) third quarterly meeting has been cancelled. Need more info? Visit [KnoxvilleTN.gov/PARC](https://www.knoxvilletn.gov/PARC).

7. Save the Date: McClung Warehouse Redevelopment Meeting

The City of Knoxville and KCDC are hosting an open house event on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at The Standard, 416 W. Jackson Ave.

The community is invited to attend and provide input on the redevelopment of the former McClung Warehouse sites. City staff and partners will be located at stations throughout the event to gather feedback.

The McClung Warehouses were lost to fire in 2007 and demolished in 2014. Since then, the site has remained empty. Ideas and input from the open house will be used to inform programming and redevelopment of the site.

To view a map of the project area, check out the City's [Urban Design and Development website](#).

8. Last Day to Early Vote – Nov. 2

The last day to early vote for the City of Knoxville's General Election is this Thursday, Nov. 2.

The City of Knoxville General Election Day is on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

City voters will elect the Municipal Judge and four members to the Knoxville City Council. Candidates are running for open seats in District 5, and At-Large Seats A, B, and C.

Today is the final day to request an absentee ballot. If you would like more information on candidates for City Council and election schedules, visit the [Knox County election website](#).

9. Keep Knoxville Beautiful Hosts Sustainability Summit

Registration is open for Keep Knoxville Beautiful (KKB)'s Fifth Annual Sustainability Summit. Community members are welcome to [register](#) for this free event, which runs 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay St.

The KKB Sustainability Summit brings speakers from all over the country to Knoxville with the goal of educating and inspiring the audience about what is happening in sustainability and urban design in other municipalities and dreaming big about what might be possible here. The theme for this year's summit is "Reimagining the Asphalt Jungle."

Lunch will be provided for free to all attendees thanks to their generous food sponsor, The Tomato Head.

10. 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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