



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 40 – Tuesday, November 7, 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. Today is Election Day

If you did not get a chance to early vote, today is Election Day! Residents will vote for the City of Knoxville's City Council District 5, and at-Large Seats A, B, and C, and Municipal Judge.

During early voting, you may go to any early voting site; however, on Election Day, you must go to your precinct.

To find out where to vote, go to the Knox County Election Commission's [website](#). You can also find out information there about the candidates, see a sample ballot, and view early-voting statistics.

For more information, you can also visit the City's website: [Go Vote! Knoxville](#)

2. Meet Your Neighbor: Connie Bucholz-Beam

Connie Bucholz-Beam is a special education teacher, wife, and mom. When she's not busy with work, she likes to read and enjoys camping. A fun fact about Connie is that you may see her on television soon in a local ad!

Originally from Oak Ridge, Connie has lived in Knoxville for more than 10 years. She and her family are residents of the **Alice Bell-Spring Hill Neighborhood**, where she says she loves the feeling of community.

Connie's work in the neighborhood is focused on walkability and pedestrian safety. She was instrumental in getting traffic calming on Cross Valley and Luwana roads. She continues to be an advocate for her community, sharing information about the City's [Vision Zero initiative](#).

Do you have a neighbor who should be recognized in the Neighborly Notice? Please share with Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2113.

Also, do not forget to [nominate](#) your neighbors for the 2024 Good Neighbor of the Year Award! The deadline is Dec. 1, 2023.

3. NAC Meets This Week

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

This week, City staff will facilitate a discussion with NAC members about issues related to homelessness.

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4. City Council Holds Workshop

The Knoxville City Council will hold a workshop Thursday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, 400 Main St.

The workshop will focus on the history of and current state of Home Rule for municipalities in the State of Tennessee. Representatives from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County will offer presentations at the workshop.

All are welcome to attend.

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5. Gay Street Block Opens to Pedestrians Nov. 10 & 11

The 400 Block of Gay Street will be open to pedestrians only – no vehicles – on four upcoming weekends beginning this weekend, Nov. 10 and 11.

From 7 p.m. Friday to 4 a.m. Saturday, and between 7 p.m. Saturday and 4 a.m. Sunday, Gay Street between Wall and Union avenues will be a vehicle-free zone. Drivers should watch for detour signs and plan alternative routes.

In the announcement of this pilot project, Mayor Indya Kincannon referenced Paris, New York and New Orleans as cities that are “taking back their streets and turning them into safe spaces for pedestrians.”

“It creates another community space much like Market Square, she said. “We are excited to see how residents and visitors utilize this space during these pilot weekends.”

Learn more at the [City's website](#).

6. McClung Warehouse Redevelopment Open House Held Next Week

The City of Knoxville and KCDC are hosting an open house on Thursday, Nov. 16, to inform and collect input from residents on the redevelopment of the former McClung Warehouse sites in the Old City. The open house will be held 4 - 6:30 p.m. at The Standard, 416 W. Jackson Ave.

City staff and partners will be located at stations throughout the event to gather feedback. Opportunities for input will include the following topics: Historical and Existing Land Use, Site Design and Layout, Site Programming, Connectivity and Public Spaces.

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, or to read more about the history of the site, check out the City's [Urban Design and Development website](#).

7. Know Your Rights

Do you know what to do if you are stopped by the police? Below are some tips from the Police Advisory Review Committee office about your rights. This article does not constitute or offer legal advice. For specific questions, consult your attorney.

- You may remain silent: you do not have to answer questions.
- Stay calm and polite: you can use your phone to record interactions or take notes.
- You do not have to consent to searches: officers may still pat you down if they suspect a weapon.
- Ask if you are free to go: this will confirm if you are being detained or not and then they must read you your rights.
- If you wish, state that you want a lawyer: you do not have to answer questions until your lawyer is present after you state this.
- You do not have to sign forms: if you do not want to sign or do not understand what it is that you are being asked to sign; you have the right to not sign.
- Finally, do not run or argue: you never want to be a part of obstructing the police.

If you are unhappy after an encounter with a police officer, remember the details and contact the Police Advisory Review Committee office. They can help you through a complaint. You can call 865-215-3966, or use the MyKnoxville App. You can also write a letter to Room 532, 400 Main St. and here is a link to their [website](#).

8. Legal Aid of East Tennessee Offers Assistance

Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET), a nonprofit law firm that serves low-income individuals with civil legal problems free of charge, has received a new grant that allows them to expand their services to those who qualify.

The Family Centered Legal Solutions (FCLS) grant is a project funded under the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services through a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services. This new project provides funding for LAET to provide representation to more community members.

To qualify for services under the FCLS grant, you must have at least one minor child in your household. You also must be financially eligible (100% or below of the Federal poverty level), or be:

- Enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid/TennCare
- Enrolled in or eligible for Families First
- Receiving or eligible for SNAP Benefits
- Receiving Unemployment Benefits or have zero income
- Living in Section 8 or public housing
- Eligible for the National School Lunch Program

This grant provides for representation in a variety of legal matters, including but not limited to: school or education problems, juvenile issues, family law, child support, domestic violence, health law, employment law, public benefits, bankruptcy, collections or loan problems, federal income tax problems, driver's license problems and expungement of criminal records.

To contact LAET, call 865-637-0484, or visit their website at www.laet.org for more information.

9. Adopt-A-Road

[Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB) has an Adopt-A-Road Program that provides individuals and groups the opportunity to take an active role in preserving Knoxville's beauty by adopting a road for cleanup. Learn more on their [website](#).

KKB was founded in 1978 as the Greater Knoxville Beautification Board to help clean up Knoxville before the 1982 World's Fair and ever since has been dedicated to making our county cleaner, greener and beautiful.

10. Report a Litter Hotspot

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is an organization you can contact if you notice a nearby area full of litter. Anywhere in Knox County that is reported as a "Litter Hotspot" can be added to the cleanup groups' list to help make Knoxville greener and more beautiful!

To report a spot, visit <https://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/report-litter-form> or call TDOT at 1-877-8-LITTER.

Thank you for keeping our city in mind!

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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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