



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 41 – Tuesday, November 14, 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. Old North Hosts Home Tour

Old North Knoxville, Inc. will host its 32nd Annual Victorian Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3!

This historic neighborhood features beautiful homes built in the Queen Anne, Craftsman/Bungalow, Neoclassical Revival, and American Four Square styles. To help you kick off your holiday season, Old North Knoxville neighbors will open the doors of select homes in a variety of these styles, restored and decorated for the season for your festive viewing pleasure!

Old North invites everyone to join them in this fascinating look into some of the older homes in Knoxville.

Candlelight Tour: Saturday Dec. 2, 4-9 p.m.

Afternoon Tour: Sunday Dec. 3, 1-5 p.m.

Tickets are available online at VictorianHolidayHomeTour.com

2. Six Neighborhood Leaders Graduate from BSNO

On Nov. 13, six neighborhood leaders graduated from the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's nine-week Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations (BSNO) leadership-training course.

The graduates are Erin Hatfield of **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association**, Eric Johnson of **Vestal Community Organization**, Victoria Moore of **Flenniken Landing**, Caroline Platt of **South Haven Neighborhood Association and Western Heights**, Jay Price of **Marble City Neighborhood Association**, and Tiara-Lady Wilson of the **Morningside Heights HOA**.

If you see them, please congratulate them on finishing this 9-week course.

3. City Seeks Input on Downtown Parking

Do you visit downtown to shop, eat, enjoy events, and/or go to the movies? The City of Knoxville is interested in your input about parking in the downtown area.

Downtown Knoxville has grown in the last number of years to be a bustling area with numerous residents and visitors each day. The City is working with a consultant to assess downtown parking to inform a strategic plan for parking and mobility.

As a part of this process, everyone is encouraged to fill out the short downtown parking [survey](#) to provide feedback on what is going well, how parking is used now, and what the needs are for getting around in downtown Knoxville. The survey takes less than 5 minutes.

Please share with your friends and neighbors and ask them to complete the survey.

4. Historic Zoning Commission Meets Thursday

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet this Thursday, Nov. 16, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room, of the City County Bldg., 400 Main St.

Properties on the agenda are 1800 Clinch Ave.; 1135 Harvey St.; 810 Winona St.; and 9 Market Sq.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood and you wish to speak to the commission, you may do so by contacting Lindsay Crockett at lindsay.crockett@knoxplanning.org.

5. BZA Meets Next Week

The next Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street.

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:

- 3038 Gibbs Dr
- 2230 Laurel Ave
- 5660 Lyons View Pk
- 2312 & 2314 Island Home Ave
- 0 Hembolt Rd

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 [here](#).

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6. City Waste Services Announces Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

City of Knoxville offices, including the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Garbage and recycling collection will be on the regular schedule Monday, Nov. 20 through Wednesday, Nov. 22. There will be no household garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Waste Connections' office will be closed. Waste Connections will run Thursday routes on Friday and Friday routes on Saturday. Please remember to limit your waste to the contents of your City-issued trash cart; no overflow trash or carts with lifted lids will be picked up.

As a general reminder, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are NOT picked up as scheduled.

Downtown garbage and recycling collection will run on regular schedule during the week, but there will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 23.

The City's five recycling centers will be open, but the Goodwill attendant will not be available for household goods donations on Thursday, Nov. 23.

The City's Solid Waste Facility located at 1033 Elm St. will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 through Saturday, Nov. 25, and will resume normal operating hours on Monday, Nov. 27.

7. Trees Knoxville is Hiring

Trees Knoxville is hiring its first Executive Director! If you are interested, send a cover letter, resume/CV, candidate statement, and three references to paul@insighfulnaturellc.com by Friday, Dec. 8.

This new full-time professional position, beginning in 2024, will help lead the organization during a new period of growth. See a resume and more information about the position [here](#).

Trees Knoxville works closely with the City of Knoxville and the Tree Board. Their Volunteer Forester program has greatly increased the number of volunteers that help plant trees across the City.

8. KPD Establishes a Designated Safe Exchange Zone

As the holiday season fast approaches, the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) has established a designated safe exchange zone at the Public Safety Complex, located at 1650 Huron St.

The safe exchange zone includes two parking spaces located in prominent spots in the front lot of the Public Safety Complex.

The area is well-lit and under 24-hour video surveillance to protect Knoxville residents swapping, trading, buying or selling items, or during child custody exchanges.

Residents wanting to utilize the space will not need to notify the KPD. Residents simply need to park in one of the designated spaces and complete their exchange.

Illegal transactions such as those involving narcotics, hazardous materials and stolen property are strictly prohibited at the KPD safe exchange zone, as are transactions involving firearms, ammunition or explosives.

Though the parking area is well-lit and under video surveillance, the KPD encourages residents to make exchanges during daylight hours if at all possible.

Those making exchanges should also bring a trusted friend or family member along, tell someone where they are going and limit the amount of cash they carry. Additionally, residents are encouraged to be vigilant of possible scams. If a deal seems too good to be true, it is more than likely a scam.

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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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