



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 42 – Tuesday, November 21, 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. No Newsletter Next Week

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will not produce a newsletter on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Look for the next issue in your inbox on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

In the meantime, check out our [Facebook](#) page for interesting neighborhood and City activities.

2. City Shares Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

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

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 two 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, except **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.

Have you downloaded the [MyKnoxville mobile app](#)? You can use it to report an issue to 311.

3. Neighborhood Grants Approved By City Council

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, City Council voted to approve three grants supported by the Neighborhood Small Grants Program (NSGP).

The NSGP strengthens neighborhoods in the City of Knoxville by supporting a wide range of community-based initiatives through grants and technical assistance. The following neighborhood organizations will receive grant funding through the program in 2024:

West Hills Community Association
Fairmont Emoriland Neighborhood Association

Amherst Helmbolt Community Association

We are excited to see their ideas come to life!

If your neighborhood is interested in applying for a grant for 2025, mandatory grant workshops for the program will be held in the spring. These workshops will be announced in the *Neighborly Notice* as well as on the City's [website](#).

Do you need some inspiration for a neighborhood project? Check out the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's [Placemaking Guide](#).

4. City Council Approved NAC Appointments

Also last Tuesday, the Mayor recommended six appointments to the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), and City Council approved them unanimously.

Three were re-appointed:

Alanna McKissack (Seat 2-B)

Brent Waugh (Seat 4-B)

Philip Higgs (Seat 5-A)

Three were newly appointed:

Lily Seabolt (Seat 3-A) for a partial term that was vacated ending in Dec. 2024,

TaShawn Ransome (Seat 6-A)

Erin Hatfield (At Large Seat C)

Members (except Seabolt) will start their terms on the Neighborhood Advisory Council in January 2024 and serve through December 2026.

NAC members are appointed by the Mayor to:

- 1) Give advice and feedback on the programs and policies of the Office of Neighborhoods;
- 2) Bring neighborhood issues and concerns to the attention of the Mayor and City Administration;
- 3) Propose to the Administration responses and solutions to address these concerns; and
- 4) Serve as a sounding board for City initiatives and proposals affecting neighborhoods.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City Administration. As a matter of policy, it does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, they may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

5. Officer Liaison of the Year Nominations Now Open

Officer Liaison of the Year (OLOYA) nominations will be accepted now through **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 online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLOYA-2023> OR this [application](#) and returning 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.

Officer Liaison of the Year will be announced at the invitation only Awards Dinner held in the spring.

6. Still Accepting Neighbor of the Year Nominations

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to make their 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?

That person deserves to be nominated for the Diana Conn Neighbor of the Year Award!

Nominations will be accepted through **Friday, Dec. 1, 4:30 p.m.** Nominees must live within Knoxville city limits. Previous nominees may be nominated again, and more than one nomination may be submitted for a single nominee.

Nominate a Neighbor of the Year by completing this online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NOYA-2023> OR this [application](#) and return it to Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov or by mail to the following address:

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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.

Neighbor of the Year will be announced at the invitation-only Awards Dinner held in the spring.

7. City Switches to Leaf Pickup

Leaf collection season for city residents is from November to February. During this period, the two-week brush pick-up schedule is suspended to allow resources to concentrate on collecting fallen leaves throughout our community.

The Public Service Department crews will visit your neighborhood to vacuum your loose leaves. The schedule for some roads can be found [on the City's website](#), and you can also [submit a pickup request](#) if needed.

Please rake leaves into a row at the edge of the street in an area unobstructed by trees, power poles, vehicles or mailboxes. Be sure not to block access to sidewalks or push leaf piles into the street. This will make for easier and quicker collection! Leaves are collected and recycled into mulch. Plastic bags of leaves left at the curb will be considered bulky waste and unfortunately be sent to the landfill. Help us divert waste, don't put leaves in bags.

Last season, the City of Knoxville collected more than 7,000 tons of leaves that were processed for mulch and diverted from the landfill!

If you have questions about leaf collection call 3-1-1 or 865-215-4311.

8. 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.

9. City Seeks Input on McClung Warehouse Redevelopment

Last week, the City held a public open house on the McClung Warehouse site and potential for redevelopment.

If you were not able to attend, you can go to the City's [website](#) to view the materials presented at the Open House and answer a [survey](#), which will be open until mid-January.

This is your opportunity to share what kind of housing, retail, community space, and vehicle infrastructure you would like to see in this three-plus-acre location on the north side of downtown.

10. Support Keep Knoxville Beautiful's "No Trash November"

Keep Knoxville Beautiful is taking part in "No Trash November," a state-wide movement to pick up litter across Tennessee. Anyone can join by volunteering at an upcoming litter cleanup or borrowing litter cleanup supplies at the link [here](#).

Also, save the date—Nov. 28—for The Big Give, a 24-hour online giving campaign designed to raise funds and awareness for the local nonprofit community. This can be a great way to show you are thankful for the environment around you this Thanksgiving!

11. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 865-215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

The City of Knoxville ensures meaningful access to City programs, services, and activities to comply with Civil Rights Title VI and ADA Title II laws and reasonably provides translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, auxiliary aids and services.

To request language translation services, contact the City's Human Resources Department at titlevi@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3100. For disability accommodations,

contact City ADA Coordinator Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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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