



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 17, No. 9 – Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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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 vote during early voting, today is your last chance to do so in the Presidential Preference Primary and the Knox County Primary Election.

On Election Day, you must vote in your precinct. For a list of precincts and polling places, you can go to the Knox County Election Commissions [website](#). The polls will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are not sure where to vote, you can go to [KGIS's website](#) and enter in your address.

To see sample ballots, visit the [Knox County Election Commissions Home Page](#).

If you want to try out the Knox Area Transit (KAT) buses, they are free today! For more information about KAT's free fare on Election Day, visit their [website](#).

2. Provide Your Feedback on *The Neighborly Notice*

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment wants to hear your feedback on our weekly newsletter, *The Neighborly Notice*.

You can do so by completing this brief, anonymous [survey](#).

For a physical copy of this survey, please contact Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2113.

We appreciate you taking your time to fill this out, and we look forward to reviewing the survey responses!

3. Improve Health Outcomes – Participate in the Healthy Knoxville Program!

The Healthy Knoxville Program (HKP) is designed to strengthen local neighborhoods by supporting a wide range of community-based health and wellbeing initiatives..

The HKP's goals are to increase healthy outcomes for neighbors by planning activities in three of the following four categories:

- Physical Activities/Utilizing Outdoor Spaces
- Nutrition/Healthy Food Access
- Tobacco/Vaping Cessation
- Mental Health and Wellness

Your group sets a timeline based on what you want to achieve. At the end of the year, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) will ask for your documentation by Jan. 31, 2025. Based on your accomplishments, you will receive an award at the Neighborhood Awards Dinner in the spring of 2025.

Neighborhood groups, which are recognized by the ONE, wishing to participate in this program should contact Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2113 to get started.

Currently, two neighborhoods are active in the program. They are **West Hills Community Association** and **Westwood Homeowners Association**.

4. Sign Up for Neighborhood Kickball Tournament

The [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment](#) is hosting the inaugural Neighborhood Kickball Tournament on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ridley Helton Field, 300 Jessamine St. The back-up rain date is Saturday, May 11.

If your neighborhood is interested in participating, email Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov for more details. The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22 at 4:30 p.m.

If you and your neighborhood want to team up for a friendly competition, get some fresh air and exercise, and potentially win a trophy and bragging rights for the year, this event is for you.

Neighborhoods participating in ONE's Healthy Knoxville Program can count this event as one of their physical activities. For more information about the Healthy Knoxville Program, please contact Hayley Howard at howard@knoxvilletn.gov.

5. Housing and Neighborhood Development Hosts Public Meeting

The City of Knoxville's [Housing and Neighborhood Development](#) Department is hosting a public meeting regarding the Fair Housing Equity Plan on Tuesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Cansler Family YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

The City is developing a Fair Housing Equity Plan that will comply with HUD's proposed "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)" rule. That rule would require recipients of HUD funding to proactively take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, eliminate disparities in opportunities, and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination.

At the public meeting, City staff and a consultant will discuss initial findings, including data analysis, identification and description of fair housing issues, and to gauge the community's considerations of which identified fair housing issues should be prioritized. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. All are welcome to this open event.

To stay informed of the development of the Equity Planning process, please visit the City's [website](#).

For more information, please contact Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or fairhousing@knoxvilletn.gov.

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6. 311 Day is March 11

Monday, March 11 is a day to acknowledge how much the City's [311 Center for Service Innovation](#) helps Knoxville neighbors.

Opened in May 2005, 311 serves as an easy-to-use direct line to City services. A customer service representative will enter the service request and submit it to the appropriate City department immediately. Approximately 1,000 callers a day dial 311 for information and service requests regarding garbage, recycling and leaf pick-up, street light outages, parking tickets, potholes, road conditions, and other non-emergency issues.

You can also use the [My Knoxville app](#), which lets you report city issues like potholes, streetlight problems, and submit other service requests directly from your mobile device. It also provides a handheld guide to restaurants, parking, outdoor recreation, transit and more! Download at the App Store or Google Play.

Knoxville's 311/211 is the winner of the [2023 National Award of Excellence](#).

Great quality staff are ready to assist if you have a need.

7. International Women's Day is Friday

International Women's Day, a global holiday celebrating the social economic, cultural and political contributions and achievements of women, is this Friday, March 8.

It is observed annually on March 8, the day in 1908 when women working in textile factories marched through New York City in protest poor working conditions and demanded women's suffrage.

If you want to join in, you can celebrate International Women's Day by wearing purple!

For more about the history and global traditions of International Women's Day, visit the [United Nations' website](#).

If any group is doing something for this day, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment would love to hear about it.

8. Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday

Daylight Savings time starts this Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks an hour forward, and, unfortunately, prepare to lose an hour of sleep.

The federal government has seen the introduction of legislation in 2022 that sought to make daylight savings permanent in 2023; however, these bills have remained stuck in committee since their unanimous passing in the Senate. The state of Tennessee has additionally passed legislation that would make daylight savings permanent following similar action from the federal government.

Until then, let's get ready to spring forward!

9. Ramadan Begins March 11

The first night of the holy month of Ramadan will begin on Monday, March 11.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, and it is observed each year by Muslims worldwide as a time of fasting, prayer, community, charity, and reflection.

Ramadan lasts from one crescent moon to the next, and fasting is done daily from sunrise to sunset. The final day of Ramadan is called Eid al Fitr and is celebrated with a feast.

To learn more about Ramadan, view local prayer times, or volunteer opportunities, please visit [Muslim Community of Knoxville's website](#).

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

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

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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