

The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 39 – Tuesday, November 2, 2021

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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 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. Today is Election Day

One way to make your voice heard is to vote.

Today is Election Day for the City of Knoxville's Regular Election. If you did not get a chance to vote for the City of Knoxville's City Council seats 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 during Early Voting, you have one last opportunity! Residents of the 5th District can also vote in this election.

On Election Day, you must go to your precinct in order to vote. To find your polling place, go to the Knox County Election Commission's <u>website</u>. On the website, you can also find information 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. Tell Us about a Perfect Day in Your Neighborhood!

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is requesting submissions from Knoxville residents to highlight the wonderful things about our city's neighborhoods.

Please provide a one-paragraph description of your neighborhood along with a description of what a perfect day in your neighborhood looks like.

Tell us all about the places in your neighborhood that people like to go, activities that neighbors like to do together, beautiful features that inspire pride, etc.

If you would like your neighborhood to be featured in the Neighborly Notice, please send your submissions to Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov.

We look forward to learning more about your community!

3. Deadline for Conference Workshop Ideas is Approaching

The deadline to submit workshop ideas for the Neighborhood Conference (TNC) is this Friday, Nov. 5.

Have you attended conference workshops in previous years? Do you have ideas for workshop topics that would benefit the community? We want to hear your ideas.

The 2022 Neighborhood Conference will take place on Saturday, April 2, at the Knoxville Convention Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are planning for this conference to be in person with workshops, booths, the awards luncheon and more.

Send your workshop ideas to Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-3456.

4. ONE Plans Neighborhood Give Day

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is assisting in a <u>Neighborhood Give</u> <u>Day</u> and seeking volunteers to help homeowners in need of assistance with yard work. This Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m.-12 noon, we will be helping to clear out brush, branches, and undergrowth in the Holiday Hills neighborhood in Northwest Knoxville.

The City will be providing a dumpster, several types of hand tools, and water. If you have other tools that you feel comfortable using, bring them along!

Any amount of help will be greatly appreciated, even if you can't assist for the entire time.

If you have questions and/or are interested in helping, please contact Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-4382 for directions.

5. The City is Requesting Proposals for Funding of Historic Buildings

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for Funding for Preservation of Historic Buildings is now available on the City's <u>website</u>. Owners of both commercial and residential buildings within Knoxville city limits are eligible to submit proposals for projects that improve properties of historical significance. This year's funding for the Historic Preservation Fund Program is \$300,000, which is intended to fund multiple projects.

A mandatory Preproposal Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, via Zoom. Login details are included in the Purchasing document found at the link above. The owner or their representative will be required to attend in order to submit a proposal.

Proposals will be due prior to 11 a.m. on Dec. 20. Proposals will be evaluated in early January, with letters going to applicants following that.

For questions, you can contact Penny Owen at powens@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2070. Learn more about the City's Historic Preservation Fund Program and projects it has supported on the City's website.

6. Public Meeting Set for East Knoxville Greenway Discussion

A public meeting to gather input on the East Knox Greenway will be held Tuesday, Nov. 9, 5-7 p.m. via Zoom. It's the first in a series of community meetings on the project, which is still in the design phase.

The \$5 million, two-mile East Knox Greenway will connect Harriet Tubman Park with the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Learn more about the greenway – which will wind through Austin Homes and Vine Magnet Middle School with Dr. Walter Hardy Park and the Five Points community – on the City's website.

Got ideas for how to make the greenway even more connective and impactful? City officials and representatives of Toole Design Group and Barge Design Solutions are eager to hear more feedback from the community.

To join, click on this link:

https://tooledesign.zoom.us/j/81094328335?pwd=alpMR3NURTQrL0RiYi9zWWJ2U2s0Zz09

Meeting ID: 810 9432 8335

Passcode: 662279

Or, call in: 1-651-372-8299

Accessing the meeting via Zoom will allow a participant to see plans and other graphics, while joining the meeting by phone will provide only audio access.

If you and your neighbors can't make it to the Nov. 9 public meeting, share your ideas with City Greenways Coordinator Tim Hester via email at thester@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. Knox County Planning Alliance Shares Tools

The Knox County Planning Alliance (KCPA) is putting together a guide to help Knoxville/Knox County residents understand the development process.

The guide using slides from their recent workshop presentation to outline the planning process and help neighbors understand how and when to get involved.

KCPA has also created a Processes and Tools handout for neighborhood groups. The handout provides a brief description of the planning process and useful tools available to navigate the planning process. It also explains how to use KGIS planning case map layers.

Both the slides from workshop session 2 and the Processes and Tools handout can be found on the KCPA website.

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

Call 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

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.
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