

The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 42 – Tuesday, November 30, 2021

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1. Safety City Announces Holiday Hours

Have you ever seen Safety City all lit up for the holidays? This season is a wonderful time to experience the scale model replica of Knoxville, which is used by the Knoxville Police Department to teach public safety to elementary school students. Safety City's holiday hours have been announced:

- Tuesday, Nov. 30 Thursday, Dec. 2, from 4-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7 Thursday, Dec. 9, from 4-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 14 Thursday, Dec. 16, from 4-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 20 Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring your children, and enjoy the 'little things' in life.

The objective of Safety City is to provide an early educational program for elementary school children (kindergarten-fourth grades). The program teaches children about vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle and fire safety and instills youngsters with good safety habits at an early age.

Goals of Safety City:

- To provide a creative and safe environment where elementary students will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills in pedestrian, vehicular and bicycle safety
- To reduce injuries and deaths resulting from motor vehicular related crashes
- To reduce injuries and deaths resulting from fire
- To provide other personal safety education programs as they develop

For more information, please call 215-7100 or email Officer Lori Banks at lbanks@knoxvilletn.gov.

All are welcome!

2. West Hills Plans Neighborhood Bike Ride

West Hills Community Association plans to have a bike ride through the neighborhood on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Participants are invited to decorate their bikes for the holidays and ride through the West Hills Park at dusk. There will be a lighting ceremony at the gazebo, and cocoa will be available to purchase to support West Hills Elementary School. This is a family-friendly, so feel free to dress up, including the kids, and your bike. Neighborhood folks hope that this event will get everyone into the holiday spirit.

This activity is part of a pilot program with the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, to help West Hills gain points in the local version of Healthier Tennessee.

West Hills' event has been fashioned after the longtime downtown event, Tour de Lights, produced by Bike Walk Knoxville and Visit Knoxville. This year's Tour de Lights is on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. Visit their website to get further details.

Is your neighborhood doing something fun, creative, and/or cool for the holidays? We would love to hear about it and feature it in an upcoming edition of *The Neighborly Notice*.

3. Public Safety Complex Construction is Moving Along

The City of Knoxville Communications Department has posted a progress report detailing the work underway at the site of the City's new Public Safety Complex.

Crews are in the process of transitioning three former St. Mary's Hospital buildings in into the new home of the Knoxville Police Department, Fire Department, and Pension System by the end of 2022.

Watch in the coming weeks for the framing of the new City Court building to go vertical.

You can find the full details about the progress on the Public Safety Updates blog.

4. BBB and POH Scheduled for Next Week

The Better Building Board (BBB) will meet on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

The BBB hears appeals of the Public Officer's orders. The BBB holds hearings and may affirm or alter the Public Officer's order. If the property owner does not comply with the BBB's order, the city may repair or demolish, alter, improve, secure, board, or vacate and close the structure and bill the owner for the service. A lien can also be placed against the property to recover expenses for repair or demolition. The property owner may appeal the BBB's order to the Knox County Chancery Court. The BBB may also hear cases regarding the city's acquisition of property or the enforcement of the Demolition by Neglect Ordinance.

The <u>Public Officer Hearing</u> (POH) will be held the next day, Friday, Dec. 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building.

Please contact Cheri Burke at 865-215-2867 or cmburke@knoxvilletn.gov with questions about attending either hearing or for alternate attendance options.

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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.
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