



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 15, No. 45 – Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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### **1. Playground Celebration Set at Forest Heights Pocket Park**

Another step in the Forest Heights Neighborhood Association's plan for the Forest Heights Pocket Park will unfold this week as neighbors and City officials celebrate the installation of new playground equipment.

Mayor Indya Kincannon will join representatives of the **Forest Heights Neighborhood Association** for a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 411 Highland Hills Rd. All community members are also invited to attend!

The **Forest Heights Neighborhood Association** has worked closely with the East Tennessee Community Design Center to develop the master plan for the Pocket Park. More than 70 community members donated funds to make the project a possibility.

## **2. Celebrate Christmas in Burlington**

The **Burlington Business District Association (BBDA)** is presenting Christmas in Burlington on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 12-5 p.m. at the Greater Warner Tabernacle Church, 3800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.

The event – including vendors, a tree-lighting ceremony and a visit from Santa -- will be held along MLK Jr. Ave. and Oakland and Kirkwood streets.

Flu vaccines and COVID booster shots will be available to anyone who would like them.

Everyone is welcome!

## **3. What is Your Neighborhood Doing for the Holidays?**

Has your neighborhood organization planned something creative for the holidays? Are you having a tree lighting, a cookie swap, a poinsettia fundraiser? We would love to know!

Please reach out and tell us what your neighborhood has planned. We would love share your ideas, get folks to your events (if they are open to the public), and highlight some of the fun things you are doing to celebrate the season.

Please send pictures, plans, flyers to Debbie Sharp at [dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov) for us to share.

## **4. Trees Knoxville Presents Urban Forest Future**

Trees Knoxville – in partnership with City of Knoxville, Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB), Tennessee Division of Forestry, and Keep Knoxville Beautiful – will launch the Urban Forest Master Plan project on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 5:30 to 7 p.m. the Civic Coliseum, 500 Howard Baker Jr. Ave.

Free parking will be available at the Coliseum parking garage.

Trees play a vital role in our community by providing many environmental, social and economic benefits. Now is the time for you to give your input on the upcoming Urban

Forest Master Plan, a 20- to 30-year roadmap on what our community needs to do to maintain and increase tree cover across Knoxville.

Trees Knoxville will introduce this project and its timeline and let residents know how to get involved. There will be a presentation on the current state of Knoxville's urban forest and the results from the 2020 Urban Tree Canopy Study. Consultant Urban Canopy Works will give a presentation on the Urban Forest Master Plan that was completed in Tallahassee, Florida.

The event is open to the public, so bring your friends and family. Trees Knoxville wants to get as much input from the public as possible.

### **5. Join Trees Knoxville for Eighth Annual Holiday Tree Walk**

Trees Knoxville will host their Eighth Annual Holiday Tree Walk on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This year the group will be exploring the North Hills Neighborhood Arboretum.

Attendees should meet at North Hills Park at 2451 Kennington Rd. NE. Parking is available along Kennington Rd. and Kenilworth Ln.

You will also get a chance to play trivia and win a prize with the City of Knoxville Urban Forester Kasey Krouse.

All are welcome, including leashed pets!

### **6. Tour de Lights Bike Parade is Saturday**

Tour de Lights, sponsored by Bike Walk Knoxville, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. The ride will start at Suttree Landing Park, 1001 Waterfront Dr. SE, and end in Market Square.

Tour de Lights is a fun, free, family friendly holiday bike ride! Participants are encouraged to get in the holiday spirit by decorating themselves and their bikes. The event engages neighborhoods and businesses, along with others who come out to view the festivities.

Just show up for some free fun!

For more information, please visit [Bike Walk Knoxville's website](#).

### **7. Safety City is Open for the Holidays**

[Safety City](#) is open for the holiday season!

During the holidays, Safety City is decorated and lighted up for families to enjoy in the evenings. Open dates, which are subject to change due to weather and other conditions, for 2022 are Dec. 6-8 and 12-15. Hours are 4-8 p.m.

Come with a bike, or walk and see all the Christmas lights!

Safety City is a community service project of the Knoxville Police Department. It is a miniature Knoxville in which, every year, thousands of second graders across East Tennessee learn about pedestrian, fire, bike, street and street safety as well as how to use 911.

#### **8. [Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar](#)** (click link for online calendar)

Call 865-215-3232 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](#)

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