



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 13 – Tuesday, April 4, 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 215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. City Announces Holiday Weekend Schedule

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment and all City of Knoxville offices will be closed on Friday, April 7, for the Good Friday holiday.

Waste Connections will run its normal residential garbage and recycling routes on that day.

Downtown trash and recyclables will also be collected as usual on April 7 and on Sunday, April 9.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open on Friday, April 7, but the Goodwill attendant will only be available to receive donations of household goods until 1 p.m.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed on Friday, April 7, and Saturday, April 8.

2. Save the Date for Roots in South Knoxville

All residents are invited to attend the free Roots in South Knoxville event on Saturday, April 22, from 12 - 2 p.m. at Dogwood Elementary School, 705 Tipton Ave.

There will be food, games, a craft show, hikes on the nature trail, and more!

This event is made possible by:

- **South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association**
- **South Haven Neighborhood Association**
- **Lindbergh Forest Neighborhood Association**
- **South Knoxville Neighborhood & Business Coalition**
- Hillcrest UMC
- Trees Knoxville
- Knox Forest School
- Keep Knoxville Beautiful
- City of Knoxville
- Dogwood Elementary School PTO
- Community Schools
- CAC South Neighborhood Center
- Beardsley Farm
- Sierra Club
- Knox County Health Department
- IST Bank
- Waffely Good
- SOKNO Sourdough
- Sustainable Future Center
- Ijams Nature Center
- Apex Bank

Get outside and have a great time with your neighbors!

3. Last Call for Kickball

The deadline to sign up a team to participate in the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's inaugural Neighborhood Kickball Tournament is this Thursday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m.

The tournament will take place on Saturday, April 22, at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

The structure and rules will be similar to our wiffleball tournament. If your neighborhood is interested in participating, email Courtney Durrett at cdurrett@knoxvilletn.gov to sign up.

We are looking forward to some friendly neighborhood competition. For more, visit the [ONE Events web page](#).

4. Register Now for Mandatory Small Grants Workshop

It's that time of the year again!

Neighborhood groups wishing to apply for the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#) (NSGP) for the 2024 grant cycle must send a representative to one of the three scheduled pre-application workshops.

NEW for this grant cycle: The person who attends the workshop must be the primary contact for the project.

- Pre-Application Workshop A 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023 (Zoom)
- Pre-Application Workshop B 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2023 (In person)
- Pre-Application Workshop C 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023 (Zoom)

You must register to attend one of these workshops by contacting Hayley Howard at 865-215-2113 or hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov. Also contact Hayley if a neighborhood representative absolutely cannot attend any of these three workshops.

Learn more about the NSGP on the [City's website](#).

5. 2023 Recreation Challenge Grants Are Now Open

Does your neighborhood group have a great idea to add functionality or amenities to a City park or greenway? The Parks and Recreation Department's annual Recreation Challenge Grant Program is open for applications

In past years, groups have used grant funding for playground equipment, water fountains, benches, landscaping, and other projects that enhance public property and benefit the general public. Grant funds can also be used to promote activities in City

parks or greenways, and can even be used to match funds for various activities, like yoga.

This program is open to community groups with a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(6) status. Grant recipients will be reimbursed 50 percent of the cost of a single project, up to \$3,000 -- an increase from \$2,500.

Applications are due no later than Friday, June 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in applying for the Recreation Challenge Grant, or have questions about the process, contact Tim Hester at thester@knoxvilletn.gov.

Visit the [city's website](#) for additional information.

6. East Knoxville Community Open House

The City of Knoxville will host an [East Knoxville Community Open House](#) on Tuesday, April 11, 5-7 p.m. at the Jacob Building, 401 Lakeside Dr.

The event's format is the same as open houses held in February in North and South Knoxville. Residents are welcome to attend any time during the event. City staff and partners will be present to provide information and answer questions about many projects located in East Knoxville including:

- Magnolia Avenue streetscapes project
- Burlington streetscapes and neighborhood signage
- Magnolia / Rutledge Pike / Asheville Highway study
- East Knoxville greenway and Morningside Park developments
- African American Equity Restoration Task Force
- Urban Forest Master Plan
- Multi-use stadium project
- And more

Visit www.KnoxvilleTN.gov/EastKnoxville for additional information.

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7. Summer Opportunity Youth Grant Deadline This Week

The deadline for local nonprofits to apply for grant funding from the City's Summer Opportunity Youth Grant program is this Thursday, April 6, at 4:30 p.m.

The City's Summer Opportunity Youth Grant program offers grant funding to local nonprofits to provide summer jobs and opportunities for young people who are most at risk for violence.

Community organizations can apply for funding amounts between \$3,000 and \$20,000 to expand their summer programs to include opportunity youth – those who are at-risk, or proven risk, for violence because they are currently or were previously engaged with the juvenile or criminal justice system, have a close friend or family member who has recently been involved in a violent crime, or may have themselves been a violent crime victim.

Grant funding requests should specifically support programming, stipends, payment, or other services directly for the youth engaged in programming.

Applications and additional information, including guidelines, a budget template and contacts for assistance can be found on the Office of Community Safety's [website](#).

8. City Brush Collection Is Back

Did you notice the switch? Public Service began picking up brush in early March.

Neighbors can expect crews to collect brush – piles including sticks, limbs and leaves – every two weeks through October.

Brush waste should be placed next to the street in an unobstructed area and kept separate from trash. Brush piles should be no larger than a single 6' x 6' x 6' pile.

Crews collect week-of rather than on a particular day, so remember to get your brush pile together out by 7 a.m. on Monday the week of your brush collection.

To find the schedule for your street, look at the [Brush Pickup Schedule](#). You will type in your street name and it will tell you which week you are on, Week 1 or Week 2. Then look on the monthly schedule. Week 1 is in light green; Week 2 is in dark green.

Placement of your brush piles is critical. For more information about what to put out and how to put it out, visit the [City's website](#).

9. Summer in the City Internship Application Open Through April 23

The City of Knoxville is offering 20 paid internship positions to young people, ages 16-22, as a part of the Summer in the City Internship program.

As a part of this program, young people will have the opportunity to work in City departments, engage in personal and professional development opportunities, community service, and complete a group project.

Applications are open now, and will stay open until April 23. To apply, visit our [website](#)!

10. SKNBC Sponsors Conversation on Knoxville's Tree Cover

South Knoxville Neighborhood & Business Coalition (SKNBC) is sponsoring a meeting for all South Knoxville neighbors to learn about the Knoxville Urban Forest Master Plan process and give input on the future of the tree cover (or canopy) in Knoxville. The meeting will be on Monday, April 10, at 6 p.m. at the Ijams Nature Center Community Room, 2915 Island Home Ave.

There will be time to hear a presentation about the status of trees in the city, as well as matters that will affect the city for many years to come. The presentation will be followed by time for questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served.

11. Advance Knox Seeks Feedback

Do you care about growth and transportation in Knox County? [Advance Knox](#) needs your feedback!

Please complete this [survey](#) during Priorities Week by Sunday, April 9, to respond to a list of proposed transportation projects that will accompany a future land use plan for Knox County.

[Advance Knox](#) is an effort to define a vision and create a plan that will guide growth, land use, transportation, economic prosperity, and quality of life in the County for years to come.

12. 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](#)

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.*

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*** 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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