



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 17 – Tuesday, May 2, 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. West Hills Hosted First Annual Neighborhood Pickleball Tournament

The **West Hills Community Association** hosted their first annual Neighborhood Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, April 29.

The fun-spirited event brought out a great deal of neighbors, and overall, it was a huge success! And they used Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) Micro Grant funding to start up this new event.

What is YOUR neighborhood doing this spring?! If you would like to share your neighborhood's upcoming events with others, please email Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov.

If your neighborhood organization has an idea for a new event, initiative, or activity, reach out to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov to see if you qualify.

2. Holston Hills Garden Sale is this Saturday

Join the **Historic Holston Hills Community Club** for their annual garden sale this Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the intersection of Chilhowee Dr. and Holston Hills Rd.

This event is supporting the Holston Hills Community Park. From perennial plants and annual plants to garden treasures and hanging baskets, you don't want to miss out!

Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

3. East Knoxville Community Cleanup – Volunteer Now!

The East Knoxville Community Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m.-12 noon and will begin at the Eternal Life Harvest Center (ELHC), 2410 MLK Jr. Ave.

On the day of the event, volunteers will meet at the ELHC to pick up materials and equipment. Then volunteers and groups will disperse back to their neighborhoods for the cleanup. At noon, volunteers are to return to the ELHC to enjoy a free lunch, live entertainment, and to have fun with neighbors.

For more information about the event, please call 865-546-5125.

4. Register for Final Grants Program Workshop NOW!

Neighborhood groups wishing to apply for the [Neighborhood Small Grants Program](#) (NSGP) for the 2024 grant cycle have one last chance to send a representative to the final pre-application workshop on Wednesday, May 3, at 5 p.m. This meeting will be by Zoom.

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

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be **resident-led, resident-controlled, democratically run** neighborhood groups serving neighborhoods in the City of Knoxville.
- A group **must conduct a regular election process to select leaders**, and this process must be included in the group's bylaws, with meeting minutes, or otherwise available in written form.
- A group must have a **defined geographic boundary**, hold regular meetings as defined in the organization's bylaws, maintain meeting minutes, **and be registered with the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment.**

You must register to receive the Zoom link for this workshop by contacting Hayley Howard at 865-215-2113 or hhoward@knoxvillekn.gov.

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

A completed sample application, close-out report, volunteer match log, and expenditures sheet can also be found on the [website at the bottom of the page](#).

5. Mark Your Calendars for the Neighborhood Resource Fair

Mark Saturday, Aug. 12, on your calendar for the first annual City of Knoxville Neighborhood Resource Fair. This event replaces the booth portion of the former Neighborhood Conference.

The Neighborhood Resource Fair will take place at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

This will be a highly energetic event set up for you to meet many city and county staff, non-profit organizations, have fun, connect with other neighbors and groups, etc. This event will be more casual and lively.

Be on the lookout for more information in future newsletters.

6. Trees Knoxville Hosts Two Open Houses

Urban Canopy Works and Trees Knoxville, in partnership with the City of Knoxville, are helping the city evaluate its tree cover and get input from residents, business owners, property owners and major landholders about what the community wants to do moving forward with regard to the tree canopy.

Two open houses are scheduled for community input:

Virtual Urban Forest Master Plan Open House

- Thursday, May 4
- 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Registration is required, [available here](#)

In-Person Urban Forest Master Plan Open House

- Thursday, May 11
- 4-7 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.
- Presentations will be given at 5 p.m. and again at 6 p.m.
- Registration is not required – just show up.

If you cannot attend any of these, you can invite someone from the team to attend your next meeting or fill out the online [survey](#).

7. PARC to Hold Quarterly Meeting

The Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 18, at 6 p.m., at the Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave. They will review reports that came in between Jan. 1-Mar. 31.

PARC reviews, by community request, cases of alleged police misconduct that have completed the Knoxville Police Department's Internal Affairs investigation process.

Please use this [form to sign up to speak](#) during the public forum portion of the PARC meeting. Confirmed speakers will receive a confirmation email from PARC.

Community members may also sign up in person the day of the meeting between 5:30-6 p.m.

For any issues or questions regarding Public Forum, please contact Emily Gwydir at egwydir@knoxvilletn.gov.

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8. WATE Hosts Free Shred Day

WATE will be hosting their Free Shred Day on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m.-12 noon, at WATE's parking lot, 1306 North Broadway.

This is a time to safely get rid of any unwanted paper that needs shredding. That can include checks, receipts, legal documents, medical records, computer printouts, or personal files. All types of office paper and materials are accepted.

Up to three small boxes, bags, totes, or crates per vehicle are allowed, and these will be returned once the paper has been securely disposed of. The limit helps to ensure that everyone is able to dispose of their paper. Multiple trips are allowed for those wishing to dispose of more than three boxes of paper.

This year's Free Shred Day is sponsored by the Tennessee Army National Guard.

9. Learn More about Tennessee Smart Yards

A Smart Yard is a yard that is in balance with the local environment for the benefit of both people and our ecosystem.

Tennessee Smart Yards is a University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension-led program that guides Tennesseans on practices they can apply in their outdoor spaces to create healthier, more ecologically-sound landscapes and communities. Nine principles of stewardship serve as the foundation for the program and are explored in online modules and practical workshops taught by UT-TSU Extension and water resource professionals.

You don't have to be an expert gardener or landscaper to create a Tennessee Smart Yard. All it takes is a willingness to learn and a desire to take actions described in the Tennessee Smart Yard Workbook. Maintaining a Tennessee Smart Yard provides natural functionality for homeowners through working with nature for the benefit of both.

To learn more about this program and how to certify your yard, please visit [UTK's website](#).

10. Open Streets 2023 Slated for June 6

Bike Walk Knoxville (BWK) announced Open Streets for 2023 and it will be on Sunday, June 6, 2-4 p.m. in the Downtown North Knoxville area.

The route will be the first-ever loop and will include sections of Depot St., Gay St., Central St., Emory Pl., 3rd Ave., 4th Ave, and Lamar St. Check out the map route on [BWK's website](#).

Open Streets brings together community groups and local businesses, giving people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to walk, ride bikes, hula hoop, and much more in a safe, fun setting.

All are welcomed to join in the activities.

11. Walk with Elected Officials Event Has Been Rescheduled!

Bike Walk Knoxville is hosting a walking tour with local elected officials that connects **Pond Gap, Forest Heights**, and Bearden neighborhoods.

The event has been moved to Tuesday, June 6, at 6 p.m. at the Everly Brothers Park, 4635 Kingston Pike.

The walk will be about one mile around. A pint night will follow at Albright Grove Brewing Co.

For more, see Bike Walk Knoxville's [website](#).

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](#).

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- ** *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.*
- ** *See past issues at our website: <http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/neighborhoods>*

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