



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 21 – Tuesday, June 6, 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. Cumberland Estates Holds Neighborhood Yard Sale

The neighbors at **Cumberland Estates West Neighborhood Watch** will hold a neighborhood-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Some households will also participate on Friday, June 9, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

You can get to this neighborhood off of Western Ave. onto Palmetto Rd. Look for signs along Palmetto to see which houses are participating.

Everyone is welcome to browse, purchase, and get to know the folks in the neighborhood.

2. Neighborhood Resource Fair Happenings

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 12! The Neighborhood Resource Fair is shaping up to be a great way to learn about numerous services and organizations available to you and your neighbors. Join us from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park for an abundance of information and activities.

The Muse Knoxville and Zoo Knoxville will be on hand with demonstrations and family-friendly activities. Door prizes will be given throughout the event. All attendees will receive two free food tickets to use at the Jacob Building concession stand during the event.

Stay tuned for more information!

3. Recreation Challenge Grants Due Friday, June 30

The City's Parks and Recreation Department offers an annual Challenge Grant Program, which provides grant funding to non-profit groups with projects associated with public parks or recreation facilities within the City limits.

Funding is available to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(6) status community groups, homeowner associations, schools, Scout troops and other organizations; many groups use a fiscal sponsor.

Recipients of a challenge grant will be reimbursed 50 percent of the cost of a single project, up to \$3,000.

Parks and Rec has been awarding challenge grants to non-profit groups for more than 25 years. In past years, grants have been used for playground equipment, water fountains, benches and landscaping, including trees, gardens and signage.

Grant funding may also be used to promote activities in City Parks and on Greenways. Grants can provide match funds for various fitness classes such as yoga, Tai Chi, or other activities. Passive programming for activities such as painting and birdwatching will also be considered. Approved activities must be on City park properties, and all other rules associated with the Challenge Grant Program will apply.

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

You can email them to Tim Hester at thester@knoxvilletn.gov, or mail them in to:

City of Knoxville
Parks and Recreation Dept.
P.O. Box 1631
Knoxville, TN 37901

4. Kid A'Riffic is Back!

[Kid A' Riffic Fun in the Park](#) kicks off Wednesday, June 7, at Fountain City Park! This series of events for children age 2-12 will be held on Wednesdays in June and July from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (except July 5) at a different park each week.

The City is excited to announce this summer's schedule:

June 7 – Fountain City Park, 117 Hotel Rd.
June 14 – Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Ave. (including a Touch-A-Truck event and a helicopter)
June 21 – Safety City, 165 S. Concord St.
June 28 – Fort Kid, 1049 World's Fair Park Dr.
July 12 – Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Park
July 19 – Lakeshore Park, 5930 Lyons View Pike
July 26 – World's Fair Park

Come enjoy making crafts, playing games, and so much more while making fun memories over summer vacation. All activities are free!

5. Fire Station 20 Hosts Open House

Join Knoxville Fire Department at Fire Station 20 (200 Portsmouth Road) for an open house in the **West Hills** community on Friday, June 9, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Meet your firefighters, tour the station, get an up-close look at a fire truck, and so much more!

Light snacks will be provided by Tranzonic.

Take this opportunity to get to know first responders who serve our community and keep us safe.

6. Know What's Below – Call 811

Did you know that 40 percent of people who dig into the ground don't contact 811 before digging because they think their project is too shallow to require it? Utilities can actually be buried only a couple of inches below the surface. The only way to be sure you will not accidentally damage these utilities is to contact 811.

[Tennessee 811](#) is a non-profit Tennessee corporation established in 1983, whose mission is to act as an advance-notification service to operators of underground facilities anywhere within the state. This organization provides education and notification service to advocate for and to facilitate damage prevention to underground utilities.

Please call 811 before you dig!

7. Community Mediation Center Hosts Peace Out Event

The Community Mediation Center's Third Annual Peace Out Event is this Saturday, June 10, 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Ijams Nature Center (2915 Island Home Avenue).

[Registration](#) is \$45 for the 5K Run/Walk, and profits from every registration will be matched by a generous anonymous donor. Your participation will have TWICE the impact.

More information about the event can be found on the [website](#).

If you have any questions about this race, please contact the race director at peaceoutinfo@2mediate.org.

8. Juneteenth Activities in Knoxville

We celebrate Juneteenth National Independence Day, the newest federal holiday, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The name originates from the date—June 19, 1865—when enslaved people in Texas, in the aftermath of the Civil War, were told by federal troops that they had been freed under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

City offices will be closed Monday, June 19, and City employees will have the day off. City Council voted in 2022 to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

How will you celebrate? Several Knoxville groups are hosting Juneteenth events, including:

Juneteenth 2023: Rooted in History

Sunday, June 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum, 2743 Wimpole Ave.

Rooted East Knox hosts food, libations, educational workshops and art.

All White Attire at the

MLK Jr. & Juneteenth Celebration Parade

Monday, June 19, 10 a.m.

Parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Chilhowee Park, 330 E. Magnolia Ave. and conclude at Dr. Walter E. Hardy Park for a special Beck Juneteenth Memorial Tribute Service.

Sponsored by Knoxville's MLK Commission.

Juneteenth Ride at the Bottom

Monday, June 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Bottom Knox, 2340 E. Magnolia Ave.

Connect with the Bottom and Two Bikes for a special Juneteenth ride. This short, casual bike ride will take you through East Knoxville landmarks before returning to The Bottom for a fish fry and vintage market.

The Crown Pitch Competition

Monday, June 19, 6 p.m.

Old City Performing Arts Center, 111 State St.

The Women LLC and Shora Foundation host a competition for black entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas in hopes of winning \$5,000 along with resources and mentoring.

If you know of other events happening around Juneteenth, please let us know and we will help get the word out.

9. Celebrate World Refugee Day

In celebration of local diversity and the contributions refugees make to the community, [Bridge Refugee Services](#) is hosting an annual celebration of World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Cumberland Estates Community Center, 4529 Silverhill Dr.

The community-wide event will feature international foods, vendors, and information from organizations assisting in refugee and international protected class resettlement. Bridge clients in East Tennessee have arrived from countries including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Cuba, Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Vietnam, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Burundi, Iraq, Venezuela, Colombia, Sudan, and many others.

More information about the event is available at <https://bridgerefugees.org/events> and on [Facebook](#).

10. 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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