



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 16, No. 33 – Tuesday, September 19, 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 865-215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. SKNBC Hosts Candidate Forum

The South Knoxville Neighborhood and Business Coalition (SKNBC) will host a candidate forum and meet-and-greet on Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m., in the community room of South High Senior Living, 835 Tipton Ave.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the run-off candidates for the November city election. Candidates for Municipal Judge, City Council Seat 5, and At-Large City Council Seats A, B, and C have been invited to meet constituents and share their ideas and vision for Knoxville.

SKNBC extends an invitation to all Knoxville residents, business owners, and community leaders. The event is free and open to the public.

If you have questions relevant to South Knoxville that you would like to have considered for the candidates to answer, please submit to contact@SKNBC.org, or use this online Google form: <https://forms.gle/7NT634KaEUA26vqVA>.

2. Welcome Savannah to ONE!

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited to welcome our newest intern, Savannah!

Savannah is a student at the University of Tennessee's Howard Baker Jr. Center and is interning with us for the fall semester. She will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays if you would like to step by and introduce yourself!

Her Major is Political Science with a minor in Social Work. Savannah will be out and about in the community very soon!

3. More Neighborhoods Register for National Night Out

Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association, Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch, Cumberland Estates Neighborhood Watch, Inskip Community Association, Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch, Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, Old North Knoxville, Inc., Parkridge Community Organization, Seven Springs Homeowners Association, South Haven Neighborhood Association, South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association, and Vestal Community Organization have signed up to celebrate National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Are you participating?

If your neighborhood plans to celebrate, we will notify the Knoxville Police Department and the Knoxville Fire Department to schedule first responders to attend your event.

You can register by sending the following information to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov:

- Neighborhood Name
- Neighborhood Contact Name
- Contact Name's phone number
- Contact Name's email address
- Date of the Event
- Times of the Event
- Location of Event
- Type of Event

We encourage participating neighborhoods to [register for free](#) with the national organization to download the guide and coordinator toolkit. We look forward to seeing what you have planned for NNO!

4. ONE Requests Feedback on Neighborhood Resource Fair

Last month, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) hosted the Neighborhood Resource Fair. If you attended – or decided not to – we want your feedback! Please share your thoughts with us by completing [this survey](#).

The input we have received so far has been mostly positive.

We would like to address ch-ch-changes that some of you have noted.

For several years, the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment held the Neighborhood Conference, a large, annual event that included workshops, an awards luncheon, dozens of booths, and several hundred participants. As it was structured, the conference became unwieldy for our small office of two full-time and one part-time staff members to plan and enact

Even as we needed to make the Neighborhood Conference more manageable, we did not want to eliminate any of the elements, so we divided it into its essential – and more manageable – parts:

- A Neighborhood Awards Dinner in the spring to honor neighbors making a difference in their communities. This was a delightful event that everyone seemed to enjoy.
- A Neighborhood Resource Fair in the summer, to connect municipal services and nonprofit organizations with neighbors seeking help and information to make their neighborhoods stronger, cleaner, and more livable. The Fair was a fun, lively event, which included activities for youth and adults alike.

- And, we are planning workshops throughout the year, such as our Building Strong Neighborhood Organizations leadership training series going on now.

To the folks who miss the larger event, we hear you. However, these changes have made our traditions of celebration and outreach more manageable for the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment staff.

We appreciate those who have taken the time to complete the survey thus far.

5. Historic Zoning Commission Meets Thursday

The Historic Zoning Commission will meet this Thursday, Sept. 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room in the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Properties being addressed at this meeting will include:

- 616 Luttrell St.
- 1339 Grainger Ave.
- 1001 Thompson Pl.
- 219 W. Glenwood Ave.

If any of these properties are in your neighborhood, you may wish to attend in order to speak to any issues or concerns there may be.

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6. Missing Middle Housing Workshops Offered This Month

The City is hosting two Community Open House events this month on the topic of "missing middle" housing. Neighbors are invited to attend one or both open-house-style events any time between 4:30 and 7 p.m. to get information, ask questions, and provide feedback. The meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Emerald Youth Foundation Gymnasium, 1718 N. Central St.
- Monday, Sept. 25 at the John T. O'Connor Center, 611 Winona St.

On Thursday, Sept. 28, City Council will meet for a workshop on Missing Middle Housing at 5 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

To view the City's proposed plans and learn more, visit the City of Knoxville's [Missing Middle Housing webpage](#).

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7. Volunteer Forester Training Registration Opens

Registration is open for Trees Knoxville's Volunteer Forester Certificate Program.

This program is designed to help volunteers develop their tree-planting and tree-management skills. Classes will be held weekly from Sept. 27 – Oct. 25. The program cost is \$50 with discounts available for teachers and students. Active AmeriCorps volunteers who are serving in Knox County can attend for free.

To register, view speakers, or view list of meeting locations, visit [Trees Knoxville's website](#).

8. City and County Establish Joint Office of Housing Stability

The Knoxville City Council and Knox County Commission have recently approved resolutions establishing the Knoxville-Knox County Office of Housing Stability (OHS). Erin Read, who spent more than a decade working on public health and substance misuse response for the Knox County Health Department, will lead the office as Executive Director. The office will coordinate with other agencies to tackle homelessness in Knoxville and Knox County.

This fall, the OHS will launch a strategic planning process to ensure effective and efficient use of funds. Service providers and community members will help shape the planning process.

Learn more about the new office [in this press release](#); and see how the City supports housing stability and its programs to make housing more affordable, at the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development [webpage](#).

9. Knoxville SOUP Initiates a Night of Community Impact

Knoxville SOUP will host its next fundraising community dinner and silent auction, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the historic Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley St.

Doors open at 5:30, with presentations beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner to follow.

Knoxville SOUP is a grassroots initiative that unites the local community in support of deserving projects and organizations. The concept is simple and powerful: Attendees donate \$5 at the door, enjoy a meal, and listen to presentations by local individuals or groups working on community-enhancing initiatives.

After dinner, attendees vote for the project that most resonates with them. The project with the most votes get the proceeds from what is raised at the door. This is an exceptional opportunity to have an innovative idea funded and transformed into tangible community improvements.

The impact of Knoxville SOUP dinners on local projects has been profound, creating connections and providing vital financial support for initiatives that address important community challenges. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, visit www.KnoxvilleSOUP.org or contact event co-chairs, Gayla Guignard, at ghguignard@gmail.com.

10. Walk With Elected Officials in West Hills

Join [Bike Walk Knoxville](#), local elected officials, community members, and more for a walk to discuss pedestrian safety in West Hills!

This event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. beginning at Bearden Middle School, 1000 Francis Rd.

This walk will be an opportunity to engage with elected officials and community members about how policy, funding, and infrastructure impact safety for walking in our community.

Don't forget to wear appropriate shoes and bring a water!

11. CAC Holds Fall Pet Food Drive

The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) is holding a No Empty Bowls: Fall Pet Food Drive. The CAC Office on Aging's Knox Paws and Feed-a-Pet programs provide almost 4,000 pounds of pet food for pets owned by limited-income older adults.

They are in immediate need of dry dog and cat food, specifically the following:

Cat food needed:

- 3.15 lb. Bag of Friskies
- 3.15 lb. bag of Meow Mix
- 3.15 lb. bag of Purina Cat Chow

Dog food needed:

- 8 lb. bag of Purina One Smartblend Small Bites
- 4 lb. bag of Pedigree Small Bites
- 4 lb. bag of Kibbles & Bits Small Bites
- 4 lb. bag of Beneful Small Bites

Please donate bags weighing less than 10 pounds, as some clients are unable to lift heavy items. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- CAC Ross Building - 2247 Western Ave.
- Asheville Highway Animal Hospital - 4516 Asheville Hwy.
- Forest Park Animal Clinic - 4600 Chambliss Ave.
- Dogwood Animal Clinic - 5900 Chapman Hwy.

You can also make donations online at <https://www.knoxseniors.org/paws/>.

12. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online 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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