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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. Historic Holston Hills Hosts Mums and Mimosas Event
The Historic Holston Hills Community Club’s 6th Annual Mums and Mimosas Fundraiser will be held this Sunday, Sept. 18, from 1-3 p.m. in the Holston Hills Community Park, 3300 Holston Hills Rd.

All sales from the event benefit the park and go toward neighborhood improvements.

For more information about the event, please reach out to Millie Ward at mmward@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 805-551-6805.

2. Neighborhood Advisory Council Meets Tomorrow

The Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) meets tomorrow, Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Executive Director Khann Chov will speak about how neighborhoods can collaborate with KKB in numerous ways.

All are welcome to attend. As a matter of procedure, NAC members voice their input first, and if there is time at the end, other attendees may speak.

The NAC advises and provides input only to the Mayor and the City administration. It does not advise Knoxville City Council, Knoxville-Knox County Planning and other elected and appointed bodies; however, they may speak on behalf of their neighborhoods or as individuals.

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3. Deadline For Wiffleball Tournament Sign-Ups Is This Friday

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment (ONE) is excited to announce that the Fifth Annual Neighborhood Wiffleball Tournament will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Caswell Park, 570 Winona St.

If your neighborhood is interested in participating this year, please email Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov by this Friday, Sept. 16, the following information:

- Neighborhood Name
- Contact Name
- Contact Email
- Team Name
- T-shirt Color
Teams will be sent the rules and regulations when they register.

We can’t wait to see you on the field for some friendly and fun neighborhood competition!

4. Neighborhoods Celebrate National Night Out

Back in August, three neighborhoods celebrated National Night Out and hosted local first responders at local parks: Old North Knoxville, Inc.; Timbercrest Neighborhood Association; and West Hills Community Association.

Many Knoxville neighborhoods are used to celebrating the first Tuesday in October and will do so again on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022.

If your neighborhood plans to celebrate in October, let us know! We want to inform local responders about your events so they can attend, as they are available.

Please register your neighborhood with Officer John Morgan jmorgan@knoxvilletn.gov and Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov.

Please respond with the following information:

- Neighborhood Name
- Neighborhood Contact
- Contact email
- Contact phone number
- Date of your event
- Time of your event
- Location of your event
- Planned activity

5. Public Service Department Hosts Job Fair This Thursday

Job seekers looking for steady, satisfying outdoor work that helps keep Knoxville clean and operating efficiently are invited to the Public Service Job Fair this Thursday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

More than 30 open positions are available.

Prospective employees may apply for Public Service positions in person at the job fair or online. Attendees should also bring their resumes and driver’s license, which are required for the job.

Learn more about working for the City of Knoxville at KnoxvilleTN.gov/jobs.
6. Historic Zoning Commission to Meet This Thursday

The Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission (HZC) will meet this Thursday, Sept. 15, at 8:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street.

The HZC works to preserve historically integral sites, while also working to ingrain the history of Knoxville into new building plans.

On the agenda for this Thursday’s meeting, the HZC will review several certificates of appropriateness. The following historic areas and the designated properties will be subject to those reviews:

- Edgewood-Park City, 2102 Jefferson Ave.
- Fourth and Gill, 1014 Eleanor St.
- Ft. Sanders, 211 S. 17th St.
- Old North Knoxville, 123 Leonard Place and 1335 Armstrong Ave.
- Fairmont-Emoriland, 2020 Emoriland Blvd.

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7. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Tuesday

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hear properties on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m., at the City County Building, Small Assembly Room, 400 Main Street. There is a Zoom attendance option available upon request. Email Jennifer Scobee by noon the day of the meeting at jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov for a link.

The property at 3221 Garden Dr. is being addressed during Old Business, and New Business will cover properties at 7727 Kingston Pike, 1406 Wallace St., 1540 Member Ln., and 451 W. Blount Ave.

If you or anyone from your neighborhood would like to speak about these properties, you may do so by calling Jennifer Scobee, information above.

The next BZA meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the Division II Court Room.

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8. City Seeks Feedback on Federal Dollars

It is time to use your voice, Knoxville! The City’s Housing and Neighborhood Development Department is seeking public input on how it should allocate approximately $4 million in federal funds to support eligible activities that assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations.

Earlier this year, the City was awarded a one-time amount of $4,076,859 appropriated under the American Rescue Plan Act from the U.S. Department of Housing Development (HUD) to fund local program activities including provision of rental housing (including Permanent Supportive Housing), Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

A draft of the proposed HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan will be available at KnoxvilleTN.gov/development for public review thru Tuesday, Sept. 20. To submit comments or questions, please contact Bennett Meeks at bmeeks@knoxvilletn.gov or P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

A virtual public hearing on the draft plan will be held Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. To join the Zoom meeting, find the Zoom link at www.knoxvilletn.gov/development. To ensure the security of the meeting, speaking privileges will be approved for those who request it during the meeting.

At this virtual meeting, City staff will:

- Discuss the range of eligible activities
- Review priority goals and objectives from the City’s 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan
- Provide data and feedback from consultation meetings with social service agencies and affordable housing providers
- Describe the process/timeline for developing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and
- Answer questions and receive comments
- Learn more about community priorities established through public meetings for the City’s Five-Year Consolidated Plan in this document.

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9. City Requests Suggestions on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Did you know that EV (electric vehicle) drivers can plug in at almost 50 charging stations across Knoxville?

The City of Knoxville’s Office of Sustainability is changing the way they deploy EV chargers throughout the community – and they want input on where you think EV chargers should be located.

A new survey shows the locations of active chargers (both public and private), and allows users to “pin” where they would like to see new or additional charging service.

If you know a general area or specific site that you think should have charging, let the City know.

- Open the survey (English / Español)
- Click the map or search an address to place a pin
- Answer a few questions
- Submit

To learn more about the EV Charging stations and the survey, go to the City’s website.

10. City Looks For Input on Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The City is looking for public input on a draft of its 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The draft report will be available for public review and comment for 15 days beginning Wednesday, Sept. 14, and ending Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The report describes how the City spent federal grant funds received between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. The report also describes how the City used supplemental funding from HUD through the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

The report will be available for review at www.knoxvilletechn.gov/development and in the City’s Housing and Neighborhood Development Office, Fifth Floor City-County Building, 400 Main Street. The draft report may also be mailed to interested parties upon request by calling Cicely Henderson at 865-215-2180. The final report will be submitted to HUD by Friday, Sept. 30.

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Individuals with a disability who require an accommodation in order to participate may contact the City of Knoxville’s ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Brewer Cook at 865-215-
2034 or scook@knoxvilletn.gov no less than 72 business hours (3 business days) prior to the end of the public comment period.

If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and want to request interpretation services, please contact our Title VI Representatives at titlevi@knoxvilletn.gov, at least 48 hours (2 days) prior to the end of the comment period. Please submit your requests for translation and/or accommodations as early as possible after the draft report is available to ensure you have time to receive it, read it, and comment if you wish, before the comment period has concluded on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Questions and comments may be submitted to Linda Rust at 865-215-2357; lrust@knoxvilletn.gov; or mailed to City of Knoxville, Housing and Neighborhood Development Department, P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN 37901. All comments must be received no later than Wednesday, Sept. 28.

11. KCHD Offers Free Diabetes Management Classes

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) is hosting free Diabetes Management Classes on Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, and 18, from 6-7 p.m. in the KCHD Community Room, 140 Dameron Ave.

This three-part series will cover different topics including the diagnosis of diabetes, how healthy diet and exercise can help, and medication management.

To register, please call 865-215-5170.

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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To request language translation services, contact Community Empowerment Director Charles F. Lomax Jr at clomax@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2536. For disability accommodations, contact City ADA Coordinator Stephanie Brewer Cook at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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)
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