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1. Save the Date for ONE's Inaugural Kickball Tournament

The [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment](#) (ONE) is excited to announce that the inaugural Neighborhood Kickball Tournament will take place on Saturday, April 6, at Ridley Helton Baseball Field, 300 Jessamine St.

Get your teams together! The deadline to sign up is Friday, March 22, at 4:30 p.m. If your neighborhood is interested in participating, email Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov for more details.

Information about the rules, logistics, and more will be sent to those who sign up.

Neighborhoods participating in ONE's [Healthy Knoxville Program](#) can count this event as one of their physical activities. For more information about the Healthy Knoxville Program, please contact Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov.

We are looking forward to some friendly neighborhood competition!

2. Knox County Primary Elections Are Underway

Early voting has begun for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and County Primary Election.

Early voting takes place until Tuesday, Feb. 27. [Polling locations](#) across Knox County will be open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Locations will be open until 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 and Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Remember, you can vote at any location during early voting!

There are 11 locations to choose from. For more information on where to vote, sample ballots, and candidate information, check out www.KnoxVotes.org.

Make sure you bring your state, or federal issued photo ID with you to the polling location. For a full list of eligible and non-eligible IDs and exemptions for photo IDs, visit the [Tennessee Secretary of State's website](#).

Make sure your voice is heard on both the national and local level!

3. City of Knoxville Resumes Brush Collection

The City of Knoxville's [Public Services Department](#) will resume residential brush collection on Monday, March 4. The last four months, the City has been focused on leaf collection, but now they will be switching their machines to allow for brush pick-up.

This process is on a two-week rotation. In order to find out when your street is picked up, go to the [City's website](#), and type in your street. It will tell you if you are on week 1 or week 2. On the [main page](#), you can see which weeks on the calendar are week 1 and 2.

Collection crews work on a "week-of" collection schedule. Neighbors should make sure brush is set out on Monday of their collection week. One of the most important parts of

successful brush collection is a good brush set out. For the most effective set out, follow the tips below:

- Piles should not exceed 6'x6'x6' and need to be set close to the roadway for accessibility
- Keep piles away from low-hanging cables, wires, and tree limbs that could get hit by or caught in the knuckleboom arm.
- Piles must be set away from objects such as fences, light poles, and mailboxes, which could be damaged by the equipment during collection
- Residents should separate brush from other materials like trash, bulky waste, or construction debris as contaminated loads can be rejected by the processor

To learn more, go to the [City's webpage](#).

4. CAC Holds Sweetheart Trivia

[CAC's Office on Aging](#) will host the Sweetheart Trivia, as part of a Health and Happiness series. This free event will be on Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the South Press Coffee Shop, 3615 Chapman Hwy.

This is for people over 50 and who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community. You will be able to play trivia, have a chance to win door prizes, and there will be a brief presentation about mental health. Refreshments will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

This is in partnership with Aging Rainbow Coalition, Knox Pride, University of Tennessee College of Social Work, and South Press Coffee Shop.

To learn more about this and other events you can go to the Office on Aging's [website](#). If you have any questions about the event, contact Dottie Lyvers at dottie.lyvers@knoxseviors.org.

5. Trees Knoxville Hosts February Community Workday

[Trees Knoxville](#) is holding their first Community Workday of the year this Saturday, Feb. 24, from 12-3 p.m. at Beardsley Farm, 1741 Reynolds St.

The workday will be focused on preparing beds for spring planting! They advise that you come wearing clothes you do not mind getting dirty and closed-toed shoes. Don't forget to bring a water bottle.

Hang around after the event is over for their Spring Seed Swap! Bring any extra seeds you have to share with others.

6. Health Department Offers Free Heart Health Classes

The [Knox County Health Department](#) (KCHD) is offering a two-part Heart Health Series on Thursdays, March 14 and 21, from 6-7 p.m. at the Knox County Health Department, 140 Dameron Ave.

Participants will learn about heart disease, healthy eating, active living, and more.

To register, call 865-215-5170 or complete the [registration form](#). KCHD classes are free and open to anyone who wishes to attend.

There are online classes available for those who do not wish to come in person. These classes can be found on the [KCHD website](#).

7. Beck Center Recognizes Contributions of State Representatives

For Black History Month, the [Beck Cultural Exchange Center](#) will recognize the remarkable contributions of former and current State of Tennessee Representatives at a [musical arts celebration](#) on Monday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bijou Theatre, 803 Gay St.

The following former and current representatives will be honored:

- Charles “Pete” Drew – served as TN House Representative for the 93rd and 94th General Assembly for District 15 and was affiliated with Knoxville Urban League, NAACP, [Knox County Commission](#), and the Beck Cultural Center.
- Dr. Robert Booker – first black legislator from Knox County in 1966, author, historian, and most influential in helping desegregate Knoxville. He was recently given an honorary doctorate by the University of Tennessee.
- Joe Armstrong – served as TN House Representative for the 96th through 103rd General Assembly for District 15 and was on multiple committees before being elected to state legislature including Knox County Commission.
- Rick Staples – served as TN House Representative for the 110th General Assembly for District 15. Community involvement included 100 Black Men of Greater Knoxville Tennessee Inc. and League of Women Voters board member.
- Sam McKenzie – currently serving as TN House Representative for the 112th and 113th General Assembly for District 15 and is heavily involved with youth through [Yo STEM](#) Drone Program, Lamplighters Program for 5th graders, and Knox County Commission Joint Education Committee Chair.

The guest host will be Brian Clay Trio. There will be jazz, arts, and dance performance by Austin-East Dance Company and Drums Up Guns Down.

For more information, contact the Beck Cultural Exchange Center at 865-524-8461.

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Call 865-215-3232 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in [this Google calendar](#).

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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