



**The Neighborly Notice** – Vol. 17, No. 12 – Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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**1. City Offices Closed for Good Friday**

City of Knoxville offices will be closed on Friday, March 29, for the Good Friday holiday. That includes the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Waste Connections will run its normal residential garbage and recycling routes on that day. Downtown trash and recyclables will also be collected as usual

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open on Friday, but the Goodwill attendant will only be available to receive donations of household goods until 1 p.m.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed on Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30.

As a reminder: Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only days of the year when residential curbside trash and recycling are not picked up as scheduled.

## **2. Edgewood Park and Fairmont Emoriland Plan Garage Sale**

The **Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association** and **Fairmont Emoriland Neighborhood Association** are planning a joint neighborhood garage sale for Saturday, March 30, starting at 8 a.m.

The boundaries for these two neighborhoods are Broadway to the west, Washington Pike to the south, Whittle Springs to the east, and a portion of Emoriland to the north. Here is a [map](#) of the participating homes.

Kennedy Grill food truck will set up at the corner of Acker St. and Ocoee St. from 11a.m.-2 p.m. for people to buy lunch and sit in the gazebo or in Edgewood Park.

The rain date will be Saturday, April 6.

For more information, visit Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association's [Facebook page](#).

## **3. Let's Clean Up South Knoxville**

Come and celebrate Earth Day with the eighth annual South Knoxville Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 20, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. at Mary Vestal Park, 522 Maryville Pike, hosted by [Keeping Knoxville Beautiful](#) (KKB).

[Registration](#) for the event will close on Sunday, April 14, at 11:50 p.m. The event rain date will be Sunday, April 21, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

You and your neighbors can volunteer as a group or as individuals. Supplies will be provided and they recommend long pants, closed-toe shoes, bug spray, and plenty of water.

KKB was founded in 1978 to beautify Knoxville prior to the 1982 World's Fair. KKB is a local nonprofit with a mission of promoting a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful Knox County. KKB fulfills this mission through litter cleanups, environmental stewardship education to children and adults, murals, and plantings.

For more information, please contact KKB at [amanda@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org](mailto:amanda@keepknoxvillebeautiful.org) or 865-521-6957.

#### **4. Kickball Tournament Sign Up EXTENDED**

If your neighborhood is still thinking about signing up for our First Annual Kickball Tournament, we have extended the deadline to Thursday, March 28.

The Tournament, hosted by the [Office of Neighborhood Empowerment](#), will be held on Saturday, April 6, at Ridley Helton Field, 300 Jessamine St., from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will be drinks and refreshments, and some good old friendly competition.

To register for the tournament, please email Shannett Riley [sriley@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:sriley@knoxvilletn.gov).

#### **5. KPD Holds Central District Commander Forum Tonight**

Central District neighbors are invited to [Knoxville Police Department's](#) Central District Commander Forum on Tuesday, March 26, from 6-7 p.m., at Christ Chapel, 1538 Highland Ave.

The Central District is made up of South Knoxville, Downtown, **Historic Fort Sanders Neighborhood Society**, and a portion of **Old North Knoxville, Inc.**

The goal of the forum is to meet with community members and discuss current crime and ongoing issues within the Central District and what the department is doing to resolve those issues.

Central District Commander Sammy Shaffer and his support staff will be there to speak with residents regarding their public safety concerns and what they can do to address them.

You can review the Field Operation District Beat Map [here](#).

#### **6. Housing and Neighborhood Development Requests Input**

The City of Knoxville's [Housing and Neighborhood Development](#) is drafting its Program Year 2024 (Year Five) Annual Action Plan (AAP) update to its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The AAP describes the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment

Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for programs beginning July 1, 2024. The Plan will allocate funds across four priority areas: Affordable Housing; Homelessness; Creating Economic Opportunity; and Neighborhood Stabilization and Revitalization.

The Draft AAP will be available for a 30-day public comment period beginning on Thursday, March 28, at [KnoxvilleTN.gov/Development](https://www.knoxvilletn.gov/Development) under the “Reports and Plans” tab. One can also view the Draft Plan at the City’s Housing and Neighborhood Development Department office at 400 Main St., Suite 532B, between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You can also contact Linda Rust at 865-215-2357 to request a copy.

The City is also hosting a public hearing on the Draft Annual Action Plan on Tuesday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the City’s Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

All residents are encouraged to participate. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your feedback is still appreciated.

Residents can ask questions or comment on the Draft AAP by emailing Linda Rust, Community Development Administrator, at [lrust@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:lrust@knoxvilletn.gov), or by mail to P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901. The City of Knoxville Housing and Neighborhood Development Department will accept comments through Friday, April 26.

The City of Knoxville ensures meaningful access to City programs, services, and activities to comply with Civil Rights Title VI and ADA Title II laws and reasonably provides: translation, interpretation, modifications, accommodations, alternative formats, auxiliary aids and services.

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](mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov) no less than 72 business hours (3 business days) prior to the meeting or end of the public comment period. If you have Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and want to request language translation services, contact the Human Resources Department at [titlevi@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:titlevi@knoxvilletn.gov), or 865-215-3100 at least 48 hours (2 days) prior to the meeting or end of the public comment period.

## **7. No BBB or POH This Month**

There will be no Better Building Board (BBB) meeting this month, as there is no business before the board.

In addition, there will be no Public Officer Hearing (POH) meeting during the month of March, due to it falling on Good Friday.

The next meetings will be on Thursday, April 25, for BBB, and on Friday, April 26, for POH.

For more information about the BBB or POH, please visit the City's [website](#).

## **8. Last Chance to Sign Up: Summer in the City Interns**

The deadline to apply for the Summer in the City Intern Program is Sunday, March 31, at 11:59 p.m. To apply online, please visit the City's [website](#).

The City of Knoxville's Summer in the City Intern Program is a paid eight-week summer internship for ages 16-22 years to work 30 hours per week with a pay rate of \$15/hour.

Interns will be placed in City departments and assigned various administrative and support tasks, while also participating in weekly personal and professional development sessions on topics such as civic education, economic mobility, mental health, communication, and social justice. The weekly commitment for interns will be 30 hours per week, which also includes participating in a group community service project.

Each intern will be assigned to a department with a mentor in that department. The mentor will orient the intern to the department, train them on responsibilities, oversee their work, and meet with the intern on a weekly basis to provide instructional feedback.

Each intern must provide their own transportation to and from their worksite.

The weekly schedule for interns will generally be:

- Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. - department placement
- Friday - Professional and Personal Development - various locations including City County Building and Public Works Building
- Daily - lunch break at 12 p.m.

For more information about the program, please contact Emily Norris at [enorris@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:enorris@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **9. Come Work with the City of Knoxville**

Job seekers and the career-curious are invited to the City of Knoxville Job Fair and Career Expo on Wednesday, April 3, from 2–6 p.m. at the Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

Attendees will be able to apply for jobs on site and ask staff questions throughout the process. They can also learn more about health, savings, and pension benefits.

You can also view City of Knoxville job listings at [KnoxvilleTN.gov/jobs](http://KnoxvilleTN.gov/jobs).

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## **10. What is a Champion Tree?**

A Champion Tree is a designation given to selected trees that are special or superlative because of their height, size, and/or significance.

Do you believe you have seen the biggest oak, maple, tulip poplar or any other tree in your yard or community? Or do you know where one is located? Now is your chance to nominate it for recognition.

Nominations are now open for the biggest state tree through the Tennessee Champion Tree Program. This program is provided by the School of Natural Resource in the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UT). All you have to do is fill out the form on [UT's website](#). Someone will contact you and then come out and measure the tree. Nominations are open until Wednesday, May 1. So go outside and look up!

In the mid-1970's, Tennessee launched its Champion Tree Program with the intention of identifying and cataloguing the largest native trees in Tennessee.

There are hundreds of state Champion Trees that cover the state of Tennessee. [View](#) the most current list of the champion trees by species.

If you have any questions, you can contact the City of Knoxville Tree Board at [treeboard@knoxvilletn.gov](mailto:treeboard@knoxvilletn.gov).

## **11. What is Land Stewardship?**

Land stewardship is the conservation of your property's natural resources and features over a long period.

Land Stewardship groups are beginning to take root in Knoxville's neighborhoods. Would you be interested in uniting in supportive neighborhood groups focused on restoring your neighborhood into a natural, wild, life-sustaining place?

The essence of a land stewardship group in your neighborhood might differ from others, but groups will generally share a common ethic.

The local Land Stewardship Coalition's neighborhood land stewardship ethic is rooted in the belief that community engagement, education, and ecosystem restoration can cultivate a profound connection between residents and the natural living world around them. The group is committed to supporting other groups in safeguarding and improving the relationships of our neighborhood's ecosystem. This commitment involves the implementation of strategic approaches and best practices aimed at fostering both ecological and cultural systems conducive to sustained ecological health and aesthetic beauty.

If you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Land Stewardship group in your neighborhood and want some help, please feel free to contact Knoxville's local group at [landstewardshipcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:landstewardshipcoalition@gmail.com).

## **12. This is Good Friday**

This week's installment of our series on World Religions and observances is about Good Friday.

Also known as Holy Friday and Great Friday, Good Friday is this Friday, March 29.

This day is the Friday before Easter Sunday, on which the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ is commemorated in the Christian Church. It is traditionally a day of fasting and penance.

Those who celebrate Good Friday may indulge in service to others or carry out charities, which is considered a selfless act of kindness and love for others.

Many times the devotion runs from 12-3 p.m. to symbolize the time the Jesus hung on the cross. This is called 'The Three Hours' Devotion'. This devotion usually includes meditations on the Seven Last Words that Jesus spoke, which are actually phrases.

If you are of the Christian faith, you may want to check with your local church to find activities for you and your family.

Take the time to remember, celebrate, and serve this Good Friday.

## **13. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar** (click link for online calendar)

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](#).

***About This Newsletter***

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*\*\* 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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