



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 14, No. 30 – Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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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. Volunteers Open Little Free Library for Five Points Community

Two volunteers, including a former resident at a property owned by Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC), have started a Little Free Library for residents of Five Points, with a focus on children.

Marie Illingworth, who lived near the Five Points area while a young child, and Ngina Blair, a former resident of what was then called Walter P. Taylor Homes, officially opened the library with a ribbon cutting on Friday, Aug. 6, at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley Five Points Club.

Blair remains active in the community and met Illingworth through shared volunteer activities, including the start of a community garden in Five Points. The two women collaborated to open the free library, which offers books for children and adults.

For more information about the Five Points Little Free Library, or to donate books, to [Acts of Color](#), which was created by Marie Illingworth and Ngina Blair.

In addition to Five Points, KCDC properties with Little Libraries include Western Heights and Lonsdale Homes.

KCDC is seeking individual, corporate, or organization donors to add Little Libraries at Autumn Landing, Montgomery Village, Nature's Cove, North Ridge Crossing and The Vista. Several KCDC properties focused on the elderly and disabled, Cagle Terrace and Northgate Terrace, maintain indoor libraries and are in need of donations and assistance in maintaining those larger collections as well.

For more information about donating to these other locations, call 403-1100.

2. Fourth and Gill Hosts Community Event

Fourth and Gill hosted its annual neighborhood gathering on Saturday, Aug. 7. They called it "Fourth and Grill"!

The group was entertained with live music from Watson and Meade and the special "Meet Your Neighbors" photo exhibit presented by the Woolly Bears.

The group also gathered school supplies to donate to Beaumont Academy.

Is your neighborhood hosting a fun event?

The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment wants to know about it. Email either Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov and/or Hayley Howard at hhoward@knoxvilletn.gov so they can share your creative ideas and great work with Knoxville.

3. City Seeks Candidates for Neighborhood Advisory Council

Are you an advocate for your neighborhood --- and neighborhoods in general? Would you like to learn more about how city government works? Do you enjoy discussing public policy, particularly in regard to neighborhoods? Would you like to work with other neighborhood leaders on neighborhood issues?

If you answered YES to these questions, consider serving on the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC).

The NAC meets at 4:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and December) to discuss Knoxville's residential neighborhoods and provide the City with candid viewpoints on how they can best be maintained, supported, improved, rejuvenated and sustained.

NAC consists of neighborhood leaders and activists who occupy 15 seats -- two in each of the six City Council districts and three at large. Terms are set for three years, and members may serve up to two full terms (six years). Members wishing to serve a second three-year term must reapply.

The terms of five of the 15 seats expire this December. These seats and current occupants are:

- City Council district, Seat 1-B (Gayle Atherton)
- City Council district, Seat 3-A (Vacant)
- City Council district, Seat 4-A (Rob Glass)
- City Council district, Seat 5-B (Molly Conaway)
- City Council district, At Large Seat A (David Gillette)

To be appointed by the Mayor to a numbered seat, you must live in that City Council district. For example, the person appointed to Seat 1-B must be a resident in the First City Council district. These positions run January 2022 through December 2024.

If you are interested in serving, please fill out and submit an application, located [here](#), and return it to Debbie Sharp at dsharp@knoxvilletn.gov. You can also mail the application to P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville TN, 37901. Call the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment at 215-4382 to have a hard copy mailed to you, or if you would like more information about the positions.

Applications are due by **Friday, Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m.**

To view City Council district boundaries, browse [KGIS's website](#) and then click on Maps, Political District Maps, and City Council. You can also input your own address to find out which political districts you live in.

4. Paint the Pavement Projects Need Permits

Are you thinking about a neighborhood "Paint the Pavement" project? If yes, be sure you have your needed permits.

These events can be fun and provide art for the community to enjoy for years to come, but be sure you have all of your permits in a timely manner so that there are no issues.

[Paint the Pavement Permit](#)

The City of Knoxville forms are to ensure that road blocking precautions and other measures keep this a safe and enjoyable experience for all!

For more information to ensure your project is doable, contact the Engineering Department at 215-2148.

5. Fire Department Shares Prevention and Safety Tips

The Knoxville Fire Department (KFD) wants to be sure neighborhoods are safe. Residential fires occur every 66 seconds in the United States. Is your family prepared? KFD has compiled several helpful resources to help you prevent a fire from occurring in your home. Here are a few tips:

- Don't overload electrical outlets.
- Be sure portable space heaters are at least 3 feet away from anything that could catch fire (i.e. curtains or walls).
- Store gasoline and other flammables in tight metal containers; don't use flammable liquids near heat or while smoking.
- Don't smoke in bed, in a chair, or on the sofa, especially when tired, drinking, or under medication.
- Don't place or use any appliances near water.

Be sure a fire extinguisher is placed in the kitchen. The Knoxville Fire Department recommends at minimum a 2A10BC extinguisher!

If you would like someone to speak at your next neighborhood meeting, contact Asst. Chief Brent Seymour at bseymour@knoxvilletn.gov or 637-1386, with Fire Explosion and Investigation Unit.

For more fire prevention and safety tips, click [here](#).

6. Early Voting is On Now!

Early Voting for the City of Knoxville's Primary Election has begun and will run through Thursday, Aug 26.

All registered voters in the City of Knoxville can vote at four locations across the city. To see a full list of Early Voting locations and hours, see the [Early Voting Schedule](#).

To see who is running, here is the [Candidate List](#).

The City of Knoxville Communications Department maintains a website that is a great resource – www.GoVoteKnoxville.com. There, you can find a complete election calendar, links to the City Council candidates' social media platforms, links to find your polling location, upcoming candidate forums and even a one-of-kind archive of City election results going back to 1981.

Elections are decided by those who vote. Please make it a priority to come out and exercise your right.

7. Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 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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