



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 17, No. 1 – Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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1. Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day is a federal holiday honoring the life and birthday of one of the most influential civil rights leaders in American history. Although the holiday is observed annually on the third Monday of January, this year it is extra special because the holiday falls on King's actual birthday, Jan. 15, 1929.

For events in Knoxville, visit the MLK Commemorative Commission's [website](#).

The holiday is usually celebrated with marches, parades, speeches by civil rights leaders and politicians, and opportunities for community volunteering. There is also special programming at museums and other cultural institutions. According to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, MLK Day is the only federal holiday that is "designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer and improve their communities."

Take the time to immerse and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., how far we have come as a country to dismantle oppression of African Americans, and learn more about what we can do to help advance the rights and opportunities of all people.

Happy MLK Day!

2. NAC Meets This Week

The [Neighborhood Advisory Council](#) (NAC) will meet this Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 4:30-6 p.m., at the Small Assembly Room, 400 Main St.

The group will be discussing topic ideas for the next year.

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3. Neighborhood Achievement Award Nominations are Open!

It's baaack! The Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will be accepting nominations for the Neighborhood Achievement Awards through Friday, Jan. 19, by 4:30 p.m.

It is time to recognize Knoxville neighborhoods for the work they have done throughout 2023. Self-nominations are encouraged. What creative, interesting, resourceful, clever projects have your neighborhood organizations completed in 2023?

In order to be eligible, you must be a neighborhood in the city of Knoxville.

To submit a nomination form, go to the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment's [website](#), complete the nomination form, and email it to Shannett Riley at sriley@knoxvilletn.gov OR use our [Survey Monkey link](#). If you have questions or need a hard copy mailed to you, please contact Shannett Riley.

Winners will receive \$100 from the City to enhance their neighborhood as they see fit, and bragging rights for the year.

4. Board of Zoning Appeals Meets Next Week

The next Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 461 of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

The following properties will be addressed at the meeting:

- 2807 Washington Pike
- 806 Scenic Dr.
- 5628 Lyons View Pike
- 1547 Clinch Ave.
- 3115 Pacific St.

If you wish to speak on a property or be advised of an appeal, please be sure to sign in on the sign-in sheet that will be on the table as you enter the room. You may view the agenda and application packets on the city's [website](#).

Directions for room 461: Conference Room 461 is located on the 4th floor of the City County Building. Off the elevator, turn away from the windows with a view of the river, go down the hallway on the left past the City Tax office. Room 461 is approximately halfway down and on the right.

There is a Zoom attendance option available upon request. If you need to request a Zoom link, please let contact Jennifer Scobee at jscobee@knoxvilletn.gov before noon on the day of the meeting.

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5. City Shares MLK Holiday Schedule

The City of Knoxville offices, including the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment, will be closed Monday, Jan. 15, to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Waste Connections will run its normal residential garbage and recycling routes on Monday, Jan. 15. Downtown trash and recyclables will also be collected on a regular schedule.

The City's five recycling drop-off centers will be open, and the Goodwill attendant will be available to accept donations of household goods.

The City's Solid Waste Facility, 1033 Elm St., will be closed between Saturday, Jan. 13, and Monday, Jan. 15, resuming regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

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

6. Housing and Neighborhood Development Hosts Public Meeting

The City of Knoxville's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department will host a public meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the City of Knoxville Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave.

The City of Knoxville is developing its final Annual Action Plan Update to its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the proposed use of U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for program year 2024-2025.

At this meeting, City staff members will:

- Review priority goals and objectives from its 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan;
- Provide a description of unmet needs and gaps identified through consultation meetings with stakeholders, regarding: Non-housing Community Development needs; Homelessness needs; and Affordable Housing needs;
- Discuss anticipated HUD and local funding for PY2024-2025 programs starting July 1, 2024;
- Describe the process for developing the draft 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, including proposed priority goals/objectives and how the public may provide input; and
- Inform agencies on how they may apply for grant funding to meet priority goals/objectives.

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If you are unable to attend the meeting, your feedback is still appreciated. Please send your comments/questions to Linda Rust at lrust@knoxvilletn.gov or P.O. Box 1631, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Also, the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department wants to make sure that applicants interested in PY2024 CDBG and Homeless Grant Funding are aware that application information will be available Thursday, Feb. 1, at www.knoxvilletn.gov/development under the Grant Opportunities tab.

7. Health Department Offers Free Diabetes Management Classes

The Knox County Health Department (KCHD) will host a free three-part series on diabetes management with a different topic each week on Thursday afternoons from 12-1 p.m. at the KCHD Community Room, 140 Dameron Ave.

The classes will take place on Thursdays: Jan. 11, 18, and 25.

Topics include information about diagnosis, healthy eating, physical activity, medications, and day-to-day management.

To sign up for the three-part series, please call 865-215-5170.

8. AAA Recommends Winter Driving Tips

AAA recommends the following winter driving tips:

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Steer, brake, and accelerate smoothly. Sudden maneuvers cause skids.
- Keep your gas tank at least half-full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy, and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- If you get into a skid, always look and steer where you want to go.

Be sure to buckle up! Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive or before driving in isolated areas. Delay trips when especially bad weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination, and estimated time of arrival. Avoid distractions – your full attention should be focused on operating the vehicle.

For additional winter driving tips or other On-The-Road information, go to: AAA [website](#).

Stay safe this winter!

9. Celebrate Korean American Day

Korean American Day celebrates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the US in 1903. In 2003, President George W. Bush recognized the 100th anniversary of the first

arrival of Korean immigrants and on Jan. 13, 2005, Korean American Day was established and recognized as the official national holiday.

Korean culture, in general, has left a sizable footprint in the U.S. and has made valuable contributions. It is on Korean American day that we honor and celebrate their contributions. It is a great day to delve into the rich and diverse history of Korean Americans, learn more about them, watch Korean-centered entertainment, and of course, enjoy K-Pop tunes and all the great Korean food we have in Knoxville.

The Knoxville Asian Festival will be on Saturday, Sept. 7-Sunday, Sept. 8. For more information on this year's Knoxville Asian Festival, see their [website](#).

10. 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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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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