



The Neighborly Notice – Vol. 17, No. 3 – Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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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 865-215-3232. News deadline: 12 noon on Fridays.

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1. There Will Be No BBB or POH This Month

There will not be a Better Building Board (BBB) meeting nor a Public Officer Hearing (POH) this month.

The normal schedule will resume in February with the BBB taking place on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 3:30 p.m. and the POH on Friday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

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

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2. Housing and Neighborhood Development Hosts Public Meeting

The Housing and Neighborhood Development Department invites residents to a public meeting to discuss the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan that governs funding for affordable housing and non-housing community development activities.

The meeting is tonight, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Knoxville Public Works Service Center, 3131 Morris Ave. There is also a virtual option for those who cannot attend in person. Visit KnoxvilleTN.gov/development to find the Zoom link and more info on the meeting agenda.

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.

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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, on their [website](#) under the Grant Opportunities tab.

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215-2034 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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.

3. Knoxville Knox County Planning Seeks Input on One Year Plan

Knoxville Knox County Planning has begun its annual update of the City of Knoxville's One Year Plan. The One Year Plan serves as the foundation for zoning decisions and is based on the land-use goals, objectives, and policies found in the City's long-range plans. The public is encouraged to participate.

Two virtual meetings have been scheduled to give community members the opportunity to review and discuss recommended changes to the plan.

- Thursday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. via [Zoom](#)
- Thursday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. via [Zoom](#)

The meetings will begin with a presentation covering all geographic areas of the city, followed by an open discussion. The presentation will include a general definition describing the One Year Plan and an overview of the edits to the document since the 2023 update.

For more information about the One Year Plan, please visit their [website](#). If you have additional questions, contact Jessie Hillman at 856-215-3082 or jessie.hillman@knoxplanning.org.

4. Police Advisory Review Committee Meets This Week

The Police Advisory Review Committee (PARC) will hold its next public meeting this Thursday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St.

Cases reviewed in July-December of 2023 will be on the agenda at this meeting.

For any issues or questions regarding Public Forum, please contact Josie Russell at 865-215-3966 or russell@knoxvilletn.gov.

The mission of PARC is to provide Knoxville residents with a civilian oversight committee that audits the discipline process, policies, and procedures of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD).

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5. City Seeks Final Input on Urban Forest Master Plan

Trees Knoxville, along with City staff, community members, and Urban Canopy Works teamed up over the last year to produce an Urban Forest Master Plan for the City of Knoxville.

The plan is in its final stages and ready for your review!

Please visit this [website](#) to review and provide any last input between now and Thursday, Feb. 1.

Feel free to share this link with folks who might like to make comments.

6. Register Now for the Empower Knox Youth Summit

Teens in Knoxville are invited to join fellow Knoxville youth for a summit focused on civic education and action.

The Empower Knox Youth Summit will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Change Center, 203 Harriet Tubman St. Participants will hear from City leaders and elected officials, young people leading change in our community, and gain tools and skills for a journey to be a leader/change maker in Knoxville!

The Civic Action Summit will take place from 2-6 p.m., followed by pizza and skating between 6-9 p.m.

This event is free to attend. [Register here](#).

For more information, please contact Emily Norris at enorris@knoxvilletn.gov.

7. City Council Holds Public Hearing on 'Alternative Response'

In June 2023, City Council passed a Resolution to host a public hearing about "alternative response" related to mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness.

That hearing will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main St. to gather testimony about the public's

experience with local services that address emergencies related to mental health, substance use, and homelessness. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you wish to speak, please contact the City Recorder at wjohnson@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2075. The first 25 people registered to speak will be confirmed prior to the meeting.

Speakers will be allowed to speak for up to five minutes and are encouraged to address the following three questions that will help inform the Knoxville City Council:

- What is your experience with emergency services related to mental health, substance use, and homelessness in Knoxville?
- What aspects of these services need to be improved in Knoxville, and what opportunity do you see for additional services such as "alternative response"?
- What is your organization's capacity or interest in improving existing emergency services or future potential alternative response?

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8. Holocaust Remembrance Day

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the world will recognize and remember the destruction of the Holocaust that happened in Germany against the European Jewish community. This genocide took over 6 million European Jews lives all stemming from Nazi belief.

The Holocaust happened during World War II between 1941 and 1945 where Nazi Germany systematically erased two thirds of the Jewish population.

Hold, recall, and uphold this day as a day of remembrance. "Let all generations remember" so that hopefully we can do better for all people.

For more local information, please visit the Tennessee Holocaust Commission's [website](#).

9. 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](#)

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