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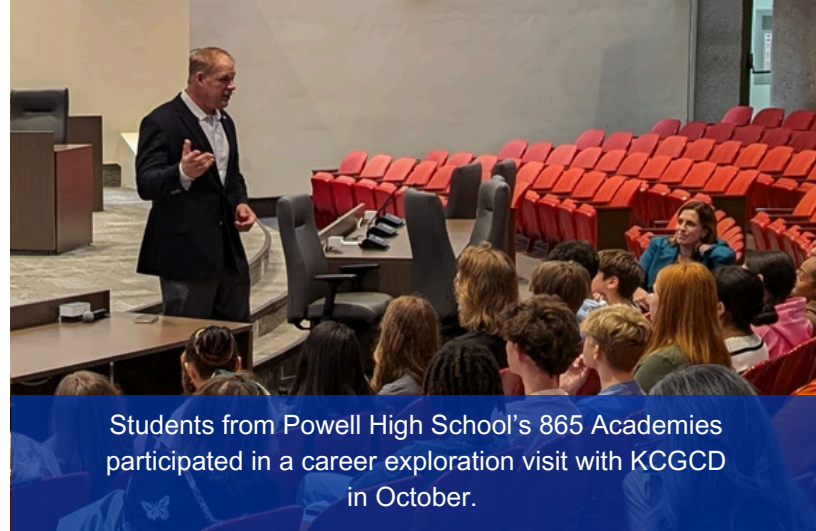
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**KNOX COUNTY  
TENNESSEE**  
GRANTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



The KCGCD Team attended VMC's Carry the Torch luncheon in October.



Students from Powell High School's 865 Academies participated in a career exploration visit with KCGCD in October.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we welcome the New Year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our community partners for their collaboration and dedication to Knox County residents throughout 2024! Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited about the opportunities to continue working together to make a positive impact in our community.



## UPCOMING DATES

1/15/2024

December invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

Quarter 2 invoices and reports are due for ARPA, Defined Service, and Opioid Settlement Funds subrecipients.

2/15/2024: January invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

3/15/2024:

February invoices and reports are due for CDBG subrecipients.

## Neighborhood Housing, Inc. - Operation Backyard

Knox County utilizes its U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing and ensure safe and stable housing is available for residents of all ages and incomes. Through its Operation Backyard program, our community partner, [Neighborhood Housing, Inc.](#), utilizes CDBG funding to provide emergency home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income residents, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Through the support of 198 volunteers and funding from the County, NHI has already provided repairs and accessibility modifications to 17 households this fiscal year.



Volunteers from Mission Serve assisting with a ramp build.

## Keep Knoxville Beautiful - No Trash November

Congratulations to [Keep Knoxville Beautiful](#) for receiving recognition from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for their outstanding efforts in clearing trash from the roadways and waterways of Knox County during the "No Trash November" initiative! Volunteers from Keep Knoxville Beautiful collected more litter than any other affiliate of Keep Tennessee Beautiful, amassing 11,865 pounds of trash. This represents 17 percent of the total collected statewide and surpasses the top results in any other volunteer category. Across the state, nearly 70,000 pounds of litter were removed from communities as part of TDOT's fourth annual highway cleanup campaign.



## Knox Chapman Utility District - Martin Mill Sewer Improvements



Aging infrastructure is a huge problem and focused planning to avoid service interruptions or public health emergencies is a major priority for water and sewer providers across the country. According to a 2018 WaterWorld online article, the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) [2017 Infrastructure Report Card](#) grades the United States water and wastewater systems a D and D+, respectively. Additionally, analysis from ASCE projects the U.S. water and wastewater system infrastructure investment gap at \$82 billion per year. To address this issue, projects funded through the U.S Department of Treasury, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) continue as we begin 2025. Knox County is pleased to support various infrastructure projects with our numerous utility partners that service the greater Knox County area. One of these partners, Knox Chapman Utility District, is nearing completion on installing 4,900 linear feet of 8-inch sewer force main and has started construction on a new 2,500-gallon per minute (gpm) sanitary sewer pump station on Martin Mill Pike. Located in the southernmost part of Commission District 9, this project will significantly improve wastewater conveyance and enhance the overall efficiency and reliability of the sewer system for residents down Tipton Station Road and along Stock Creek Road and Martin Mill Pike. Knox County would like to acknowledge all the hard work and service our utility partners are doing to enhance the quality of infrastructure within the County and mitigate future issues.



## All4Knox Recovery Housing Guide

All4Knox has launched a Recovery Housing Guide. The guide provides general program details for 30+ recovery housing programs in and around Knox County. The guide can be found at <https://all4knox.org/resources/> and will be updated quarterly.

## Warming Center Volunteers Needed



**OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTERS OPEN;  
VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS NEEDED**

Temporary overnight warming centers are open Jan. 4 and expected to be open nightly through Jan. 6- 13\* .

Volunteers and donations are needed at:

North: Fountain City UMC, 212 Hotel Road  
South: Vestal UMC, 115 Ogle Ave.  
East: Magnolia Avenue UMC, 2700 E. Magnolia Ave.  
West: Cokesbury Church, 9919 Kingston Pike  
Center City overflow: Salvation Army, 409 N. Broadway

\*subject to change based on forecast temperatures

Visit [www.KnoxTNHousing.org](http://www.KnoxTNHousing.org) to learn more.



KCGCD's Community Development and Community Service Divisions hit the pickleball courts for a staff gathering.



Staff attended MDC's Community Champions luncheon in December.

## Upcoming Grant Cycle

KCGCD will be releasing two Notifications of Funding Opportunities in early 2025.

**Defined Service Program** - Aims to responsibly allocate County funds to support efficient, well-managed nonprofit programs that address residents' needs and foster a vibrant community, providing services that Knox County would otherwise need to offer.

**HUD Programs** - Funds support community development by enhancing affordable housing, living environments, and public services, primarily benefiting Low-to-Moderate-Income (LMI) individuals and families.