

Program in Need of Volunteer Drivers

The Volunteer Assisted Transportation program, part of Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee, is seeking volunteer drivers to assist seniors and people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed for weekdays, evenings and weekends. Drivers must be 21 years of age and have at least three years of driving experience.

Flexible scheduling is available so all volunteers can provide safe, accessible transportation services in agency-owned vehicles. Volunteers are very important

as they stay with riders and provide assistance at appointments, grocery shopping and other errands as well as ensuring riders make it safely to their destinations safely.

Training is provided at no cost to the volunteer which includes: First Aid and CPR certifications, vehicle orientation (Toyota Prius, Ford Fusions, Wheelchair Accessible Mini-vans), and Passenger Assistance Training.

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Board of Health says 'Stay the Course'

voting than usual

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"We've had 14 Off-hourly voters through the first six days of EVC so that probably puts us on pace for 35,000 to 42,000. It has been a much higher turnout than expected for an August election," Chris Davis, Knox County Election Administrator, told The Focus Friday morning.

"With bad weather and storms having been an issue on four of the first five Election Days in Knox County, I hope Knox residents are utilizing Early Voting and voting on their schedule while avoiding longlines on Election Day," he said.

"The transition to paper ballots has been smooth so far. Most voters seem to like voting on paper. All of the Early Voting sites are reporting mostly positive comments about the ease of voting on paper," Davis said.

