



# North Hills Neighbor

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## NHAA Board Meeting Summary

The NHAA Board met on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. There was much discussion about the focus for 2007 for the neighborhood group. Steve Eldridge, NHAA President will present this at the next general meeting on February 22. Among the items discussed were:

- Continuing work on the traffic calming.
- Supporting the neighborhood watch program.
- A “neighborhood history” pot luck dinner just before the May meeting.
- Opening discussion the need for replacing and/or renovating the North Knoxville Library
- Developing an active partnership with our community schools.

The Board has agreed to meet on a regular basis four times a year to fall on a date prior to the general meeting.

## NHAA Meeting

**Thursday,  
February 22, 7:00 pm**

This meeting will be to review the accomplishments by the NHAA of 2006 and to set the goals for 2007.

*Please come with your suggestions for how to make our neighborhood even better.*

We meet at the **Washington Pike United Methodist Church**, 2241 Washington Pike, on the ground floor. Signs will be posted on the door to direct you to the meeting room.

For more information, visit the NHAA website at: [www.kornet.org/nhaa](http://www.kornet.org/nhaa).



2721 Washington Pike

This beautiful home has belonged to Lisa Johnson and Cindy Willite for 8 years. Many renovations have been completed since the home was purchased. This two story home has a full basement and a new backyard swimming pool. In the 1950's, the home was owned by 3 sisters that moved there when their Fourth & Gill home was demolished to make room for I 40. In 1993 the home was sold in need of much repair. We can thank Lisa and family for making it another North Hills landmark.

**Traffic Calming Update:** The city engineering department is developing a design specific for our neighborhood. We will be seeing some signs posted in our area which will indicate this as a traffic calming area which is monitored. The city will also provide some type of street painting to also aid in slowing traffic. All of this is FREE to all residents.

## Home and Neighborhood Safety

Officer Michele Goldsberry, Safety Education Unit of the Knoxville Police Department, spoke to the block captains of the NHAA Neighborhood Watch program. She offered many important tips for keeping both our homes and neighborhood safe.

- Getting to know your neighbors is a great way to have everyone looking out for each other. If you see something out of the ordinary, call or visit to check on them. This is especially important for elderly neighbors.
- Leave your porch lights on at night so police can see if anyone is lurking. It also does not alert anyone of your schedule or when you are away.
- While outside, make eye contact and wave at every car that drives by. If several people in the neighborhood do the same thing, anyone casing the area will feel intimidated. They are looking for anonymity.

Officer Goldsberry gave the phone number for **“non-emergency”** : **215-4010**, and when it should be used. She states, when “...there is not a crime in progress or it is not a life or death issue” to call this number. For instance, if you see someone in the area that you do not know and does not seem to belong, get a good description of the person and where they were headed and call the non-emergency number. It can also be used when a crime has been committed but there is no threat of continued danger, such as vandalism or theft. **For all true emergencies call 911.**

## North Hills Area Association

Serving the North Hills Area.

### Mission Statement

To promote education, safety, and beautification as well as, to offer representation of neighborhood concerns to our city and county governments.

### Goals

- To instill in residents a sense of community and belonging.
- To develop and effective relationship with governmental decision makers.
- To impact positive changes for residents in the neighborhood.
- To educate residents on the benefits of maintaining or improving the current quality of life and helping one another to pursue that goal.

### The Community

The neighborhood has defined its boundaries as Cecil Avenue to the south, Whittle Springs Road to the west, and Washington Pike to the north, and Prosser Road to the east.

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### NHAA Website

[www.kornet.org/nhaa/](http://www.kornet.org/nhaa/)

### Email Listserv

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/north\\_hills\\_neighbor](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/north_hills_neighbor)

## Neighborhood Awards Presented



The North Hills Area Association presented its award for "*Outstanding Preservation Through Maintenance of an Existing Home*" to Rick and Judith Mallory for their diligent efforts in restoring and preserving a home located on Bridalwood. Whenever a home can be revitalized and placed into the hands of a caring owner, the entire neighborhood benefits.

The award for "*Outstanding NHAA Volunteer of 2006*" went to Becky Harmon. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make our neighborhood a better place. The Yahoo newsgroup that she established is an excellent way for our neighbors to keep in touch and is valued by all who participate. Her work on the newsletter is also greatly appreciated.



## Neighborhood Watch

We are all grateful for Linda Marion who has agreed to be the coordinator and liaison for the neighborhood watch program. Block captains include Kim Waller, Sally Wilcox, Maggie Bell and Becky Harmon. We will be meeting before each neighborhood meeting. If you are in the watch area your block captain has probably knocked on your door and provided you with the contact information should there be any reportable activity.

The group met with Officer Michele Goldsberry of the Knoxville Police Department's Safety Education Unit in December 2006. (See the related article on page one of this newsletter.) Officer Goldsberry provided the block captains with some valuable information in getting our program started. If you are interested in being a block captain for your immediate area, please call Linda Marion (523-8616).

## City Codes Enforcement

At the October 2006 NHAA meeting, David Brace, Deputy Director of the city codes department spoke regarding the duties of his office. He stated the best way to report codes violations is by calling the **311** system. He may also be reached at his direct number (215-2060). This department is responsible for enforcing rules regarding overgrown lots, solid waste violations, inoperable vehicles and structural violations. There are 9 inspectors who perform 11,000 inspections per year.

## North Hills Area Association Board of Directors

Steve Eldridge- President  
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**Free Security Survey:** You can have a free security survey done of your home and property by the Knoxville Police Department. The survey takes 1 to 1 ½ hours and includes lights, locks, alarms, vegetation and more. They will discuss the pros and cons of different security systems and devices as well as offer recommendations. You can call 215-8633 to be placed on the schedule for a survey.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2007 MEETING DATES

All meetings start at 7:00 pm

February 22

May 24 Pot Luck at 6:00pm !!

August 23

October 25

## Volunteer!

What makes a neighborhood association work is the time and effort made by residents that are interested in making their area a better place for everyone. Stay involved or get involved now.

## !!Get North Hills News Online!!

There are now 77 people on the North Hills Neighbor Yahoo group, an email "listserv". It is a great communication tool for everyone in our neighborhood to keep in touch and strengthen our community. Join the group by going to: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/north\\_hills\\_neighbor](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/north_hills_neighbor) and following the instructions for "join this group."