



North Hills Neighbor

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Important Public Meeting, Tuesday, April 18 !

**** Traffic Calming for North Hills ****

This is a key meeting for the traffic calming process and a big turnout of North Hills Area residents is important. Officials from Traffic Engineering and the East Tennessee Community Design Center will be present to answer questions and review the needs of the neighborhood.

NHAA is well into the traffic calming process set forth by the city. Increased police patrols have been noted which is a part of this process. The city will be creating a traffic calming design for our area in the future based on our comments and their observations. This meeting will be at the Washington Pike United Methodist Church at 2241 Washington Pike.

North Hills Spring Festival

The North Hills Garden Club is hosting the first "North Hills Spring Festival" on **Saturday, April 22**, from 10am – 2pm on Fountain Park Blvd. There will be the annual plant sale with the beautiful assortment of perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees hand picked by members of the club at local nurseries.

In addition, there will be arts & craft booths, musicians and other performers, and a children's talent show. If you are interested in reserving a space for a table to sell your crafty items, or would like to entertain the crowd, or have your child enter the talent contest, contact Jennifer at NHFEST@aol.com or 386-5881.



NHAA Sets Goals for 2006

The 2006 goals for NHAA were outlined at the last neighborhood meeting held on February 23rd. Amongst those listed are:

- Traffic calming process will continue
- Applying for grant monies for specific projects identified by residents
- A partnership with a neighborhood school: identify a school and determine how NHAA can provide time or money.
- Honoring an outstanding volunteer allowing the NHAA to recognize great service and to encourage others to volunteer.
- An award of merit for a property owner for outstanding contributory property.
- Encourage the city to assume maintenance of the North Park- Cecil Street entrance.
- Continue to watch the undeveloped properties on Cecil near the church; areas surrounding the Berean Church; and the Haggard Road site.
- Getting the city to place more 'no parking' signs in the boulevards to discourage parking in those areas.

Community Clean Up Day

In association with the "Keep Knoxville Beautiful" campaign, NHAA will have a clean up day of the south entrance at Cecil and North Park at 10:00 am on **Saturday, April 8th**. Volunteers are needed to help for two hours with trash pick up and mulching the flower beds.

KUB Project

For the next several months, KUB will be in the area replacing the natural gas main along portions of Kantebury Drive, Kenilworth Lane, Topaz Street and North Hills Blvd. Residents will be notified 24 hours in advance when there will be an interruption in gas service. If you have any questions, KUB can be reached at 524-2911.

Voting in 2006!! Early voting generally starts 2 weeks before the election date.

May 2, Tuesday: Primary elections for all county offices

August 3, Thursday: General election for county offices, primary election for state offices.

Next Meetings:

Traffic Calming
Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm

See information in article to the left of this column.

NHAA Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 7:00 pm

Meet the Candidates

Mark Harmon and David Collins, candidates for County Commissioner, will be available to discuss the needs of our community.

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.

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 an 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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No More Broken Windows

What if the North Hills area no longer tolerated an abandoned vehicle, an overgrown lot, or loose trash in the alley? What if all neighbors took pride in their homes and yards, keeping them groomed and clean. These are low profile violations or not at all and they occur in many neighborhoods across many cities, but why do we often allow it?

What if the city fixed every pothole? Removed every junk car? Repaired every street sign? These are minor inconveniences and on the surface seem small and petty, but shouldn't we expect more?

The answer is: We should expect more from our city government, but withstand less of these violations and nuisances.

There is a theory about community deterioration called "The Broken Windows Theory". The study, created over 20 years ago by George Kellner and James Wilson, examined that urban decay starts with small damage that goes unrepaired. The germ of the idea is simple and compelling. A broken window--or a littered sidewalk, a graffito, or what you like--does no great harm to a neighborhood if promptly addressed. But left untended, it sends a signal: that no one cares about the neighborhood, that it is a safe place to break things, to litter, to vandalize.

So, what can you do about a broken window? The City of Knoxville has launched a 311 phone system. Dial 3-1-1 when you see something you think is a violation. There are city ordinances that guard against inoperable vehicles, overgrown grass, litter, etc. If we can prevent and enforce these small crimes, we'll be protecting ourselves from more significant ones. Besides, it's free, it's quick, it's easy to use, and it works.

North Hills is a great neighborhood. Let's keep our windows intact. When you see a problem, fix it or report it. Let's send our own signal that we won't tolerate broken windows.

(This article is a courtesy of Grant Rosenberg with the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association.)

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City of Knoxville Codes of Enforcement

Dirty Lots: A lot is classified as dirty or overgrown when:

- Trash and debris have accumulated
- Vines, underbrush, or grass exceed 12 inches

Correction process for a dirty lot :

- Lot reported to City Code Enforcement by phone at 215-2118 (or 3-1-1)
- Owner of lot has 10 days to correct lot
- If violations are not corrected, a Public Service crew will correct the lot within 45-60 days of reported call.
- Owner of lot will be billed for cost of clean up.
- Owner may be cited to Municipal Court where substantial fines and penalties may be imposed.

Center for Neighborhood Development Abolished

The NHAA gives special thanks to Ed Eckenrod with the CND for all his valuable assistance. Due to budget restraints, the city has abolished the Center. CND has served small neighborhood groups and will be missed.