



North Hills Neighbor

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Board of Directors of the North Hills Area Association

The NHAA has its first Board of Directors! The Board will meet annually to oversee the activities of the Association and make recommendations. These outstanding individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and experience as well as an exemplary representation of our complete area. The members are as follows:

Officers:

Steve Eldridge- President NHAA
Mark Harmon- Vice-President
Roy Andrews- Treasurer
Matthew Burns- Secretary

At Large:

Bill Snyder
Kim Trent
Anne Woodle
Juanita Cannon
Norm Featherstone
Joe Brandenburg
Brian McDaniel
Charles Swatzson
Van Walker
Anne Brock

We are proud to have these outstanding volunteers assume the duties and responsibilities as our first board members .



Neighborhood Spotlight: The Steinbacher Home

Kurt and Cheryl Steinbacher moved to their North Hills home 17 years ago when their daughter Geneva was just a toddler. During these years, they completely transformed the house remodeling the kitchen and redesigning the breakfast nook into a full bath and library. Upstairs they converted two bedrooms into a master suite in such a

way that it can be made back into 2 rooms easily. The stucco exterior required much restoration and a color change from green to a more neutral color. Any passerby will notice the beautifully landscaped yard with the new gazebo. The original cement front walk was removed and the new brick walk was installed.

As President of the North Hills Garden Club for two years, Cheryl was an instrumental in preventing a zoning change in the neighborhood as well as starting the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The 'For Sale' sign in the yard is very obvious and the neighborhood will miss the Steinbachers following their move to Evansville, Indiana. There has been much interest in the house, but the owners are still working toward a contract and closing.

Haggard Road Property

In May there was a meeting with Gene Kerr, owner of the Haggard Road property. Present at the meeting was (from right) Joe Walsh, City Parks and Engineering; Gene Kerr; Steve Eldridge; Kim Trent; and Bob Becker, City Councilperson. They discussed using the property as a park. Joe Walsh talked about creating a park that offered sports opportunities for area youth, such as soccer. Developers in the future may be interested in this property. A committee is being formed to survey the interests of the neighborhood. Involvement from those directly affected is strongly encouraged.



Next Meeting
August 25th 7:00 pm
Police Chief
Sterling Owen



We will have as our guest Sterling Owen, Knoxville's Chief of Police to address speeding, police patrols and other police issues.

We meet at the Washington Pike United Methodist Church, 2241 Washington Pike, on the ground floor. For more information, visit the 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 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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A Letter From the President

I hope all neighborhood residents are enjoying their summer despite the sweltering heat. If we must endure ninety degree weather, the North Hills area is the place to be. The trees provide wonderful shade and a great breeze for all of us who are out and about enjoying our special part of the city. I want to welcome all our new neighbors who have recently moved to our area and invite all to attend our meeting on August 25th.

I have been very busy with NHAA business this summer. Representing our association, I was privileged to be invited to be the guest speaker at the Hidden Hills Neighborhood Association meeting in June. Hidden Hills is located in West Knoxville. I enjoyed interacting with the President and residents from that association. I spoke to the group regarding leadership and organizational structure.

I also was appointed to be one of the planners of the fall Neighbor to Neighbor neighborhood leader's conference to be held in October. The conference is being sponsored by CND and COIN. The conference will be a first for leaders of city neighborhood groups to meet and discuss common concerns among all neighborhoods.

I also have worked with David Brace of the Public Service Department and toured our area with him to look at blighted properties and other long time problems. Mr. Brace spoke with neighbors surrounding these properties to get their input regarding actions they would like to see taken. Touring the area with Mr. Brace was an educational experience for me as I learned more about city codes and the process first hand.

Finally, I was named the new officer of elections for our 16S voting precinct at Belle Morris School. I will be replacing long time worker and resident, Teddi Fritts, who retired this year. Teddi gave many years of service to the election commission and will leave some big shoes to be filled. Several city council seats are being decided this fall, including our district, so exercise your right to vote.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of NHAA.

Steve Eldridge, President
North Hills Area Association



Traffic Calming Update



The May NHAA meeting addressed the issue of traffic calming with a presentation by Bill Cole of the Traffic Engineering Division for the City of Knoxville. The large number of residents present at this meeting indicated our concern and interest in this issue. The meeting addressed the 10 step plan as well as the costs involved in the process. Mr. Cole noted that obtaining traffic calming in a neighborhood can be a long slow process and an expensive one. He added that the whole neighborhood needs to be united and to work together in order to be successful. This meeting fulfilled the second of the 10 steps. A letter sent by NHAA President Steve Eldridge met the first step. This letter has been accepted by the Traffic Engineering Division and it will move forward with a review by the East Tennessee Community Design Center which is "to aid the neighborhood in building consensus and developing their plan." For more information on the city's traffic calming process please go to www.cityofknoxville.org.

In Fond Memory of Fred Loy

We want to express our condolences to the family of Fred Loy, a beloved neighbor who was dedicated to keeping the North Hills neighborhood beautiful. He will be greatly missed.

Dial 3-1-1 For All Knoxville City Services

This month Mayor Bill Haslam announced that residents can now access information about all city services from one telephone number. The calls are answered by a new customer service center which will help the city improve communication among departments, reduce response time to residents' requests, and ensure services are delivered efficiently. The center's hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.