



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Shelter, Traffic, Sidewalks Making Your Wesley Neighborhood Safer

Your Wesley Neighbors Community Association has great achievements and is pursuing more safety features for your neighborhood.

BUS SHELTER

We received word early in October that Knoxville Area Transit and the City Engineering Department are planning to install a bus shelter for our bus stop at Wesley Road and Kingston Pike.

This shelter will be the final safety improvement for our neighborhood's bus riders, following completion of the sidewalk this month and installation of the crosswalk last winter.

Wesley Neighbors appreciates KAT and the City of Knoxville for recognizing and addressing safety needs in our neighborhood.

SIDEWALK & PAVING

After persistent requests from Wesley Neighbors over several months, the City of Knoxville and its construction contractors appeared in the neighborhood during the second week of October to finish miscellaneous tasks on the sidewalk and paving work.

TDOT promises to pave Wesley with "binder" between Dorchester and Kinston Pike this fall and final paving next spring.

TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS

After issuing a draft report in late September, the City Council Traffic Committee met with community groups and heard comments from citizens in October.

Committee member Joe Fuhr explained the draft report at our October 4 Wesley Neighbors meeting.

A four-part plan features engineering solutions supported by enforcement and education. A process to ensure fair implementation throughout the city.

Tom Arnhart and Bill Stack have been representing Wesley Neighbors at these meetings.

Holiday Dinner

Mark your calendars for Wesley Neighbors' 2004 Holiday Dinner. It will be Monday December 6 at a location to be announced.

Building Community Bonds Making Wesley Stronger

Wesley Neighbors has participated in several activities that will make it a stronger force in the overall community.

MAYOR'S LUNCH

Wesley Neighbors president Bill Stack and vice president Steve Ellis joined Knoxville Mayor Bill Haslam for lunch at his office on October 5. Leaders from Northgate Towers, Fort Sanders, and Forest Heights participated, too.

Mayor Haslam said the city depends on community associations to help the City do its job. Neighborhoods working closely with city departments such as Engineering, Police, and Codes Enforcement help keep the city clean, safe, and a good place to live and work.

Listening to the issues raised by other communities, we felt fortunate for our good working relations with the City government and all its departments.

Mayor Haslam's inviting us to this luncheon reflects his strong respect for our association and support for our objectives and activities.

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Wesley Neighbors has established partnerships with the Parent Teacher Associa-

tions at Bearden Middle School and West Hills Elementary School to cooperate on mutual objectives. Under the partnerships, we will work with both PTAs to keep our neighborhood a great place for families and children to live.

PLANNING ACADEMY

The Metropolitan Planning Commission's Citizens Planning Academy wrapped up on Tuesday October 19.

This four-week program explained the concept, process, challenges, and rewards of a deliberate planning process for the City of Knoxville and Knox County.

About 70 people from communities across the city and county participated. Wesley Neighbors was represented Bill Stack.

Knowledge gained from the four-week academy will help Wesley Neighbors secure a responsible development of the Waterhouse property to our immediate east.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS

Wesley Neighbors' networking with other neighborhood associations on the city-wide traffic issue and other concerns is helping us move a positive outcome on these matters.

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

November Meeting



New Knoxville Police Chief Sterling Owen IV

Hear how the leadership of the new Chief will affect neighborhood safety and other concerns

Monday November 1, 6:30 p.m.
West Knoxville Library

Wesley Supports Fall Activities Community and Safety

Two wonderful fall activities promoting community and safety for families and children are available:

SAFETY CITY HALLOWEEN The Knoxville Police Department's annual Safety City Halloween from 5 to 8 p.m. on October 31 will be "a safe place for children to Trick or Treat and have fun,"

says Sergeant Jerry Armstrong, Director of the Safety Education Unit.

HARVEST FEST. This event sponsored by the West Hills Elementary School PTA will feature games, raffles, hot dogs, popcorn, and more from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday November 19.

More Landscaping, Fewer Signs *Neighborhood Beautification*

LANDSCAPING

Wesley Neighbors received permission from the City of Knoxville Engineering Department to plant flora in the City's right of way on both sides of Wesley Road between Kingston Pike and the Interstate overpass and just north of the Interstate.

Our plantings must require little maintenance and not obstruct pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk or views of pedestrians and motorists.

SIGN CLUTTER

The number of illegal signs all over the neighborhood has been increasing all summer.

Off premises signs, which advertise businesses or for-sale properties elsewhere, are prohibited under City of Knoxville ordinances, even if property owners allow them. Fines are \$50 for each infraction. The City's new sign inspector is targeting these signs all over the city.

Neighborhoods that ignore these signs are quickly diminished. That's why Wesley Neighbors follows the City's ordinance against these signs.

Wesley Neighbors' position on illegal signs is consistent with Keep Knoxville Beautiful, the West Hills Community Association, and other neighborhood groups that seek a cleaner, more beautiful city.

Looking Out for One Another *Neighborhood Watch*

A recent teenage brawl in a nearby west Knoxville community, which was widely reported in the local news media, has raised questions about the likelihood of such violence happening in our neighborhood.

Important facts about that brawl should be acknowledged: (1) All but one of the teenagers lived outside the neighborhood

and (2) the root cause had nothing to do with the neighborhood or its neighbors. Nonetheless, the location tarnished the reputation of a fine community and put fear into its residents.

Police and crime experts insist that neighborhoods where citizens look out for one another enjoy lower crime rates than neighborhoods where everyone "minds their own business" and looks the other way when suspicious activities occur.

If you see any suspicious activities such as various vehicles frequently coming and going at various times of day and night, please let us know so we can advise the police.

Neighborhood safety is a major objective of your Wesley Neighbors Community Association, which has worked closely with police to minimize crime in your neighborhood.

May We Serve Your Real Estate Needs?

As seasons change, so do your real estate needs.
When I can be of service, please give me a call!

** Don't forget to set your clocks back
one hour on October 31st **

SANDY ROBINSON, 588-2334

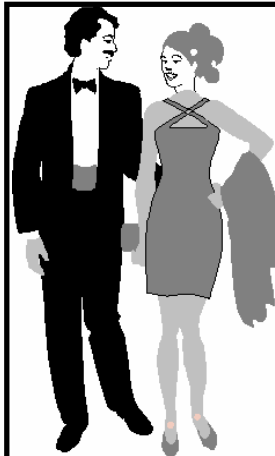


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Good Neighborhoods Depend on Strength

Message From Your President



Wesley Neighbors has worked hard since inception to keep our neighborhood beautiful, safe, and cohesive.

Real-estate agents say our neighborhood is more valuable because of its good condition, low crime, and

strong community association.

You wouldn't think these achievements would cause conflict, but sometimes they do.

Any neighborhood is diminished by neighbors hosting loud parties, keeping junk on properties, posting illegal signs, not mowing lawns, and not maintaining structures. Barking dogs are a frequent neighborhood complaint.

Disagreements over laws, policies, objectives, or positions can result in some conflict and resentment.

Community leaders sometimes find themselves in the uncomfortable positions of having to stand firm on some issues for the neighborhood's long-term beauty, safety, integrity, and cohesion.

— Bill Stack

What's That About?

Neighbors' Questions Answered

Q: Are any new sidewalks planned for other streets in the neighborhood?

A: Wesley Neighbors is assisting a group of parents of West Hills Elementary School children with their quest for sidewalks on Bennington, Corteland, and Sheffield Drives. Parents have collected more than 100 petition signatures. If you would like to sign the petition and/or help with the effort, call Jim Kotsianas at 691-7980.

Q: What will be done about graffiti on the new interstate?

A: Wesley Neighbors has been working with the Knoxville Police Department and the Tennessee Department of Transportation about combating graffiti. Wesley Neighbors reports the graffiti, KPD makes photos for criminal prosecution, and TDOT then covers the graffiti. Wesley Neighbors sometimes overpaints graffiti when authorities are unable to respond quickly.

For answers to your neighborhood questions, ask Bill Stack at 558-6280 or wesley@korrnet.org.

Skateboarding & Streets

Child and Family Safety

At our October meeting, a neighbor asked if children should be riding skateboards on our neighborhood streets.

Child-safety experts say children should never ride skateboards or non-powered scooters in or near traffic. City of Knoxville ordinances prohibits the riding of skateboards on public streets.

All skateboarders should wear helmets, knee pads, and elbow pads. Skateboards should not be used by children under age 10, and nonpowered scooters should not be used by children under age eight unless adult supervision is available.

Skateboard and scooter injuries account for approximately 70,000 emergency room visits each year in the U.S., mostly to children.

Sources: KidSafe Knoxville, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Knoxville Police Department.

Report Broken Street Lights

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5. Top with salsa and serve.

**Neighbors'
 Recipes**

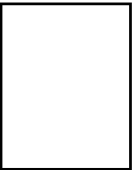
Generously shared by Brenda Ellis

Share your recipe with us by phoning Joyce Harper at 584-5288 or dropping it in her newspaper box at 510 Rockingham Drive.

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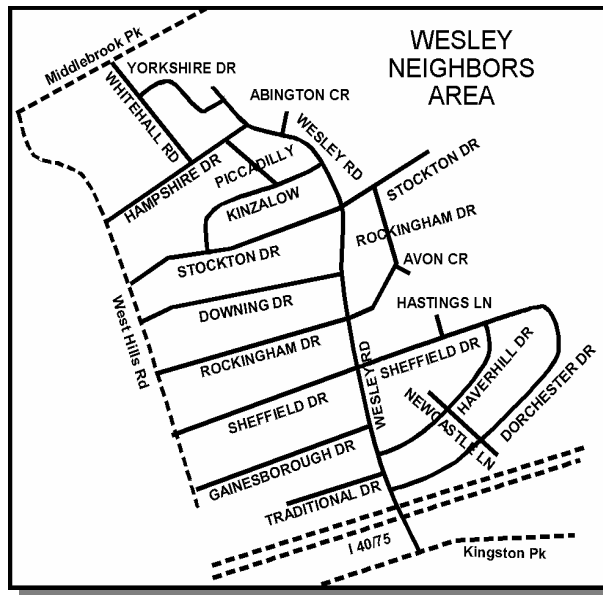
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 Linda Stack, 558-6280

Dues, Contributions

Annual dues are \$10. Additional contributions are always welcomed. Our fiscal year starts May 1 and ends April 30.

Please send write your checks to "Wesley Neighbors Community Association," write "dues" in the memo line, and mail to Bill Stack, President, 916 Wesley Road, 37909.

CLASSIFIEDS

YARD WORK

I'm a Wesley Neighbor and student at Catholic High School. I do miscellaneous yard work for many Wesley area neighbors, and I have good references. Paul Thames, 7038, Stockton Drive, 558-1440.

POT OF GOLD

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