



# Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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## A Fun Evening at the Fourth Annual Holiday Dinner



Dining, entertainment, and fellowship at Wesley Neighbors' fourth annual Holiday Dinner.

Thirty neighbors from the Wesley neighborhood enjoyed a fine Italian dinner at Catinella's Bakery Bistro plus a humorous talk by Channel 10's Russell Biven at Wesley Neighbors' fourth annual Holiday Dinner.

Everyone we heard from said this Wesley Neighbors' Holiday Dinner was the best so far.

Steve and Brenda Ellis are commended and thanked for organizing this important community event that strengthens friendly bonds among neighbors.



Steve Ellis presents a Wesley Neighbors T Shirt to Russell Biven.

## Waiting for Traffic Calming *Formal request mailed*

Wesley Neighbors mailed in early December a formal letter to the Knoxville Police Department requesting increased traffic enforcement under the new city-wide traffic-calming plan approved by City Council November 23.

Enforcement is the major thrust under this plan with more than \$100,000 dedicated to new radar guns and overtime pay for officers patrolling neighborhoods.

The letter was mailed to Captain Gordon Catlett, Commander of the West Patrol Di-

vision, which has jurisdiction over our neighborhood. Copies were mailed to the Mayor, the Police Chief, and City Council.

"Once the funds are released for overtime pay the police department will initiate patrols," Captain Catlett replied.

"We met today to discuss a plan to begin using the funds," Mayor Haslam explained. "We are working on a city wide plan."

Our letter is available on the Wesley Neighbors web site [www.kornnet.org/wesley](http://www.kornnet.org/wesley).

## Flooding a Frequent Problem

With heavy rains this year from several hurricanes and severe storms, Wesley Neighbors has received requests from some neighbors to resolve flooding problems.

Most flooding in our neighborhood is temporary resulting from excessive rainfall for the drainage system to handle in a short period. It usually subsides after a while once the water flows out. This condition is common throughout Knox County.

Unfortunately, some houses in our neighborhood were built in the middle of natural runoff areas, which is also common throughout the county. Construction of such

houses would not be permitted under today's stormwater ordinances.

Neighbors with flooding on their property should contact the City of Knoxville Engineering Department at 215-6100 for evaluation and recommendations. Community associations cannot be relied on to resolve flooding on private properties.

A lot of short-term flooding can be reduced by neighbors keeping drainage areas on their properties and rights of way associated with their properties clear of growth, brush, and leaves. The City says it's the property owners' responsibility.

## YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

### The Program:

Knox County Office of  
Neighborhoods  
"What Does Knox County  
Do for City Residents?"

### The Agenda:

Traffic Calming Plan  
Beautification Plan

Monday January 3, 6:30 p.m.  
West Knoxville Library

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Betty Sanslow of Dorchester Drive on being renamed to the City of Knoxville Solicitations Board on November 23.

"The Solicitations Board issues one-year permits for soliciting funds within the City of Knoxville, according

to the City of Knoxville web site. "The Board requires an application to be completed for each new permit or renewal, and then approves or rejects the applications."

Bobbie Christenberry of Sheffield Drive also serves on this nine-member board.

## Stockton Place on Hold Area Developments

The proposal to develop Stockton Place on a bit of undeveloped land north of Stockton Drive and west of West Hills Road is on hold until errors in documents can be corrected.

At the November 23 City Council meeting, City Council Attorney Charles Swanson reported discovering two errors in official documents received from the Metropolitan Planning Commission that he believed would cause a court to reject the case. He believes the case will end up in court regardless of whether City Council voted to accept or reject the West Hills Community Association's appeal of MPC's approval of the plan.

Opponents of the proposal cite flooding problems on the property, on surrounding properties, and in the Kinzallow Drive area. They also

question the density of structures, the closeness of structures to the property lines, and the way houses would be positioned on the site.

Details of the West Hills Community Association's position on Stockton Place are available on our web site: [www.kornnet.org/wesley](http://www.kornnet.org/wesley).

## Vehicle Burglaries Neighborhood Watch

Vehicles parked in driveways in Knoxville's neighborhoods were burglarized this fall, including in our Wesley neighborhood.

A neighbor on Sheffield Drive reported losing valuables from his car overnight, including a DVD player that was carefully removed from the dash with tools and a briefcase containing a laptop computer

that was inadvertently left in the back seat.

We advise neighbors not to leave valuables in their cars overnight, even if the doors are locked.

Leaving outside lights on throughout the night discourages all but the most brazen and desperate criminals.

Do not risk your well being by confronting burglars. Get the best descriptions you can and call the police.

If you hear of other incidents in the neighborhood, please let us know so we can keep the neighborhood informed.

### 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!

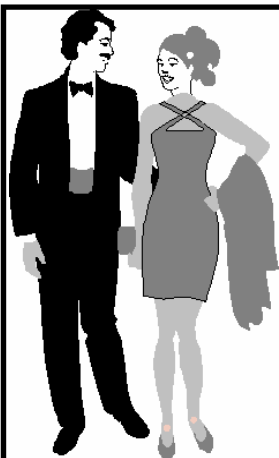
*"May your coming year be fortunate and prosperous."*

**SANDY ROBINSON, 588-2334**



### Stay Up to Date

Join our e-mail list for the latest news and alerts. Let us know if you change your e-mail address. Send an e-mail request to [wesley@kornnet.org](mailto:wesley@kornnet.org).



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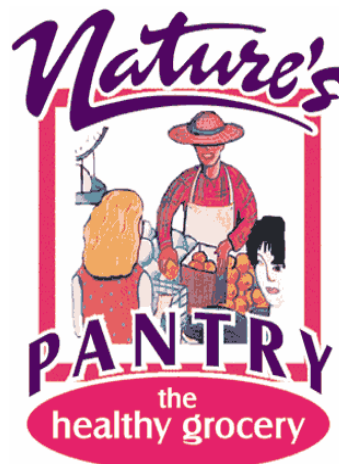
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## Good Neighborhoods Depend on People

*Message From Your President*



Our neighborhood has been free of the tragic conflicts plaguing other neighborhoods because your Wesley Neighbors Community Association has worked hard to build and sustain cohesion and

because our neighbors are generally respectful of one another.

Our annual Holiday Dinners and National Nights Out are excellent events for neighborliness by developing and sociability and cooperation. Our daffodil sales, litter cleanups, Neighborhood Watch, and other mutually beneficial activities also contribute to general cooperativeness and appreciation.

But neighborhood associations can do only so much toward this end. Events and activities cannot accomplish this crucial community need by themselves.

We are grateful to our neighbors who help keep Wesley a fine and fun neighborhood by respecting one another, complying with public laws, adhering to basic rules of civility, and working together for the common good throughout the year.

— Bill Stack

## What's That About?

*Neighbors' Questions Answered*

**Q:** You keep saying off-premises signs are illegal, but we continue to see them in the neighborhood. What's being done about them?

**A:** City of Knoxville codes-enforcement officers have contacted all the consistent posters of illegal signs in our neighborhood. While most of them are complying with the ordinances, a few are thumbing their noses at the law, the inspectors, their community association, and their neighbors. Wesley Neighbors has requested formal action by the City and is looking into directly suing those scofflaws who are willfully tarnishing our fine neighborhood for self-benefit.

**Q:** What's the City's schedule for picking up brush?

**A:** The City picks up brush and leaves every two weeks except during fall leaf pickup. Brush cleanup is suspended from November to January, according to the City of Knoxville web site.

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

## Hazardous Gifts

*Child Safety*

Some kids get Christmas toys they aren't ready for. Motorized vehicles are common sources of post-Christmas child injuries when they are too large for the child or require strength or judgment the child is too young to exercise.

What's fun for adults can be hazardous for children.

Kids using toys that require strength and maturity should be supervised closely.

Children should never use motorized vehicles on public streets, even with adult supervision. It's dangerous and against the law. Adults can be cited to court, and criminal charges can be brought if accidents occur.

A 12 year old child was critically injured in west Knox County last fall by riding a motorized scooter on a public street in violation of the law. Our neighborhood has enough traffic problems without putting kids in the middle of them.

When child safety is concerned, adult judgment is necessary and caution should prevail.

For more child-safety information, go to [www.safekids-knoxarea.org](http://www.safekids-knoxarea.org).



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# MINUTE MINESTRONE

Great for Cotton & Super Bowls



- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can (46 oz.) vegetable juice
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning (more or less to taste)
- 1 can (15 oz.) Veg-All Original Mixed Vegetables, undrained
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) Cut Italian Green Beans, undrained
- 1 can (15.5) Great Northern Beans, drained and rinsed
- 3/4 cup uncooked pasta shells, cooked according to package instructions
- 1 can (13.5) Chopped Spinach, drained
- Grated Parmesan cheese

## Neighbors' Recipes

In large pan, heat vegetable oil. Add onion and garlic; heat 2 minutes. Stir in vegetable juice and Italian seasoning; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Add Veg-All, beans, pasta, and spinach. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese before serving. Serve with Italian bread. Serves eight.

— Generously shared by Joyce Harper

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

CORRECTION: Last month's recipe was submitted by Brenda Ellis but was incorrectly attributed to Joyce Harper. We regret the error.

# Wesley Neighbors

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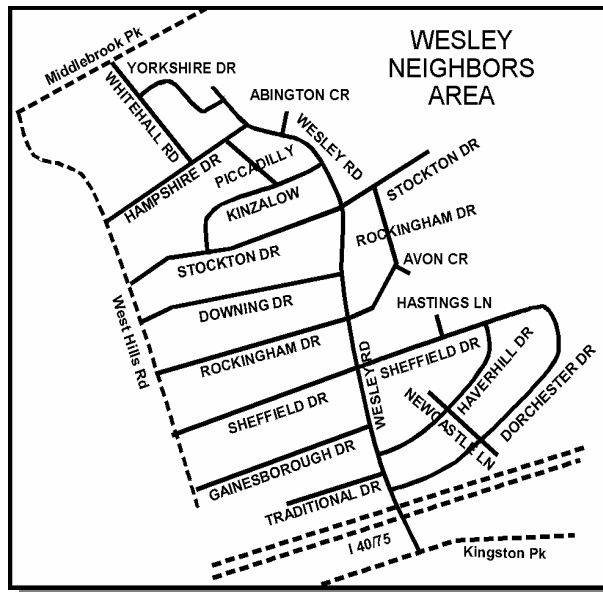
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## Your Neighborhood Teams

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**  
Steve Ellis, 584-3082.

**ANTI-LITTER**  
Harry Harper, 584-5288  
Katherine Kinnard, 212-3388

**FUND RAISING**  
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 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.



**STYLISH T SHIRTS.** Show your pride in your neighborhood and help your association raise needed funds. Sky blue with black Wesley logo, S, M, L, XL, XXL. Made by Tribe One, a ministry helping inner-city youth. \$10 each. Contact Bill Stack, 558-6280 or wesley@kornet.org.

### Welcome New Neighbors

If you know of new neighbors, please tell us so we can officially welcome them to our neighborhood. Bill Stack, 558-6280, wesley@kornet.org.

## Our Web Site

www.kornet.org/wesley