



# Wesley Neighbors

## Community Association

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### Neighbors Monitor Traffic

*Raising awareness of traffic safety*



Linda Stack, Jennifer Huskey, Jenny Roberts, Lisa Maddox-Baker, Bill Stack, and Bradley Roberts monitor traffic on Wesley Road Jan 16. Photos by Jack Creed, who also participated.

Standing on the edge of Sheffield Drive on Sunday Jan 9, volunteers from around the neighborhood held posters reading "Speed Limit 30," "Please Slow Down," and "STOP."

This was done again Sunday January 16 at the intersection of Wesley Road and Stockton Drive.

The signs were made at Kinko's for Wesley Neighbors.

The objective is to raise awareness among motorists that they are traveling through a residential neighborhood

where safe and lawful driving is necessary.

Like other Knoxville neighborhoods, the Wesley neighborhood and West Hills overall suffer from speeding, stop-sign running, and reckless driving.

City of Knoxville responses to our formal requests for traffic-calming and increased enforcement were disappointing.

Wesley Neighbors will monitor traffic on other streets and intersections on future dates.

### Entrance Enhancement to Begin

*Landscaper and Plan Approved*

Neighbors voted unanimously at our Jan 3 meeting to engage Mike Thompson of Fairbanks Nursery and Farm to landscape the entrance to our neighborhood at Wesley Road and Kingston Pike.

The plan includes crepe myrtles, azaleas, dogwoods, liriopie, river stone, and mulch for two islands and a peninsula on the east side of Wesley Road.

The west side of Wesley Road will be done in another year or two after more funds are raised. It does not need the immediate attention needed on the east side.

TDOT will landscape its property around the interstate highway and overpass in 2006 at its expense, and it will involve Wesley Neighbors in the planning process.

Wesley Neighbors agreed to pay the nursery to provide and install the flora and mulch up to \$2,500 for the initial work.

Wesley Neighbors will plant daffodil bulbs and seasonal flowers later.

Donations of mulch, labor, and other items were offered at the meeting by the Knox County Office of Neighborhoods and our Second District City Councilor Barbara Pelot. Mrs. Pelot has been formally asked for assistance with flora donations.

With all the landscaping areas being on City of Knoxville right of way, the Engineering Department issued Wesley Neighbors a "right of way" permit this month.

Wesley Neighbors formally requested a \$500 City Council community grant through Mrs. Pelot for installation of a water spigot and meter by KUB.

Although none of the work will be done on Weigel's property, the company was formally notified as a courtesy.

Work will be done this winter and spring.

### Neighborhood Child Hassled

A nine-year-old girl has been hassled twice by two white males on West Ridge Road while walking home from West Hills Elementary School, according to Knoxville Police.

The girl told police these men pulled alongside her in a turquoise car and said: "B—, we're going to kill you," then drove off. This happened Friday afternoon January 7 and an unknown prior date.

The girl described them as mid 30s, skinny, approximately 5'10" to 6' tall, bad teeth, and clean shaven. One had a scar on his forehead. She described the car as "square" body styling like was

common in the 1980s and early 1990s and having a dent on a back passenger door. She said they headed eastward toward West Hills Road.

If you see a vehicle matching this description, please get a tag number and call the police at 215-7277. Note where you saw the car and where it was headed, and describe the occupants.

DO NOT confront these people for any reason.

Please pass this information to your neighbors. Keep Wesley Neighbors informed so we can keep the neighborhood informed.

## YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

### The Program:

Rachael Frazier,  
Kids-Safe Knoxville  
"Making our neighborhood safe for kids"

### The Agenda:

Spring Litter Cleanup

Monday February 7, 6:30 p.m.  
West Knoxville Library

## Neighbor Attacked, Bitten by Dog *Unusual incident*

A neighbor walking around the neighborhood and picking up litter was attacked and bitten twice by a neighborhood dog without provocation.

The dog was being walked around the neighborhood without a leash by its owner. The bites were severe enough to require medical attention.

Unprovoked attacks are unusual when a dog is away from its territory, so this dog might have believed its owner was threatened. But the victim is a good-natured senior citizen who is often seen walking around the neighborhood with a litter bag.

The dog's owner exchanged contact information with the victim and accepted responsibility for the attack.

On the urging of family and friends, City of Knoxville Animal Control was con-

tacted. The dog was quarantined for several days.

Dog owners are reminded that their dogs must be on leashes when off their property and that they are responsible for what their dogs do while the City's leash law is being violated.

If you have an animal problem, call Animal Control at 215-7373.

## Eyes and Ears Open *Neighborhood Watch*

Neighbors are important information sources in every safe neighborhood. The information's usefulness depends on its accuracy and timeliness.

■ Note important features such as colors, sizes, models, dates, times, locations, tag numbers.

■ Keep paper and pens in your car's glove box to write down important information.

■ Carry paper and pen in your pockets when you walk around the neighborhood to write down important information.

■ Report urgent information to authorities immediately. Urgent includes gas leaks, crimes, attempted crimes, and timely information about crimes under investigation. Important but not urgent information should be reported promptly.

■ Keeping us informed is very important and appreciated, but appropriate authorities should be called first. We should not be conduits for urgent matters.

### May We Serve Your Real Estate Needs?

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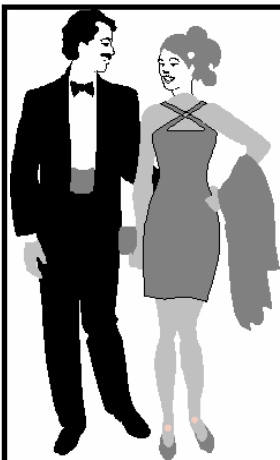
*Can we talk? I'd love to work with you.*

**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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Wesley Neighbors Community Association  
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## Active Neighbors Make Positive Things Happen

*Message From Your President*



There's nothing like an activist event such as our traffic monitoring to bring out the good in a neighborhood.

A surprising number of neighbors turned out on short notice for a trial run on doing something to alleviate the traffic problem in our neighborhood.

A lot of neighbors apologized for being unable to help because of scheduling conflicts. Many people in West Hills and around the city commended our creative activism.

Ours is a neighborhood with numerous needs and enough dedicated citizens to address them and make good things happen. That makes us successful and a model for other neighborhoods.

There will be more opportunities for community activism as we move forward with our long-dreamed beautification, litter cleanups, more traffic monitoring, and other activities that benefit everyone in the community.

— Bill Stack

## What's That About?

*Neighbors' Questions Answered*

**Q:** Why is TDOT building the noise wall here and there instead of starting at one end and progressing to the other end?

**A:** "The openings in the noise wall are for construction access to the back of the wall," says John Hunter, TDOT's Interstate 40/75 Project Manager. "The openings will be closed when the noise walls are complete front and back. There is also at least one area, specifically the area in front of the Willows Apartments, that requires a larger footing for the wall. The contractor will be returning to this area to drill larger holes for the footings."

**A:** Why did you monitor traffic on Sheffield Drive? There's more traffic on Wesley Road.

**Q:** Sheffield Drive suffers a lot of speeding, and it's where 20 of the 22 volunteers for the first effort live. We did Wesley Road the following weekend and will do other streets and intersections later. Anybody who wants traffic monitoring on their street should volunteer to help.

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

## Appropriate Toys

*Child Safety*

Would parents in our neighborhood intentionally endanger their children? Of course not. But many American parents are needlessly putting their kids at risk without realizing it.

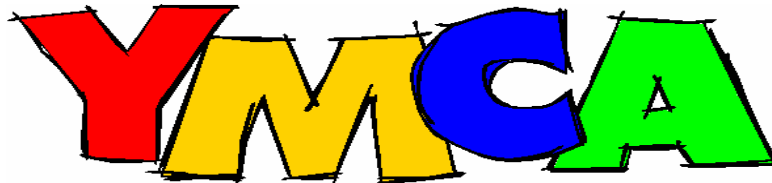
My niece unabashedly reported in her annual Christmas newsletter last December that her 5-year-old son broke his left arm while riding a Motocross bike, then broke his right arm on the bike after his left arm healed, and is now riding the bike again!

I know these college-educated parents very well, and I believe their son is naively being exposed to life-threatening and disabling hazards. His frequent accidents clearly show that he is too young, too small, and too immature for the toy he is allowed to play on. A child's injuries should not be a source of parental pride.

Unintentional injuries cause death or permanent disability, emotional trauma, and poor social effects for one in four USA children under age 14, according to the National Safe Kids campaign. Such injuries are the leading cause of death for these kids.

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

— Bill Stack



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### Membership Includes

- Citywide Membership
- Member Rates on all Programs
- FREE Equipment Evaluation & Orientation
- Indoor & Outdoor Pool
- Child Watch
- Gymnasium
- Group Exercise
- Spinning
- Full Fitness Center
- No Contracts



# Tangy Marinated Shrimp

Colorful and unusual appetizer or salad!



## Neighbors' Recipes

1 lb. med. cooked shrimp  
 3/4 cup white vinegar  
 1/2 cup lemon juice  
 1/2 cup olive oil  
 1/4 cup honey  
 hot pepper sauce, garlic salt, lemon pepper  
 2 med. onions sliced into rings  
 1 jar (5 3/4 oz.) stuffed olives, undrained

In a large bowl, whisk the vinegar, lemon juice, oil, honey, and add to taste pepper sauce, salt, pepper. Stir in onions, olives with juice and shrimp. Cover & refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight. Serve with a slotted spoon.

NOTE: Shrimp can be purchased at Fresh Market or Food City, cooked with tail on.

This is also good served over lettuce or by itself as a salad

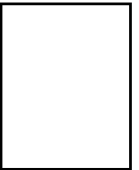
— Generously shared by Brenda Ellis

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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## Your Officers



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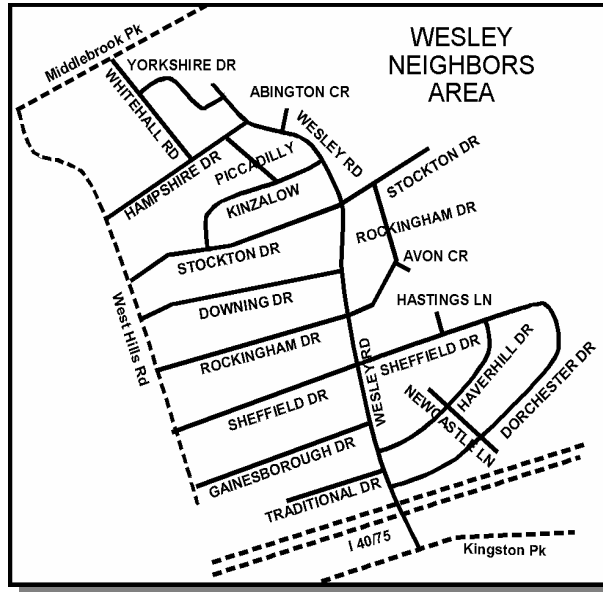
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## Your Neighborhood Teams

**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