



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping our neighborhood great!

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Great American Cleanup Fifth Annual Anti-Litter Event

For the fifth consecutive year, Wesley Neighbors will participate in Keep Knoxville Beautiful's annual Great American Cleanup.

Volunteers will meet at Wesley Road and Stockton Drive at 9 a.m. Saturday April 16 and form three teams. One team will clean the West Knoxville Library, one will clean the West Hills Elementary School area, and the third will clean Wesley Road and major connectors.

As always, safety vests, safety gloves, and trash bags

will be provided by Keep Knoxville Beautiful.

Everyone interested in a clean West Hills is welcome to participate. Volunteers should contact event co-chair Harry Harper at 584-5288 by April 9 for assignments and details.

"We are looking forward to another year of participation and another year of dwindling amounts of litter to pick up," says Harry. "Our neighborhood is really looking good with the cooperative efforts of our litter teams and our neighbors attention to the litter in our area."

Landscaping Underway Entrance Beautification

The long-sought landscaping of Wesley Road at Kingston Pike is underway.

Mike Thompson's Fairbanks Nursery began work in mid February as soon as good weather allowed outdoor work.

The City of Knoxville provided and planted the two dogwoods and three crepe myrtles

recommended by Mr. Thompson because the area is within the City's right of way and the project meets the city's beautification criteria.

We graciously thank Bob Whetsel and Jeff McCarter of the Knoxville Public Services Division for their support of our beautification efforts.

City Enforces Traffic Neighborhood Safety Zones

Although Wesley Road was not included in news media reports about the new neighborhood traffic-enforcement zones, we're on a list received from the Police Department.

Police will start with two streets in the each city-council district and move around from there. Whenever our turn comes up is unknown at this time, but at least we're included.

In the meantime, beat officers are patrolling the neighborhood whenever available, as always.

Wesley Neighbors' weekly traffic-monitoring events are having a positive effect on traffic safety.

Different locations are being highlighted every Sunday afternoon, and good turnouts of volunteers are making a strong impact on motorists traveling through the area. Media atten-

tion and word of mouth are spreading our message around the city and county.

The events will be expanded to weekday evenings as soon as longer daylight hours enable volunteers to stand on the roadsides safely.

In addition to thanking everyone who has participated, we especially thank Bradley Roberts, Jenny Roberts, Jack Creed, and Linda

Stack for helping at all the events.

Please join us in making our neighborhood safer by helping with our traffic monitoring.

We ask neighbors to set the proper example by adhering strictly to the 30-mile-per-hour speed limit and stopping completely at all stop signs.



Photo: KPD

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

The Program:

Knoxville Police Dept
Red Light Cameras
"making our city safer"

New Feature:

"Open Mike"
15 minutes for any
members to discuss
relevant topics

Monday March 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
West Knoxville Library

Red-Light Cameras Proposed Will make intersections safer

Because red-light running is a major safety problem, the Knoxville Police Department is seeking the best system for enforcing the traffic law at this city's more dangerous intersections.

Nationwide, more than 800 people are killed and more than 200,000 are injured by motorists running red lights. These statistics compute to approximately four or five peo-

ple killed annually in Knoxville and 800 injured.

The Knoxville Police Department will share with Wesley Neighbors the presentation it gave Knoxville City Council on using red-light cameras for enforcing traffic laws. The concept was proposed and recommended last year by the City Council Traffic-Calming Committee.

Winter Cleanups Keeping a Beautiful Neighborhood

Late-winter cleanups that prepare yards for the beauty of spring generate copious refuse such as brush, leaves, weeds, and trash.

Remember to clean out rain gutters, underneath decks, and around air conditioning equipment.

Brush and other yard waste are collected by the City of Knoxville every two weeks from January 15 to October 15. Such waste should be gathered in piles measuring 6' x 6' x 6".

To prevent traffic problems, waste should never be placed in the streets.

Open burning is prohibited in the City of Knoxville.

Tree trimmings and cutting debris created by private companies and/or contractors must be removed by the company.

In addition to keeping our neighborhood beautiful and maximizing everyone's property investments, clean properties are required under Knoxville ordinances:

"Property owners are responsible for keeping their property in a clean and sanitary condition," says the City on its web site.

Crime-Free With Guard Up Neighborhood Watch

Knoxville police reported at our February 7 meeting that no crimes had been reported in our neighborhood during January.

Crimes are uncommon in our neighborhood even though we have possessions criminals want and our location enables quick getaways on nearby highways.

Our low crime rate bodes well for our personal safety as well as our property investments. It results from our prevention efforts that reduce opportunities, our alertness to unusual activities, and our close relations with the police.

We are especially grateful to the Knoxville Police Department for patrolling our neighborhood and sharing crime-prevention information with us.

But nobody should be misled into complacency by our low crime. Taking easy measures to protect yourself and property is simply common sense and always a wise practice.

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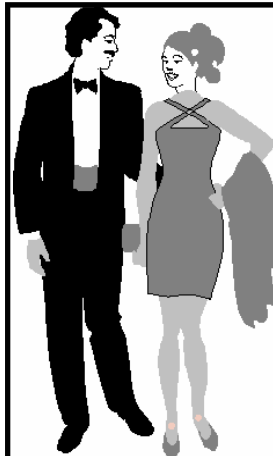


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Hearing From Members

Message From Your President



From the beginning, we have always been an open association that listens to members.

Our open meetings, annual surveys, e-mail network, web site, and complete contact information in our monthly newsletters enable all members to reach us easily.

To make our association even more member friendly, we're going to start a new feature at our monthly meetings.

Our new "Open Mike" will give members a forum to ask questions and/or speak their mind on any topic relevant to this community.

With our time being limited by the library (we must be out of the building by 8 p.m.), we must limit the Open Mike's time and content.

Total Open Mike time will be 15 minutes, and personal time will be two minutes. Personal time can be increased if total time is available.

Topics must be relevant to Wesley Neighbors.

We believe this new feature will give members a new voice in their community.

— *Bill Stack*

Lawnmowers Are for Adults

Child Safety



Child-safety experts, lawnmower manufactures, lawyers, and law-enforcement authorities recommend strongly against giving children rides on riding lawnmowers or in trailers towed behind riding lawnmowers.

These machines are designed and intended for adults, not for children.

Children given rides on these work machines are at high risk of preventable injury that can be severe and permanent. Even the loud machine noise is harmful to children's ears.

Adults giving children rides on lawnmowers are less able to control the machines if anything goes wrong.

Parents and guardians should also consider legal liabilities if they expose children in their care to known hazards.

Wesley Neighbors endorses the sage advice from child-safety experts, machine manufactures, and legal authorities: Children should not be anywhere near the operation of lawnmowers or any type of outdoor power equipment.

For more information, consult Safe Kids of Knoxville at www.safekids-knoxarea.org or 215-5175.

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VEGETABLE STRATA

Healthy Dish for Any Season

Neighbors' Recipes



- 2 slices white bread, cubed
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- 1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Swiss cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
- 1/2 cup sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup snow peas
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup Egg Beaters
- 1/4 cup onion
- 3/4 cup skim milk
- 1 clove garlic crushed

Generously shared
by Joyce Harper

1. Place bread cubes evenly into bottom of greased 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with Swiss cheese, set aside.
2. In medium nonstick skillet, over medium heat, sauté carrots, mushrooms, onion and garlic in margarine until tender. Stir in tomato and snow peas; cook 1 to 2 minutes more. Spoon over cheese.
3. In small bowl, combine Egg Beaters and milk; pour over vegetable mixture.
4. Bake at 375 deg. for 45 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.
5. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

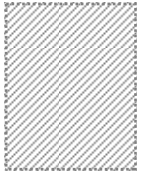
Makes six servings

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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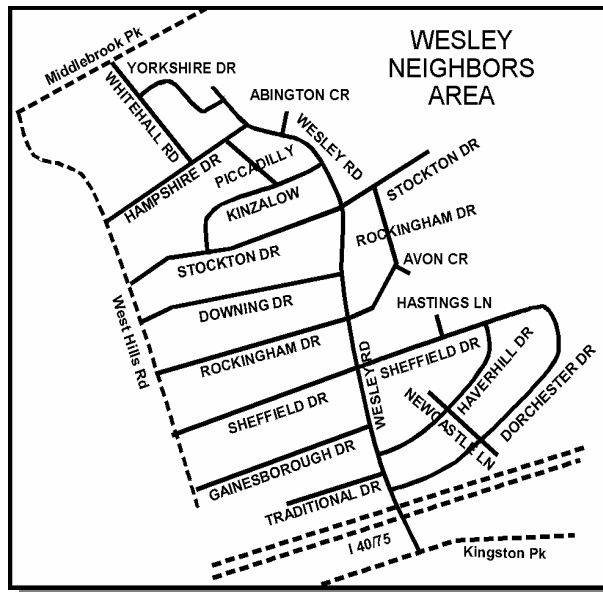
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Harry Harper, 584-5288
Katherine Kinnard, 212-3388

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.
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Our Web Site

www.kornet.org/wesley