



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping your neighborhood great!

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Coyote Sighted in Wesley Yards *Migrating From West*

Coyotes have been sighted in the Wesley neighborhood over the last few weeks.

The animals seen by residents perfectly fit the description given by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Generally, it was light brown with some black, about the size of a skinny male German Shepherd, and had a narrow pointy face like a fox. It definitely was not a dog, fox, or other animal commonly seen in the area.

Knoxville Animal Control said it is receiving more frequent reports of coyotes in the city limits as the animals migrate eastward from west and middle Tennessee. They said coyotes eat small animals such as mice, rats, chipmunks, rabbits, squirrels, cats, and small dogs. The UT Agricultural School said numerous domestic cats reported missing in the neighborhood over the last few months could have been taken by one or more coyotes.

TWRA says coyote attacks on humans are "extremely rare." People are a million times more likely to be bitten

by domestic dogs.

Knoxville Animal Control says it can do little about coyotes because they will not get inside their traps, but they want sightings reported for their records. Although TWRA says "coyotes may be hunted year-round in Tennessee," hunting is not allowed within the Knoxville city limits.

TWRA provides sound advice for dealing with urban coyotes. Generally, don't do anything that will reduce their natural fear of humans or make them feel at ease in the neighborhood. Do not cozy up to them. Do not attract them by putting out food for any animals. Do not allow small children or pets outside unattended. If you see a coyote, frighten it away by yelling and waving your arms above your head.

There is no need to fear coyotes, according to TWRA. There is also no justification for endangering oneself or the neighborhood by reducing coyotes' natural fear of humans.

Wesley to Pursue Traffic Calming *10-Steps for All Neighborhoods*

Members voted unanimously at our April 4 meeting to proceed with the City of Knoxville's new 10-step process for obtaining traffic calming for our neighborhood.

The process was explained by Bill Cole, assistant traffic engineer for the City of Knoxville's Engineering Department.

For neighborhoods that follow the process, the City would study traffic patterns, volumes, and speeds in the neighborhood then develop a plan for calming that traffic if needed. The City would then hold meetings to explain its traffic-calming plan and answer questions from community members.

The community would be required to meet predetermined standards for proving

that a fair majority of residents believe traffic calming is needed and that the city's plan is sound. Funding for a community-approved plan would require approval by City Council. The whole process could take six or more months.

Mr. Cole cautioned however that the Engineering Department is not ready to move forward with the process, even though it was announced by Mayor Haslam in February.

Members at the meeting believe that traffic calming would benefit the community enough to proceed with this process. Therefore, the Engineering Department has been formally notified.

The City's 10-step process is available on the Wesley Neighbors web site www.korrnet.org/wesley.

Visioning Process *Building Wesley's Future*

Visioning is a process conducted by the Center for Neighborhood Development to help communities lead themselves into their futures.

The CND helped us tremendously when we formed Wesley Neighbors in 2001.

The basic visioning questions are: "What do we want our community to be in five years?" and "How will we get there?"

Edward Eckenrod, CND's executive director, proposed the process to the association's officers. He will explain it to our members at our May 2 meeting. Everyone who wants a role in shaping our community's future should participate in this process.

Dues & Surveys *Making Wesley Neighbors Successful*

With May beginning our fifth year as a viable community association, it's also the season for our annual surveys and dues.

Our annual surveys are an important tool for knowing community sentiments and leading our community association in a manner that serves our community.

Annual dues enable us to manage our association responsibly and achieve our goals successfully. For what you get, your annual Wesley Neighbors dues are a bargain.

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your dues and surveys to us, or mail to Bill Stack at 916 Wesley Rd.

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

The Program:
Center for Neighborhood
Development
**Visioning for
Wesley Neighbors**

Other Business

- Landscaping
- Open Mike

**Monday May 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
West Knoxville Library**

TDOT to Clean Construction Area Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful

In response to our request, the Tennessee Department of Transportation and its contractors meet with Wesley Neighbors April 7 at the construction area around Wesley Rd and Dorchester Dr.

They appreciated our interest in keeping our neighborhood clean and attractive, and they said they would do what they could to help us.

But they emphasized that finishing the interstate roadway itself is their top priority and other needs are lower priorities.

They promised to complete a storm drain near the Shell station (formerly Texaco) as soon as possible, and they agreed to clean up the general area and seed grass at their earliest opportunity.

The current temporary pavement condition on

Wesley Road will remain until next year. The bushes and vines behind the Allstate and Weigel's buildings will be cleared when the fence is replaced at the end of the project next year.

We thank TDOT and its contractors for their cooperation and support for our neighborhood needs.

Self-Protection From Crime Neighborhood Watch

The News Sentinel reported on March 16 that burglars were stealing items from homes in West Knoxville during the night while residents were sleeping.

Residents awoke to find their houses violated and their property missing, and that they had slept through it all!

Three ways to thwart burglars are to 1) reduce their

opportunity to burglarize, 2) increase their risk of being caught, and 3) reduce expected rewards of their crimes.

- Keeping doors and windows securely locked reduces their opportunity.

- Keeping outside lights on all night increases their risk.

- Trimming plants around the house deprives them places to hide.

- Not keeping high valuables in your home and marking valuables for identification reduces their rewards.

For questions or more information, call the Knoxville Police Department's Safety Education Unit at 215-8633.

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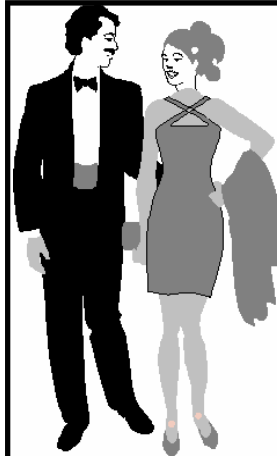


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A Community-Wide Objective Message From Your President



Traffic safety has been a top priority since Wesley Neighbors' inception. It was one of several immediate needs that inspired neighborhood residents to organize a dedicated community association.

A lot has happened since our neighborhood barely missed the City of Knoxville's stringent two-thirds minimum for traffic calming. A new mayor allocated funds for the first time, and a new city council tasked a committee to develop a city-wide approach for making neighborhoods safer.

So it comes as no surprise that Wesley Neighbors members voted unanimously to pursue traffic calming again under the City's new 10-step process.

This effort must be community-wide. Everyone will benefit from improved traffic safety, and everyone can participate in the process. Achieving this goal cannot be left to one or a few driven people. It must succeed because the community wants it to succeed and is willing to make it happen.

I personally call on every neighbor to come forward and help make our neighborhood safer when the time comes.

— *Bill Stack*

Household Items Can Be Lethal Child Safety

In 2003, 78,000 children young (or one every seven minutes) visited U.S. emergency rooms for unintentional poisonings, and 30 die every year, according to CBS News.

Most poisonings were caused by items commonly found in homes such as personal-care products, cleaning substances, prescription and over-the-counter pain relievers, and adult-strength vitamins and supplements.

Although most people know to keep cleansers, insecticides, and paints from kids, many kids are poisoned by mouthwashes and overdoses of pain relievers and cold medicines they find within easy reach.

Child-safety experts advise keeping all hazardous products out of reach and secured.

Child-resistant packaging is important, and products should be kept in their original containers so everyone knows what's inside.

Dial 911 whenever you suspect that a child has ingested a poison.

For more information about child poisonings, contact **Safe Kids Knoxville** at 215-5175, (www.safekids-knoxarea.org) or the **National Poison Center** at 800-288-9999.

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BASIL & GARLIC POTATOES

New Idea for Favorite Food



Neighbors' Recipes

11 medium potatoes, thinly sliced (about 3 1/2 lbs.)
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 2 tsp. dried basil leaves, crushed
 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
 1 can (14 oz.) Swanson Chicken Broth or Natural Goodness Chicken Broth (1 3/4 cups)

Generously shared
 by Joyce Harper

- ▶ Layer half the potatoes, garlic, basil, and pepper in 3 qt. shallow baking dish.
- ▶ Repeat layers.
- ▶ Pour broth over potato mixture.
- ▶ Bake at 350 deg. for 1 hour or until potatoes are tender.
- ▶ Serves 12.

"Potatoes are one of my favorite foods. You can fix them so many ways and they are good for you."

— 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.

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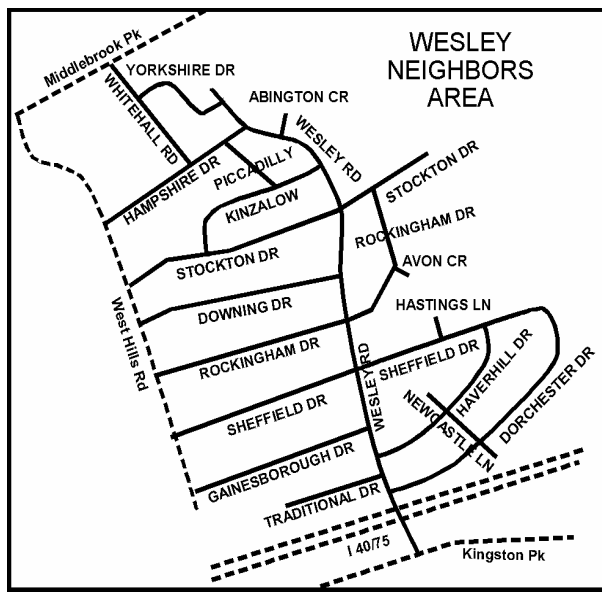
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Annual dues are \$10. Additional contributions are always welcomed. Our fiscal year starts May 1 and ends April 30.

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.

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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.



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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