



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping your neighborhood great!

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Great American Litter Cleanup volunteers from left to right: Ed Nicholson, Kathryn Kinnard, Harry Harper, Linda Stack, Bill Stack, Jim Davis, Jim Boehms. Photo by John Heins, who also participated.

Volunteers Clean Up Fifth Successful Event

Eight ambitious and dedicated neighbors volunteered to join our fifth annual Great American Litter Cleanup Saturday April 16.

The 12 bags of litter they cleaned up from Wesley Road, the West Knoxville Library, the West Hills Elementary School, and the intersection of Vanosdale and Sheffield reveal a tremendous reduction of litter in our neighborhood.

We believe less litter is being tossed by fewer people that and more people are removing

litter more frequently. Every one who has lived in the neighborhood for more than five years can remember when it was embarrassingly strewn with litter.

We thank Harry Harper and John Heins for co-chairing the event this year and to volunteers Jim Boehms, Jim Davis, Kathryn Kinnard, Ed Nicholson, Linda Stack, and Bill Stack who gave up a fine Saturday morning for the neighborhood's benefit.

Neighborhood to Pursue Sidewalk

Members at our May 2 meeting voted unanimously to petition the City of Knoxville for a sidewalk on Sheffield Drive from Vanosdale Road to Wesley Road.

Mayor Bill Haslam stated in his budget address on April 28 that sidewalks are a high priority especially around schools.

The sidewalk sought for Sheffield Drive would provide West Hills Elementary School students who live in our neighborhood a safe place to walk to and from school. It would also provide a safe place for all residents to walk, jog, and stroll.

Several Sheffield Drive residents volunteered to gather signatures for our petition.

Traffic Calming Awaits Decision

The City of Knoxville had not decided whether to help the Wesley neighborhood with traffic calming as of its May 11 Traffic Committee meeting.

Five neighborhoods have been waiting for the City to resume its traffic-calming program since it was suspended last year, and several other neighborhoods, including Wesley, are in line behind those five.

But the City had not decided how to go about helping these neighborhoods equitably.

Some committee members believe the City should divide attention equally among the six city-council districts, and others believe the City should help neighborhoods that need and want help the most regardless of which district they are in. We will keep you posted as decisions are made.

Visioning Process To Begin

Members at our May 2 meeting voted overwhelmingly to pursue the visioning process offered by the Center for Neighborhood Development.

The process enables communities to plan their futures by asking members to suggest what they would like their community to be.

An ad hoc committee of Jack Creed, Mike Hampton, and Bill Stack met to plan how to go about the process. The committee agreed to conduct the visioning process in special meetings outside the normal monthly business meetings.

The visioning meetings will be held July 12, August 1, and September 26. Other meetings will be scheduled if needed.

Nothing but the visioning process will be discussed at these special meetings. The procedure will be explained in detail at our June 6 meeting.

For anyone who cannot participate in the meetings, a suggestion form will be enclosed with our July newsletter, and suggestions can be submitted via our website.

Wesley Entrance Draws Attention

Wesley Neighbors is receiving numerous compliments and gratitudes for the three new flower beds at the entrance to our neighborhood at Wesley Road and Kingston Pike.

To complete the project, members at our May 2 meeting voted unanimously to have Mike Thompson's Fairbanks Nursery plant seasonal flowers around the West Hills sign and keep all three new gardens weed free for the remainder of this season.

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

The Program:

**Knoxville Police
Report On Traffic
Enforcement Results**

Business:

- Elections
- West Hills Road
- Visioning
- Open Mike

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

Mowing and Trimming Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful

Neatly mowed yards are a sign of a respectable neighborhood. They are also safer for the occupants and neighbors.

Unmowed yards are the first sign of a deteriorating neighborhood. They are also havens for vermin such as snakes, mice, and ticks. And they signal to criminals that the house is unattended and ripe for their attention.

For these reasons, Wesley Neighbors urges neighbors to keep their lawns properly mowed, and we strongly support Knoxville ordinances requiring properly mowed lawns.

Several unmowed lawns at vacant rental houses in the area have been reported to authorities for appropriate action.

Neat yards require regular mowing such as weekly or biweekly.

Trimming around sign posts, mailboxes, hydrants, and other objects is also required. Not much looks shabbier than clumps of weeds and grass around these objects.

Neighbors with sidewalks are responsible for mowing the two-foot-wide grassy strip between the street and sidewalk.

Spring/Summer Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch

Spring and summer activities we take for granted can be handy opportunities for thieves. They seize easy targets where they can get in and out quickly.

The best crime-prevention method is to reduce criminals' opportunities and make our homes poor targets.

■ Yard tools should be secured in a locked garage or shed in-

stead of stored outside or under a carport.

■ Lawn tools and machines should not be unattended in the front yard to tempt passing thieves, not even temporarily.

■ Carports should not be used as household storage facilities.

■ The previous items apply to children's toys also.

■ Garage doors left open and unattended are invitations to thieves canvassing neighborhoods.

■ Front doors should be locked when residents are working or playing in the back yard.

■ First-floor windows should be closed and locked during the night and whenever residents are not home.

■ Expensive patio furniture should be secured.

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

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Neighbors Building their Future

Message From Your President



Dues, contributions, and surveys have been arriving impressively since our May newsletter. The strong financial and volunteer support from our neighborhood reflects genuine dedication to keeping our neighborhood great.

Our finances are managed as prudently as possible. We raise funds in advance, minimize operational costs, invest in major projects only with the community's approval, and keep accurate records. We never spend money as though the supply were endless.

Although we know how a lot of people feel by keeping in touch personally, we always learn something new from our annual surveys. Results will be published in our July newsletter.

Leading and managing a community association is a challenging task that requires reliable information and prudent decisions. We try our best, and we appreciate the trust and support reflected in the dues, contributions and surveys from neighbors.

— Bill Stack

Coyotes and Children

Child Safety

Although we tried to explain the coyote situation in our previous newsletter, some neighbors raised fears about the safety of their children and grandchildren around coyotes.

Experts say coyotes are more afraid of humans than we are of them. People are a million times more likely to be attacked by a neighborhood dog than by a coyote according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

The coyote's inherent fear of us should *never* be diminished by anybody coying up to them, putting out food, or trying to hand feed them. Any child small enough to be appealing to coyotes should never be left unattended in the first place.

Putting out poison to kill any undesirable animal can expose all animals because the nontargeted animals have no way of knowing the difference. Innocent urban animals such as squirrels, birds, and domestic cats can be killed. Thus, poison is not a responsible option.

Living in fear of coyotes is not justified. People in USA cities like Knoxville have been living with them for decades.

For more information, contact Knoxville Animal Control at 215-8639.

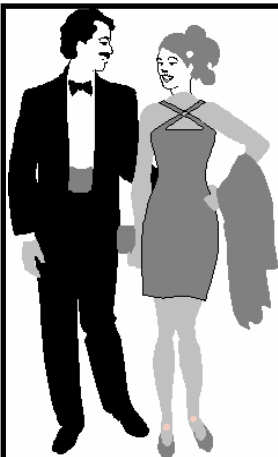
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Neighbors' Recipes

- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 can (14 oz.) Swanson Beef Broth (1 3/4 cups)
- 2 tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 tbsp. packed brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder or 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 lb. boneless pork loin, cut into 1" cubes
- 12 medium mushrooms
- 1 large red onion, cut into 12 wedges
- 4 cherry tomatoes
- 4 cups hot cooked rice

Generously shared
by Joyce Harper

- ▶ Mix cornstarch, broth, soy, sugar, garlic powder and ginger in saucepan.
 - ▶ Cook and stir until mixture boils and thickens.
 - ▶ Thread alternately pork, mushrooms and onion on 4 skewers.
 - ▶ Grill or broil kabobs 20 minutes or until done, turning and brushing often with broth mixture.
 - ▶ Thread one tomato on each skewer.
 - ▶ Heat remaining broth mixture to a boil.
 - ▶ Serve with kabobs and rice.
- Serves 4.

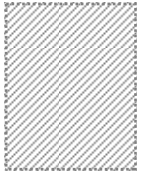
"This would be perfect for a cookout with friends and/or family."

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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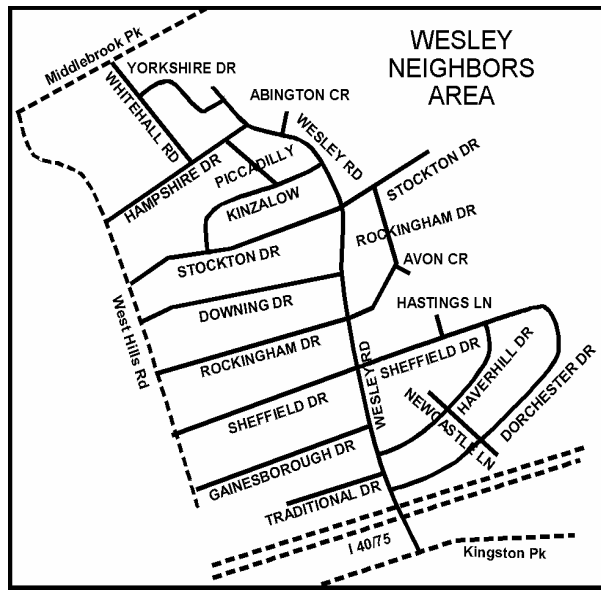
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Linda Stack, 558-6280

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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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