



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping your neighborhood great!

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Bicycle Safety at National Night Out Anti-Crime Neighborhood Event

Meet and mingle with your neighbors and see a bicycle-safety demonstration at Wesley Neighbors' fifth-annual National Night Out. It will be Tuesday, August 2, in the spacious driveway of Tom and Sue Arnhart's lovely home at 501 Rockingham Drive.

National Night Out is a nation-wide anti-crime event sponsored by police and sheriff departments across America. Ours is sponsored by the Knoxville Police Department.

Different neighborhood-watch groups participate in different ways depending on their needs. Our anti-crime approach is more passive than neighborhoods with high crime rates. We focus on reducing criminals' opportunities in our neighborhood.

Part of our anti-crime objective is served by neighbors knowing their neighbors, which is what our National Night Out is about.

Police will hand out coloring books and stickers for children. Summer refreshments will be served, as usual.

Everyone in the neighborhood can be thankful for the

low crime rates resulting from our active Neighborhood Watch. Parents especially appreciate our ongoing efforts to make our neighborhood safe for raising their kids.

Please join us for this wonderful neighborhood event that benefits every neighbor of all ages.

Setting Our Neighborhood's Future

Neighbors identified positive and negative features of our neighborhood at our first visioning meeting July 11. Then they looked to the future by answering the question: "What do you want your neighborhood to be like?"

Turnout at the first meeting was impressive, and Ed Eckenrod of the Center for Neighborhood Development facilitated the discussion effortlessly.

These points will be transformed into a neighborhood vision at our next meeting August 1.

Harpers Leaving Knoxville Starting Anew in Florida



Harry and Joyce Harper: Long-time friends of our neighborhood

Harry and Joyce Harper, who have been involved in our community for 28 years, moved to Pensacola, Florida, this July.

Harry has been a consistent community supporter for more than 25 years. He participated in an early West Hills Crime Watch and has kept his Rockingham Drive neighborhood well-organized for many years. Whenever a new resident moved into his neighborhood, he visited them, made them feel welcome, and added them to his neighborhood list.

For 15 years, he organized the wonderful Rockingham/Avon July 4th Picnic.

Four years ago, he organized Wesley Neighbors' successful anti-litter team that keeps our neighborhood litter free. For the last two years, he has led our successful Great American Cleanups with Keep Knoxville Beautiful.

In the early 1990s, he worked tirelessly with the City of Knoxville to bring the City's first greenway to the West Hills Park.

As president of the West Hills Community Association in the early 1990s, he established the regularly scheduled monthly meetings and numerous committees. He also updated the association's bylaws

to reflect its current needs. The organizational model of today's WHCA is largely the result of his visionary groundwork.

When WHCA needed to raise \$15,000 to help the City of Knoxville build the gazebo in the West Hills Park in 1994, he organized the very successful Gazebo Runs that raise about \$1,000 annually for that association.

Throughout all these years, he has never sought recognition or attention for his community service. He even declined our offer to hold a going-away reception for him.

No community anywhere has a better friend than Harry Harper.

Joyce has been his background supporter throughout. She also started and maintained the popular recipe section of our monthly newsletter.

While we wish them well in this new phase of their lives, their moving to another state will be a major loss for our community, and those of us who have come to know them as friends will sorely miss them.

Please send Harry and Joyce a card to wish them well. We don't know their current address yet, but their mail will be forwarded from their 510 Rockingham Drive address.

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

Visioning Part II

**Forming Goals From
Visions Identified at
Prior Meeting
West Knoxville Library
Monday August 1
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

National Night Out

**Fifth-Annual
Anti-Crime
Neighborhood Event
501 Rockingham Dr
Tuesday August 2
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Wesley Gardens Need Help Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful

Wesley Gardens, the multi-year project to beautify the main entrance to our fine neighborhood, is struggling to survive the summer.

Soon after we planted \$500 worth of summer flowers, a four-week drought struck. Weigel's employees helped us water the flowers while we prayed for rain.

With extraordinary cooperation from KUB, we obtained a water meter and attached a new spigot in late June. Then we bought 225 feet of durable garden hose to water the flowers.

But hardy weeds flourished and nearly smothered our gardens. With help from six volunteers over several weekends, the weed problem was brought under control.

The gardens need weekly weeding, and more community support is needed to help keep these gardens beautiful until fall.

Please volunteer a few minutes of your time to pull weeds and pick up litter in the area. Join us on Saturday mornings, or go there at your convenience and remove whatever weeds and litter you see.

Anything you can do any time will make a big difference in the beauty of our main entrance.

Crime Prevention and Good Sense Neighborhood Watch

A 68-year-old man in Franklin, Tenn., was arrested and charged for firing several gun shots at three lost teen-aged girls who pulled into his driveway. He said he thought they were trying to rob him, even though they never exited the car or acted aggressively. He was placed on pretrial diversion for two years. (News Sentinel, July 8)

When a man in our neighborhood heard somebody breaking into his car parked in his driveway late one night, he ran outside and tried to apprehend them.

These were not smart ways to fight crime. Both men could have been killed.

Somebody from North Carolina who read our neighborhood survey on our website suggested we ask how many neighbors have bought alarm systems and attack dogs.

Buying alarm systems might be a good idea, but attack dogs definitely are not.

Making a neighborhood safe and protecting oneself and one's property should never involve shooting people, or engaging suspicious people, or harboring dangerous dogs. Police should be called and allowed to handle the matters.

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

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Neighbors Building their Future *Message From Your President*



The impressive number of people and the positive and courteous discussion at our first visioning conference reflects a community concerned about its present and future.

The numbers of people participating in our other events such as National Night Out and our Great American Cleanups also reflect a community that cares.

The number of people who paid dues and contributed to our beautification fund this year reflects a community with a positive outlook that supports an association that works hard to serve.

Living in such a civic-oriented community is exciting and reassuring. Crime is low, and our neighborhood is clean and beautiful, because so many people make it so.

Presiding over such an association is a thrilling and rewarding experience. I know of other communities near us that wish they had our civic-mindedness and achievements.

— Bill Stack

Kids and Dogs *Child Safety*

Kids and dogs seem like a natural combination, and most of the time they are positive, but not all dogs like kids as much as kids like them.

While many dogs are friendly to kids, some dogs are shy, others are nervous, and some are protective, much like people. Some dogs are poorly trained to interact with humans in a civil manner. Dogs have small territories around them just like people do. Some are more willing to allow visitors than others, just like people.

When a child reaches out to pet a dog who is nervous or does not want his space violated, the dog might growl or snap. Few dogs bite severely unless their warnings are not heeded or unless they are poorly trained.

The safest practice with children and dogs is caution, especially with unfamiliar dogs. Sudden moves can provoke a nervous or frightened dog.

Adults should be very cautious when allowing their children close to dogs they don't know.

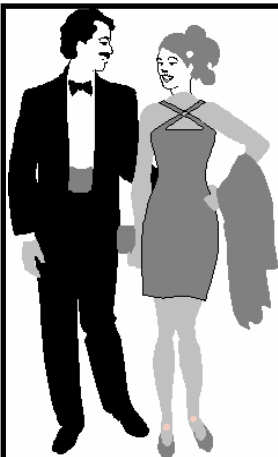
Children should never be allowed to be aggressive near dogs or to harm dogs. It can make the dog fearful of that child and more likely to protect itself.

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Neighbors' Recipes

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 red pepper, seeded and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 small yellow squash, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 zucchini, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 large onion, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 cup grape tomatoes
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoonful kosher salt
- 1-2 teaspoonfuls Durkee Six Pepper Blend (may be purchased at Sam's Club)
- 2 teaspoonfuls Parmesan cheese

Generously shared by Brenda Ellis

1) Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. 2) Add 2 tablespoonfuls olive oil. 3) Add garlic and sauté until tender, about 3 minutes. 4) Add peppers, onions, squash, and zucchini. 5) Season the vegetables with salt and pepper and cook together 5 minutes or until crisp tender. 6) Add grape tomatoes and continue to cook until skins begin to burst on tomatoes. 7) Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serves 4.

Can be sautéed in a skillet, broiled in the oven ,or grilled depending on your mood. All methods produce excellent results! – Brenda Ellis

Share your recipe with us by phoning Brenda Ellis at 584-3082 or dropping it in her newspaper box at 6913 Sheffield Drive.

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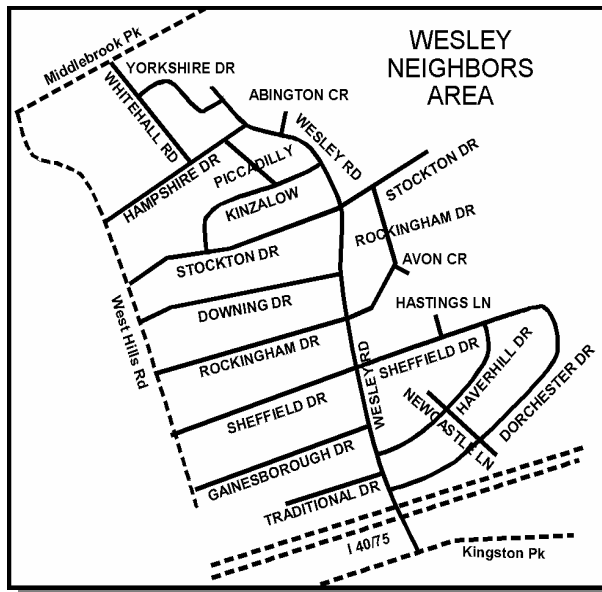
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Annual dues are \$10. Our fiscal year starts May 1 and ends April 30. Additional contributions are always welcomed.

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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@kornnet.org.

Our Web Site

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