



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping your neighborhood great!

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Neighbors mingle with Knoxville Police bicyclists at our fifth-annual National Night Out. (Photo by Anna Beth Meccia)

National Night Out Successful Fifth Annual Event

Thirty-five neighbors from the Wesley Neighborhood enjoyed watermelon, lemonade, freshly baked cookies, bottled water, fellowship, and fine weather at our fifth annual National Night Out.

The event's purpose is to fight crime by strengthening the community and its bonds with police.

Wesley Neighbors thanks Steve Ellis for organizing this outstanding event and Tom and Sue Arnhart for hosting it in their driveway.



Fourth Annual Daffodil Sale *Beautifying the Neighborhood*

Wesley Neighbor's third-annual Daffodil Sale begins in September. Bulbs imported from Holland will be sold in convenient bags of 10 for \$6 and 20 for \$10.

Anna Beth Meccia has generously agreed to chair this year's sale. She formed a committee that will acquire and sell the bulbs, and she met with Knoxville Green, Knoxville's source of these imported bulbs.

This is a great fund raiser for Wesley Neighbors and a source of neighborhood beauty as neighbors plant them in their yards. Wesley Neighbors planted 500 bulbs in the Wesley Gardens last year.

Please bring your plastic grocery bags to Anna Beth at 406 Wesley Road and offer her any other support you can. To buy bulbs, call Anna Beth at 909-9456, or any of the association's other officers (phone numbers on the back page), or e-mail us at wesley@korrnet.org.



Wesley's Vision

Neighbors have identified speed control, sidewalks, better street lighting, and more participation as goals during our first two visioning meetings.

Strategies for achieving these goals were discussed at our third meeting on August 22. Participants will work on their topics and bring their results to the September 26 visioning conference.

Our visioning process is being facilitated by Ed Ecknerod of the Center for Neighborhood Development.

All neighbors are encouraged to participate in this important community process. If you cannot participate in the meetings, give your ideas to Jack Creed at 588-9454 or Mike Hampton at 766-0812, or e-mail to wesley@korrnet.org.

Beautification Committee Forms *Dedicated to a beautiful neighborhood*

A neighborhood Beautification Committee has been organized by Sandy Robinson, who has been coordinating our entrance beautification project.

Members are Al and Sandy Robinson, Lisa Maddox-Baker, Trudy Dreyer, Tom Redmond, Mark Murphy, and Ann Ensor.

The committee will determine suitable plantings and maintain our community gardens.

Anybody wishing to participate in this wonderful new com-

mittee should call Sandy Robinson at 588-2334.



Linda Stack, Bill Stack, and Tom Arnhart till Wesley Gardens. (Photo by Jack Creed)

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Monthly Meeting

John Homa
City of Knoxville
Recycling Program

West Knoxville Library
Monday September 12
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Visioning Part IV

Action Reports

West Knoxville Library
Monday September 26
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Volunteers Fix Wesley Gardens *Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful*

After 10 consecutive weekends working at the Wesley Gardens, volunteers caught up with weeding, pruning, and watering. Flowers are flourishing, but weeds are not.

Wesley Neighbors thanks Bill Stack, Linda Stack, Steve Ellis, Anna Beth Meccia, Al and Sandy Robinson, Jack Creed, Mike Hampton, and Lisa Maddox-Baker for their dedication to these gardens.

The gardens also benefited from the Knox County Probation Office. Two nonviolent offenders cleared litter and swept sidewalks throughout the area for four hours one Saturday morning.

Our Wesley Gardens are a substantial improvement to our fine neighborhood's entrance, and everyone should be thankful to volunteers who are keeping up with the weekly maintenance.

The gardens will benefit from a \$500 community grant from Knoxville City Council.

The grant was requested by Wesley Neighbors and facilitated this summer by Barbara Pelot of District 2 with support from Steve Hall of District 3, Rob Frost of District 4, Bob Becker of District 5, and Mark Brown of District 6.

Wesley Neighbors appreciates the support shown by these City Council members.

Burglary in the Neighborhood *Neighborhood Watch*

Jewelry, heirlooms, and a computer were stolen from a house on Wesley Road one afternoon in mid August by burglars who entered through a back door after jimmying the knob.

Home burglaries are rare in our neighborhood, even though escape is quick on local highways. Knoxville Police

Department officials say our active neighborhood watch is partly to credit for our low crime rate.

In this case, the homeowner appeared to have taken reasonable measures to secure the house.

But the burglars' willingness to enter a house in broad daylight shows their brazenness. There is some speculation that the burglars knew what they were looking for.

Neighbors will find that locked deadbolts are better measures than locked door-knobs.

Additionally, residents should avoid doing anything that reveals valuables in their homes.

Finally, neighbors should look out for other neighbors and report all suspicious activities to police. Get vehicle tags, descriptions of people and vehicles, and dates and times.

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

Public Safety Being Improved

Two public-safety projects for our neighborhood are underway according to City of Knoxville Engineering Department Director Steve King.

Bids for building the **bus shelter** with related sidewalk work at Kingston Pike and Wesley Road will be accepted in September 2005. The construction will start in the spring of 2006 due to a right-of-way agreement with Markman's.

The **Sheffield Road sidewalk** will be submitted by the Engineering Department for funding consideration during next year's capital-budget process. Wesley Neighbors submitted petitions signed by supportive neighbors last spring. No designing will be done before funding is secured, so nobody knows at this time which side of the street this sidewalk would be on or what it might be like.

"Please note that there is a great deal of competition for these funds," Mr. King said.



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Leading Into Our Future Message From Your President

Neighbors coming together to achieve positive results makes successful community associations.

Fortunately for everyone in our Wesley Neighborhood, there has never been a shortage of civic-minded volunteers who have stepped forward to make things better, and they are responsible for Wesley Neighbors' success.



Lately, Wesley Neighbors has been seeing a different type of volunteerism — people stepping up to form and lead.

Our Visioning Process is successful because of people who are participating and fine leadership and coordination by Jack Creed and Mike Hampton. Further research and planning tasks for traffic and sidewalks volunteered by Bradley Roberts, Jenny Roberts, and Bryan Huskey will round out the process.

Our annual Daffodil Sale has a new leader. Anna Beth Mencia gladly accepted an invitation to lead this successful fund raiser for our beautification projects, and she's finding others to help.

A new Beautification Committee quickly came together when recruited by Sandy Robinson, who has been coordinating the landscaping project by herself.

Adding these committees and teams to our Newsletter Distribution Team and our Anti-Litter Team makes a well-organized community association ready for its future.

As your community president, nothing could be better than seeing new leaders coming forward.

— Bill Stack

Kids Without Supervision Child Safety

The absence of adult supervision of young children at a recent fund-raiser in the area was noteworthy.

While working the Wesley Gardens one August Saturday morning, we observed several preteen children hawking a pancake breakfast at the restaurant across Kingston Pike. These kids, who appeared eight to 12 years old and numbered four to eight depending on when we looked that way, were standing at the edge of Kingston Pike, holding up handmade cardboard signs, and shouting at passing motorists. One adult came out of the restaurant and directed the kids to stand elsewhere, then went right back inside, then the kids went right back to where they had been.

This situation was hazardous and alarming. They could have been stuck by a passing vehicle while standing right at the edge of this busy highway. Even police officers with flashing cruiser lights have been struck by careless drivers.

"Adults just don't think sometimes, and kids think they are invincible, so it puts them at risk for injury," said Rachel Frazier, Executive Director of Safe Kids Knoxville. "I think they probably took it for granted that they would be safe, but they don't realize that drivers can and do hit people accidentally."

If anybody had kidnapped any of these kids, they could have been out of sight before the adults could have run outside to help. Preteen kids who were approached by a predator on Wesley Road last year were home alone, unsupervised by adults, and playing in the front yard at the time. The family has since moved from the neighborhood.

Wesley Neighbors urges parents and guardians to supervise young children adequately for their ages and not expose innocent young kids to risks such as we saw that morning.



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11/10

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Neighbors' Recipes



- 4 slices bacon, cooked
- 2 ripe tomatoes
- 3 Tbsp sour cream
- 2 Tbsp mayo
- 1 Tbsp Italian dressing
- 1/2 bag romaine lettuce

Generously shared
by Brenda Ellis

In a small bowl, mix sour cream, mayo, add dressing, and set aside.

In a large bowl, place lettuce. Top with bacon and tomatoes. Spread sour cream mixture over top with a spoon.

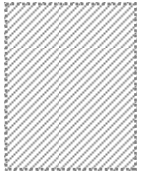
Chill up to 4 hours.

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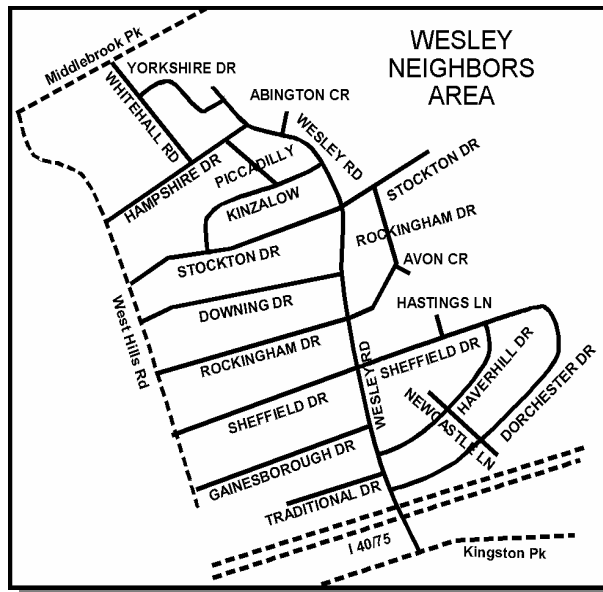
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Annual dues are \$10. Our fiscal year starts May 1 and ends April 30. Additional contributions are always welcomed.

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@kornnet.org.

Our Web Site

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