



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping your neighborhood great!

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Neighbors Enjoy Fellowship *5th Annual Holiday Dinner*



Neighbors mingle before dinner at Catinella's Bistro and Bakery.

Thirty-six neighbors enjoyed a fellowship, a fine dinner, and an entertaining presentation by Channel 10 news co-anchor Robin Wilhoit at our fifth annual Holiday Dinner.

Knoxville City Council member Barbara Pelot and her husband, Dr. Reuben Pelot, joined us for the first time. Wesley Neighbors thanks Robin for spending her valuable time with us, and we thank Steve and Brenda Ellis for successfully organizing this important annual community event.

More photos are displayed on our web site:

www.discoveret.net/wesley/



Steve Ellis listens to Robin Wilhoit

Photos by Jack Creed

Neighbors Welcome Erich *Following a Year in Iraq*

A respectable crowd of neighbors and friends welcomed Erich Geouge home from a year in Iraq with the 278th at a special Wesley Neighbors reception held at the West Knoxville Public Li-

brary. In uniform, Erich greeted guests who streamed in steadily throughout the reception. Stephanie Geouge and her friends set up a lovely table of refreshments.

A slide show of photos taken in Iraq by Erich and his colleagues cycled automatically in the back-

ground.

Erich was very grateful for the attention, and Wesley Neighbors is very grateful to Erich and Stephanie for their sacrifices over the previous year.



Stephanie Geouge, Erich Geouge, Bill Stack, Linda Stack, and Barbara Pelot at the Welcome Home Reception.

Sidewalk Effort to Begin *Ideas for pedestrian friendliness*

Wesley Neighbors pursuit of a sidewalk for Sheffield Drive between Wesley and Vanosdale will begin its second phase in January when we approach the City Finance Department for funding.

The first phase was completed last summer when the Engineering Department approved our petition and passed the request to Finance.

As a result of our October walkability audit, the Engineering Department evaluated the feasibility of remarking Sheffield Drive to provide a walking area on one side. This would be done only on an interim basis until a sidewalk could be built.

In a letter received in mid December, Traffic Engineer Bill Cole states that Sheffield Drive is wide enough for remarking between Wesley and West Hills Roads but that a narrow portion west of West Hills Road would be a problem. He also stated that the total length was "prohibitive" for remarking and that the City would prefer to wait until after the street is repaved in the next five years.

Thus, remarking Sheffield Drive to create a walking path on one side does not appear to be even a short-term solution to the pedestrian-safety issue.

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

Monthly Meeting
Knoxville Animal Control
Neighborhood Dog Issues
Tuesday January 3, 2006
West Knoxville Public Library
6:30 p.m.



Buy flowers to support Wesley Neighbors' beautification activities. Daffodils and daylilies still available. Call Anna Beth Meccia at 909-9456 today!

Winter Flowers Planted Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful



Pansies planted by Wesley Neighbors and Christmas bows attached by the West Hills Beautification Council adorn the entrance to our neighborhood. Photo by Jack Creed.

After a spring and summer of colorful flowers, the Wesley Gardens at the corner of Wesley Road and Kingston Pike were rejuvenated this fall by the planting of beautiful winter pansies by the Beautification Committee. Additionally, large weeds were dug out, and smaller weeds were poisoned.

More than \$2,000 was raised by Wesley Neighbors this year for beautifying the neighborhood.

These gardens and our ongoing litter cleanups represent the most significant beautification activities in the area in many years, and many people outside the community have taken notice.

Wesley Neighbors thanks the Beautification Committee chaired by Sandy Robinson and the Anti-Litter Team co-chaired by John Heins and Jim Boehms for their wonderful and invaluable work toward keeping our neighborhood

Barking Diminishes Neighborhood Neighborhood Watch

Barking dogs, which our neighbors have frequently reported on our annual surveys, have grown into a common cause of neighbor-to-neighbor strife in our neighborhood.

One dog owner has been taken to court by neighbors because the nonstop barking has undermined their quality of life. A neighbor distressed by constantly barking dogs next door was literally sobbing about the problem at our November meeting.

Several other neighbors have recently asked Wesley Neighbors to contact owners of barking dogs in their areas.

Common complaints are loss of sleep and inability to enjoy back yards while their neighbors' dogs are barking and snarling at them from the other side of the fence.

Dog owners are reminded that continuously and frequently barking dogs are not only a neighborhood social

problem but also a violation of Knoxville City ordinances.

Owners of such dogs can be cited to court by Knoxville Animal Control officers and taken to civil court by their neighbors.

Wesley Neighbors asks dog owners to help maintain neighborhood civility by controlling their dogs, minimizing their barking, and responding favorably to neighborhood concerns.

A list of solutions for dog owners is available from the Knox County Humane Society's website www.knoxpets.org or by calling 215-6599.

Neighbors who have a significant problem with barking dogs should call Knoxville Animal Control at 215-7457.

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

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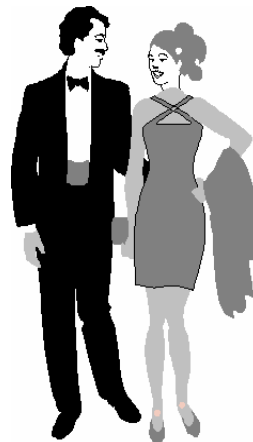


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Neighbors Socializing Help Make Neighborhoods Livable

Message From Your President



As I looked around the rooms at our Erich Geouge Welcome Home Reception and our fifth-annual Holiday Dinner, I saw again how blessed our neighborhood is with sociable and civic-minded neighbors.

Many neighborhoods in Knoxville and Knox County have poorly organized and inactive community associations or no associations at all. Some associations accomplish little more than annually required meetings of officers. Others organize to address issues, then they disband when the issues are resolved.

By contrast, our neighborhood is strong because so many people continually come forward and make it so. They come to meetings, help deliver newsletters, make phone calls, participate on committees, pick up litter, maintain their properties properly, and support their neighborhood and neighbors for the common good.

After months of seemingly endless civic work, our neighbors come together for social gatherings such as our dinners and our National Night Out to remind everyone that we're all friends seeking the same positive outcomes for everyone.

When I look at other communities in our city, I am reminded that leading a fine community like ours is a treat and honor.

— *Bill Stack*

Keeping Holidays Fun for Kids

Child Safety

With thousands of kids being injured on common bicycles, special attention should be paid to this often overlooked risk.

Although thought of as children's toys, bicycles are vehicles that usually share public streets with vehicular traffic.

Children who received bicycles for Christmas should be taught how to use them safely and supervised adequately for their ages.

Traffic rules and signs, particularly stop signs in our neighborhood, should be obeyed. Bicycles should be ridden on the right side of the street in single file, just like vehicular traffic. This is especially so on busy streets such as Wesley, Sheffield, and West Hills. Very young children may ride on the sidewalk, and they should always be accompanied by adults.

All children should wear helmets and bright colors, and their bikes should have reflectors for improved visibility.

Children should be extra cautious when riding their bicycles at dusk, and they should not ride at night.

Bicycles should always be maintained in good operating condition. Tires should be properly inflated, nuts and bolts should be tight, chains and sprockets should be lubricated, and structural members should be inspected for rust and cracks. No child (or adult) should ever ride an old, unsafe bicycle.

For more information, contact Safe Kids of Knoxville at 215-5175 or www.safekids-knoxarea.org, and the Knoxville Police Department Safety Education Unit at 215-8633.



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Neighbors' Recipes



- 2 (15-ounce) cans black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles (recommended: Ro-Tel)
- 2 cups chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh jalapeno peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 (8-ounce) bottle Italian dressing
- 1 (4-ounce) jar chopped pimentos, drained

From the TV Food Network

1. In a large bowl, combine all of the ingredients and stir gently to combine.
2. Refrigerate mixture overnight.
3. Serve with corn chips.

Yields 15 servings

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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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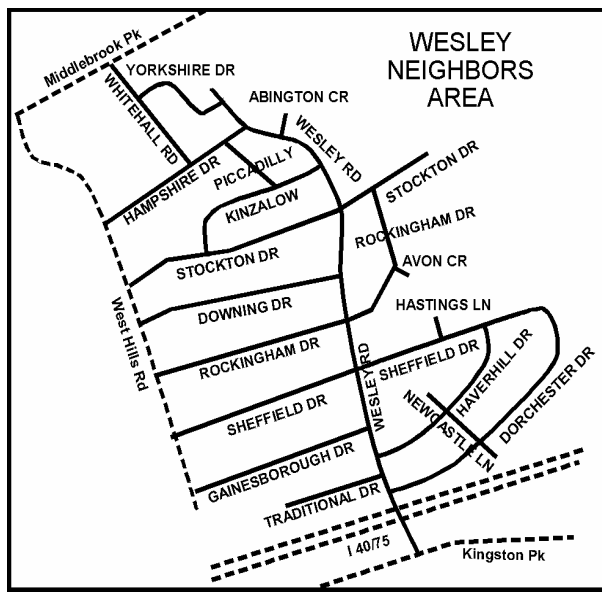
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Your Neighbor Teams Dues, Contributions

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John Heins, 389-9700
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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.

CLASSIFIEDS

BABYSITTERS NEEDED.
Parents request neighborhood teens for babysitting. Contact Wesley Neighbors for details: wesley@discoveret.org, 558-6280.



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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. Contact Bill Stack, 558-6280, wesley@discoveret.org.

Our Web Site

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