



# Wesley Neighbors Community Association

A nonprofit corporation chartered in 2001 under the laws of the State of Tennessee

March 2006

*Keeping your neighborhood great!*

Volume 6, Issue 3

## More Daffodils to be Planted *Gift from Knoxville Green*



Pansies planted in the Wesley Gardens by the Wesley Neighbors Beautification Committee make the area more beautiful than during any winter in memory.

Photo by Jack Creed

Knoxville Green gave Wesley Neighbors 200 Tahiti daffodils, dark yellow daffodils with orange throats, very showy.

Even though it's getting a bit late in the year, the Beautification Committee will try to get them planted soon among the others. Each spring they will be prettier than the previous year, so Wesley Neighbors and guests will have many years to enjoy them.

We are moving forward on the selection of the shrubbery for the gardens, starting with the largest area on the corner with Kingston Pike.

The shrubbery will be planted, group by group, and should be pretty well completed by late spring or early summer.

We hope everyone will enjoy driving by and viewing the progression.

The pansies planted in the Wesley Gardens last fall by our Beautification Committee were paid for with funds raised by Wesley Neighbors last year.

Wesley Neighbors has been partnering with Knoxville Green for several years. That esteemed group is the source of our flower bulbs that we sell as a fund raiser each year.

Committee members are Ann Ensor, Tom Redmond, Mark Murphy, and Trudy Dreyer.

— *Sandy Robinson, Beautification Committee Chair*

## Committee Gathers Signatures *Seeking neighborhood safety*

The Wesley Neighbors Traffic Committee is gathering petition signatures to begin the traffic study required by the City of Knoxville to proceed with traffic calming.

About 50 signatures are needed to initiate the study that will determine whether traffic calming is justified in our neighborhood and how it would be done. Each committee member has a list and is going door to door for signatures.

Once the needed signatures are collected, the committee will begin planning discussions with the East Ten-

nessee Community Design Center. Any traffic-calming plans developed by City engineers will be shared with the community for its input.

The committee is also raising funds to meet the \$1,500 cost of the study. Donations are already coming in, and all donations from anyone are welcome.

Committee chair is Jack Creed, and members are John Lamson, Mike Hampton, and Brian Huskey.

To participate on our Traffic Committee or to donate cash to the effort, please call Jack Creed at 588-9454.

## Sidewalk Meeting Requested *For pedestrian safety*

On behalf of Wesley Neighbors, Jack Creed contacted City Council member Barbara Pelot to initiate discussions about funding a sidewalk for Sheffield Drive, which Wesley Neighbors requested last summer.

Mrs. Pelot said this sidewalk item could appear on the

2006-2007 City of Knoxville budget requests, and she asked for time to look into the matter.

The requested sidewalk would go from Wesley Road to Vanosdale Road.

Any sidewalk plans developed by City engineers will be shared with the public for its input.

## Overpass Lighting Promised *For pedestrian and vehicle safety*

Wesley Neighbors has been promised by Governor Phil Bredesen's office that the street lights installed under the Wesley Road interstate overpass at last July will be turned on soon.

In its February 2 reply to our formal letter, the Governor's office said:

"The contractor, Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc., has been instructed to make this a priority and energize the lighting as soon as possible," the Governor's Office said on February 2. "The contractor has advised that the lighting under the bridge will be energized within two weeks."

### YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

**Monthly Meeting**  
**City of Knoxville Public Services Dept**  
*Will speak about*  
**Brush, Leaf, & Trash Pickup**  
**Monday March 6, 2006**  
**West Knoxville Public Library**  
**6:30 p.m.**

## 6th Annual Litter Cleanup Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful

Wesley Neighbors will participate in Keep Knoxville Beautiful's annual Great American Cleanup™ this spring for the sixth consecutive year.

After meeting Saturday March 25 at 9 a.m. at the corner of Stockton Drive and Wesley Road, volunteers will clean the neighborhood, the West Knoxville Library, and the West Hills Elementary School.

As usual, KKB will provide trash bags, safety gloves, and safety vests, and the Knoxville Police Department will provide support at busy streets and intersections.

The Great American Cleanup, sponsored nationally

by KKB, is America's largest organized community improvement program, according to the KKB winter newsletter. About 100 organizations participate in this annual litter cleanup around Knoxville and Knox County.



Local sponsors include Waste Connections, Coca Cola, The Clayton Foundation,

and the Knoxville News Sentinel. Wesley Neighbors is proud to participate with these esteemed organizations in keeping our neighborhood and city clean.

For more information, call co-chairs John Heins 389-9700 or Jim Boehms at 588-8448.

## Plan for Severe Weather Neighborhood Watch



With March being Severe Weather Awareness Month, Sergeant Mike McCarter of the Knoxville Police Department's Safety Education Unit suggested discussion of severe weather planning in our neighborhood.

Severe weather includes thunderstorms, floods, snow and ice, extreme cold or heat, high winds, and power outages resulting from severe weather. ■ Develop a simple emergency plan that can be easily remem-

bered, such as where to go and what to do if a weather emergency strikes.

■ Assemble an emergency kit including a flashlight, radio, spare batteries, and emergency phone numbers.

■ Have an alternative heat source or place to go in case of winter power failure.

■ Be sure latchkey kids and dependent seniors know what to do if an emergency strikes.

Give them phone numbers where supervising adults can be reached.

■ Stay calm and clear thinking throughout any emergency. Panic and irrational thinking can worsen situations.

For more information, contact the Knoxville - Knox County Emergency Management Agency at 215-1166 or [www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/kema](http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/kema).

Buy flowers to help beautify your Wesley Neighborhood. Call Anna Beth Meccia at 909-9456 today!

Buy flowers to help beautify your Wesley Neighborhood. Call Anna Beth Meccia at 909-9456 today!



Girls on the Run is a nonprofit program that uses running to empower the lives of girls!

Programs at the West Side YMCA beginning Saturday Feb. 18th!

Visit [www.gotrknnoxville.org](http://www.gotrknnoxville.org) to register and learn more!

*Girls on the Run...educating and preparing girls for a lifetime of self-esteem and healthy living!*



### Take the Bus!

The Kingston Pike KAT Bus goes to West Town, Deane Hill, Downtown West, Peters Road, Bearden, UT, and Downtown. Try it. You'll like it. Schedules at 637-3000 or [www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/kat/](http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/kat/)



- Organic Produce
- All Natural Groceries
- Supplements
- Body Care
- Lo-Carb Products
- Holistic Medicine
- Cookbooks
- Gifts

*"Quality education, service and products for people seeking a healthy lifestyle."*

Owned and operated by Ann Yates, a Wesley Neighbor

6600 Kingston Pike (on Bearden Hill)  
584-4714, [www.naturespantryonline.com](http://www.naturespantryonline.com)

## Neighborhood Benefits From Positive Approaches

*Message From Your President*



I was prepared to get criticized for speaking candidly in last month's newsletter about the barking-dog problem. Some people with libertine philosophies don't like candor, and every now and then one of them tells me where to get off. It's all part of being a community leader.

Instead, I received several telephone and e-mail messages thanking us for trying to help with this vexing problem. It's bigger and more troublesome than it appears on the surface, and people want something done about it. A lot of people are concerned about free-roaming pets, too, which we will discuss next month (not enough space this month).

Whether we have people coming forward to help us raise money, pick up litter, plant flowers, collect signatures, solve problems, or lead committees, our neighborhood is rich of citizens with strong community spirit and work ethics. We're also rich with people who are willing to work positively to solve problems instead of fighting among one another belligerently or turning their backs apathetically.

I've said this before, and I can't say it often enough: There are a lot of communities in our fine city without this wealth of community spirit. That makes things difficult for them, and our blessings make things easier for us.

So I thank all those who make our neighborhood lovely and livable with their positive approaches and contributions.

— *Bill Stack*

## New Child Restraint Law

*Child Safety*

The Safe Kids Coalition of the Greater Knox Area reminds us of last year's changes to the State of Tennessee's child-restraint laws:

- Any child under 1 year old (even if he or she weighs over 20 pounds) or any child weighing 20 pounds or less must be in a rear facing child restraint, in the rear seat, if available.
- Any child aged 1 – 3 weighing more than 20 pounds should be transported in a forward facing CRS in the rear seat, if available.
- Any child 4 through 8 years old, measuring less than 4' 9" feet in height must be in a belt positioning booster seat, in the rear seat, if available.
- Provision is made for the transportation of children in medically prescribed modified child restraints.
- Children aged 9 – 12 or any child through 12 years of age measuring 4' 9" or more in height must use a seat belt system and is recommended to ride in the rear seat, if available.
- Children aged 13 – 15 must use a passenger restraint system.
- The driver of the car is responsible for making sure that children under age 16 are properly restrained and may be charged and fined \$50 for violation of the law. If the child's parent or legal guardian is present in the car but not driving, the parent or legal guardian is responsible for making sure that the child is properly transported and may be fined for non-compliance.

For more information on child safety, contact Safe Kids of Knoxville at 215-5175, or [www.safekids-knoxarea.org](http://www.safekids-knoxarea.org), and the Knoxville Police Department Safety Education Unit at 215-8633.



Join the West Side Family YMCA today. We offer activities for the whole family! Check out the latest in group exercise — RAMPING!

**"Family Friendly for Life"**  
 400 N. Winston Road  
 Knoxville, TN 37909  
 690-9622  
[www.ymcaknoxville.org](http://www.ymcaknoxville.org)

### Membership Includes

- Citywide Membership
- Member Rates on all Programs
- FREE Equipment Evaluation & Orientation
- Indoor & Outdoor Pool
- Child Watch
- Gymnasium
- Group Exercise
- Spinning
- Full Fitness Center
- No Contracts



The mission of the YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



# Crock Pot Corned Beef & Cabbage

For Saint Patrick's Day!



## Neighbors' Recipes

- 1 Corned beef brisket (approx. 8 lbs)
- 1 Medium onion, sliced
- 12 Small potatoes
- 1 Medium cabbage head, cut in large wedges
- 1 Teaspoonful each of course black pepper, garlic salt, Durkee six-pepper blend, and caraway seeds water

Submitted by  
Brenda Ellis

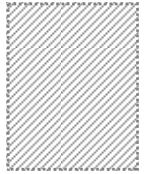
1. Place corned beef in a crock pot or deep pot.
2. Sprinkle with seasoning mix if one is enclosed with the brisket.
3. Sprinkle with course black pepper and six pepper.
4. Top with sliced onion.
5. Add water up to almost top of beef.
6. Add potatoes.
7. Sprinkle with garlic salt.
8. Cook on high 2 hours.
9. Add cabbage and sprinkle with caraway seeds.
10. Cook another 30 minutes to one hour on high, or may cook on low for 6-8 hours.

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

# Wesley Neighbors

## Community Association

Bill Stack, President  
916 Wesley Road  
Knoxville, TN 37909-2663




---



---



---

## Your Officers



**PRESIDENT**  
Bill Stack  
916 Wesley Road  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
558-6280  
wesley@discoveret.org



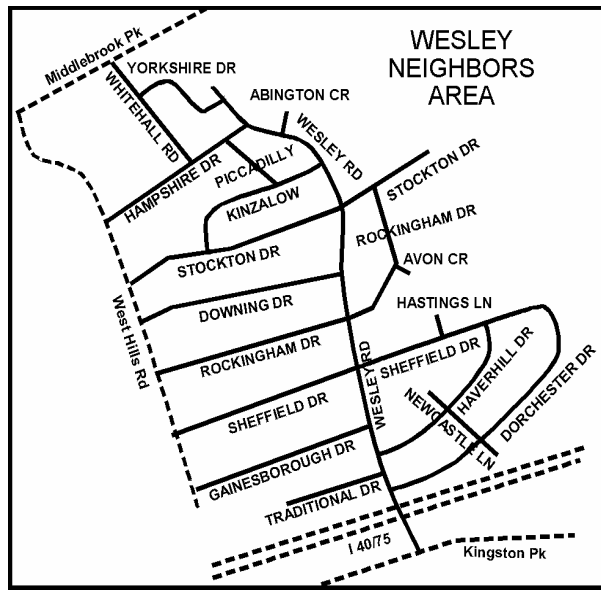
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Steve Ellis  
6913 Sheffield Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
584-3082



**TREASURER**  
Sandy Robinson  
7106 Sheffield Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
588-2334



**SECRETARY**  
Anna Beth Meccia  
406 Wesley Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
909-9456



## Your Neighbor Teams Dues, Contributions

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**  
Steve Ellis, 584-3082.

**ANTI-LITTER**  
John Heins, 389-9700  
Jim Boehms, 588-8448

**BEAUTICATION**  
Sandy Robinson, 588-2334

**FLOWER SALE**  
Anna Beth Meccia, 909-9456

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.



**LOOK LIKE SOMEBODY IMPORTANT.**  
Show your pride in your neighborhood and help your association raise needed

funds. Sky blue with black Wesley logo, S, M, L, XI, XXL. Made by Tribe One, a ministry helping inner-city youth. \$10 each. Contact Bill Stack, 558-6280 or

**ADVERTISE.** Businesses can reach target markets and support a fine local community by advertising in our monthly newsletters. Visit our website for details: [www.discoveret.net/wesley](http://www.discoveret.net/wesley)

**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

[www.discoveret.org/wesley](http://www.discoveret.org/wesley)