



Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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Keeping your neighborhood great!

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Roaming Pets Annoy Others *Unwanted guests*

A number of neighbors express appreciation and support for Wesley Neighbors' efforts to resolve the neighborhood's barking-dog problem. Some expressed concerns about problems caused by free-roaming pets.

- Spoiling neighbors' yards, gardens, and flower beds by urinating and defecating in them.
 - Harming neighbors' pet cats plus birds and other wildlife that neighbors like to observe and feed.
 - Instigating barking by neighbors' dogs that are lawfully contained in fenced backyards.
 - Snarling and growling at neighbors who are innocently strolling or jogging, or lawfully walking their dogs on leashes. One such neighbor picking up litter in the neighborhood was attacked last year by an unleashed dog.
- The safety of pets is jeopardized when they are allowed to roam neighborhoods freely.
- Struck or run over by cars and trucks.

- Attacked by wild animals.
- Chased away by frightened neighbors who throw rocks and sticks in self-defense.
- Malnourished from eating garbage or diseased or rotted wild animals found in the neighborhood.

Because free-roaming pets are violations of law, any citizen may obtain a legal trap from Knoxville Animal Control and have pets taken to the animal shelter.

Owners of free-roaming pets must pay fines to retrieve their loved animals from the shelter. Unclaimed free-roaming pets are subject to euthanasia if their owners cannot be identified or do not reclaim them.

For all these reasons, pet owners are urged to constrain their pets and not allow them to roam freely in the neighborhood.

More information is available from Knoxville Animal Control at 215-7457 and the Young-Williams Animal Center at 865-215-6599.

Overpass Lights Energized *For pedestrian and vehicle safety*



After several months of requests from Wesley Neighbors, the street lights under Interstate 40/75 were illuminated early in March.

The energizing of these lights has made the overpass much safer for pedestrians and

motorists alike and has brought favorable comments and appreciations from area residents.

We thank all officials who helped us impress the need for these lights on TDOT, including Knoxville City Council member Barbara Pelot, Tennessee Representative Stacey Campfield, and Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen's office.

Wesley Participates in City Traffic *Seeking neighborhood safety*



Vehicles speeding through our neighborhood endanger residents and visitors.

The Wesley Neighborhood's traffic-safety needs and efforts were discussed frequently at the February 21 meeting of the Knoxville City Council Traffic Safety Committee. Mike Hampton, who attended on our behalf, provided this report.

So far, only two neighborhoods in the City have achieved approval for traffic-calming expenditures.

The Knoxville Police Department reported that 10,139 traffic tickets were issued in neighborhoods during 2005 with 2,624 of them to residents of the same neighborhoods where written. So far in 2006 (to Feb 21) 1,749 tick-

ets were issued with 458 to neighborhood residents.

More than 7,000 police-officer hours were committed to the neighborhood traffic-safety effort. Stop signs are not stopping citations for speeding, and 51 percent of residents were ticketed on Wesley Road.

Committee members largely spoke about educating the public and neighborhood residents about traffic-calming efforts. Neighborhood Enforcement Zone signs are available, if requested by neighborhood groups. The committee wants to make sure neighborhood groups are making efforts to educate their residents about speeding.

Joe Fuhr of West Hills was unanimously named director of the City's Traffic Safety Program. He wants to make sure the program keeps going, and he emphasized education and neighborhood involvement over "humps and bumps."

For information about our traffic-safety efforts, contact our Traffic Committee chairman Jack Creed at 588-9454.

YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

Monthly Meeting
Monday April 3, 2006
West Knoxville Public Library
6:30 p.m.

Spring Enlivens Neighborhood Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful

The City of Knoxville Public Service Department provides comprehensive guidance on its policies and procedures for having our trash, brush, and leaves picked up.

Basically, trash, brush, and leaves should be piled near but not in the street. Residents with sidewalks out front should pile refuse along the grassy strip and avoid blocking the sidewalks as much as possible.

Bulky waste, which is household items that cannot be placed in a garbage can because of size, shape or weight, should be piled near the street. Remodeling and construction debris are not collected and must be disposed by the property owner or occupant.

If your bulky waste, brush, and/or leaves are not collected timely, call the City of Knoxville at 311 for instructions.

Wesley Neighbors proudly established a partnering relationship with the Knoxville Recycling Coalition. This nonprofit group promotes recycling through programs and public education. Its goal is to make Knoxville a recognized leader in recycling and waste reduction.

The Coalition's many activities include a 24-hour recycling hotline, an office paper recycling program, a quarterly newsletter, and periodic public demonstrations.

At our February 6th meeting, Community Program Manager Meredith Leahy explained recycling opportunities for communities and residents, such as the recycling drop-off center behind K-Mart on Kingston Pike.

For more information, contact the Knoxville Recycling Coalition at 525-9694.

Domestic Violence Happens Here Neighborhood Watch

Domestic violence is a personal crime that usually occurs in homes, straddles all social and economic levels, and happens to men as well as women. Indeed, it actually has happened in our neighborhood according to police crime reports.

It takes many forms including physical, verbal, and emotional. It leaves wounds and scars that can be seen on the person and through resultant emotional traumas and odd behaviors. It usually gets worse over time unless something is done to stop it.

Although perpetrators can be arrested and jailed, incarceration is not the cure-all for domestic violence. Perpetrators and victims alike need professional treatment for the root causes of their violence and resultant suffering.

Anyone who is a victim of domestic violence should seek professional assistance from family counselors, churches, and public assistance agencies specializing in domestic violence.

Police should be called immediately whenever domestic violence is out of control or extreme.

The Knoxville Police Department's Domestic Violence Detail provides comprehensive services to victims and investigates criminal offenses to hold offenders accountable. Its services include safety planning and Order of Protection assistance, case analysis, research, and preparation for prosecution, if indicated.

For more information, contact the Knoxville Police Department's Safety Education Unit at 215-7306.

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Traffic Violators Endanger Us All Message From Your President



“This can’t be,” I thought. “These data are wrong,” I was sure.

My incredulousness regarded statistical data reported by the Knoxville Police Department at the February 21 City Council Traffic Committee meeting showing that *51 percent of traffic violators on Wesley Road are residents of our own neighborhood!*

Can you believe that? After all that’s been said and done about traffic safety in our neighborhood for the last 20+ years, half the culprits actually live among us!

Traffic safety has been talked about in West Hills for the entire 21 years I have lived here, and some say it goes back more than 30 years. It has consistently been among the top five concerns raised by neighbors in our annual neighborhood surveys. It is brought up at almost every meeting of the Wesley Neighbors Community Association and the larger West Hills Community Association. It’s a major issue in Deane Hill and many other Knoxville neighborhoods, too. Nonetheless, half the violators are our own neighbors! Amazing, isn’t it?

Are we going to have someone killed or maimed before half our residents take safety seriously and drive responsibly?

Here’s something I think safety-minded residents should do: Enforce our own neighborhood by driving no faster than 30 miles an hour regardless of how badly we’re tailgated and by stopping completely at every stop sign regardless of how much it annoys the reckless traffic scofflaws behind us.

Additionally, we should call for full enforcement and prosecution for every reckless motorist who damages property or injures anybody in our neighborhood. This madness must stop!

— Bill Stack

Common Hazards for Children Child Safety

Children are at risk from hidden hazards because of basic curiosity, their tendency to put things in their mouths, and their size, according to Safe Kids USA. Some injuries result from activities that come naturally to children. Others result from products that don’t mix with kids. Lack of supervision increases the risk for some of these hazards.



Safe Kids identifies the following common and seemingly innocent hazards for kids: Aerosol cans, sharp edges of cans and bottles, plastic bottle tops, drapery and blind draw strings, latex balloons, household cleaning buckets, among others.

Falling is the most common source of childhood injuries according to experts. Kids fall from ordinary objects such as chairs, tables, windows, down steps, out of cars, off bicycles, and just about anything we can think of.

Every effort should be made to avoid hazards in the first place and to supervise kids enough to be sure they aren’t getting themselves into trouble and risking their safety.

These accidents and injuries happen when we least expect them, when we’re unaware of the hazards and risks, or when we’re simply distracted.

For more information on child safety, 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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Ham and Asparagus Toasts

Great Easter Followup!



Neighbors' Recipes

- 1 lb thin asparagus spears
- salt
- 1 loaf chewy, crusty white bread, cut into 3/4 inch slices
- 1/2 stick butter, softened
- 2 tablespoonfuls Dijon mustard
- 1-1/4 lb freshly baked ham or deli ham, cut into thick slices (may use leftover ham from Easter dinner)
- black pepper
- 1 lb fontina cheese, shredded or sliced

Submitted by
Brenda Ellis

1) Remove tough stems of the asparagus. 2) Simmer asparagus in salted boiling water 3 minutes. 3) Drain and run under cold water. 4) Cut asparagus to fit the size of the toasts. 5) Toast eight thick slices of bread under a preheated broiler six inches from heat. 6) Combine softened butter and mustard. 7) Spread the toasted bread with mustard butter. 8) Cut sliced ham into smaller pieces to process. 9) Grind the ham in your food processor. 10) Spread the toast with ground ham. 11) Arrange steamed asparagus spears on top of the layer of ham. 12) Top each toast with pepper and a mound of fontina cheese. 13) Return toasts to hot oven under broiler and cook toasts until cheese melts and lightly browns at edges.

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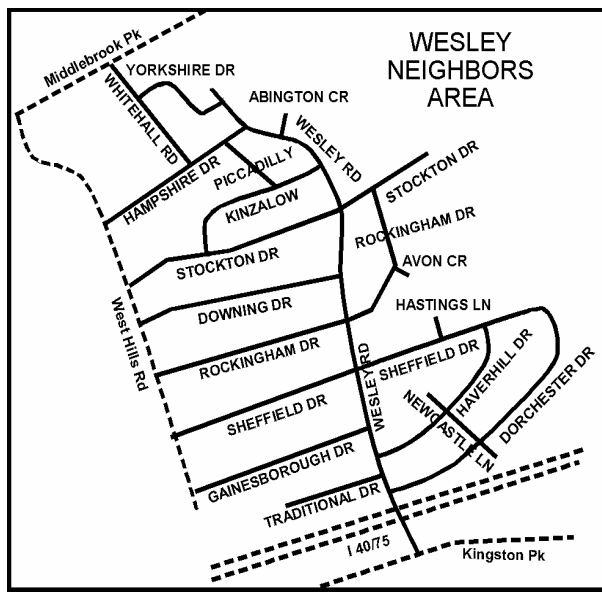
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Annual dues are \$10. Our fiscal year starts May 1 and ends April 30. Additional contributions are always welcomed.

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



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