



# Wesley Neighbors Community Association

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*Keeping your neighborhood great!*

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## Dues and Donations Needed *Supporting the Community*

Whether it's litter cleanups, petitions, newsletters, or social events, your Wesley Neighbors Community Association depends on dues and donations to fund its ongoing and special activities.

Although donations are welcomed any time, we formally collect dues and donations every spring because our fiscal year runs from May to April.

Our \$10 annual dues are low compared to other community associations in west Knoxville. Any donations in addition to our low dues are encouraged and appreciated. As one example, our Beautification Committee needs funds to support its gardening activities at our Kingston Pike entrance.

To facilitate dues and donations, we include a handy form with our May newsletter. This year, we have added a line for donations to our Traffic Safety Committee, which needs \$1,500 to fund a study of traffic volumes and flows in our neighborhood conducted by the City of Knoxville.

Please indicate which activities you would like your donations applied to. You may donate any amount to any number of activities, including all if you like.

Your dues and contributions are needed and very appreciated.

## Officers to be Chosen

At our May meeting, our Nominating Committee nominates candidates for our president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer in accordance with our association bylaws. Each officer serves a one-year term from May to April.

The committee's nominations result from several weeks of phone calls and meetings during which active association members are asked if they would like to serve as officers.

Please come to our May meeting to participate in your association's democratic leadership process by voting for our new officers.

## Surveys Facilitate Leadership *Serving the Community*

For the sixth consecutive year, your Wesley Neighbors Community Association is surveying neighbors for opinions and concerns about issues that affect them.

Our annual surveys are important tools for leading our community by knowing and addressing our neighbors' concerns. For example, we did not know the depth of concern

about barking dogs and roaming pets until they ranked highly on our annual surveys.

Neighbors may identify themselves or remain anonymous as they choose. We will report this year's survey results in our July newsletter. Please fill out your survey form and return it to us as soon as possible so we can compile the results.

## Neighbors Clean Up Litter *Keeping us Beautiful*



March 25 litter volunteers:  
Anna Beth Meccia  
Linda Stack  
Kathryn Kinnard  
Jim Boehms  
Christian Schlank  
John Heins  
Jack Creed

In our sixth annual Great American Cleanup on Saturday March 25, neighborhood volunteers picked up about 25 bags of litter from our neighborhood, the West Knoxville Public Library, and the West Hills Elementary School.

Although 25 large garbage bags full of litter is quite a lot, it is low compared to the amounts gathered by other groups in other parts of Knoxville and Knox County. The relatively low level of litter in our neighborhood results from neighborhood volunteers who collect litter continually throughout the year. In fact, anti-litter experts say that litterbugs are less likely to

litter clean areas than already littered areas, and our experiences are consistent with that view.

Nonetheless, every bag and bit of litter that is removed from our neighborhood and our public properties is a significant improvement.

Because keeping our neighborhood litter free improves our property values and quality of life, every resident can be thankful to those few neighbors who work so hard to keep our neighborhood clean.

Wesley Neighbors also thanks Keep Knoxville Beautiful and the Knoxville Police Department for their support of our cleanliness activities.

## YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

**Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday May 1, 2006**  
**West Knoxville Public Library**  
**6:30 p.m.**

## Lovely Gardens Need Patterns

### Keeping Our Neighborhood Beautiful

Southern Living online offers wonderful gardening advice:

When arranged properly, color flows through a garden like a well-orchestrated piece of music. In reality, there are numerous pitfalls to placement that can ruin a harmonious planting. Here are things to avoid, and ways to go with the flow.

A mass of one color creates more impact and is less confusing to the eye than a mish-mash of different plants.

When planting annuals, space them evenly, usually about 3 to 4 inches apart. This way, they will fill out and cover the bare bed in the first month or so. This ideal spacing prevents competition between plants and will shade the soil to keep out weeds. The flowers



grow together to present a seamless, unified appearance.

Plant in a staggered grid. Set out the first row, and then position your second row behind the first, but aligned between the ones in front. The third row will be directly behind the first row and so forth. Use the length of your trowel, or a portion of it, as a gauge to keep the spacing constant.

Arrange in masses and use curves. Put one plant out of place, so it looks natural. Add a visual blip to the garden to keep it from becoming static. A pot placed in a bed gives an unexpected thrust of height. Flowers spilling into a walkway soften a hard edge.

For more advice, consult Southern Living online: [www.southernliving.com](http://www.southernliving.com).

## Information Saves, Rumors Scare

### Neighborhood Watch

Rumors abound about a fugitive search in our neighborhood on January 19.

According to the Knoxville Police Department, rumors that homes were entered, residents were taken hostage, and shots were fired are all false. A resident who insisted that police were covering up facts did not live in the affected area and was not a direct witness of anything being alleged.

Police confirm that the suspect did knock on some doors in the neighborhood requesting use of their telephone and asking them not to call police. They responded to three such phone calls that evening and searched the neighborhood thoroughly as a result.

The suspect was apprehended the following day in Loudon County.

Police offer the following sage advice about safety from criminals:

1. Keep your outside doors

locked, even when you are at home.

2. Never allow any stranger to enter your home for any reason. Speak to them through a locked door.

3. Call police right away when anything suspicious happens.

4. Never confront criminals for any reason. Your safety is not worth whatever they are trying to steal.

5. Try to be sure the information you are receiving is accurate.

6. Act decisively, but do not panic. It impairs judgment and causes irrational decisions that can do more harm than good.

7. Convey information to your neighbors accurately and avoid exaggeration.

For more information about this incident, contact the Knoxville Police Department at 215-7000.

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

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### 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/)



### WHAT'S THE HURRY?

Speeding and running stop signs in your neighborhood makes it unsafe for everyone, including violators. Just because nobody has been killed or maimed by speeders and stop-sign runners doesn't mean it won't happen. Please slow down, observe traffic laws, and think about safety for yourself and your neighbors. Your Wesley Neighbors Community Association



### Suspend Your Mail and Papers

Suspend delivery of your mail and newspaper when you go out of town. Mail and papers left around are signals to criminals. Call the News Sentinel at 521-8181. Fill out a form at the Post Office. Or ask a friend or neighbor to pick them up for you. Don't announce your absence to criminals.



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584-4714, [www.naturespantryonline.com](http://www.naturespantryonline.com)

## False Accusations Are Harmful Message From Your President



The Knoxville Police Department has been very supportive of our community for many years, and especially supportive of your Wesley Neighbors Community Association from its inception. The most obvious examples are their anti-crime advice, traffic enforcement, participation at our monthly meetings, and protection during our annual litter cleanups.

In return, Wesley Neighbors has always treated them courteously and expressed sincere appreciation for their support.

So they were taken aback by careless and unfounded accusations from a few individuals in our neighborhood that they were covering up an alleged shooting in the neighborhood during a fugitive search on January 19. Those accusations came from people who had no direct knowledge of the situation, who simply believed rumors and disbelieved the truth.

KPD keeps accurate records of all calls made in our neighborhood. They file official reports for the record whenever they're called to investigate a burglary, a dog bite, a suspicious vehicle, a loud party, or whatever the matter. Those records are readily available to the public, and officers frequently share this information with us at our monthly meetings. *There was no shooting during the January 19 fugitive search.*

Accusing anybody of any wrongdoing is a serious matter, and accusing without basis is unjustified and harmful. In this case, it could cost us valuable respect and support from a professional organization that has always been good to us.

Wesley Neighbors appreciates the Knoxville Police Department and its support for our community, and we therefore apologize to them for the careless and unfounded remarks by a few of our residents.

— Bill Stack

## Kids Need Pedestrian Safety Child Safety



Several times lately, we have observed kids who were skating on the neighborhood's sidewalks continue skating into an intersection without stopping, looking, or even slowing.

With some 4,000 to 6,000 vehicles using Wesley Road every day, and with speeding and stop-sign running a continual problem, children are at high risk when they don't practice minimal caution.

Children should stop at corners, look all ways, and proceed only when they know the way is clear. They should never assume that drivers will slow down or stop, because they don't even do that for the police, which results in all those traffic citations written in our neighborhood.

On streets with sidewalks, children should walk or skate on the sidewalk, according to Mike McCarter of the Knoxville Police Department's Safety Education Unit. They should always be courteous and considerate of other people using the sidewalk and stay to the right when they pass by.

On streets without sidewalks, children should walk or skate on the left facing traffic. They should ride their bicycles on the right with traffic. They should never ride in the middle or drift into the roadway.

Although headgear is not required by law for kids skating, they should wear protective gear for their own safety.

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.



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Knoxville, TN 37909  
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The mission of the YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



# Roasted Pear Salad



## Neighbors' Recipes

- 2 firm pears, halved and seeded
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon shallot, minced
- 6 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 bag of romaine lettuce
- 3/4 cup shelled walnuts, toasted

Submitted by  
Brenda Ellis

- 1 Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2 Place pear halves, cut side up, on a baking sheet and brush them with honey.
- 3 Place pan in oven.
- 4 Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden.
- 5 Slice the pears lengthwise into half-inch slices.
- 6 In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar and shallots. Whisk in olive oil until emulsified.
- 7 Add salt and pepper to taste.
- 8 Toss the romaine with the vinaigrette.
- 9 Plate salad individually with pear slices and toasted walnuts sprinkled on top.

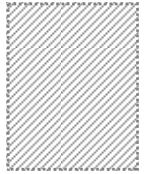
Serves 8

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

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Bill Stack, President  
916 Wesley Road  
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## Your Officers



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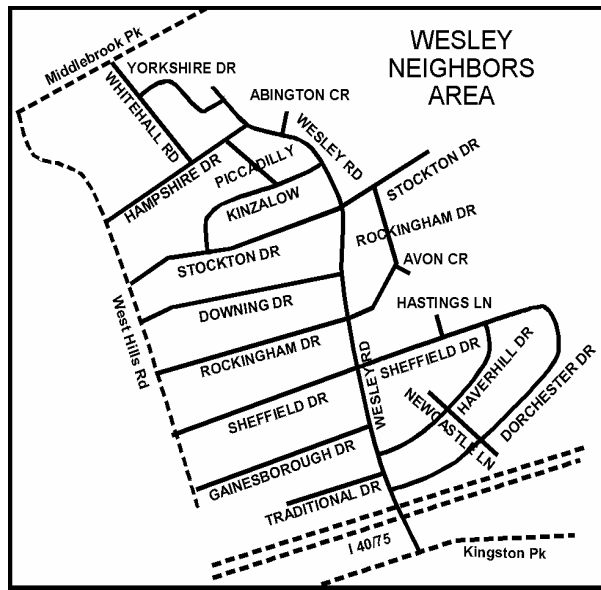
**TREASURER**  
Sandy Robinson  
7106 Sheffield Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
588-2334



**SECRETARY**  
Anna Beth Meccia  
406 Wesley Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37909  
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## Our Web Site

www.discoveret.org/wesley



## 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

**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.