

**Walden's Ridge Civic League Report to the Town of Walden
May 11, 2021**

Thank you for the opportunity to report on activity at the Walden's Ridge Civic League.

We are busy with an important fundraiser to improve programs and our facilities. Won't you please purchase a whole Boston butt prepared by Shuford's Bar-B-Que? The price is only \$45 for 8-10 pounds of delicious pulled pork and is below the price you would pay if you drove off the mountain to get it. The Bar-B-Que will be ready for pick-up between 10:00 AM and noon on Saturday, May 29, at the Civic League Auditorium, 2501 Fairmount Pike, where the Mt. Opry used to be. We accept checks, credit cards, Venmo or cash. Deadline for orders is May 22. Details are on our website www.waldensridgecivicleague.org

Kids' soccer teams have been practicing on the field this week. They managed to piece together one of the sagging nets, and they are looking for someone who might want to give them a used net for the other goal. If you know of a possible donor, please let me know.

Signal Mountain Christian School will hold their Field Day on May 21 and will be in and out of the building the following week as they practice for their 5th grade play. The play will be presented to family and friends May 27. We are happy to share our facilities with all the people of the mountaintop, and we are proud of our relationship with SMCS and Wayside Presbyterian Church.

This summer the Civic League will host two week-long STEM day-camps for elementary school aged kids: June 14-17 and July 19 - 22 directed by Ashley Narramore and Jennifer Cisto. Sign up through our website.

The next important event on the Walden's Ridge Civic League calendar is the big Birthday Bash and Music Festival to celebrate the building of the auditorium 100 years ago. Music is coming back! Lone Mountain Bluegrass Band, Just Us Gals, and many other favorites will perform outside under the pavilion with the famous Steve Daugherty of the Folk Music Store as the entertaining Master of Ceremonies. In addition, pickin' stations will be set up in several locations on the property.

While everyone enjoys the music, the kids can play on the field under the supervision of Roxie Thornton and her team. The children may take a ride in a hay wagon pulled by Andy Brockman and pet Hilda Horton's pony. Lolly Durant will teach art skills, and lots of craft vendors and artists will exhibit their wares. A special centennial history display collected by Rita Smith Irvin will be enhanced by a 1934 Studebaker, loaned by Charles Adams.

Bring your chair or blanket and your own picnic basket and cooler. We will provide ice cream, cake and balloons. There is no admission charge. Donations are gratefully accepted to help pay for the bands, refreshments, and other expenses and to help repair and maintain the facilities. The Birthday Bash and Music Festival will take place rain or shine. The advantage of having a big auditorium is that if the weather turns bad, we can just move inside.

A big thank you to Tom Mills who has offered to clear stumps from our long-neglected rear parking lot. Boy Scout Troop 116, under the leadership of Darien Brevard and Mitch Stubblefield, continue to improve that area and to clear the overgrown walking track.

The Garden Committee led by Hilda Horton is evaluating the existing vegetation in front of the Women's building, and they have added new plants. The Christmas Tree installed last December is doing fine and shows new spring growth. Facilities Chairman, Mark Dwyer, will soon be adding a frost-free hose bib. These good projects contribute to Mayor Lee Davis' Plateau Planting Initiative.

We hope to tell you soon about an exciting and unique race coming up. Once a date is set on the greater Chattanooga-area race calendar, we will fill you in. Many of you will want to participate as runners or volunteers and make it a big success for Walden's Ridge.

Membership in the Civic League is \$1.00 per person per year for anyone who lives on Walden's Ridge, not just in Walden. If you would like to feel ownership of the 3.65 acres with its buildings, walking track, soccer field, covered pavilion and other assets, we invite you to join.

Remember that facilities at the Walden's Ridge Civic League are available for your use, so be sure to ask about rentals.