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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 31341, Knoxville, TN 37930

# West Hills Neighbors

December 2023 Edition

West Hills Community Association



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# Happy Holidays!

**It's official.** Thanksgiving is over. Black Friday happened. Cyber Monday has come and gone. Hanukkah starts on the 7th. Christmas will be here before we know it. Then New Years Eve and the start of 2024. Hooray! The holidays are here!

The new year marks a milestone in the history of our neighborhood and the West Hills Community Association as 2024 is WHCA's 60th anniversary.

As the oldest neighborhood advocacy organization in Knoxville WHCA has been a consistent voice speaking up for neighborhood integrity, challenging developments that harm our quality of life, and representing the community before elected governing bodies.

But WHCA does more than respond to bad situations. It also hosts fun things for West Hills families and neighbors

like Holiday in the Park, Tour de Lights, the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Picnic and more every year.

I invite you to become more involved in our community. Come to an event or one of the four annual Community Meetings. Volunteer an hour or two to help your neighbors. Speak up on pressing issues like zoning or traffic or a situation that may harm our neighborhood.

Support WHCA. Become a paid member. Make a donation. Advertise. Become a sponsor.

There is a saying: "the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

*Lee Hume*

*President West Hills Community Association*



WEST HILLS  
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## COMMUNITY MEETING

ALL WEST HILLS NEIGHBORS INVITED!

Special Guest and Topic to be Announced in February  
*West Hills Neighbors*

**7PM • MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY**

# 19

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
538 VANOSDALE RD

**INSIDE**

- New West Hills Park Bike/Hiking Trail Open
- Edward Jones Sponsors Pickleball Clinic
- Park Legally When Visiting Park
- Hawk Rescued
- & MORE!

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## Street Parking on Sheffield at Park Is Both Hazard & Illegal

Street parking is not allowed on Sheffield Drive in the vicinity of the park for two good reasons.

There are two safety hazards that come with the illegal street parking: children running across the street cannot be easily seen and emergency vehicles are impeded.

In spite of several “no parking” signs along the street, there are those who chose to ignore the warning signs and park on the street, under the no parking signs and even on the sidewalk.

There are alternatives. Usually peek park usage coincides with after school hours and weekends. Consider using either

parking at the elementary school or in the large lot at the Y on Winston Road. A few extra steps could be a good warm-up for your game!

Following several complaints from concerned parents and homeowners, WHCA spoke with both the city Parks Director and KPD about ways to address not just no parking violations but how to encourage the use of other close-by available parking mentioned earlier.

KPD will be increasing patrols along Sheffield. They may warn drivers and ask that cars be moved. There is also the option of issuing citations and even possibly towing violators.

If you can't find space in the park's Sheffield parking lot, please use one of the other

available lots—not the street. Thank you!

## Enjoy Park's New McClelland Trail & Fully-Accessible Playground

Have you walked or jogged the new Scott McClelland Trail in West Hills Park? It is located along the Greenway to the right of the tennis courts. The 1.3 mile path was created for hikers and bicyclists to share a trail.

Also, this fall the City completed work on a wonderful new fully accessible playground for all children.

Located along the north

branch of the Jean Teague Greenway this new facility offers a variety of activity stations and playground structures.

These two new additions as well as the resurfacing of the tennis, basketball, and pickleball courts was a City and Legacy Parks investment valued at over \$200,000.

WHCA and the community are grateful to **Mayor Kincannon's administration** and Legacy Parks Foundation.

A very special thanks to **the McClelland family** whose generous gift to the family's small farm at the corner of Vanosdale and Buckingham with expressed desired beneficiary being the West Hills community through expansion of the park. What a wonderful expression of love for our community.

## Edward Jones Sponsors Inaugural HWH Pickleball Skills Clinic

In conjunction with Noell Lewis and her Edward Jones office, the Healthy West Hills committee of West Hills Community Association was able to host the first-ever Pickleball Skills Clinic at the West Hills Park.

We felt very successful as players learned the game and were able to participate in scrimmage games after the clinic concluded. The volunteers/coaches were also able to take notes on adjustments for the future. The response was very positive from both the players and the coaches.

Watch for these future dates in 2024:

**Saturday, April 20**  
Second Annual Dogwood Trail Pickleball Tournament

**Saturday, October 19**  
Pickleball Skills Clinic

## Hawk Rescued by WH Neighbors

Neighbors on Sheffield Drive recently found and helped rescue a wounded juvenile, female, red-tailed hawk. They nicknamed her Sheffield.

She was picked up by the UT Veterinarian Center and transferred to the American Eagle Foundation.

Sheffield is blind in one eye, and doctors removed a bullet from her left shoulder.

Because Sheffield is blind in one eye she cannot be released into the wild and expect to survive.

The good news is that the Foundation has found a new home for the hawk at a facility in Wisconsin. They hope Sheffield will be an addition to their

wildlife educational program. Great job, neighbors!

## Knox County Schools Holiday Schedule

**Dec 20, 2023**  
Half Day for Students

**Dec 21-Jan 3, 2024**  
Student Holidays

## CURRENT WHCA OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

TERMS ENDING DEC 31, 2024

### OFFICERS

President:  
**Lee Hume** Haverhill Drive  
Secretary:  
**Kathy Scruggs** Picadilly Road

### BOARD MEMBERS (10)

**Jennifer Borth** Glenrothes Blvd  
**Anne Crais** Haverhill Drive  
**Ross Dempster** Ridgerock Lane  
**Jerry Erpenbach** Buckingham Drive  
**Elizabeth Evola** Bennington Drive  
**Erika Fuhr** Broome Road  
**Clarence Hill** Broome Road  
**Tom Mueller** Alexander Cavet Dr  
**Elisa Theile** Bennington Drive  
**Scott Vowell** Sheffield Drive

TERMS ENDING DEC 31, 2025

### OFFICERS

Vice President:  
**John Heins** Stockton Drive  
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**Divina Morgenstern** Cavett Station

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**Eric & Becky Broerman** Sheffield Drive  
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**Andrew Schumde** Corteland Drive  
**Mickey Shelton** Abington Lane  
**Hurley Thurston** Sheffield Drive  
**Louis Whittemore** Lennox Drive

**Enjoy the holidays!**  
**Please drive safely.**

## WH Elementary School Foundation Fundraiser Date Set for 1/19

Mark your calendar for the West Hills Elementary School Wolf Pack Foundation's 2nd Annual Wolfpack Winter Dinner and Auction on January 19th.

Be on the look out for the ticket purchase link soon on our Facebook page WHES Wolf Pack Foundation and get your winter festive attire ready!

Just ask anyone that attended last year—you won't want to miss it!



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