

West Hills Neighbors



May 2023 Edition

West Hills Community Association

Join Your West Hills Community Association

Membership Drive Underway

More than just another neighborhood, West Hills is a vibrant community, providing our residents with the sense of belonging formed by our common goals and varied shared interests. The vital social connections, forged through activities, events, and daily interactions with our neighbors, provide us with a community we can call our own.

Please consider supporting our community by joining the association, if you have not already, or by renewing your membership if it has lapsed. And if you're interested in getting more active, please check out the newsletter to see all the great things the neighborhood association is doing.



- Summer Picnic Plans
- West Hills Neighborhood-wide Yard Sale
- Healthy West Hills Events
- Update on proposed Tennova apartment complex
- & MORE!



WEST HILLS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

ALL WEST HILLS NEIGHBORS INVITED!

SCHOOL SECURITY

PRIORITY #1: PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN
SPECIAL GUESTS

KRISTEN JACKSON
PRINCIPAL WEST HILLS ELEMENTARY

KATHERINE BIKE
4TH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE

DANIEL WATSON
3RD DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE

7PM • MONDAY

MAY
15

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
538 VANOSDALE RD

www.westhillsknoxville.org

We're fortunate to live in such a great community, and we're counting on your support to keep it the beautiful, vibrant, safe place we all call home.

Since its founding almost sixty years ago, the association has existed to support and benefit the West Hills residents. The founders of WHCA summed it up best. "It is an association of residents for the mutual benefit of the residents. It is nothing without your interest, your support, and your participation."

See page 7 of this newsletter for membership form and payment details.

Annual Summer Picnic Sunday, June 11

NEW LOCATION IN PARK: PAVILION ACROSS FROM PLAYGROUND

Get ready to celebrate summer with your neighbors on **Sunday, June 11, from 5:30-7:30 pm**. We will have barbecue and sno-ball food

trucks, but feel free to bring your own picnic food.

Menus for the upcoming event will be posted on the West Hills Knoxville Facebook Page.

The picnic is moving to the large pavilion next to the big playground on the greenway.

This year's picnic features **hula hooping** and a **family bike ride**. Charity will be teaching us about hula hoop

dancing at 6 pm. Try one of Charity's hoops, or bring your own and learn some cool moves. You may also order a custom hoop that she'll make in your favorite colors/size. (To order a hoop ahead, text Charity at (865) 441-0125.)

At **7 pm**, there will be a **family bike ride**, organized by the Healthy West Hills Committee. The ride will begin at the Gazebo and will proceed along the Greenway. Please wear your helmets and bring all appropriate gear for a safe, fun ride. The annual picnic is always a fun family event, and this year promises to be a festive summer celebration!

West Hills Dogwood Trail

Congratulations West Hills on a fantastic job preparing and maintaining your yards in order to welcome folks from all over Knoxville, and beyond, to take a drive and see our beautiful West Hills Dogwood Trail!

Over the next year, let's work on adding even more color and beauty to our Trail. The Dogwood Arts Committee will have a sale of dogwood saplings in December; the price will likely be \$25 a tree. Make plans to purchase a tree or two, even if your house isn't directly on the trail, as they

add tremendous beauty to our neighborhood.

Thank you again for all of your hard work! Keep it up West Hills!

Sincerely,

Michael Moore and
Christine Martens

West Hills Dogwood Chair and Co-Chair

Healthy West Hills May & June Schedule

Every Thursday in May – Pickle Ball at the pickleball courts in West Hills at 10 am

Monday, May 1 – Recipe of the Month on Facebook, posted by Chico Ogiso

Tuesday, May 2 – Theatrical Activity on Zoom: *Love, Life and Elephants* (request Zoom link via Anne Crais)

Saturday, May 20 – Outdoor Bike Ride – Location TBD; save the date!

Sunday, May 21 – Backyard Yoga at Pavilion #1 in West Hills Park from 3-4 pm with Gail Corey leading us. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

Thursday, May 25 – Book Club at the Pilot Family YMCA – Beth West will lead a discussion of the book, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by

General Dentistry

James F. Kotsianas, D.D.S.

6230 Highland Place Way

584-0276

www.kotsianasdds.com

Think and support West Hills businesses first as you plan your spring landscaping and next year's Dogwood Trail!

Gail Honeyman

Sunday, June 11 – Family Bike Ride on the Tenth Creek Trail at 7 pm. It is family friendly, so bring the kids, your bike helmet and water bottle.

All month – Track your Mileage/Minutes for Marathon in a Month at this site for each month—<http://bit.ly/HWHmarathon> All ages can participate in this.

For more information about Healthy West Hills activities and events, please contact **Anne Crais** – anneccrais@gmail.com.

Yards of the Month

The West Hills Beautification Council is at it

again having already selected 12 Yards of the Month for April emphasizing our very own dogwood trail. During the following months there will be more yards chosen in a tradition that started over 50 years ago.

Winners will be posted on WHCA website, westhillsknoxville.org

First Pickleball Tourney Big Hit

WHCA hosted its first annual pickle ball tournament on Saturday, April 29, at the pickleball courts at West Hills Park. The event was organized by the Healthy West Hills committee and was supported by a micro-grant from the city of Knoxville. Twenty teams participated in

the two divisions: beginner and intermediate, and local businesses donated gift cards and prizes. Thanks to the committee and to all the sponsors, volunteers, participants, and spectators who helped make this event a success.

So get your rackets out and get ready for next year's tournament!

Thanks to our sponsors for donating gift cards.

Dickens Turf and Landscaping

Abloom Florist

Aladdin's Restaurant

Chick-fil-a

Foster's Fine Jewelry

Starbucks

Firebirds

IHOP

Walk-Ons

Sitar Indian Restaurant

Bob's Package Store

The Nail Place

Books-A-Million

Chili's

Dairy Queen

It's not too early to start thinking about the 2024 West Hills Dogwood Trail!

City Honors West Hills Neighbor

Have you ever wanted to meet a real-life public health superhero? Here's your chance! Kathy Scruggs, a member of the West Hills Community Association, has dedicated her life's work to public health and keeping her community active. Go to <http://bit.ly/KnoxvilleNeighborhoods> to see the full article and subscribe to the city's *The Neighborly Notice*.

Zoning/Tennova Update

Knoxville-based developer Dominion Group has withdrawn its application to change the zoning on the Tennova property.

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All West Hills Streets



Bazillion Blooms

Dogwood Arts is on a mission to Keep Knoxville Blooming and make it easy for you to make a difference—one tree at a time. Beautify your own landscape, honor someone special, or donate a tree to the Dogwood Trails and Keep Knoxville Blooming for years to come! Our trees come from a grower in Middle Tennessee, are disease-resistant, spring-blooming, and available in pink and white.

Pick-Up & Plant Yourself

(1-4 trees) \$25/each or
(5+ trees) \$20/each

Gift Trees

\$35/each & includes commemorative card mailed to the recipient of your choosing

Available at Ellenburg Nursery on Vanosdale Road

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Habitat for Humanity®
ReStore

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**1511 Downtown West Blvd.
Knoxville, TN 37919**

To learn more about how you can *shop, donate, and volunteer*, visit KnoxvilleHabitatReStore.com, call 865.690.4214, or come see us at the ReStore!

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WHCA will continue to be diligent and closely watch what happens in the future.

See map below and on page 5 for location reference.

WHCA Development Committee Formed

John Heins, Ross Dempster, and Tom Mueller have been asked to serve on a new ad hoc development committee.

The goal is to increase membership, attract more advertising and event sponsors, and raise funds for a dedicated reserve fund to be used for extraordinary events.

The objective is to strengthen our association financially, expand community

activities, better inform our neighbors on issues directly impacting their homes and neighborhood, and build a reserve fund for a rainy day.

Community Yard Sale Saturday, June 4

Are you ready for a good spring cleaning? Many homes in the West Hills neighborhood will be having a yard sale on June 4.

If you are participating, please attach a balloon to your mailbox.

Save these Dates

May 15
WHCA Community Meeting.
7 pm at the Church of the Nazarene on Vanosdale

AUGUST 1
National Night Out with KPD and KFD invited to attend.

OCTOBER 16
WHCA Community Meeting and **WHCA Election**
NOTE: You must be a current member of WHCA to be eligible to vote.

November 30
Holiday at the Gazebo with Santa and the **Tour de Lights Bike Ride**

Sign-Up for WHCA Email Updates

Did you know Tennova petitioned the Planning Commission to rezone the hillside half of their property so it could be sold to an apartment developer?

Or do you know there is now a private security contractor patrolling West Hills Park at night?

Do you know the land next to West Hills Baptist Church and St. Andrews neighborhood may be developed as an office park and not an apartment complex?

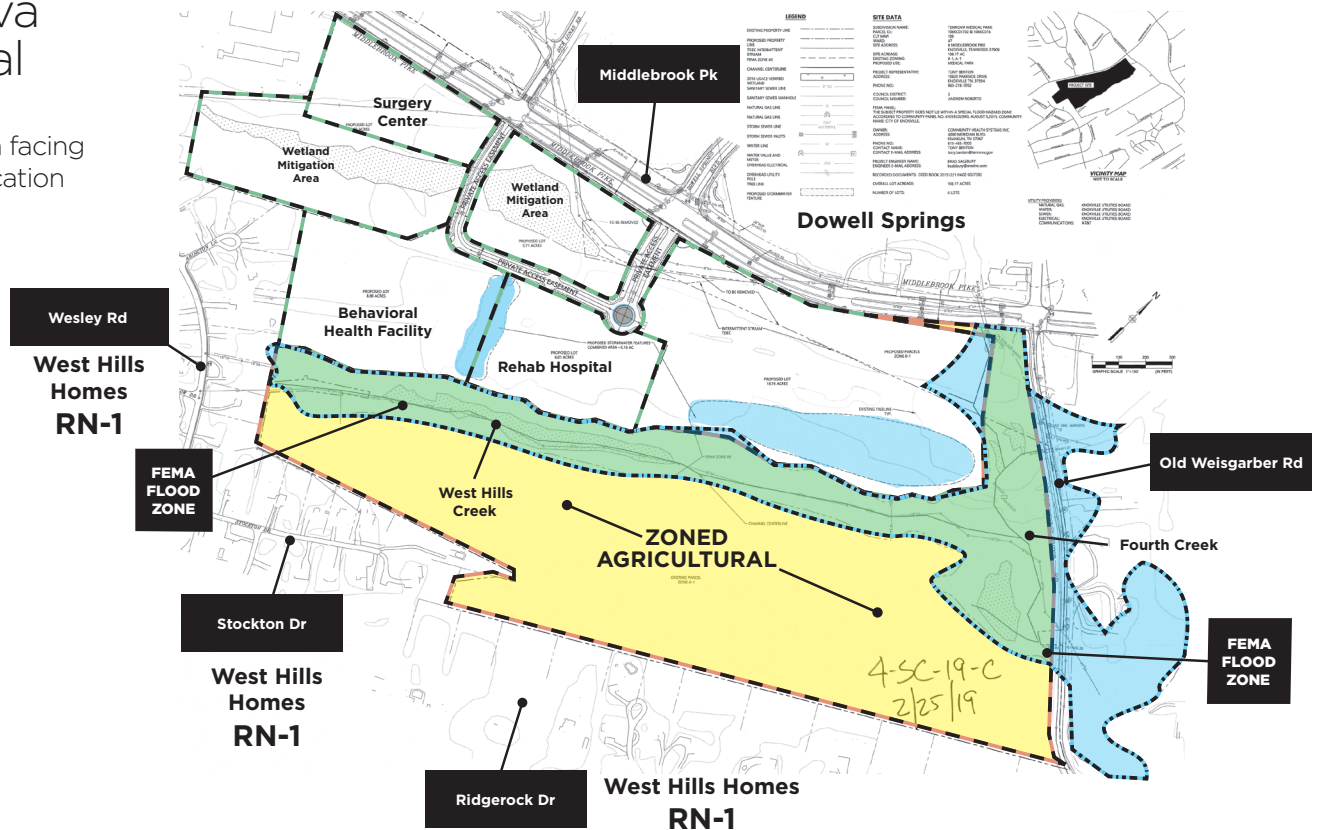
WHCA is building a new listserv to keep West Hills residents informed about news and events such as these. Things happen between this newsletter's editions that you need to know.

The new listserv will help you know more quickly when things are happening that could impact your home or community.

Stay informed. Sign up today at westhillsknoxville.org/contact.

Tennova Medical Park

See map on facing page for location reference.



WHCA Member- Only Email Listserv

A new email listserv exclusively for paid members of the WHCA will launch soon. This email service will

only send email relative to the business side of WHCA that requires input from the membership.

The service is an exclusive benefit of your WHCA membership.

Check your inbox in coming days.



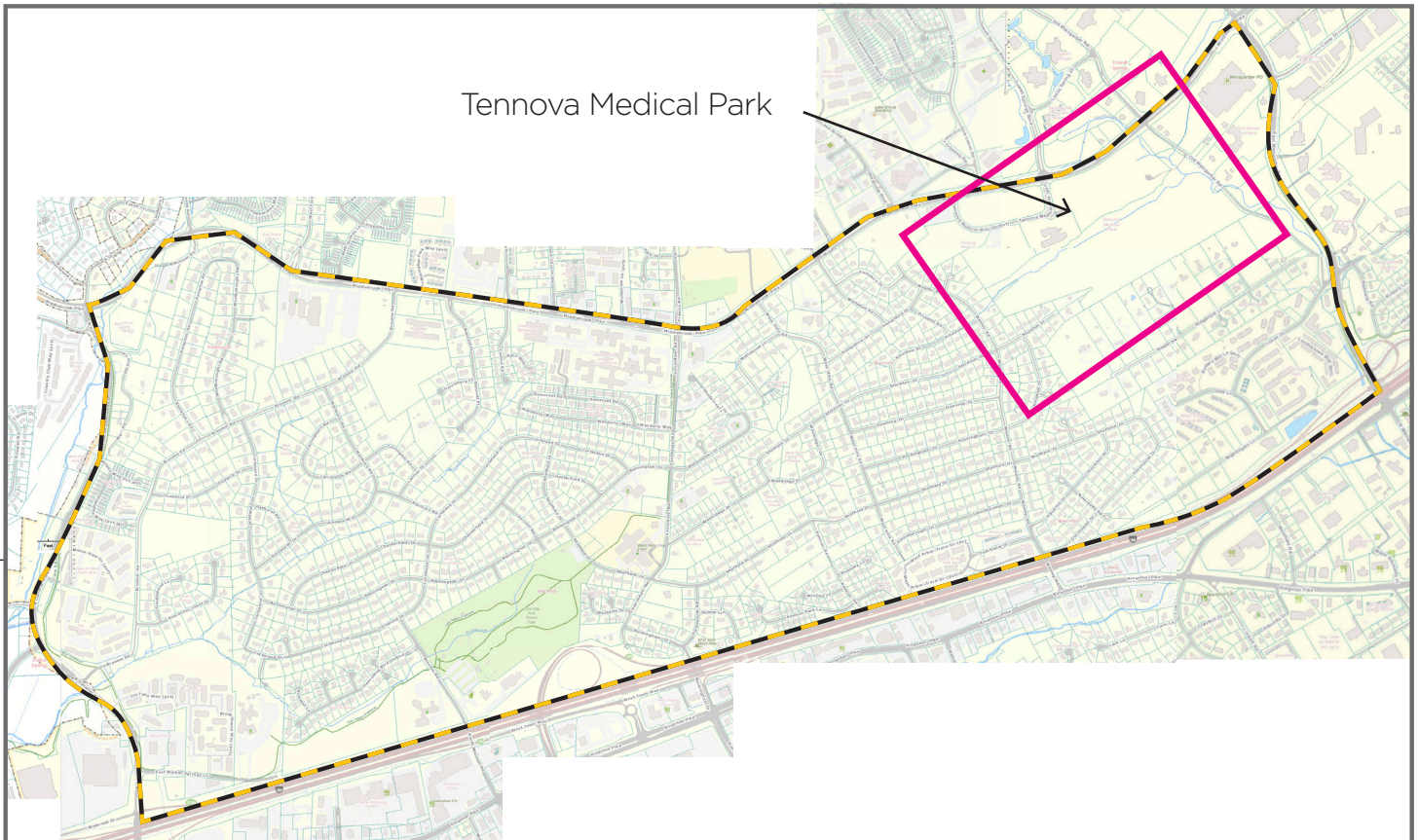
Scan & Join WHCA
It's so-o-o easy!

GROW UP SLOW DOWN

WEST HILLS SPEED LIMIT

25^{MPH}

WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *Boundaries*



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A Message to West Hills from 50 Years Ago

Below is a copy of the last page of the 1973 *West Hills Plan*—a comprehensive assessment and vision for the future of West Hills. It was produced by a group of concerned neighbors with diverse backgrounds and a shared love of their community. Both the document they produced and the words below have are as relevant to all of us today as it was a half a century ago. The words speak for themselves. This is why we have the West Hills Community Association and why everyone living in West Hills should be grateful for the foresight our neighbors had fifty years ago.

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WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PURPOSE: (Adopted: June 1, 1964)

"As residents of West Hills, most of us are pleased with our homes and our community. Not without reason do we feel that we own a piece of what is now, and will remain, perhaps the finest residential area in all of Knox County. Our homes represent to us sound investments, not only from the financial point of view, but also for the physical and emotional well-being of ourselves and our children. This is a great neighborhood in which to live and to grow.

"But - will it stay that way? It is a young neighborhood with much growing of its own to do. How will it mature? Five or ten years from now, will it still seem so fine?

"The growth of any investment requires careful and constant scrutinizing and management. A good investment and an attractive possession are the choicest targets for opportunists who will attempt to press our assets into use for some profit of their own, be it financial, political, or otherwise. No one in the city, county, or world cares about the fate of our neighborhood as we do, the residents. No one should have a greater say in the way our neighborhood grows. It is up to us to insure that West Hills and its environments grow to realize their obvious potential, rather than pass briefly through a zenith into the status of just another area which once showed promise. The welfare of a neighborhood is always a delicate and precarious thing. Recent events have demonstrated this fact all too clearly.

"The West Hills Community Association was conceived by a group of residents to serve as an instrument in the struggle to preserve and improve our neighborhood. It is an organization which sometimes will push quietly towards the realization of desirable change and sometimes will congeal the neighborhood into a significant and forceful pressure group to combat threatening external influences. It is an association of residents for the mutual benefit of the residents. It is nothing without your interest, your support, and your participation."

JOIN WHCA TODAY!

Join your neighbors to keep West Hills Knoxville's great neighborhood. Established 1964.

SIGN UP & PAY ONLINE!

westhillsknoxville.org/become-a-member



WEST HILLS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

\$20/RESIDENCE

All household members over age 21 residing at address listed below are eligible for residence vote.

One vote per residence.

Name of owner residing at shown address below: _____

Name(s) of other resident(s) **over age 21** residing at this address: _____

Address _____

Preferred phone number (optional) (_____) _____

E-mail _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

☐ \$20/residence

MY/OUR GIFT TO WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WHCA)

☐ Enclosed is a gift to WHCA in the amount of \$ _____

TOTAL (Membership and donation) ENCLOSED = \$

Please make check payable to **West Hills Community Association**.

You can also complete your membership application and payment online at westhillsknoxville.org/become-a-member

CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Cardholder Name (if different from above) _____

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Expiration Date ____/____-____/____ **CVC Number** ____/____/____

...OR MAIL IT IN!

COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK MAILED TO

West Hills Community Association
Attn: Treasurer
P.O. Box 31341
Knoxville, TN 37930

Voting privileges for above resident(s) are **active 7 days after receipt of membership payment.**

QUESTIONS? Email treasurer@westhillsknoxville.org

**MAIL THIS FORM AND
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