

West Hills Neighbors

January/February 2025 Edition

West Hills Community Association Neighbors Helping Neighbors

New Year, New Opportunities

Happy New Year! Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday season and your new year is off to a great start.

WHCA will be hosting several fun events in the coming year for our neighbors. Plans have been in the works for several months for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, date TBD; the second annual **WHCA/Dogwood Arts Festival Spring Celebration April 19**; and the third annual **pickleball tourney on April 26**.

Following the spring events will be our annual covered dish **Summer Picnic**, **National Night Out** celebrating our first responders, **Holiday in the Park**, and other fun things for the whole family and all ages.

Meanwhile, housing demands, supply shortages, and migrating populations are on the minds of government representatives and in the eyes of developers across Tennessee. Knee-jerk, short-sighted solutions that will harm West Hills and every neighborhood and community across the state are being proposed.

A recent example happened in mid-January. Senator Richard Briggs, one of the two state senators representing West Hills and west Knoxville neighborhoods, sponsored a bill to deny public input during the local review process.

After constituents expressed overwhelming opposition to the legislation, he withdrew his sponsorship. Hopefully, no other senator will fill the void and the bill will die. WHCA continues to monitor any similar legislative activity in Nashville.

Meanwhile closer to home Planning Commissioners have asked staff to prepare legislation to remove existing local ordinances restricting duplex and multiunit construction in single-family residential zoning—the majority of West Hills zoning.

Your WHCA continues its 61-year tradition to be the neighborhood's advocate. It is committed to preserving the integrity of the community and fundamental right for individuals and groups to participate in all stages of the review process of proposed land developments.

Public forums and votes by Planning Com-

Membership Drive Underway Join today!

If you're not yet a member of West Hills Community Association or you forgot to renew your membership, **now is the time to join** Knoxville's oldest and one of the most active community associations in the city.

Volunteers across West Hills will be visiting neighbors who aren't yet WHCA members or whose membership may have lapsed to share information, answer questions, and encourage neighbors to join.

Annual membership is only \$25/household. The fee covers expenses such as this newsletter, our website hosting, events like the Summer Picnic and Holiday in the Park, and so much more.

So scan the QR code below to complete the membership form either online or print and enclose payment in the enclosed envelope to **become a member and support your WHCA today!**

Annual membership is January 1 through December 31.



mission and City Council have been scheduled over the coming weeks. Final decision will be with City Council in late April.

Please stay informed and share your opinion with Planning Commissioners and City Council members.

Your email comments to the Commission and Council members do make a difference.

Looks like it's going to be an exciting year in West Hills. Look forward to seeing you at the WHCA Community Meeting on February 17th!

Lee Hume, WHCA President 2025–2026



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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Sarah DeWitt

Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum
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TN Smart Yards

Sarah will share how each of us can keep Tennessee's land and water healthy, one yard at a time. Learn easy ways to achieve Smart Yard status on your own property.

Updates on land use/zoning state and local legislation

7PM

MONDAY

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17

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West Hills/Dogwood Arts Festival
**Spring Celebration
APRIL 19th**

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www.westhillsknoxville.org

Sustainable Harvest Farm Returns This Spring

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Volunteer with Friends of Cavett Station

Did you know that Mars Hill Cemetery, established in 1792, is one of the oldest cemetery in Knoxville?

Friends of Cavett Station, a local non-profit, are the official caretakers of Mars Hill Cemetery has been educating others on the cemetery's history and the Cavett Station site.

FCS preserves the existing headstones and monument, places and dedicates new veteran markers, and tells the stories of those buried in the cemetery. We recently placed new cemetery signs at the eastern and western entrances, and we host three annual events in the cemetery.

Learn more on Facebook/Friends of Cavett Station, and on our website, friendsofcavettstation.org.

Three West Hills Land Development Plans

1. The development by Homestead Land Holdings at the corner of Middlebrook and Broome Rd appears to be moving forward since the developer recently completed the purchase of the property from the Moody trust. You will recall the developer plans to construct 28 townhouses on the property with an entrance from Broome Rd. Anticipate land clearing to begin in January 2025 depending on the weather. WHCA registered concerns with the City regarding the creation of a hazardous traffic condition due to the short distance between the entrance to the townhouses and Middlebrook Pike.

2. The proposed development by Homestead Land Holdings at

Gallagher View and Middlebrook Pike has been withdrawn from consideration by Homestead for development of this property. The property was successfully rezoned RN 4 (C). The impact of the "C" (Pre-Recode planned residential) designation is uncertain, but may have contributed to the developer's decision not to pursue development of this property.

3. A proposed development of the forested area between the Greenway and the Interstate south of St Andrews subdivision was subject of a meeting last fall between a St Andrews home owner association representative, WHCA representative and the developer's attorney. No new information is available as to the scope of the proposed development or the project's anticipated schedule. Development of the area will adversely impact the greenway and further increase flooding in St Andrews.

Email WHCA Zoning/Codes chair: clarencehill@bellsouth.net



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WHCA Spring Celebration on April 19

WHCA and the Dogwood Arts Festival are busy with plans to make April 2025 a great month for Knoxville. The West Hills event is scheduled for April 19.

WHCA is seeking volunteers to help with planning and day-of the event helpers.

If you are interested in helping with this year's event (music, a tree dedication, kids' activities, craft and art fair, publicity, set up/clean up, etc.), please email president@westhillsknoxville.org.

3rd Annual WH Pickleball Tourney April 26

Plans are underway for the

third annual Dogwood Pickleball Tournament to be held at West Hills Park on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Watch for more information to come and stay healthy and keep active!

Remember, if you are interested in learning and joining in activities to support mental, physical and social health, email anneccrais@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Holiday Mailbox Award Winners

Frederick and Denise Adams
924 Marlboro

Samuel and Tara Mellrath
7419 Westridge

Laurel Craig
601 West Hills Rd

Fay Adams
7209 Sheffield

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6902 Haverhill Dr

Archie and Susan Findley
7318 Stockton Dr

Jerry and Carolyn Moore
905 Carrington Dr
Katherine Renee Allen and
Ray Vincent Dupree
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Arie and Leslie-Mery Buer
8104 Ainsworth Dr

Paul Abelquist
6920 Haverhill Dr

Snoopy's Bookhouse
Haverhill and Wesley

Josephine Mayo
7701 Bennington Dr

Amanda and Justin Chester
8121 Ainsworth Dr

Anne and Timothy Hudnall
7104 Sheffield

Check on Neighbors During Bad Weather


While we are fortunate to not have many single digit days in Knoxville, and we get to occasionally enjoy a few days of snowy landscapes, there are those who might be alone this season without a lot to do except remain indoors on their own.

Think about checking in on a neighbor and sharing a cup of hot cocoa and a hello.

Looking for something new to do, check out visitknoxville.com.

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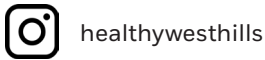
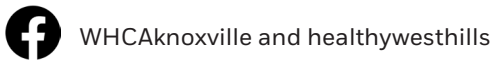
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