

West Hills Neighbors

July/August 2025 Edition

West Hills Community Association *Neighbors Helping Neighbors Since 1964*

Ahh, Summer

What a great time of year! School's out. Vacations are happening. Smokies are back in Knoxville. Backyard BBQs, pool parties, and trips to the lake are top of mind.

Thanks to the efforts of several neighborhood volunteers, WHCA hosted the annual West Hills Summer Picnic on June 16th.

The main course was **Dead End BBQ** pulled pork, **Chick-Fil-A** sandwiches and nuggets. **4 Get The Scoop** ice cream truck offered a cold treat for dessert. Neighbors provided covered side dishes and other desserts. Please show your appreciation for our business neighbors.

Firefighters from WH Station 18 brought a tanker truck and healthy appetites. They also treated the kids to a giant cooling water spray with the truck's water cannon. Also joining the festivities were **KPD Chief Paul Noel**, several command officers and patrol officers.

Ponderosa Zoo brought their petting zoo to the delight of kids of all ages.

Second district City Council candidates **Melody Watts** and **Nathan Honeycutt**, current councilman **Andrew Roberto**, and 3rd District council candidate **Ivan Harmon** spoke briefly and met the neighbors.

The event ended with a greenway bike ride led by **Anne Crais**.

Special thanks to event organizers and volunteers led by **Ginger Milligan**, **Laura Golliher**, and **Erika Fuhr**.

Thanks to volunteers **John Heins**, **Divina Morganstern**, **Hurley Thurston**, **Kathy Scruggs**, **Susan Huskisson**, **Brian Shoosmith**, the sign brigade, and everyone who pitched in at the event—before and after—to make it such a success.

Now we take a breather until the **next WHCA community gathering on Monday, October 20**. We are exploring the idea of hosting a **debate with the two 2nd District candidates (Watts and Honeycutt)** and inviting all neighbors and communities in the district to attend. Final decision will be announced online and in the September/October newsletter.

Happy to say there are no new land development plans or rezoning in the works for West Hills.

City Council is expected to approve placing a referendum on the November ballot to try to **raise sales tax to 9.75%** from the current 9.25%.

Please educate yourself on the proposed tax. The mayor justifies it with five-year plans for the extra revenue, but what happens once the announced projects are completed? **Be curious and vote.**

Enjoy the summer, drive carefully, and see you in October!

—Lee

*Lee Hume
WHCA President 2025–2026*



WEST HILLS
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community Meeting

**WILL THERE BE A
2ND DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATES'**

DEBATE?

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT ONLINE AND IN
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2025 Membership Drive July 7-21

The WHCA membership drive will be July 7-21. It includes volunteers visiting neighbors who have not yet become 2025 members.

Feel free to ask questions about how your \$25 membership helps.

For complete details and to join online, visit westhillsknoxville.org/become-a-member.

Kid A' Riffic Fun In The Park July 19, 10AM-1PM

Hosted by the City's Office of Special Events, Parks and Recreation, and other community partners, Kid A' Riffic

offers free games, crafts and other activities designed for children ages 2-12. Participation is free, and no registration is required.

The event will be held Wednesday, July 19 from 10 AM-1PM at West Hills John Bynon Park, 7624 Sheffield Dr. Kid A' Riffic began in 2019 as a weekly way to connect youngsters and their families with summertime activities. If you have questions, contact Special Events at speialevents@knoxvilletn.gov or call 865-215-4248.



WH Roads Aren't Just for Drivers

With a limited number of sidewalks, drivers share WH roadways with walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and families with kids and strollers.

There have been three recent car wrecks in the neighborhood including one fatal accident.

Please. Drive carefully.

Could Your Property Be In Codes Violation?

For those few neighbors who may not be able to keep their property in a clean condition, you may not realize that you could be in violation of Neighborhood Code Ordinances.

Violations can include

overgrown lawns (grass taller than 12"), debris in the front yard, in-operable vehicles visible from the street, parking on front lawns, and RVs, campers, trailers parked in front of homes.

Usually, neighbors aren't aware they have a problem including being on a long vacation and the grass has grown, or there may be a health or other issue that other neighbors aren't aware of. Sometimes calling your neighbor can resolve a problem.

If you need additional help or have questions, you can always contact Knoxville's Office of Neighborhood Code Enforcement online at knoxvilletn.gov, call 865-215-4311, or call 311 and request a Neighborhood Codes Enforcement inspector.



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Nominations for WHCA Board and Officers Underway

WHCA nominations committee is currently seeking West Hills neighbors interested in serving their community as a board member or officer of the association.

If you would like to serve on Knoxville's oldest community association and work to make West Hills an even greater neighborhood, please visit the WHCA website westhillsknoxville.org/contact and leave your contact information. A member of the nominations committee will contact you to share details and answer any questions.

Enjoy Summer!

The first day of school for the 2025-2026 school year will be a half day on **Thursday**,

Tips for a Great Fruit Smoothie

Liquids such as fruit juices, water, dairy milk, and plant-based milks all work well in smoothies. To ensure even blending, start by adding any lighter fruit you are using, such as berries, then move on to the heavier fruit, such as apples, pears and bananas. Using frozen fruit has many benefits, including cold temperatures and no need to chop the day of.

Fill blender or smoothie cup with fruit (never go beyond the "fill" line on the cup). Add liquid of choice to the fill line of smoothie cup or just enough to cover fruit. Blend until desired

thickness; start slow, then increase speed; don't over-blend.

Football Shuttle Service Time in TN

KAT provides shuttle service to all Saturday University of Tennessee home football games during the regular fall football season. There are 3 shuttle locations. Football shuttle tickets cost \$10 round-trip per person. Shuttle tickets will only be available for purchase through KAT's official app, Transit. If you need more information, please visit katbus.com or call 865-637-3000.

For Good Health

WHCA Healthy West Hills committee offers on activities to support mental, physical and social health, and tobacco cessation?

Email anneccrais@gmail.com with questions or to subscribe to the monthly email with activities

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