



West Hills Neighbors



May/June 2026 Edition

West Hills Community Association **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Celebrate USA 250!

Decorate in Red, White, & Blue for Patriotic Fun Walk Parade

West Hills kicks-off the summer with a fun-filled, All-American-style, potluck picnic. In the spirit of celebrating our nation's 250th birthday, the fun starts with a red, white, and blue family fun walk parade. Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons, and yourself. Have fun! Be creative!

The parade will gather at 4:30 and start at 4:45 at the pavilion across from the playgrounds along the greenway. The route is along the greenway from the pavilion to the gazebo.

WHCA will furnish BBQ, Chick-fil-A, and all-beef hot dogs. You bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Food will be served starting at 5 PM.

Little Ponderosa Zoo and Rescue will also be at the picnic with their small farm animals.

Leaders and representatives of city, county, state, and national government as well as candidates in the current election have been invited. This is your chance to get better acquainted with our government representatives.

Other ideas for the picnic are

still in the works, so check the WHCA Facebook page and website for updates!

Our picnic follows three other fun-filled events: the Easter Egg Hunt on March, the West Hills Dogwood Spring Celebration, and the dedication of two more dogwood trees honoring outstanding West Hills volunteers Cap and Clara Hardin, and Larry Silverstein.

Earlier this spring City Council voted to uphold the Board of Zoning Appeals variance to allow the construction of 32 townhouses at the corner of Galaher View and Middlebrook Pike.

Under the existing zoning standards for this property, only 15 townhouses could be built.

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**SATURDAY
JUNE**

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**WEST HILLS PARK
GAZEBO**

WINSTON ROAD
PARK ENTRANCE

**WHCA PROVIDES
BBQ, CHICK-FIL-A,
AND HOT DOGS,
YOU PROVIDE YOUR
FAVORITE SIDE OR
DESSERT**

**Red, White, &
Blue Family
FUN WALK
PARADE**

**4:45
PM**

**Picnic Served
5 PM** ★ ★

**GREENWAY
Bike RIDE**

7 PM ★ ★

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WHCA and the neighbors most impacted by the BZA vote believed the application did not satisfy the standards to grant the variance.

WHCA filed an appeal to be heard by City Council and presented a well-documented challenge based on the existing zoning laws and standards.

When appealing BZA cases City Council is directed to act with a judicial perspective, not a legislative one, and base the decision on the facts and the law.

WHCA lost with a 5-4 vote in favor of upholding the BZA variance.

WHCA explored appealing at the next level in Chancery Court. For several reasons including expense, time commitment, and risk of a less desirable development led to the final decision not to continue the appeal.

Another decision that

came from this experience was to be better prepared when another similar situation rises to the level of the court system. This includes creation of a legal fund capable of supporting a vigorous legal challenge resulting in favor of West Hills homeowners and residents.

Several donations for anticipated legal expenses came in during this time and, with the donors' permission, are the foundation gifts for the legal fund. More details about the legal fund will be shared in upcoming

issues of this newsletter and on the WHCA website, **westhillsknoxville.org**.

Looking ahead, Knox County voters will elect a new county mayor, commissioners, and other administrators on August 6. Early voting is July 17 through August 1.

This election is important to you as a West Hills resident for several reasons, including property taxes, schools, and the fact that half of the members of Planning Commission are appointed by the county mayor.

So whether you want to enjoy a patriotic summer picnic with neighbors or be an informed voter choosing your representatives or be a voice speaking up for our neighborhood, there are lots of reasons to get involved. After all, it's folks like you who make West Hills the wonderful place we love to call home.

Have a great summer!
—Lee

Lee Hume
President, 2025-2026
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Lawn Service of the West Hills Entrance

Yard of the Month Returns As West Hills Celebrates Its Dogwood Arts Trail

It must be springtime in West Hills as homeowners and residents across the neighborhood are busily planting flowers and manicuring their lawns and landscapes.

The Beautification Council led by members of West Hills Ten

O'clock Gardeners club and others have taken on the daunting task of selecting the best of the best and awarding Yard of the Month honors to homes across West Hills.

April and May honorees are shown below and to the right.

They've set a high bar and we wish others the best of luck during the summer months that they too will be recognized for their beautiful yards.



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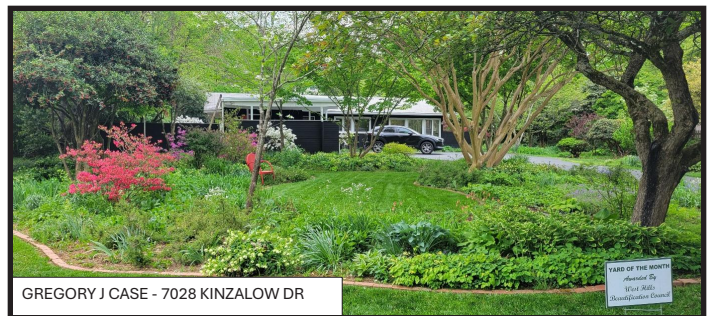
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Festive 4th of July Dessert

For a festive 4th of July dessert, turn to this red, white, and blue trifle. Classic trifle recipes feature layers of pound cake and fruit served out of a glass bowl to show off each ingredient. Thanks to one particular store-bought ingredient, this patriotic version comes together quicker than you can say, "Happy 4th of July!"

Ripe, juicy berries are essential: Skip the frozen fruit here. We use blueberries, blackberries, and strawberries, though you can easily

swap in raspberries or fresh pitted cherries. Just make sure you take a picture of your red, white, and blue dessert before digging in!

How do you make a trifle?

It really couldn't be easier. All you have to do is whip up the fluffy whipped cream mixture, cube the cake, prep the berries, and layer everything into a trifle dish. It's ready to serve immediately, or you can pop it in



the fridge for later.

What is the correct way to layer a trifle?

For this trifle recipe, start with a layer of cake cubes in the bottom of the trifle dish. Add blueberries and blackberries on top, then

dollop on some of the whipped cream mixture. Top with strawberries, then add another layer of cake and cream. Pile the remaining berries on top for a festive finish!

Do you have to make your own cake?

A store-bought pound cake works just fine, and it makes this dessert incredibly easy! If you want to go the extra mile and make your own, try Ree Drummond's famous pound cake recipe. For an even lighter version of this trifle, use angel food cake instead.

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Can you make red, white, and blue trifle ahead of time?

Be our guest! This trifle can be made up to 24 hours in advance. It's the perfect dessert to make the day before, stash in the fridge, and break out for a show-stopping dessert.

Will the trifle get soggy overnight?

Not this trifle! Pound cake can stand up to a little bit of moisture, so you don't have to worry about this dessert getting soggy as it sits overnight. After a few days in the fridge, the cake will start

to soften, so it's best to serve it within 24 hours of assembling.

Ingredients

1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, at room temperature

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 1/2 cups heavy cream

1 tsp. vanilla extract

1 lb. pound cake, cubed

2 (6 oz.) containers blueberries (about 2 c.)

2 (6 oz.) containers blackberries (about 2 1/2 c.)

1 1/2 qt. strawberries, stems removed, sliced

Directions**1**

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the cream cheese and granulated sugar. Beat on medium-high speed until smooth, 1 to 2 minutes. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl. With the mixer on medium speed, slowly add the heavy cream and vanilla, and mix until combined. Switch to the whisk attachment and whip at medium speed until soft peaks form and the mix-

ture is easy to dollop.

2

Place a single layer of cake cubes in the bottom of a large (12- to 14-cup) trifle dish. Top with two-thirds of the blueberries and blackberries. Add half of the whipped cream (about 2 cups), then top with two-thirds of the strawberries. Repeat the cake and cream layers once more, then decorate the top with the remaining berries. Serve immediately or make in advance and store in the refrigerator for up to 24 hours.

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West Hills History: 1974 WH Resident's Idea Becomes Knoxville/ Area Greenway System

In 1974 a West Hills resident proposed a novel concept for that time—a plan for the creation of a bike trail. Joe Prochaska proposed a route that would stretch from Concord to Third Creek. No action was immediately forthcoming, but West Hills likes to think that the seed was planted then for what would eventually be the Greenway.

The boundaries of West

Hills were also defined at this time, and Caesar Stair was retained as counsel to represent the community, and to support Council action on the West Hills Plan.

The eastern boundary was set at the new Weisgarber Road because the community was concerned about development in the land between new and old Weisgarber Roads.

The hope was to support development, which would limit the number of curb cuts along Middlebrook Pike. The com-

munity was committed to doing everything it could to prevent the creation of another Kingston Pike on Middlebrook.

The widening of Middlebrook was already in MPC's plans, and mul-

multiple driveways and entrance points were seen as defeating the purpose of a widened Middlebrook, which could

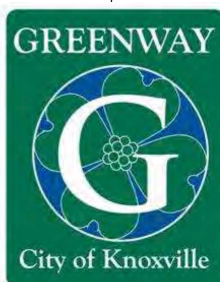
become a viable alternative route for travel east and west.

In April, 1974 the plan was accepted which closed West Hills Road just south of Gainesbor-

ough. In this manner, cut-through traffic from the apartments on Traditional was eliminated.

At the April General Meeting, Charles Burchett [*father of Congressman Tim Burchett*] reported that the community might have to become involved again in the construction of the new Bearden Junior High, since a problem had developed in acquiring the necessary land. This would turn out to be just the first of a series of problems concerning construction of this needed school.

—Joe Fuhr
Past President of WHCA





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4:45 PM—Red, White, and Blue Walking Parade

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5-7 PM—Potluck Picnic served

WHCA furnished Dead

End BBQ; Chick-fil-A sandwiches and nuggets; and all-beef hot dogs with fixin's; water, lemonade, and iced tea.

You bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

PLUS!

★★★ Live Music
Members of Knoxville Youth Jazz Band

★★★
Little Ponderosa Zoo and Rescue

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Games for kids

★★★
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7 PM—Round-trip Greenway Bike Ride to Old AMC Theater Parking Lot

Any additional information or updates will be posted on WHCA Facebook, WHCA e-News (by free subscription only), and website (westhillsknoxville.org).

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