

West Hills Neighbors

November/December 2024 Edition

West Hills Community Association *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

Look Both Ways

As the end of the year approaches and we enter the holidays, it is a good time to reflect on the past 11 months, anticipate the promises of the coming year, and be grateful for all the blessings we have as a community and neighbors.

The year started with a rare 8" snow storm followed by a week of extreme cold. Eventually the weather warmed, kids went back to school, and the first signs of spring began to bloom.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt in late March brought out more than 100 children and their families.

In April WHCA marked its 60th anniversary with the inaugural Spring Celebration. The Dogwood Arts Festival joined the festivities. The Grand Opening of the West Hills Dogwood Trail was declared and there was even a mini sidewalk chalk art event for the kids.

The occasion included the dedication of the first five dogwood trees honoring five amazing West Hills volunteers and their families who have shared their time, talents, and energy over the years to the benefit of everyone living in West Hills.

As this new tradition grows in the coming years, the greenway will become lined with dogwoods and will not only be a beautiful addition to the park but also be a reminder of how volunteering enriches the lives of everyone.

The Summer Picnic was held in June. Everyone enjoyed the return of the covered dish dinner with WHCA offering the main course from M&M Barbecue and Chick-Fil-A.

Summer vacations were taken, baseball teams filled the fields, walkers and bike riders enjoyed the greenways, sidewalks, and favorite routes.

Everyone's attention turned to the elections in late summer/early fall. The ballot for West Hills voters included how future City Council members

would be elected to who would be the next president. Turnout was excellent. Would be wonderful to see that level of interest and turnout continue in 2025 for the City elections which have the biggest political impact on our daily lives.

West Hills continues to attract not only families and individuals looking for a highly desirable neighborhood to call home, but also land developers who discover the few remaining undeveloped parcels of land in the neighborhood.

In late spring a developer announced plans to build 28 townhouses at the corner of Broome and Middlebrook. In early fall the same developer began efforts to build 24 townhouses close to the corner of Gallaher View and Middlebrook, and then in mid-autumn the president of St. Andrews' HOA and the WHCA president met with the attorney of a developer interested in building a 60-unit mixed residential (detached single-family and duplexes) development between I-40/75 and St. Andrews.

The only development moving forward is the Broome Road project. Gallaher View has been abandoned and no news since the meeting with the attorney.

Looking ahead to the new year many of the same events will happen, there will likely be more developers trying to capitalize on the concerns about housing, and WHCA and all West Hills residents will volunteer to work together to preserve and improve our community.

And life will go on in one of Knoxville's greatest neighborhoods with neighbors helping neighbors.

From our family to you and yours Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Lee Hume
WHCA President 2023-2024 and
2025-2026



WEST HILLS
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CELEBRATE

HOLIDAY LIGHTS & SANTA

IN THE PARK

FRIDAY

★ **DEC 13** ★
5-7PM

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**WEST HILLS PARK
GAZEBO**

Winston Road Entrance

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TOUR DE LIGHTS

LIGHTED DECORATED BIKE RIDE
THROUGH WEST HILLS PARK



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Holiday in the Park

Dec 13, 5pm-7pm

**Tour de Lights
Bike Ride, 6pm**

Santa is ready and working hard with the elves to get ready for the upcoming community celebration, Holiday at the Gazebo.

Santa and his elves are excited to take photos with your camera and hear many gift requests. There will be a hot cocoa bar sponsored by neighbor Noell Lewis of Edward Jones, cookies, music, and the return of the Potato Chef food truck. Decorate your bikes, scooters, strollers, and yourself with lights and holiday decor and come

join us for the family .8 mile loop bike/scooter/stroller ride that will start at 6pm!

City Leaf Pick Up

The leaf collection season runs from November through February. During this period, the normal two-week brush schedule is suspended (outside of requests) and all Public Service Department resources concentrate on collecting leaves throughout our community. To find the schedule for your home, go to leafpickup.knoxvillemn.gov

For safety, rake leaves to the street as close as possible

to and along your curb without brush/branches.

Last season the City of Knoxville collected over 7,000 tons of leaves that were processed for mulch and diverted from the landfill.

Holiday Mailbox Decorating Awards Dec 15

The Beautification Committee continues to annually highlight neighbors who spruce up their mailboxes for the holiday season. The mailboxes will be judged on **December 15** and winners will receive a yard sign award to display for the rest of Decem-

ber. Whether elaborate or simple, you are invited to partake in beautifying our community this season. They will also attach red bows to decorate the six entrance signs to share our community pride.

KPD: No Major Crimes in WH; Use Non-Emergency Number (865) 215-4010

KPD Lt Brian Bumpus reported at the November board meeting there have not been any major crimes in West Hills in the past 30-60 days.



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The **WHCA listserv** fills the gap between newsletter editions. It is your resource for timely messages and important notices impacting your life in West Hills. Topics range from rezoning to crime; announcements of Special Called community meetings; and other issues that may impact West Hills neighbors.

WHCA will only send messages via this listserv for important and time-sensitive information and will not abuse your inbox with trivia.

Subscribe online at bit.ly/WHCAlistserv.

Use KPD's non-emergency number **(865) 215-4010** to report an incident or a safety/crime concern. You may also use **911**.

Your call helps KPD keep accurate stats and anticipate areas where crimes may happen.

During the holidays, remember to not leave purchases in plain view in your vehicles whether at shopping center parking lots or at home. Be safe and be aware.

To Your Good Health

The 2nd Annual Pickleball Skills Clinic and the group bike ride at Aspire were great successes.

WHCA encouraged Na-

tional Smoke Out during the third week in November with yard signs across WH.

The next big event is the **Holiday in the Park Tour de Lights** on December 13. The lighted bike ride for kids of all ages will be on the West Hills park greenway starting and ending at the Gazebo. **Start time is 6 PM.** All bikes, scooters, and strollers decorated with lights and holiday accessories are welcomed.

Don't forget about our Marathon in a Month initiative where neighbors log any type of physical activities at bit.ly/HWH-MarathonTracker to see how many marathons West Hills earns.

For more details email anneccrais@gmail.com.

Renew or Join WHCA Today

A friendly reminder that your WHCA membership runs from January 1 through December 31. For those who signed-up during the fall membership drive special your membership is good through December 31, 2025.

WHCA works to be a good steward of your financial support. Memberships provide the financial means to provide ongoing activities, events, and communications.

WHCA has been West Hills' advocate for issues impacting all of West Hills

such as rezoning, traffic, schools, beautification, etc.

It has also provided community activities such as Holiday in the Park, the Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Celebration/West Hills Dogwood Trail, and the annual Summer Picnic.

It also supports all schools serving West Hills students.

WHCA is completely voluntary and is not an HOA.

Membership is only \$25/household/year.

You can join, pay, and make a gift online at westhillsknoxville.org/become-a-member.

Thank you for supporting WHCA and the West Hills community!



West Hills Dogwood Trail Grand Opening on April 19th!

A very special thanks to our friends at **Ellenburg Nursey** for their generous donation of tulips, flowers, and planting materials for our Dogwood Trail entrance at Dorchester and Wesley and the other West Hills entrances!

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