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October 2023 Edition

West Hills Community Association

Here We Go Again...

Just this summer WHCA and neighbors in the vicinity of Stockton Drive successfully challenged a proposal to build 27 townhomes adjacent to TVA powerlines.

And now the new owner of the parcel on Westridge (previously owned by the Church of the Nazarene) has ambitions to build a duplex on the lot.

Seems the mayor's "missing middle housing" message is striking a chord with developers.

The October 5 Planning Commission hearing is scheduled to review the One Year Plan and

change the zoning from the church's CI zoning to RN-1 residential (Westridge Drive zoning).

Current RN-1 zoning prohibits duplexes or any multi-family residential structure.

The Westridge residents, adjacent neighbors, and WHCA oppose building a duplex. It is inconsistent with the existing home structures and jeopardizes the integrity of our neighborhood.

Single-family home ownership benefits the owner with financial appreciation and stability. West Hills benefits with neighnbors who are stakeholders who speak up and vote whenever there is a threat to our community.

Thank you for standing up and speaking up for our West Hills.

Lee Hume President West Hills Community Association

2023 WHCA Officers and Board Member Nominees

Terms Ending Dec 31, 2024 OFFICERS

President: Lee Hume Secretary: Kathy Scruggs

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- City Election: Early Voting Starts October 18
- Ribbon Cutting for New Park Trail and Bike Facility
- Healthy West Hills Events
- Know Before You Build
- & MORE!



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Neighbors

City General Election Early Voting Oct 18

November 7 is Knoxville's election day. There are two contested City Council seats—Parker vs Hill and Helsly vs Marlow—and the City Judge—Rosson vs Caviness. With issues such as "middle housing", judicial discretion, and other topics that impact every Knoxvillian and West Hills, it should be imperative for all of us to be informed and vote!

Get Healthy, Join Healthy West Hills

Current activities to support general health include book club, virtual play readings, yoga, pickleball, bike rides, food meet ups, etc. For the most updated schedule, email *anneccrais@gmail.com*.

Contact Anne to be added to the Pickleball interest group

Every month – Track your Mileage/Minutes for Marathon in a Month at *bit.ly/HWHmarathon* for each month. All ages can participate. Try to get 26 miles in any way—running, walking, swimming, hiking, pushing a stroller, etc.

Mayor to Lead Trail and Kiosk Ribbon Cutting October 26 at 10:30 AM

Legacy Parks and the City will sponsor a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Scott McCleland Trail in West Hills Park on Thursday, October 26 at 10:30 AM. It is located along the Greenway to the left of the softball field. It was created for hikers and bicyclists to share a trail. We will also celebrate other recent improvements to the park, including the Kiosk. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Support New Sidewalks by Walking With Elected Officials

On behalf of Bike Walk Knoxville, the public is invited to join on a walking tour of West Hills on **Thursday**, **October 19 at 6:00 p.**m. The tour will begin at **Bearden Middle School**(1000 Francis Rd, Knoxville, TN 37909).

Their tours are a great opportunity to learn about how funding and policy impact infrastructure for biking and walking in our community as well as to engage with local elected officials on the important issue of making our streets safe for all people. The tour will highlight walkability at Bearden Middle School and West Hills Elementary School, as well as in West Hills neighborhoods. You are encouraged to wear proper shoes and bring a water bottle!

West Hills Entrance Signs

Have you noticed the refurbished signs yet? They look fantastic! Thank you to West Hills neighbor and volunteer

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Inaugural WHCA Outstanding Service Award

The WHCA is excited to announce a new program. We want to celebrate neighbors who have gone above and beyond in caring for our community. The recipient will be honored by the Association's members and the West Hills community with a healthy Dogwood tree planted along the Jean Teague Greenway and a permanent plaque.

Recipient will meet the following minimum requirements

• Current or former Member

of WHCA leadership team (officer or Board member) with service of five or more years

- Demonstrated extraordinary commitment and service to the West Hills community while serving as an officer or Board member
- Documentable examples of accomplishments during WHCA leadership tenure
- If husband and wife served in WHCA leadership, that will be considered a single nomination

Holiday at the Gazebo DECEMBER 7 SAVE THE DATE!

Santa and the Tour de Lights Bike Ride

Know Before You Build

Most West Hills homeowners take pride in their homes and enjoy home improvement. Whether its simply adding fresh flowers to the landscape or way more ambitious plans involving heavy-duty tools and hiring a contractor or adding a fence, all homeowners need to be aware of zoning and code requirements and limitations.

Most of West Hills is zoned **RN-1 single-family residential** with maximum density of 6 units per acre..

As an example of a little-known fact is most folks aren't aware that if your property is a corner lot you have two front yards.

Any front yard fences may not be more than 42" tall.

There is no height restriction for fences behind the front of the house.

Multi-family residential construction (including duplexes) is not permitted in RN-1 zoning without Special Use approval by the Planning Commission and City Council.

The original West Hills covenants are still in effect and every homeowner needs to understand their contents. A copy of the typical covenant is on the West Hills website. You can obtain a copy of the covenants for your home at the County Clerks office.

Also, before you decide to do any substantial work on your home and to avoid any violation, contact the city's **Building Permits and Inspections office at 865-215-4311.**







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