

West Hills Neighbors

September/October 2025 Edition

West Hills Community Association **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENT

★ CONVERSATION WITH ★

2ND DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

NATHAN
HONEYCUTT
— AND —
MELODY
WATTS

HOSTED BY WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MONDAY
**SEPT
29**

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7PM

CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE
538 VANOSDALE
WEST HILLS

Meet. Hear. Vote.

For the first time in WHCA's long history, we will host a special event to bring the two candidates for the 2nd District City Council seat to meet West Hills neighbors. We've also invited our neighbors who live in other parts of the same city council district.

Both Melody Watts and Nathan Honeycutt are looking forward to having a conversation with their potential constituents.

We are hosting this event to give you and our neighbors a chance to question the candidates on topics that matter to you. We want you and the candidates to have an honest, civil conversation about the issues. Candidates are asked to avoid stump speeches. Neighbors are asked to have focused questions related to local issues.

A one-hour conversation with the candidates

The format is simple. This is a one-hour conversation with the candidates. Following a brief welcome by WHCA, our moderator,—Newstalk 98.7 on-air personality, Bob

Thomas—will start the evening by introducing each candidate.

The candidates will each be given 5 minutes for opening remarks. Then Bob will ask both candidates the top three questions submitted earlier by neighborhoods across the 2nd District. Each candidate will have up to 2 minutes to respond to the questions.

Following the three neighborhood questions, the audience is invited to ask the candidates to respond to their questions. The same time limit will be up to two minutes for each candidate's response.

A follow-up question to clarify a candidate's earlier response will be allowed. Each candidate's response will be limited to 1 minute.

Bring an open mind, your curiosity, and your questions on any of the many challenges and issues of concern to you and other Knoxvilleans.

Some things to think about

This is the first election since new legislation changed the way city council representatives are elected. Gone are

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the days when voters across the city cast votes for every district rep. Now voters may only vote for a single candidate in the district where they live. So in this election, we can only vote for either Watts or Honeycutt.

In this new reality and with the city on the verge of irreversible change brought on by unbridled growth spurred by short-sighted political decisions, knowing who may be our next district representative and understanding their perspective on critical issues, it is more important than ever to become well informed before committing to one candidate or the other.

Is this representational government?!

- The population of the city of Knoxville is just under **200,000 people**.
- Only **1 in 5** of just under 100,000 eligible Knoxville voters voted.
- There were **3,000 fewer votes** in 2023 than there are registered voters **in our district**.
- **Mayor Kincannon** was elected in 2023's primary with only **9,429 votes**—less than **10%** of eligible voters! She was elected because according to city law, if a candidate for mayor receives more than 50% of the votes cast in the primary election that candidate is declared the winner of the mayor's office.
- A total of **16,394** voted in the 2023 primary—**16.8%** of all eligible voters.
- Prior to the 2023 election another example of low voter turnout is our current rep on city council. **Andrew Roberto**, was elected in 2021 with **7,142 votes** out of a city-wide base of almost **100,000** eligible voters.

2025 2nd District Primary Vote—only 10% of eligible voters voted!

- As of July 17, 2025 there are **97,382** active registered voters in Knoxville.
- There are **20,060** registered voters **in our district**.
- **20.6%** of Knoxville's registered voters live in our district.
- **Only 1,954 people** voted in the 2nd District.
- **20,060 of us** are eligible to vote.
- **Only 10% of us** voted in the primary.

Please Do Your Part for Our Local Governance.

Meet the candidates on September 29th. Vote early (October 15-30) or vote on election day (November 4th). Whatever works, just vote.

For the good of our neighborhood and our city, thanks in advance for doing your part of **our local governance**.

Lee Hume, WHCA President 2025–2026



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Community Meeting

SPECIAL GUEST

KNOXVILLE MAYOR

INDYA KINCANNON

PLUS

Election of 2026-2027
WHCA Vice President,
Treasurer, and Nine Board
Members* • Proposed Land
Development on Western
Edge of WH • New WHCA
Yard Flag • Special Events
Announcements • And More

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*Check WHCA's westhillsknoxville.org for list of nominees

Developer Plans 32 Townhouses on Gallaher View Property

Mainland, a Nashville-based development company and owner of the old Walker family home at the corner of Gallaher View Road and Middlebrook Pike, is petitioning three local agencies to get approval to build 32 townhouses at that location.

Neighbors close to the site and the WHCA oppose the plan's scale, the traffic hazard created with sole access located

at Gallaher View, and the inconsistency with existing single-family homes surrounding the site.

Local government agencies involved in the review process are Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and City Council.

WHCA and neighbors have expressed our opposition to both the developer and the above agencies.

At the time of this publication the developer has requested postponement of scheduled hearings and is planning to meet with neighbors and WHCA to exchange of ideas, hear concerns, and seek a positive resolution.

KUB Trimming Trees in Power Line Easement

To prevent damage to power lines, especially in storms and heavy weather, KUB is doing normal maintenance of tree growth within the utility's easement.

If you are concerned about how your trees may be affected, please call **KUB Vegetation Management** at **865-558-6658** as soon as you can after receiving notice of the pruning work on your property.

Early conversations between you and KUB can avoid problems down the

road.

If KUB does not hear from customers, crews will proceed with standard pruning.

Beautification

West Hills was blessed to have some outstanding blooms this past spring and early summer! However, the past couple of months of summer heat has taken a toll on even the most established plants.

While spotty showers and downpours have helped, yards and gardens have been pushed to the limits. We look forward to awarding the Autumn Yard

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of the Month yard signs to those who have accepted the challenge.

Nominees for 2026 Outstanding Volunteer Being Accepted

Nominations are being accepted for the 2026 WHCA Outstanding Volunteer.

This honor is bestowed to West Hills neighbors who have demonstrated long-term, extraordinary commitment to make our community a better place to live and raise a family and enjoy life.

Honoree(s) will be an-

nounced at the February 2026 Community Meeting. The honoree(s) will be recognized once again at the annual Dogwood Arts/West Hills Spring Celebration with the planting of a dogwood tree and a plaque along the Jean Teague Greenway in the John Bynon West Hills Park.

We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful, selfless, dedicated and caring neighbors.

To nominate someone you think is worthy of this honor, please visit westhillsknoxville.org/contact and send their name and a brief summary of why they should be considered for

this honor. Please include your name and best way to contact you if there are any questions.

Healthy West Hills Gathers Team for Wiffleball Tourney Sept 27

The Wiffle Ball Tournament for the City of Knoxville is scheduled for Saturday, September 27.

West Hills is entering a team. If you are interested in playing and are at least 16, email Anne Crais at anneccrais@gmail.com.

Donnie Ernst will coach the West Hills team.

Pickleball Skills Clinic October 18

The 3rd Annual Pickleball Skills Clinic hosted by the volunteers of the Healthy West Hills committee is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Rain Date is Saturday, November 22.

Both Saturdays are UT football away games. Watch the website and social media for more details.

If you are interested in getting the monthly list of HWH activities that support mental, physical and social health, and tobacco cessation, email Anne Crais at anneccrais@gmail.com.



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UPCOMING
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MON, SEPT 29 @ 7-8PM
Conversation with the Candidates
District 2 Candidates Forum

SAT, OCT 14 @ 9AM
Pickleball Skills Clinic
(rain date *Nov 22)

MON, OCT 20 @ 7-8:30PM
WHCA Community Meeting/ Elections

SUN, NOV 30 @ 2-3PM
Decorate the Gazebo

THURS, DEC 4 @ 5-7 PM
Holiday at the Gazebo
and West Hills
Tour de Lights

Venmo Available for WHCA Membership & Donations

There is a new and improved way to pay your 2025 annual WHCA membership of \$25/calendar year and make a donation to the association.

You may still send a check, but you can also use a credit card (with a convenience fee) and Venmo. Head to the website to see your options. The Annual Membership for 2026 is also now available. Are you not sure if you paid for 2025? Use the contact

form on the website, and we can check for you. We appreciate your support and are here for you.



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New WHCA Website Is Live! westhillsknoxville.org

Check out WHCA's updated website! Same link, with more options and information. There are plenty of rabbit holes to explore!

"Favorite" it on your computer and check in regularly for additional updates and information.
westhillsknoxville.org

RECIPE FALL FAVORITE! Easy Pumpkin Bread for Fall

PREPARATION

Preheat your oven to 350° F and grease a 9×5 inch loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray or line it with parchment paper.

MIX INGREDIENTS

Combine the spice cake mix and pumpkin puree (not pie filling) in a large mixing bowl. Stir until smooth and well combined. Fold in the chocolate chips.

POUR AND BAKE

Pour the batter into your prepared loaf pan, spread-

ing it evenly. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

COOL AND ENJOY!

Let the bread cool in the pan for about 10 minutes before transferring it to a wire rack to cool completely. Slice and enjoy.

City Resources

- Police non-emergency **knoxvilletn.gov/police**
- Garbage collection **knoxvilletn.gov/garbage**
- Local Maps **kgis.org**

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for CITY COUNCIL

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COUNCIL TO DELIVER
FOR WEST HILLS**

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West Hills Ten O'Clock Garden Club History

When West Hills Sub-division was very young it boasted TEN garden clubs. According to **Martha Phillips** who moved here in 1958, "Everyone wanted to be in a garden club."

The area had been farming terrain, trees were relatively few, and the residents wanted to beautify the community. A beautification council was formed, and plant sales were held at the brand new West Hills Elementary School on various Saturdays to share plantings and gardening experiences.

Over the years, people's interests changed, some moved away, others returned to work. Clubs lost membership, and the Council no longer functioned.

By 1971 only four garden clubs remained: Garden Lovers, Belle Fleur, Gateway, and West Hills Ten O'Clock. These four sent representatives, **Mary Harper, Flo Thomas, Evelyn Bondurant, and Katherine Luton** to re-establish a new council.

The Object of said Council--to coordinate the interests of all Garden Clubs and the West Hills Community Association, to foster civic improvements and landscape beautification, to encourage

beautification of business establishments in the area, and to promote pride in maintaining our own community.

There was zero money, so each club contributed a small sum, and the projects began, interspersed with money-raising projects. Early residents may remember the "Christmas Cards," 4' by 8' wooden slabs, painted by Bearden High School Art Classes, installed on Winston, Wesley, and Buckingham entrances.

A smaller need was for framed plaques to recognize businesses on Kingston Pike (between Papermill and Walker Springs) who beautified their areas. The eventual "Yard of the Month" selections required signs--

which were stolen occasionally and had to be replaced. Other projects have included planting an Arbor Day tree at West Hills School and assisting with their plantings financially at times, also the Gazebo fund. In recent years the Mailbox Decorating Contest was added and signs made for that.

The BIGGIE was the purchase of five entrance signs in 1996. This took years of sales of Dogwood trees, pansies, geraniums, red bows, Dogwood mints, and of course, bake sales and garage sales. Total cost of the original group of signs was \$9385, with an assist at the end by **Jean Teague** and City Council. The last two signs, financed by a combination of

City Council • District 2

Melody Watts

Vote for West Hills resident Melody Watts to preserve our community's character and protect our homes.

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WH Beautification Council and residents of West Hills and **John Bynon** were added in 1999 at a cost of \$4150.

It's been fun! Only two garden clubs in West Hills remain, Gateway and West Hills Ten O'Clock and the Association. *

* This history was composed by **Flo Thomas** and **Ruth McDonald** and originally appeared in the

West Hills Community Association bulletin in 2007.

As a follow-up to the history of the beautification of West Hills written in 2007, now only one garden club remains, the **West Hills Ten O'Clock Garden Club**. The club was founded in 1955 and celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1995. The Tennessee General Assembly Senator from District 7, Richard Briggs, attended as well as the Knoxville City Council member for the West Hills district. In addition, Governor Don Sundquist's wife Martha sent a message to congratulate the club.

At the time of the 40th anniversary all members of the club were residents

of West Hills. However, it is no longer a requirement for club members to live in the West Hills Subdivision. Today the club continues to support the beautification of West Hills by partnering with the West Hills Community Association to plant seasonal flowers at the West Hills neighborhood signs, attach large red bows on the neighborhood signs at Christmas, and identify and post signs for "**Yard of the Month**" and "**Best Decorated Mailbox.**"

In addition to the club's continued relationship with the West Hills Community Association, it has been an active participant in the Racheff House Board of Governors and the Knox

County Council of Garden Clubs. **Ilza Wood** has been the RHBOG Chairman for the Book of Recognition and Remembrance for the last 12 years, replacing **June Zachary** who held that position for many years. Members have also been active with the Knox County Council of Garden Clubs. Club member **Judy Fenton** has won prizes for her table arrangements at the last three District IV Membership meetings.

To volunteer or learn more about the garden club, visit westhillsknoxville.org/contact



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