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April 2024 Edition

West Hills Community Association

Time To Celebrate

The saying goes "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!"

On April 6, West Hills will do just that at the Spring Dogwood Celebration.

This special event promises to be a fun-filled morning featuring live music, artists, a chalk walk, plus more.

We start with celebrating the 60th birthday of West Hills Community Association. We are grateful for our neighbors who have selflessly served our community over the past six decades. There will be a brief ceremony dedicating dogwood trees along the greenway to honor five outstanding West Hills volunteers who have faithfully served our community.

Following the dedication of the trees we will celebrate the opening of our West Hills Dogwood Trail—one of this year's featured trails.

For a complete list and schedule of the morning's events, please see the following page of this newsletter.

Special thanks to the event committee co-chairs Jennifer Borth and Elizabeth Evola and committee members Hurley Thurston, Michael Moore, Christine Martens, Davina Morgenstern, John Heins, Ross Dempster, Cheryl Ely, Knoxville City Parks and Recreation Department, and Aoife Whitaker, Greenways Ranger.

The celebration is just one of several WHCA events and activities made possible by our volunteers and sponsors. We are blessed to have such incredibly giving and talented neighbors, and appreciate all their good work and efforts. If you would like to help make our community better, we'd love to have you!

WHCA membership is open to all West Hills residents. The annual membership fee is only \$25/household.

Those funds provide the financial means to host events and activities such as the recent Easter Egg Hunt, the upcoming Pickleball Tournament, and more.

Since its founding in 1964, the all-volunteer WHCA has not only held events but also has become a respected advocate for our community. The result is our neighborhood has become one of Knoxville's most desirable locations to call home.

Just one example of WHCA advocacy is the association's current support of our Westridge neighbors' efforts to stop a potentially negative property development on their street. WHCA has filed formal appeal of an earlier Planning Commission vote. The appeal will be heard by City Council on April 2.

There will always be new challenges as well as new opportunities for West Hills. Without WHCA and people like you who have served our neighborhood over the past 60 years, it is hard to imagine what West Hills would be like today.

So mark your calendar and make plans to be a part of this special moment in our community as we say thanks to those who lead the way and celebrate our wonderful community and its future. It all starts at 10AM at the Sheffield Drive park entrance.

So spruce up your yard, trim the bushes, put out the mulch, then take a break and join the fun on April 6!

Look forward to seeing you there!

—Lee

Lee Hume, President
West Hills Community Association



SPECIAL EVENTS

ALL WEST HILLS NEIGHBORS INVITED!

SATURDAY

MARCH 23 10AM

EASTER EGG HUNT

WEST HILLS PARK PAVILION

SATURDAY

APRIL 6 10AM-1PM





WEST HILLS PARK SHEFFIELD DRIVE ENTRANCE

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SATURDAY

APRIL 20 9AM

WEST HILLS DOGWOOD PICKLE-BALL TOURNAMENT

WEST HILLS PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

For more information about any of these events visit

www.westhillsknoxville.org

APRIL 2024

Join the Celebration April 6

Join us for the West Hills Spring Dogwood Celebration on Saturday, April 6 from 10AM-1PM with back to back events.

WHCA is hosting a very special event to celebrate its 60th Anniversary, honor five outstanding volunteers, kick-off our featured West Hills Dogwood Trail, provide a local Chalk Walk opportunity, provide space for local artists, and community clean-up the new Cleland Trail.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS PRE-EVENT SET-UP 8-9 AM:

April 1—Kids coloring contest ages 18 and under. Celebrating 60 Years of Blooming Flowers, Friends, Neighbors, and Volunteers in West Hills! Art due to celebratewesthills@gmail.com by April 1. Winner to be announced at



Spring Dogwood Celebration.

9 AM-CHALK WALK— Neighbors are encouraged to create their own chalk art for our very own Chalk Walk on the greenway near the softball field and pickleball courts. Chalk will be provided. Bring your creativity.

10 AM: -WHCA SPRING DOGWOOD CEREMONY AND DEDICA-

TION— Five dogwood trees will be dedicated during the ceremony to commemorate the accomplishments of five outstanding volunteer leaders. Honorees who have contributed so much to our neighborhood over the years are Chuck and Jane Anderton, Erika and Joe Fuhr, Betty and Charles Patton, Barbara and Reuben Pelot, and Sandy and Al Robinson.

In addition to celebrating 60 wonderful years of our association, the Spring Dogwood Celebration art contest winner will be announced!

10:20 AM:

-ART— Neighborhood artists are invited to showcase their art. Artists of ALL ages are welcome! Help us celebrate! Bring a table to display your wares, make a connection and make a sale (or two or three). Sign up or send any questions to Christine Martens at christinemartens02@ gmail.com.

-FOOD TRUCKS— Richy Kreme Donuts will have donuts & coffee and Avocado Toast Truck will have their brunch menu.

-LIVE MUSIC— Musician and neighbor Jacob Clark will entertain us with light acoustic music. -GARDENING— Knoxville Master Gardeners, as well as one of our WH Dogwood leaders Michael Moore will be onsite to help answer all of your gardening questions.

11 AM:

-TRAIL CLEAN UP— Knox-ville Parks and Recreation & Keep Knoxville Beautiful will spear-head the clean up of our new Scott Cleland Trail. Please join our City's Greenway Ranger and Ambassadors at 11AM to help. Volunteers are meeting on the Greenway near the YMCA and tennis courts. We are looking for 30 volunteers. Register at bit.ly/ClelandCleanUp.

EVENT LOCATION—

Event to be hosted in the large grassy area beside the pickle ball courts. Parking is available nearby at West Hills Elementary, the YMCA, or you can walk/bike over. **Please avoid street parking**. Mark your calendars!

General questions can be





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Fresh Food/ Farm Share for WH Residents SIGN UP NOW UNTIL 4/10

West Hills Community Association has partnered with the **Sustainable Harvest Farm** to bring USDA-certified organic vegetables and select fruits closer to home. This 2024 farm share is a 22-week membership and weekly pick up will be available in the neighborhood.

Check out the FAQs and post or reach out to the farm with any questions.

Let's get local! Let's get healthy! Let's eat more vegetables, West Hills!

Please note that this is a virtual event meant to spread

word about this opportunity and is open to ANY Knoxville home.

Learn more at sustainable-harvestfarm.com.

Winning With Healthy West Hills

Congratulations to this hard working and hard playing committee for earning the highest award for the Healthy Knoxville program with the **Platinum Award for 2023**. It was awarded in March by the City's Office of Neighborhood Empowerment and Mayor Kincannon. The group hosted 10 activities across all four pillars.

If you are interested in learning and potentially joining in on activities to support mental, physical and social health, email annecc-rais@gmail.com.

WHCA Appeals Duplex Plan

Our neighbors on Westridge and the WHCA are appealing the Planning Commission's approval to build a duplex on that street.

Appeal is based on the One Year Plan conditions not being met, false representation that an existing duplex is on Westridge, and neighbors oppose violating the RN-1 zoning protections. Appeal will be at City Council April 2 meeting. Emails to City Council members are encouraged.

2nd Annual Dogwood Pickleball Tournament

The second annual Dogwood Pickleball Tournament will be on Saturday, April 20 at the West Hills Park pickleball courts. Noell Lewis Edward Jones Financial Advisor is donating reusable water bottles.
For more information visit

westhillsknoxville.org or contact Anne Crais at

anneccrais@gmail.com.

2024 Annual WHCA Membership

Thank you to all the neighbors who have supported WHCA throughout the years. It is time to renew or begin memberships for 2024. You can mail \$25 (plus any potential donations) with your name, address and email to the address in this newsletter or pay online at westhillsknox-ville.org/become-a-member/. or scan the QR code below.





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