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# West Hills Neighbors

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## WH CONTINUES TO BE ATTRACTIVE

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The numbers speak for themselves as our neighborhood continues to be one of the most desired destinations for young families and those seeking a peaceful, vibrant community with nearby amenities. Demand for WH homes continues to be strong and property values have soared and we've gained wonderful new neighbors. As we approach the halfway point of 2022, we should be grateful for all the positive developments in our community.

A true benchmark moment was the grand opening of the **West Hills Dogwood Trail**. After thirty years of effort by countless volunteers inspired by the vision of the West Hills garden club members and others, the WH Dogwood Trail was ceremonially opened with a ribbon cutting in late March. Many thanks to our Dogwood Trail chair **Emily DeJarnett** and **Ellenburg Nursery** for their generous support to make the event such a success.

In early April volunteers donated parts of their weekend to improve the landscaping at our elementary school. Funding was from a grant received through a joint effort by WHCA and WHES Foundation. Thanks to **Elizabeth Evola** for identifying the grant opportunity and spearheading this project. Special thanks again to our business neighbor and friends at **Ellenburg Nursery**, and **Emerald Gardens and Landscape Design** for design and installation.

Also in April City Engineering reached an agreement with Tennova and their contractor on a design to plant trees and shrubs where existing old growth was clear-cut beyond the limits of their permit. Thanks to **John Heins** for his leadership to resolve the problem.

City Engineering also cited the contractor at **Ashland Keepe** on Broome Road for violating the No Disturbance Zone. At this

writing there still is no resolution.

In May a developer in NYC made contact to discuss his intention to build as many as **250 apartments** along the south face of the greenway bordering St. Andrews. Working with the SAHOA leadership we hope we have dissuaded the developer from pursuing this plan. Thanks to **Nick Jackson** SAHOA president for his leadership and joint effort to hopefully stop this plan.

Another concern that may be on the horizon is **corporate purchases of homes** to convert to rental property. Think Potterville in *A Wonderful Life*. The Tennessee General Assembly responded by passing a law that allows HOAs to write into their bylaws language that will protect homeowners within the HOA. The majority of West Hills is not an HOA, therefore, at this time has no legislative protection preventing small to large-scale purchases of single-family residences. This is potentially a real threat to West Hills and one WHCA will be monitoring and working with elected representatives to protect our community.

And at the end of May a group of WH residents did a walking tour of the proposed **West Hills Park bike facility and new woodland hiking**. The tour was led by **Sheryl Ely**, Director of Parks and Recreation, and **Carol Evans**, Executive Director of Legacy Parks Foundation. The overwhelming response has been positive.

And looking ahead, June will be off to a fun start! The **West Hills Yard Sales** is Saturday, June 4. The **WHCA Summer Picnic** will be on Sunday, June 12 with activities throughout the afternoon and five food trucks with a wide variety of foods.

Stay involved in our community. You make it a wonderful place to live! Have a terrific summer!

—Lee



## WEST HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

**SUNDAY**  
STARTING AT 2PM

**JUNE**  
**12**

**WEST HILLS PARK  
PAVILION**  
NORTH WINSTON ROAD SIDE  
OF THE PARK

Details inside this edition and at  
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AFFORDABLE OUTDOOR SERVICES + NO  
CONTRACTS + FREE ESTIMATES

MOWING + MULCHING + SHRUB TRIMMING +  
AERATION + OVER-SEEDING + FERTILIZER  
GUTTER CLEAN-OUT + BRUSH REMOVAL  
+ FLOWERBED CLEAN-OUT + IRRIGATION  
MAINTENANCE + PLANT INSTALLATION +  
LEAF REMOVAL

AN OWNER OPERATED COMPANY  
LAWN SERVICE OF THE WEST HILLS  
ENTRANCE SIGNS



## COMMUNITY- WIDE YARD SALE

**SATURDAY  
JUNE**

**4**

Simply place a balloon on your mailbox  
to show you're part of the sale!



## Will You Shop or Sell?

On June 4 from 8-12pm our community will have a Multi-Home Yard Sale. Many residents will be participating in this sale and will mark their participation by attaching a balloon to their mailboxes. Come find a deal.

## Annual Summer Picnic

Kick off Summer at our **Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 12 from 2pm-8pm.** The event starts at 2 pm with free tennis lessons at the lower tennis courts, free Pickleball lessons at 3 pm on the pickleball courts, food trucks from 4-8pm in the gazebo parking lot and information tables will be available to share more on the Healthy West Hills Book Club and the Zoom Theatrical Activity. After eating, relaxing and playing, there will be a group bike ride from 6-7pm along the Greenway from the gazebo to the movie theater and back.

**WHCA will host the picnic area near the Big Playground Pavilion.** Walk over the bridge to the picnic area

with your blanket, chairs, toys, food and drinks, and mingle with your neighbors. **Food trucks will include Smith's Endzone BBQ, Nhi Vietnamese, EnjoyLatin, Across the Pond, and Pelicans!** See our website for more information and updates.

*Details and updates at westhillsknoxville.org*

## Do you have a TN Smart Yard?

TN Smart Yard aims to keep Tennessee's land and water healthy, one yard at a time. Tennessee Smart Yards is an Extension-led program that guides Tennesseans on practices they can apply in their outdoor spaces to create healthier, more ecologically-sound landscapes and communities. This summer we are trying to certify more Smart Yards in Knoxville than Chattanooga will.

You don't have to be an expert gardener or landscaper. Your yard may already have enough characteristics. Our TNSY Workbook steps you through the process of creating natural functionality for homeowners and nature. Go to <https://tnyards.utk.edu> to watch the welcome message,

and apply for certification. Send any photos to [westhillsknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsknoxville@gmail.com).

## Congratulations HWH!

Healthy West Hills invites all neighbors to join in a variety of activities to support positive physical and mental health, healthy eating, and tobacco/vaping cessation. It received the 2021 Platinum award from the city. Email [anneccrais@gmail.com](mailto:anneccrais@gmail.com) to subscribe for news.

## Yards of the Month

Did you see the beautiful yards that have received the Yard of the Month signs from the Beautification Committee? You have through the fall to contend. Judging our community of 1400 homes takes time. If you can volunteer for judging (driving around in a car), placing signs, or to help with other beautification ideas, please email [westhillsknoxville@gmail.com](mailto:westhillsknoxville@gmail.com).

## New Marquee for WHES

It is with great excitement that the most recent fundrais-

ing efforts of the West Hills Elementary School Wolf Pack Foundation have supported the purchase of a new electronic marquee for West Hills Elementary School. The new sign will be digital, which will allow the school to post updated messages to students, parents, and the community. It is dimmable and also runs on a timer. We are currently being told to estimate that the sign will be installed during Summer 2022. If you have any additional questions, please reach out to WHES Wolf Pack Foundation President, Elizabeth Evola.

## Farewell and Welcome

After working for Knox County Schools for over 25 years and as Principal of West Hills Elementary School for the last 5 years, Ms. Kimberle Harrison will be retiring this summer. The current Assistant Principal, Kristen Jackson, will become the new Principal starting in July. We are so thankful for all the time, effort and support Ms. Harrison has given to our school and our community and are excited to have Mrs. Jackson continue with the great progress the school has made in recent years. Mrs.

Jackson will be invited to future WHCA events if you want to talk to her about her vision for the school and community.

## Thank you, Green Thumbs

We had a great showing by the neighborhood at the end of March to update the school landscaping. It would be great if we could get a few neighbors to continue helping it look great through the summer.

The new plants and flowers need regular watering to stay looking great. If there are any neighbors that would be willing to water them 1-2x per week for even a couple weeks this summer, that would be great. Watering takes about 1-2 hours each time. Volunteers can contact Elizabeth Evola for information. It would be great for students that need service hours!

## Greenway Ambassadors Wanted

Sheryl Ely reminded everyone at the May general meeting that the City Parks and Rec department has a program for volunteers to help monitor the greenways and educate those

who use this resource.

If you would like to be an ambassador, please contact the Parks and Rec department or visit their website. for more details.

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## Property Tax Appeal Instructions

If you believe the listed value of your parcel does not reflect the fair market value or classification of your property, you may appeal to the County Board of Equalization. You must schedule an appointment by calling (865) 215-2006 beginning **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 through Wednesday, June 29, 2022.**

## Walk and Bike Safely

Walkers should walk on the left side of the road against traffic, while bicyclists ride on the right side of the road with traffic.

Always wear bright color clothes, reflective clothing, and use a flashlight or use flashing bicycle lights to be

easily seen by all drivers.

Share the road wisely. Do not wear dark clothes. Be aware of the immediate vicinity. And be careful at all driveways since it may not be easy for a driver backing out to see you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

Saturday, June 4  
**Community Wide Yard Sales**

Sunday, June 12  
**Annual Summer Picnic**

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30PM  
**Theatrical Activity on Zoom**

Friday, June 17, 4PM  
**Book Club at WH Gazebo**

### JULY

Sunday, July 10, 1PM  
**Backyard Yoga**

Tuesday, July 12, 7:30PM  
**Theatrical Activity on Zoom**

Sunday, July 24  
**Outdoor Bike Ride**

Friday, July 29  
**Fifth Friday in WH Front Yard with Food Truck**

Summer Thursdays 8AM  
**Pickleball**

## Join WHCA Today

Your West Hills Community Association has been the voice for you and your neighbors for more than 60 years. It has a sterling reputation as being the community's most thoughtful, informed, and effective advocate on major issues challenging our neighborhood. Additionally, it hosts special events throughout the year for all West Hills residents.

Your \$20 annual membership, sponsorships, and gifts to WHCA provides the financial resources that allow the association to host its website, publish and mail the newsletter six times/year, host events like the Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fling, and obtain special expertise when needed such as when challenging threatening land developments.

Thank you to those who have become members and/or made donations. If you have not yet signed-up for 2022 and would like to support your community association, you can easily use the QR code on back page or key-in [westhillsknoxville.org/become-a-member](http://westhillsknoxville.org/become-a-member) to complete your membership form and/or make an additional gift to WHCA.

Thank you for supporting **your WHCA!**



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## Pickleball is a Hit!

Pickleball is a growing sport and popular in West Hills. Always looking for new players to learn. Feel free to drop by and join the fun! Great way to meet new neighbors and build friendships.

*Shown in photo is the Healthy West Hills Thursday group)*



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