

WHITLAND AREA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Four Reasons to Pay Your Dues!

Another year has come around and you've been meaning to fill the attached envelope with a check. Here's why you should do it today:

1. Your dues (\$30 per household) help pay for unique neighborhood features like the stone benches on Whitland, and the attractive light posts all over the neighborhood.
2. Your dues help us host the Holiday Party, the Porch Tour and Dumpster Day, all great events that make our neighborhood special
3. This year, we're hoping that dues will help us plant trees, clean up after parties, and rent the hall for our annual meeting. The Whitland Avenue Neighbor's Association makes living in Whitland even better.
4. Not a stamp and envelope type of person? If you choose, you can now pay \$30 dues via PayPal or credit card by pressing the **Donate** button at Whitland.org

Improving Elmington Park?

The Friends of Elmington Park Committee is reconvening to develop a master plan for the Park. The Committee was active years ago resulting in the field space and playgrounds that get so much use today. Cyril Stewart is the Secretary for the Committee, and neighbors interested in getting involved in planning the next steps for our great neighborhood park should contact him at cyril@cyrilstewart.com

Stay in Touch!

If you're not part of our Google Groups, you're missing important messages from and about neighbors. Key announcements regarding neighborhood events or incidents, and alerts for lost pets are just a few of the communications that keep us connected. Want to join? Go to whitland.org and click on the Google Group tab to get instructions. This is a closed group, only open to residents of Whitland. We promise you won't be swamped with ads or unnecessary messages. Once you've been approved, posting is easy. Just type whitland@googlegroups.com into the address bar and write your message to the neighborhood.

Let's Plant Some Trees!

One of the most cherished features of the Whitland area neighborhood is our wonderful tree canopy. Many of the trees in our neighborhood are reaching their maturity, and over the last few years, we've seen many great trees go. It is time to start planning a new generation of trees! WANA is going to spearhead a tree planting drive in the fall of 2017. Think about whether you'd like to plant in your yard as we will be organizing a tree planting drive (and hopefully including some incentives of trees planted near the street). For more information, please contact Kevin Stack who is leading the effort on behalf of WANA at kevin.stack@vanderbilt.edu. Let's plant some trees for the future!

Events That Make Our Hood Special

One of the things that we learned from a recent neighborhood survey is that Whitland Neighbors want more chances to get together. Here are some of the events we enjoyed this past year:

- The Whitland Fourth of July
- Dumpster Day, aka: Yard Sale Day (and this year, a Movie Night)
- Halloween Party with Costume Contest
- Whitland Porch Tour
- Whitland Holiday Party
- Creek Clean Up

All of these events will take place again this year. And they're supported by paying your neighborhood dues. Attached to this newsletter is an envelope to help make it easy for you. It costs only \$30 a year per household. If you have ideas for Whitland events, let the neighborhood association know. We're always looking for new events to host.

Have You Noticed The Creek Lately?

Thanks to neighbors pitching in, Kingfisher Creek is looking better than ever. After being postponed from April 22nd to May 6th due to stormy weather, this year's creek clean-up focused on the area along the alleyway from Leonard to Craighead, a part of the creekbed that hadn't been addressed in years. An abandoned shopping cart (!) was lifted from the sometimes dry bed, along with the discovery of ancient graffiti hiding under the bridge. Thanks to all the neighbors who gave up a Saturday morning to help. The great blue herons, salamanders and fish who call our creek home thank you!

Let's Celebrate

Here are some wonderful moments your neighbors are celebrating this year. Congratulate them the next time you see them!

- **Page Forrest** (Leonard Avenue) graduated from Sewanee as a Magna Cum Laude
- **Jared Andrew Forlines**, grandson of Leroy and Fay Forlines (Rolland Road), graduated with honors from Welch College.
- **Ella Stack** (Carden Ave.) graduated from the University School of Nashville. She plans to attend Carleton College in Minnesota.
- **Liam Jameson** (Leonard Ave.) graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy. He plans to attend the University of California Berkeley.
- **Katheryn (Kat) Trotman** (Leonard Ave) graduated from Harpeth Hall. She plans to attend Loyola University in New Orleans.
- **Michael Calway-Fagen** (his parents live on Cantrell) -has taken a position with a new Non-Profit in Chattanooga called 'Stove Works'; an art, education, and community venue.
- **Amelia Fox** (Whitland Avenue) graduated eighth grade at Franklin Road Academy.
- **Revell Michael** (West End Avenue) married Lucius Carroll III on May 24. Also, welcome to the neighborhood, Lucius!
- **David Wasserstein** (Whitland Avenue) is launching his new book "Black Banners of ISIS, The Roots of the New Caliphate," published by the Yale University Press this August.