



If you have stories or news of interest you would like to share in the newsletter, please e-mail necer@bellsouth.net or call Denise at 298-1880

The Whitland Area Neighborhood Assoc. Steering Committee meets the second Thursday of each month throughout the year at a different home. If you'd like to attend, contact any member of the steering committee for the location and time of meetings. Visitors welcome!

The Whitland website is www.whitland.org

Go there to join the Whitland Listserv !!! That way you'll get notices and news in between newsletters.

GET READY & MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the ANNUAL CREEK CLEAN-UP AND NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!!! MAY 17th from 9 am – 2 pm

The annual Whitland Area Neighborhood Association creek clean-up and all-neighborhood picnic is going to be held **SATURDAY MAY 17th**. There will be fun for the entire family and lots of good eats and fellowship! Watch for signs that will be posted around the neighborhood to remind you of this important event.

As in the past, the neighborhood association will provide drinks, and a main dish. We ask neighbors to bring a dish to share with others. Plan on lunch/picnic time from Noon to about 2:00 p.m. **ROLLAND ROAD WILL BE BLOCKED OFF FROM LEONARD TO WILSON FROM THE HOURS OF ABOUT 9:00 A.M. TIL THE END OF THE PICNIC** so we'll be able to enjoy a safe area for kids and grown-ups alike! So, bring a chair or two and come join us! This is a really great opportunity to meet our new neighbors and reconnect with old friends.

This year we will have "mini dumpster day" on that day too! There will be **one** dumpster located on Rolland Road for you to discard things that are of no benefit to you or others. We will also be cleaning debris out of the creek, so this location seemed most appropriate.

Mekayle Houghton of the Cumberland River Compact and others will be on hand from 11-noon on Saturday near the Carden footbridge at the creek to demonstrate and build rain barrels for harvesting of rain water off your roof for irrigation. There is a \$30 fee for this demonstration, and it includes your rain barrel. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS: PLEASE CALL 352-6299 to sign up!**

Plans will also be presented **AT NOON** by landscape architect Carol Ashworth for a water garden to be situated near the footbridge as well as suggestions for a vegetative buffer between Rolland Road and the creek. Your comments on this project will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. Our creek water quality is improving and that's great news! We do however caution parents about allowing children to play in the creek alone.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC!!!

Your new Whitland Area Neighborhood Association telephone directory is included with this delivery of the newsletter. If for some reason you did not receive one, please contact Nancy Wahl at njwahl@aol.com

And a Great Big **THANK YOU** goes out to Nancy for all her hard work in preparing and organizing this directory.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW LITTLE NEIGHBORS!

No shortage of new babies in the neighborhood! We express our happiness to these neighborhood families:

Ethan Daniel Deerkoski arrived on March 7, 2008 weighing 9 lbs, 2 oz. His proud parents are Jessica & Keith Deerkoski of Cantrell Avenue. Big brother Alex welcomes little Ethan too!

Caroline Elizabeth Greer, was born on April 10, 2008. She weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. Her mom & dad, Chad & Kristen Greer & her two big sisters live on Whitland Avenue.

Please send information about neighborhood graduates!!!

In our next newsletter, we would like to honor our neighborhood graduates, both High School & University.

If you have a graduate in your family, we'd like to hear about it! Please send info to Denise Hawkins at necer@bellsouth.net

Thanks!

We Smell (& See) a Rat!

Several neighbors have recently seen rats scurrying about the yards. One of the main attractors of rats is dog or cat food left out for pets or left in bags not sealed well in garages or other sheds. Please be mindful of pet food left in areas that are accessible by rodents. Keep pet foods in air tight containers.

GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED - - THE 2008 HOME TOUR

The 2008 Whitland Home Tour Committee is being formed and there are several committee head and helper positions that need to be filled. With your help, this year's home tour promises to be another great success. Tour dates will be set soon - probably early October.

If you would like to participate with neighbors in this fun endeavor by serving on the Home Tour Committee, please come to this year's first volunteer meeting.

Tuesday, April 29

6:30 social

7:00 business meeting

Home of Doug Lesky

222 Leonard Avenue

If you cannot make it to the meeting but would like to be a part of the committee, please contact co-chairs:

Doug Lesky - dlesky@realtrac.com

Revell Lester - [rl Ester@healthcarerealty.com](mailto:rl Lester@healthcarerealty.com)

Thank You to all who sent in dues after the January 2008 newsletter. Your support is so very important to the neighborhood association's success. If you missed out, you may mail your tax deductible contribution to Whitland Area Neighborhood Association, c/o Rhonda White, Treasurer; 235 Leonard Avenue; Nashville, TN 37205. Again, thank you so much for the great support!

www.whitland.org is the neighborhood association website. Go there to catch up on news, review *archived* newsletters, and join the listserv!

If you have not yet joined the Whitland Google Group, our listserv, please e-mail Denise Hawkins at necer@bellsouth.net and we'll get you set up!

