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New Officers & Steering Committee

At the January 27, 2005 all-neighborhood meeting and supper, new officers and steering committee members were elected from a pre-determined slate, by a unanimous vote. Also, outgoing President Anna Biederman and Treasurer Melody Moore were recognized and thanked for their years of service to the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association.

We appreciate all of our volunteers very much!

The New Officers for 2005 are as follows:

President: Bob Lyons

Vice President: Linda Breggin

Treasurer: Scott Holder

Secretary: Amy Dennison

The treasurer also reported that after all recent expenses, \$1,900 was in the treasury.

The 2005 Steering Committee consists of the following Members who have served in the past: Mavis Duthie, Phyllis Heard, Stephanie Edwards,

Kate Monaghan, Anna Biederman, Denise Hawkins, Adele Tyler, Revell Lester and Vickie Mertz.

In addition, the following new Members were added this year to the Steering Committee: Chris Cigarran, Elizabeth Fox, Carolyn Greenfield, John Lott, Brooks Mathews, Beth Preston and Lorrie & Bill Patterson. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve this year!

Thank you to all for making our Annual Meeting a BIG SUCCESS!

Dues Collection With This Newsletter

Attached to this newsletter is an envelope provided for 2005 dues to the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association. The dues pay for various neighborhood association activities, including the newsletter (published 4 times a year), the annual May potluck picnic at the creek, occasional all-neighborhood informational meetings, website operating expenses and beautification projects like the

annual cleanup along Kingfisher Branch Creek/Strobel Park (along Rolland Road). To pay your 2005 household dues, please send your donation (which is voluntary and tax deductible) to SCOTT HOLDER, TREASURER, 218 CANTRELL AVENUE, NASHVILLE, TN 37205. For a minimum donation of \$10, you will receive a copy of our neighborhood history booklet, *The Historic Whitland Neighborhood*. Additional copies - great gifts for family members & friends - are available for \$3.00.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED & APPRECIATED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US IN ANY WAY OR HAVE IDEAS THAT YOU THINK WOULD BENEFIT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE OFFICERS

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Recent Criminal Activity in the Neighborhood

Since Dec. 31, about a dozen incidents thought to be the work of the same person or people have shaken up the inhabitants of several homes and apartment complexes in the West End area near Interstate 440 and Woodmont Boulevard.

The robber often strikes women getting out of their cars and has reportedly even entered occupied houses to steal purses. Witnesses have given only vague descriptions of the suspect, said Metro police Sgt. Twana Chick.

According to victims, he is a light- to medium-complexioned man in his 20s or 30s, about 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-9. He may have started to grow facial hair in recent weeks. He has worn dark clothing and a heavy coat, making it difficult to judge his build. He also wore either a dark stocking cap or ski mask. The robber has struck between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. and is believed to be entering many of the gated complexes by going over walls.

"He has a great knowledge of the area," Chick said. Police think he was able to elude them one night by going through a drainage ditch most people wouldn't know existed.

We are grateful to Sgt. Chick for keeping us updated via e-mail. The most recent sighting occurred Feb 1 near Carden and West End when a neighbor reported seeing a man outside her door. Her purse was visible inside.

Some dos and don'ts in protecting yourself

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Don't argue with a robber. Give up your purse.
- Look at height of suspects in relation to objects on a wall, such as pictures, signs, etc. The standard door is 6-foot-8. Also note age, weight, skin complexion, build, voice, actions, nervous habits and hair type to aid police.
- Jot down tag numbers of suspicious vehicles.
- Report unusual activity to police. Don't worry that a call about a suspicious person could distract from a more important call because calls are prioritized.
- When coming home, cut a wide path with your headlights. If you see something unusual, don't get out.
- Don't walk next to bushes where someone might hide.
- Always trust your instincts.
- If you feel like you're being followed, make three right turns. If the person is still behind you, you're being trailed.
- If someone is trying to rob you, make as much noise as you can to summon help.
- Don't argue with a robber. Give up your purse.

To help police

Police urged anyone with information to contact West Precinct investigators at 862-7744 or

Crime Stoppers at 742-7463 (74-CRIME).



[www.Whitland.org](http://www.whitland.org) now has a **LISTSERV**

Whitland now has a **LISTSERV** and we urge you to subscribe to it! In light of the recent crimes taking place around us, the **LISTSERV** has proven invaluable in getting the word out quickly! All you need is an e-mail address.

LISTSERV is an automatic email list that allows neighborhood residents and the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association board to quickly broadcast email messages to anyone who has subscribed to the mailing list service. It's easy, free, and a great way to keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood.

Also, timely news, crime alerts and other communications will be sent to all mailing list subscribers.

There is no charge to subscribe. After subscribing, an email message will be sent to you with instructions for unsubscribing from the list and for changing options regarding message delivery.

In addition to receiving email delivery of notices that have been posted, subscribers may also submit items to be sent to the mailing list. Because this is a moderated list, all submitted items will be reviewed for appropriateness before being posted. Submissions should be limited to non-commercial items of general neighborhood interest, usually of a time-sensitive nature. For longer items, which may be better suited for a newsletter article, please contact your current newsletter editor (necer@bellsouth.net)

To subscribe to the **LISTSERV**, log onto www.whitland.org and click on the link on the right-hand side of the page that says "**Subscribe to Whitland **LISTSERV****". Once you are on that page, you will need to go to the lower part of the page and **CLICK HERE** where it says to do so. Once you have clicked on that link, it will take you to a new page. All you have to do is fill in your e-mail address (names are not required), enter a password, verify your password and click on the word "**SUBSCRIBE**"

That's all there is to it and it has proven to be so very worthwhile in such a short time! Again, we urge you to join the **LISTSERV**!

**We're on the
Web!**

See us at
www.whitland.org

The New Trash Containers Have Arrived - - Our new weekly trash pick-up day is Wednesday, to coincide with the once-a-month **CURBY** recycling pick-up. Remember, Curby picks up the second Wednesday of the month.

TIP SUBMITTED FROM NEIGHBOR: "In walking the neighborhood we have noticed that squirrels are invading folks' garbage as it sits on the street because there are meat scraps in the can. I freeze all my meat scraps and put them in the garbage the day of pick-up so the rascals don't know meat is there." (A little bit of Heloise in the 'hood)
(Hopefully these new trash containers will solve that problem!)



Volunteers Needed for Newsletter Distribution

We need a few helpers to distribute the newsletters. It's great exercise and a nice way to meet your neighbors. The newsletter is printed and distributed four times a year, plus there is an annual meeting notice that we distribute to households in December, preceding the annual meeting. If you would like to help, contact necer@bellsouth.net or call 298-1880 in the evenings. We especially need help

distributing to Richmeade; West End from Bowling Avenue to Wilson (*excluding* Mikado, Westbury & WestEnde), Whitland from Carden to Wilson, and helpers on Brighton Road. Leonard could use assistance as well.



Brush Collection

Our next scheduled Brush Collection will occur during the month of February. Be sure to have your brush on the curb for pick-up during that time.

Volunteer Opportunity (from the Mayor's Office)

The Nashville Sports Council is seeking volunteers for the upcoming 6th Annual Country Music Marathon and Half-Marathon to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005. The race begins at West End Avenue near Centennial Park and finishes up at the Coliseum. A total of 4,000 volunteers are needed to stage this event. Help is needed to assist with the set-up of the marathon's start and finish lines, and at the Country Music Marathon and Half-Marathon Fitness & Expo (to be held at the Nashville Convention Center on Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29). On race day, volunteers are needed in areas such as start and finish lines and at the water stations. If you would be interested in helping out, please submit an application to volunteer online at <http://www.cmmarathon.com>, or call the volunteer hotline at 615-743-3137.

Participation is strictly voluntary and is not job-related; you should only agree to volunteer if you are interested in and supportive of this event. Millions of dollars will be raised for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

We'd like to Hear From You!

When you pay your dues, please take a moment and let us know what projects or concerns you would like for the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association to address this year. Your thoughts and opinions are Important to Us! Enclose this form when you pay your dues





