



Meet Our New Officers !

President	Bob Lyons, (Leonard)
Vice President	Revell Lester, (West End)
Treasurer	Doug Lesky (Leonard)
Secretary	Amy Dennison (Leonard)

BIG TIME FUN!!!
All neighborhood Picnic/Creek Clean up is Coming up **Saturday May 20th!** Watch for signs. You don't want to miss this one!!! More on Page 3

Steering Committee Members: Mavis Duthie (Carden), Stephanie Edwards (Carden), Elizabeth Fox (Whitland), Melissa Frist (Craighead), Carolyn Greenfield (Carden), Phyllis Heard (West End/Rokeby), Kindy Hensler (Carden), Scott Holder (Cantrell), John Lott (Leonard), Bill & Lorrie Patterson (Leonard), Cyril Stewart (Whitland), Robinson Regen (Rolland) and David Williams (Millstone).

This is YOUR newsletter! 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 necer@bellsouth.net for the location and time of meetings. Visitors welcome!

Our Website is www.whitland.org

CHECK IT OUT!!!



L to R: President, Bob Lyons, V. P. Revell Lester, Treasurer, Doug Lesky & Secretary, Amy Dennison

Bob lives at 229 Leonard with his lovely wife Melissa, his 8 year old son, Crawford, 5 year old daughter Molly and 84 year old dog Hank. Bob says "Melissa has grown up in the 'hood since '67 and has loved it ever since!" **Revell** lives on West End and has been a valued member of our Steering Committee for several years. She is an officer with Project Development Services with the Healthcare Realty Services, Inc. a division of Healthcare Realty Trust. **Doug** lives at 222 Leonard Ave. with his partner of 13 years, Jeff Steele and cute little cocker spaniel, Cassie. Doug's a realtor with Coda Realty in Brentwood and is also a merchant with Banana Republic. Originally from Chicago, he was transferred to Nashville six years ago and moved to Whitland Area last year. **Amy** works full time in marketing w/Captain D's Seafood, headquartered here in Nashville. Married to Steve. She has one darling 20-year old step-daughter who is a sophomore in college. Amy loves to read, hike, bike, travel and dream about what to do for a living when I grow up! She values most in the world: "my family and my friendships".

Recent Sightings of Creatures Great & Small

Recently we have been getting reports from neighbors seeing all manner of wildlife in their yards. Two neighbors spoke of deer in the early morning right outside their back doors! In early April another neighbor while enjoying their morning coffee on their porch, was treated to the antics of a wild turkey. Ms. Turkey went on about her day visiting others too, as neighbors on Craighead and Bowling told me about meeting her as well. The resident Cooper's hawks are still around and have built a nest high up in a tree on Bowling. During the later evening hours recently a red fox was spotted crossing Whitland. She stopped and gave a glance toward us then proceeded on her way down Carden. It seems more and more these days that animals we formerly associated with forests and rural areas are becoming more comfortable living and breeding among us here in the urban areas. These types of animals will prey mostly on small mammals and in the case of the hawks, smaller birds as well. These animals should never be approached and we should be mindful not to leave very small pets unattended. Let's just hope the resident wildlife develop a taste for moles!

Neighborhood Crime Update

Over the past 60 days, after checking reports on the Metro Police website and daily newspapers, it was noted that no crimes have been reported in our immediate area. No neighbors have reported suspicious activity nor violations as well.

What To Do if You Find A Lost Pet

We have had many lost and found pets reported over the past several months to our Listserv. Whitland neighbors make every effort and even go beyond what is expected to help locate lost pets' owners. We have learned that many pets even though they may not have a tag on, may have a chip embedded just under the skin that will identify them. Many local animal clinics will "scan" the animal free of charge to see if it has a chip. Also, www.nashvillepetfinders.com is a wonderful website where you can post either a LOST or FOUND pet. They have helped reunite many pets and owners over the years. Since they are non-profit and have limited funding they welcome donations to keep up their good work. Thank you to all our kind neighbors who help out when one of our little four-legged or even our fine feathered buddies goes missing!

Ads for the Newsletter: If you would like to advertise your small business or a helpful service you offer (like pet-sitting, baby-sitting) in the newsletter, please contact Denise Hawkins via e-mail at: necer@bellsouth.net REASONABLE RATES!!!

Welcome to our Newest Neighbor!!!

Little miss Katherine (Kate) Dennis was born Monday, March 13, weighing 8 lbs and 4 oz., and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Marc & Kennon Dennis of Carden Avenue. We hear that big brother James is very protective of his little sister too! Congratulations on the newest member of the Dennis family!



Whitland Listserv Update

Over 115 neighbors have now subscribed to our Listserv! That's great, but we want to encourage more to do so! Between newsletters, the Listserv allows us to transmit via e-mail important news, updates on crime in the area, meeting reminders, lost pet notices and other information you may find helpful. So, give it a try - - go to www.whitland.org and click on SUBSCRIBE TO THE LISTSERV and follow the easy directions! We don't think you'll be disappointed! If you need assistance, contact necer@bellsouth.net



In Memory of former neighbor, Eunice Prince

Many of the long-time residents of Whitland area will fondly remember Eunice Prince who once lived on Leonard Avenue. Eunice devoted countless hours of service to the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association during its formative years. Mrs. Prince passed away peacefully Sunday, March 26 in Olympia Washington, near where she had been living for the past several years with family. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family members.

2006 WHITLAND NEIGHBORHOOD HOME TOUR COMMITTEE IS OFF TO A GREAT START! Tour dates are still being determined, but we are planning for mid-September or early October. The Whitland Neighborhood Committee is still in **need** of the following **committee head positions: Advertisement Sales, Pre-Tour Ticket Sales, Hospitality** (organizing the thank you gift for the homeowners on the tour), and **Post Tour Party**. If you are interested in heading one of these committees, please come to the **next Home Tour Meeting: THURSDAY MAY 4th from 7-9 P.M. at the Richmeade Club House.**

We are looking for a variety of homes which reflect the beauty of this diverse neighborhood. If you are interested in putting your home on the tour or you know of someone who might be willing to put their home on tour, please contact Kindy Hensler at 463-3315.

If you are interested in helping on any aspect of the home tour, please contact the Co-Chairs:

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 Kristen Forrest kristenforrest@taillight.tv

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING!

Directions to Richmeade Club House: enter into the Richmeade condominium complex on the left off of Leonard Ave, between Rolland & Brighton. Once in the complex, continue straight for a short distance then make a left and then a right. See sign on the right for the Club House. Park here. Walk up to the walkway; club house is on the left.

Some Interesting Whitland Neighborhood History

This upcoming May 30 will mark the 200th year since the duel took place between Andrew Jackson and Charles Dickinson which ended the life of Dickinson. Charles Dickinson was the son-in-law of Capt. Joseph Erwin, the original owner of the Peach Blossom Plantation. This plantation comprised the land which is now our neighborhood association boundaries. Dickinson and Jackson's dispute arose from confusing stories and gossip surrounding a forfeited horse race between Erwin's famous stallion *Ploughboy* and Jackson's prized horse *Truxton*. Stories were also circulated that perhaps Dickinson had made offensive remarks about Rachel Jackson - - something Jackson would never have tolerated. Hot-tempered Jackson was a follower of the *code duello*, introduced by the French to the Americas as a way of satisfying honor between gentlemen. The duel took place in the morning hours of May 30, 1806 near Harrison's Mills, on the Red River, in Logan county, Kentucky. Dickinson fired the first shot, which injured Jackson, then Jackson fired, mortally wounding Dickinson. Dickinson's body was brought back to the Peach Blossom grounds for burial. His body remains buried in an unmarked grave in the vicinity of Carden Avenue. During the year following Dickinson's death, Joseph Erwin and his wife, Lavinia would move to Iberville Parish, Louisiana. Peach Blossom would next become the home of Col. Andrew Hynes, another

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The Annual All-Neighborhood Creek Clean-Up and Potluck

will take place this year on Saturday May 20th. We'll gather near the footbridge at the end of Carden at 9 a.m. and work til about noon. Potluck to follow from noon til 3:00. The neighborhood association will provide drinks and meats, so we're counting on neighbors to please bring a side dish to share! Lots of fun for ALL THE FAMILY!!! We'll have some laid-back entertainment too! Rolland Road will be blocked off from Leonard to Wilson during this time so we'll have a safe area.



Message from our Neighbor: Blakemore Children's Center

Dear Neighbors,

Do you wonder who "lives" in the house with the red front door at the end of Whitland? Please allow me to introduce us. We are *Blakemore Children's Center*, known as *BCC* for short.

BCC has been in the neighborhood since August 1976 when it was begun by Blakemore United Methodist Church (BUMC) to meet the needs of the community. Some of your children attended when Betty Vogt was the director. Today, we serve thirty-eight children, ages two and a half to five years old, in a mixed-age environment. Because we believe all children, typically developing and those with special needs deserve the same opportunities to learn and play, BCC built the APT-All Play Together Playground. With its rubber surface, the playground is accessible to everyone. You and your children are welcome to come check it out.

Current children and families come from Davidson and surrounding counties as well as India, Korea, Japan and China. Some children speak no English when they first come through our door. You might be surprised how quickly they become fluent in speaking English. The *BCC family* encompasses all socioeconomic levels, diverse races, religions, ethnicities and special needs. Our staff mirrors this diversity.

BCC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and is 3-star rated, the highest possible, by the Tennessee Department of Human Services. We are a United Way partner agency.

The BCC board of directors includes members of Blakemore United Methodist Church (60%), family members of enrolled children, and community volunteers (40%). We would welcome a Whitland neighbor to join this group.

One of our two main fundraisers is coming up Sunday, June 11. This is the *Best of Nashville Brownie Bake-off and Summer Extravaganza* which raises money for our scholarship fund. We hope you will enter brownies in the contest and join the fun. If you would like to be a brownie judge please give me a call at 292-5443.

We are excited about participating in this year's home tour and look forward to getting to better know our neighbors. We invite you to come visit us. If you are interested, the volunteer opportunities are endless. To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.blakemorechildren.org.

Thanks for considering us as part of the Whitland neighborhood,
Bonnie Spear
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DUES INFORMATION

We thank each and every one who has given so generously to the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association. Your support is important! The Association is a 501c3 organization, so voluntary dues are tax deductible to you. Because of ongoing operating expenses such as our web page which houses our ListServ, the newsletters produced and distributed, the neighborhood directory (in the works and available at the May picnic!) and family events sponsored during the year, we **suggest** an annual contribution per household of \$25. Our Steering Committee has some exciting new events and projects planned for this year too! Please send dues to Doug Lesky, Treasurer at 222 Leonard Avenue, Nashville, TN

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