



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!

With Growth Comes More Responsibility - - Help us Make Important Decisions

The Whitland Area Neighborhood has been so fortunate over the past several years and we have a treasury that has grown substantially because of the loyal support of good neighbors, volunteer efforts, and of course very successful Home Tours.

This past year we were able to initiate a 3-year tree planting program for the neighborhood, begin the bench program, install & maintain Mutt Mitt dispensers in two locations, host several "Movies in the Dark" nights, Annual Creek Clean-Up & Picnic, "Dumpster Day" and numerous other picnics and outings for the whole neighborhood. And, once again we will host for the fourth time, the Tour of Homes, October 11 & 12 this year.

We need and value our neighbors' input on additional enhancements or programs you would like to see the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association accomplish. Several great ideas & suggestions over the past few years have come our way and have been discussed within the Steering Committee group. Some of these include: new signage (street signs, etc) for the neighborhood (est. cost \$20,000); constructing a small "kiosk" near the creek footbridge where notices and bulletin board-type items could be conveniently posted; installing lighting at the creek footbridge and its surrounds (est. cost \$6,000); directing some monetary & volunteer support toward West End Middle School and its needs - - the ideas go on and on! But we need to narrow down and focus on what's important for the good of the entire neighborhood, keeping in mind the mission of the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association.

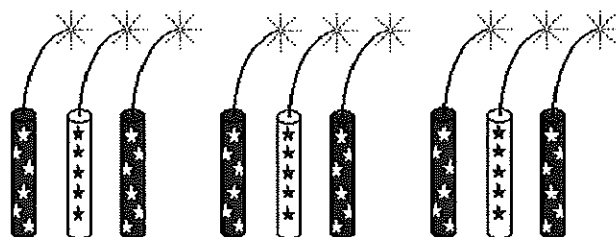
The Steering Committee this year would like to initiate a brief series of discussion groups where all interested neighbors attend and then divide off into smaller groups and brainstorm these various ideas, identify the most important, prioritize them and then finally come together with the overall plan to implement.

If you'd like to help organize the series, please contact Chad Greer, President of Whitland Area Neighborhood Assn., or any member of the Steering Committee. Please refer to the February 2008 newsletter, where e-mail addresses and telephone numbers were listed for the officers & steering committee members. Just go to www.whitland.org and click on NEWS and you will see the February 2008 newsletter archived there **or** check your new directory which was delivered with the April newsletter!

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.

Your 4th of July on Whitland Picnic/Parade Invitation is Attached to this Newsletter!



See Page Two of this Newsletter for more information on the annual July 4th on Whitland Celebration

Work to Begin After July 4, 2008 on the Luten Bridge

Two years ago, the 95-year-old Luten Bridge which crosses the creek on Wilson Blvd. So., was damaged when guardrails were being installed. After meeting with numerous public works officials and others with Metro over a two-year period, it was agreed upon that proper guardrails would be installed more in keeping with the neighborhood and its beautiful green space. The concrete on the bridge that was damaged would also be repaired and will closely match the original concrete used when the bridge was constructed in 1913. This work will begin the week following the 4th of July and neighbors most affected by the work crews should be receiving notices soon. Rolland Road will be closed to through traffic on its western end while this work will be done, which is estimated to take a month. Thank you Mark Macy, Katrina Jones & Renee Jackson of Metro Public Works; Ann Roberts and Fred Zahn of Metro Historical Commission for helping us get this work accomplished.

Additional Info About the Whitland 4th July Celebration

Whitland Area Neighbors: 2008 will mark the 31st annual **FOURTH OF JULY ON WHITLAND AVENUE**. It takes a lot of work to put on this annual celebration and any help is greatly appreciated! If you are interested in working for 1 or 2 hours on the night of the 3rd or the morning of the 4th, we can certainly use the assistance! Specifically, help is needed setting up on the evening of the 3rd (6-7 p.m.) and the morning of the 4th (6:30 a.m. til 11:00 a.m.); help with the parade from (10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.); help to set up the food in the tent (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.); hot dog booth (10:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.); and clean up (end of picnic until we are done).

If you are able and willing to spare an hour or two to help in one of these areas, please let us know. It's a great way to meet neighbors! Contact Denise Hawkins at necer@bellsouth.net; or Marty Conrad at martyconrad@comcast.net

BECOME A PATRIOT!!: Donate \$200 to help cover the cost of the celebration! You will be invited to the Patriot's thank-you party on Sunday evening, June 29th at the Dobie home along with other patriots and hosts. Contact Denise Hawkins or Marty Conrad if you would like to become a Patriot. An invitation and response form will be sent to you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR AREA GRADUATES!!

We hope we included everyone -- there was a lengthy list this year! If we omitted anyone, please accept our apologies and know we wish you well too!

Anna Martin, daughter of Gloria Ballard & Henry Martin of Whitland Ave., graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in May

Brogan Bonner, daughter of Karen & John Bonner of Whitland Avenue, graduated from Harpeth Hall School in May.

Elizabeth Conrad, daughter of Marty & Jim Conrad of Whitland Avenue, graduated from University of Michigan and is headed to Vanderbilt for a Biology PhD program.

Sarah Stewart, daughter of Fran & Cyril Stewart on Whitland Avenue, graduated from University of Georgia in Athens with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in International Affairs. She will return to Nashville and work at the Vanderbilt Center for Better Health.

Dane Ferré, son of Melanie & Darrin Yappen of Carden Ave., graduated from Montgomery Bell Academy and will be attending the University of Virginia.

Anna Pitz, daughter of Bob Pitz and Carol Armes of Whitland graduated from Hume-Fogg Academic H.S. and will be attending Wake Forest University, having been awarded a Presidential Scholarship in Art.

Carter Paine, son of George & Ophelia Paine, Whitland Avenue, received his M.B.A. from Wharton.

Bill Millen, son of Kathy & Kevin Millen of Brighton Road, graduated from Franklin Road Academy.

Cecily Woods, daughter of John & Casey Woods of Richmeade, graduated from St. Cecilia Academy.



2008 Historic WHITLAND Home Tour Update~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS! October 11-12th is this year's date !

Neighbors will open their homes for the fourth annual Historic Whitland Home Tour October 11 and 12. To set the tone for a fun and festive weekend, Julie and Robert Weaver of 305 Bowling Avenue have graciously offered to open their fabulous home and garden to host the Patron Party. Look for your personal invitation in the mail in September.

Three incredible homes have been confirmed for this year's tour. Thank you Kristen and Chad Greer of 3828 Whitland Avenue, Beth and Steve Preston of 201 Leonard Avenue, and Nina and Hugh Tobin of 3733 West End Avenue for being the first to plan to open your homes. **We need six to seven more homes** to round out the tour, so the search continues for homeowner volunteers. If you are interested in supporting the tour by opening your home, please contact co-chairs Doug Lesky and Revell Lester. It is a great way to get involved in the neighborhood, meet new people and support our efforts to raise funds for neighborhood projects and activities.

Jeff Lynch of 3621 West End Avenue has kindly agreed to again open his home, this time to host the Post Tour Party, which is given to thank the scores of volunteers who are required to make the tour a success.

This year's tour is off to a great start and promises to be fun for all. We hope you will participate in whatever way you can. If you are interested in working on a committee or being a docent during the tour please contact us – we need your help. And, **be sure to stop by our Home Tour table during the Fourth of July festivities.** – Doug Lesky & Revell Lester, co-chairs

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AREA CRIME

Fortunately there has been no criminal activity in our immediate area reported over the last several weeks. However, we did have some graffiti painted on the walls along Rolland Road at Brighton Close. Summertime brings increased criminal activity so be watchful when you are outdoors working, being sure to keep doors locked and tools put away. Don't leave valuables in your car. Always call 862-8600 (police non-emergency) if you see suspicious activity.

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Whitland Artist/Teacher Kathy Tupper's 8-session Drawing & Watercolor Workshop Begins June 14.

Kathy Tupper will again teach a Drawing & Watercolor Workshop beginning Saturday, June 14th. There will be eight sessions and one extra make-up session. To be held at the Centennial Art Center. For more information and a materials list, contact Kathy at 292-6048 or e-mail her at kltupperstuff@hotmail.com



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Welcome to A New Little Neighbor!

“Team Whitland” just keeps growing and growing!

Joan Popkin & Kevin Kuehn of Carden Avenue welcomed a new son, **Joshua Samuel Kuehn**, born on February 5, 2008, weighing 7 lbs and 10 oz. Big brother Caleb just adores him too!

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QUOTES AVAILABLE

Contact Hayes McCord (615) 948-0172

Thank you to our Creek Clean-Up Organizers & Volunteers

About 50 neighbors came together on May 17th for the annual creek cleanup effort and picnic. The Neighborhood Association would like to thank Bob Lyons for preparing the great brisket & hot dogs; Joan Popkin, Kevin Kuehn & Anne Carr for supplying electrical power; Mekayle Houghton of the Cumberland River Compact (CRC); Carol Ashworth of Ashworth Environmental Design; The Josh Jackson Band; Metro Public Works and **every single neighbor - - both adults and children - - who helped make this year's cleanup such a success.** Everyone seemed to have a great time working together on this very worthwhile project. There are a few pictures posted from this event on <http://www.whitland.org/> under NEWS.



PLEASE THINK ABOUT PLACING AN AD IN THE 2008 HOME TOUR PROGRAM!!!

The advertising committee is currently selling advertising space in the Home Tour Booklet that serves as a “ticket” to this event. If anyone in the neighborhood would like to purchase ad space please contact Amy Dennison at amy@dennisonseymour.com

Ad space is reasonably priced and the cost is tax deductible! And remember, the funds go toward the preservation and upkeep of our wonderful neighborhood, with 10% also being donated to Nashville Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

If you have a business and you are looking for exposure, this is a great way to get the word out. We expect to print approximately 1,000 booklets!

Please participate in this exciting event and contribute to the best neighborhood in town! Again, contact Amy prior to July 27th to place your ad. Thanks!