



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!

METRO BRUSH COLLECTION

The next scheduled brush collection for the neighborhood is during the **first week of February**. Be sure to put brush on the curb and not in the way of storm drains, where they can be clogged
Thanks!

What A Year!!!

We began last year anxious of the purse-snatcher. Multiple e-mails and reports dominated the first half with this concern.

Fortunately, he seemingly vanished into thin air! What a relief! We cleaned up the creek in late spring along with a great family-style picnic. This year the Whitland Neighborhood Association surpassed all year's past with an outpouring of volunteers and hard work! We thank each and every one! We wrapped up the year with a very successful HOME TOUR! For a complete wrap-up of this event, please see page three of this newsletter. Again, we appreciate ALL the outstanding support this year, both monetarily and in "elbow grease". We look forward to bigger and better things in 2006! Thank you EVERYONE!

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED AT: The Whitland All-Neighborhood ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Slate of officers for the 2006 Whitland Area Neighborhood Association are:

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

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).

Please make sure you attend this very important meeting. Your input, volunteer spirit and vote are important to the overall success of our Whitland Area Neighborhood Association!

DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M. - - PIZZA, SALAD, COLD DRINKS
6:45 P.M. BUSINESS MTG/PROGRAM BEGINS
LOCATION: Patrick Wilson Library @ M.B.A.

A sitter will be on site to help with the children and supervise entertainment for them during the business portion of this event.

An Unconventional Thanksgiving Bird *by Denise Hawkins*

I am a sucker for the birds that visit or inhabit our neighborhood. Like a good mother, I am constantly replenishing the many feeders around my house, shooing away the preying cats, and providing an overabundance of shelter for them. Several years ago when I saw the resident Cooper's Hawk for the first time, I was awe-struck. Until recently, it was the largest bird I had seen in our neighborhood.

Over the recent Thanksgiving holidays I finally spent some time in the backyard clearing out the spent flowers and weeds that I had up to that point, kept telling myself "I'd get to one day". As the day drew to a close and I donned my self-satisfied stance to survey and soak in all my hard work, my eyes were drawn upward to the very tall trees in the far back of the yard. At first squint, I thought to myself "how on earth did that very large, very FAT cat get so high up in the trees?!" Walking closer to get a better look, the creature fluttered and I realized this was no cat - - it was an owl. To be more specific, my visitor was none other than *Bubo virginianus* – the Great Horned Owl.

Now I've seen plenty of owls around here- -mostly barred owls and screech owls. But this was owl deluxe - - as good as it gets! I ran inside and unearthed a pair of binoculars and just sat and watched spellbound. Accustomed as I am to telling the occasional tall-tale about my fishing excursions, there is no need to embellish the size of this bird. No joke, this was one BIG BIRD. He/she (my maternal instincts tell me it was a "she") stood about two feet tall, but what was more impressive was her occasional preening and wing adjustments. The wing span had to have been at least four feet from tip to tip! As the skies grew darker, she gracefully leapt down to a lower branch, stood all too briefly and with the blink of an eye, she swooped downward and was gone.

I made it my personal quest to check on my "super-sized" bird visitor for the next few days and didn't see her again until several days later. And from then on, three other times as well. She always made her appearance around 4 o'clock. Same tree, same branch. She even hooted on occasion - - long soulful hoots they were. By the second or third visit I had lined up every camera I own, an assortment of zoom lenses and just started snapping away. I have not developed the pictures yet, but when I do, I'll be happy to share! But in the

Neighborhood Crime

Over the past 30 days, from a report on the Metro Police website, it was noted that a car break-in occurred on Whitland Avenue during the month of December. No other crimes have been reported at this time

With Deepest Appreciation

Thank you Adele Tyler, Linda Breggin and Kate Monaghan for your years of gracious service to the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association as officers and members of our Steering Committee. Your input has been so valuable and we will miss you on this Committee! Enjoy your well deserved retirement!

Whitland Listserv

Almost 100 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, 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!

**May all of our Neighbors
enjoy good health, prosperity
and
happiness in THE
NEW YEAR**





2005 HOME TOUR A ROUSING SUCCESS!

The Whitland neighborhood is still abuzz about the Whitland Neighborhood Home Tour held October 22 & 23. Over 750 visitors attended the tour of 7 homes, one garden, and our very own Fire Hall #17. A total of \$9,000 was raised. \$8,000 will be used for WANA neighborhood projects and \$1,000 was donated to the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity.

Over 75 Whitland neighborhood volunteers served in various capacities as committee members, home hosts, docents, tour book preparation, ad sales, publicity, logistics, home recruitment and hospitality and the highly successful patron party. "We had a wonderful committee, and great volunteers. Although our budgeted profit was \$10,000, we were thrilled to raise \$9,000 our first year," Scott Holder, home tour chair said. "It was especially gratifying to help Habitat for Humanity with some of the proceeds, given their needs after the Hurricane damage in the gulf coast", Holder added.

The home tour was held without any negative incidents, and the home hosts were ecstatic with the results. Ralph Mosley, one of the home hosts said, "I thought it highlighted the Whitland neighborhood in its most positive manner and it was great opportunity to meet neighbors and see their homes."

Another added bonus was the amount of participation by the patrons, who donated to the cause and attended the patron party on Oct 21 before the tour. "It was a wonderful kick-off event," said Kennon Dennis, patron party coordinator. "It created a lot of excitement as over 120 people attended, and judging from the compliments we received, everyone had a great time and enjoyed it," Kennon added.

Although the home tour was successful in its fund-raising effort, it accomplished much more. "We really wanted the 2005 Whitland Home Tour to be an event that would bring the neighborhood together," Holder said. "Sure, we raised a lot of money, but the committee planned it to be a fun event that our neighborhood would enjoy and talk about for months to come." Holder said.

The 2005 Whitland Home committee thanks all the volunteers who helped make it a success, especially those who opened their homes for the tour. We couldn't have done the tour without the special volunteers who agreed to open their homes," Carolyn Greenfield, home coordinator said. "They were very gracious hosts and really put on a show for our visitors," Greenfield added.

Volunteers and home hosts are needed for next year. Last year's tour planning began on March 1. Contact any member of the 2005 Home Tour Committee or WANA Steering Committee listed on the Whitland.org website if you want to help in 2006. You don't want to miss out on the fun next tour!



NEW YEAR - - DUES INFORMATION

We thank each and every one who has given in the past 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, 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 Bob Lyons President, 229 Leonard Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205. For your convenience, we have provided an envelope with this newsletter mailing. Thank you for your continued support!



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*Building lives,
one home,
one family,
one community
at a time.*

January 6, 2006

Mr. Scott Holder
Whitland Home Tour
218 Cantrell Ave.
Nashville, TN 37205

Dear Scott,

We want to take a moment to **thank you** for your recent donation of \$1000.00 to the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity on 12/19/2005. We are truly honored and grateful for your gift to our ministry.

This year marks our 21st year as a ministry, and we are humbled and amazed as we reflect on the last two decades. By the grace of God and the incredible support from people in Middle Tennessee, we have been able to serve over 230 families and over 570 children. The Habitat program has given them the opportunity to buy and build decent affordable housing - along with a future of hope and dignity.

We have seen firsthand what's possible when people join together in faith and love for a common cause. With the generosity and ongoing support of partners like you, this vision is being realized everyday.

On behalf of our partner families, board of directors, volunteers and staff we **thank you** for your generosity. Together we can change our world, starting right here in Nashville: one house, one family, and one community at a time.

Sincerely,

Chris McCarthy
Chief Executive Officer

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution listed. This letter serves as your official document for tax purposes.

**LETTER OF THANKS FROM
CHRIS MCCARTHY, CEO OF
NASHVILLE AREA
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Whitland Area Conservation
Overlay** - -

As most neighbors are aware, Conservation Overlay for the Whitland area has been proposed for parts of Brighton, Wilson, Bowling, and Rolland and all of Whitland, Craighead, Leonard, Carden, and Cantrell. (this does not include Richmeade, Brighton Close, the south side of Brighton, or the portion of Brighton between Leonard & Bowling)

At Tuesday's Metro Council meeting, (1/17/2006) the Whitland Conservation Overlay legislation was deferred and it was agreed that the best way to determine the support or opposition for the overlay was to have property owners vote via U.S. Mail to the Metro Council, per Don Jones, legal counsel and head of staff for Metro Council. Consequently, in the next few weeks every property owner in the affected area will be receiving an official voting notice asking your position on the Conservation Overlay. It is important that every homeowner sign, date and state your position regarding the Overlay. This will be your only official vote that counts so it is very important to return these cards ASAP and certainly before the deadline. It is important that everyone's vote is counted.

The Whitland Area Neighborhood Association Steering Committee has and will continue to remain neutral throughout this process. We felt it important however to ensure that all neighbors are aware of the upcoming and final vote on a bill that affects a

