



WHITLAND AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (WANA) www.whitland.org

Summer is officially over!

We had a nice turnout for our Ice Cream Social and received several boxes of donated school supplies. Thank you to Fran Stewart for organizing this event.

By the time this newsletter hits the streets, we will have wrapped up our annual neighborhood Yard Sale, donation, and bulk item disposal. Thank you to Susan Barber for her hard work.

The Halloween pre-game and costume contest will be on October 31st at the Mary Catherine Strobel Park. And before you know it, my time as the WANA President will end at the Annual Meeting in January 2026! There are several positions becoming available, either as officers or as at-large Steering Committee members. If you are interested, please let me know. It's a great way to meet others in the neighborhood and help keep Whitland the premiere place to live in Nashville.

Regards,
Craig Petersen

2025 Save the Dates for WANA Events

Saturday, October 4th
Fall Creek Cleanup

Friday, October 31st
Halloween Party

Saturday, December 6th
Holiday Party

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FALL 2025

WANA Leadership

Craig Petersen

President

Susan Barber

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Chuck Sherrill

Secretary

Steering Committee Members:

Helen Curnutte

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Margot Feintuch

Elizabeth Fox

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Ellen Reynolds

Chuck Sherrill

Fran Stewart

Rabbi Saul Strosberg

Please Scan the QR Code on the right to make a PayPal payment or send your check in the enclosed envelope. Suggested annual dues are \$50.

The Whitland Area Neighborhood Association is a volunteer organization and your dues are essential to improving our neighborhood and maintain our thriving community.



WANA FALL EVENTS



WANA COMMUNITY CREEK CLEANUP DAY!

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS TO KEEP OUR CREEK
CLEAN! GRAB YOUR GLOVES AND HELP US
PICK UP LITTER AND TRIM FOLIAGE (BRING
LOPPERS AND OTHER TRIMMING EQUIPMENT).
**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY
AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
9 - 11 AM
MEET AT STROBEL PARK

GARBAGE BAGS AND BOTTLED WATER
WILL BE PROVIDED



WANA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 31st
5 - 6 pm
End of Carden Avenue
Food - Drink - Prizes

**Costume Prizes Awarded at
5:15 pm for:**

- Under age 8 - Boy/Girl
- Age 8 - 17 - Boy/Girl
- Adult - Male/Female
- Best Group Costume

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF DUES!
If you have not yet donated, annual dues are \$50. Please use the link below for a PayPal or credit card payment.

[Join the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association \(WANA\)](#)

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Steven Crook
Hylyn Dave (Utpal)

Mavis Duthie
Joshua Embry (Robin)
Gordon Buzz Evans
(Elizabeth)
John Fleming (Joan)
Fay Forlines
Elizabeth Fox
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Ann Vandevender (Karl)
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Philip Waters
Barbara Wilson
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Carnell

The first owner of the house was **Charles B. Whitworth**, a young pharmacist and avid golfer who dabbled in real estate and purchased the home in 1920. His investments and his choice of well-heeled golfing buddies were strategic and he made a fortune. He married in 1924 and by 1930, the couple were living on Belle Meade Blvd. and his occupation listed in the census was “Capitalist.”



By 1926 the home was purchased by **Morris and Rosa Rothstein**, a middle-aged couple with three daughters. They moved to Whitland from 2nd Ave. downtown, where they had been living above their dry goods store. Morris had immigrated from Austria when he was 16, and in 1910 opened the store on 2nd Ave. Their oldest daughter, Bernice, was married in the living room of the Whitland home “before an altar of palms and ferns” by Rabbi Julius Mark in 1928.

During the 1930s, relatives from Germany fled from the Nazis to Nashville to stay with the Rothsteins. The 1940 census shows three recent emigres in their household: sister-in-law Rosalie Zander, age 72; sister-in-law Henrietta Gabriel, age 78; and grand-nephew Stephen Vurich[?], age 23.

In 1952, after 42 years in business, Morris closed his downtown store and the Rothsteins moved to Oklahoma to live near a daughter. But by 1958 they were back! They lived in an apartment on West End at Murphy Rd. until their deaths, Rosa in 1960 and Morris in 1963.



Morris and Rosa Rothstein in 1952

The home went through a string of owners after the Rothsteins. **William and Mary Elliston** were followed in 1970 by **Albert Pedro**, manager of IHOP and owner of Victor Victoria’s nightclub. He sold it to **Ellis and Carolyn Levine** who owned the House of Pizza.

In 1980 **John and Kathy Griffin** moved in and were long-time owners; Kathy still lives in the neighborhood. In 1997 **David and Elizabeth Fox**, the current owners, bought this lovely home. Elizabeth has found an identical home on Richland Avenue and would love to find out the name of the architect who designed both homes.



Cumberland River Compact watering Whitland’s new trees!!

A big thank you to all our neighbors who have been caring for the new trees planted this year — your efforts are helping them thrive! We also appreciate the Cumberland River Compact for keeping the right-of-way trees along our sidewalks well-watered and healthy."

WANA NEWS AND UPDATES

COMMUNITY YARD SALE, DUMPSTER DROPOFF AND GOODWILL DONATIONS

The Annual WANA Community Yard Sale, Dumpster Dropoff and Goodwill Donations event was a big success!

Thirteen households participated in the yard sale across the neighborhood and took advantage of the Dumpster truck and Goodwill truck to clean out the clutter!

Look for more information coming soon about Shredder Day hosted by our Metro Councilwoman Brenda Gadd.



BEEKEEPING PRESENTATION

Craig Petersen hosted a beekeeping presentation at his home on Carden Avenue, and the porch was filled with interested neighbors.

While we may not want to become beekeepers, Craig provided a very interesting and informative presentation on how beekeeping works and why it is important.



Craig also shared bottles of honey from his hives to the participants!



SUMMER 2025 PHOTOS

WANA Ice Cream Social

July 4th 2025

