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2026 Save the Dates
Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 5th, 3pm
Eggs and Kegs



Saturday, April 25th, 9am-11am
Spring Creek Community Cleanup



Friday, July 4th
Whitland July 4th Celebration



Happy Spring, WANA Members and Neighbors!

The Whitland Area Neighborhood Association Board wishes you a happy Spring. How much more do we appreciate all the everyday things once we have been without them for a time – power, heat, internet, clean yards and streets. I have lived in the Whitland neighborhood for 30 years and am always touched by the way our neighbors pull together in a time of need. Ice Storm Fern put us all in danger, but the Whitland neighbors sprang into action. Neighbors checked on each other, cleared storm debris, shared electricity, turned off and on water access, shared information and ensured we would all get through the difficult time safely. The houses, yards and trees in our neighborhood are lovely, but it's the people who make the neighborhood priceless and beautiful. I send a heartfelt thank you to all who pulled together and eased the way for each other.

Speaking of thanks, I want to extend the neighborhood's hearty gratitude to Craig Petersen for his leadership, work and guidance as the WANA President for the past 2 years. His term ended in the midst of the storm distress and it certainly sent him out with a bang. Craig has done a stellar job as President, but he took things to a whole other level with his storm response and leadership. We all appreciate his good humor and service.

I want to welcome these new 2026 WANA Steering Committee members: Katherine Cigarran, Chris Jones, Kristen McDaniel, Lesley Omary, Anand Patel, Susan Perdue and Mark Perez. We appreciate their willingness to serve and contribute to the neighborhood.

My term as President began in the midst of the storm crisis. It was a trial by fire to jump right in to try to help ensure the neighbors and neighborhood get what was needed to recover from the storm. As I write this, the last of our large debris piles are being carried away, we had a successful storm creek cleanup and the neighborhood is recovering. The weather is warming and the flowers are beginning to bloom. We look forward to being outside together for our WANA Easter event. I hope you will join us.

Sincerely,
Susan Barber, WANA President

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WANA SPRING EVENTS

A colorful poster for the 'Eggs & Kegs' event. At the top, there's a WANA logo and a decorative border of colorful Easter eggs. The main title 'EGGS & KEGS' is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, the text reads 'Easter Egg Hunt with Prizes, Fellowship...and an Appearance by the Easter Bunny!' in blue. In the center, there are two white Easter bunnies flanking a row of colorful Easter eggs. Below the eggs, the date and time 'APRIL 05, 2026 | 3PM' are written in blue. At the bottom, a red box contains the text 'Mary Catherine Strobel Park at the end of Carden'. The background is light pink with small floral patterns and paw prints.

EGGS & KEGS

Easter Egg Hunt with Prizes,
Fellowship...and an Appearance by the
Easter Bunny!

APRIL 05, 2026 | 3PM

Easter Bunny will arrive at 3 pm; the egg hunt will start at 3:15pm; prizes and raffles from the golden eggs will be awarded at 3:45 pm.

Mary Catherine Strobel Park at the end of Carden

WHITLAND AVENUE 4TH OF JULY 2026

This July 4th will mark 250 years of celebrating our freedom as a country. It will also be the 49th year we have celebrated this holiday on Whitland Avenue and we are planning for a special day. Mark your calendar, start thinking about your decorations (lets go BIG this year), and plan to gather together to honor our country and our neighborhood.

The Whitland Avenue July 4th Steering Committee needs your financial support to help close our street, organize the parade and fill it with music. We also invite you to help on the day of the event -- let's meet at Slick's bench on the corner of Whitland and Carden for coffee and donuts at 7:30 am for fellowship and to volunteer your services! Look for information and QR codes in future communications on how you can help and join in the event in any way that works for you.

The July 4th event contacts for 2026 are Cyril Stewart at 3813 Whitland and David Fox at 3812 Whitland Avenue.

Join your neighbors on Easter Sunday for an afternoon of fun at the **Eggs & Kegs** gathering on Carden Ave.!

This yearly event will feature a keg for socializing, and an exciting **Egg Hunt** for the kids (don't forget your Easter baskets!). Show up, enjoy the fun, and celebrate the holiday with your community.

Did you find a golden egg while walking in the neighborhood? Each egg contains a **raffle ticket**. Bring the **Golden Egg** and the raffle ticket with you to the Eggs and Kegs Celebration to have a chance at the raffle prizes.

One Golden Egg prize per family. You must be present to win. Please place any additional Golden Eggs back out in the neighborhood to be found by others.

Don't forget to greet the Easter Bunny!

A poster for 'Spring Community Creek Cleanup Day'. It features a green and yellow background with a WANA logo at the top. The title 'SPRING COMMUNITY CREEK CLEANUP DAY' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the date and time 'Saturday, April 25, 2026 9 - 11 am' are written in dark green. At the bottom, there's an illustration of people participating in a cleanup activity, and a red box with the text 'MEET AT CARDEN BRIDGE'.

SPRING COMMUNITY CREEK CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, April 25, 2026
9 - 11 am

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 tools. **All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**

MEET AT CARDEN BRIDGE

Creek Storm Cleanup

On February 28 sixteen neighbors donned their plastic boots and work gloves to literally walk the Richland Creek from Bowling Ave. down to S. Wilson Ave. to cut away and carry away large debris which had fallen in or near the creek as a result of the ice storm.

The extensive debris required several chain saws and a great amount of coordinated effort to ensure the debris was not only cleared from the creek bed, but was also placed in the Rolland Ave. debris piles before they were collected from the neighborhood.

Removing the large limbs and debris from the creek helps ensure the safe passage of water along the creek when the Spring rains come. Working to help prevent creek flooding is one of WANA's most critical priorities. Special thanks go out to Steve Curnutte, Chad Kelly and Mark Perez for their chain saw work.

Five large trees fell across or near the creek during the storm. I completed individual HUB Nashville requests to have each of them removed. One tree was immediately removed. The other trees could not be removed until the large debris piles were moved from Rolland Ave. The remaining four trees are on the HUB list for removal and will continue to be monitored.

The next Creek Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 25 from 9:00am until 11:00am.

While the critical storm creek cleanup has taken place, many creek projects remain.

Please come join us.

Susan Barber



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WHITLAND AREA HOUSE HISTORY - 212 CRAIGHEAD



The home at 212 Craighead Avenue was built around 1923. A two-story, symmetrical, brick Colonial Revival showcased a prominent cornice and three chimneys.

The first owners listed for the property were Edwin C. Faircloth (Mary), vice president and Treasurer of the American Bread Company, who lived in the house with their son Edwin C. Faircloth, Jr., a butler and a maid.

Charles Evers had a bakery in 1899 and Edward Faircloth, a salesman at Liberty Mills, formed a partnership with him to begin the American Bread Co. on Church St. They owned a retail store and seven horse-drawn wagon delivery routes. Evers died in 1925 and Faircloth became ill and died, leaving his interest to his sons Edward Jr. and Frederick William, and his daughter Jean Marie, who was later to marry Gen. Douglas MacArthur. She continued her interest in the bakery until 1963 when she sold out to the Evers family.

By the 1930 U.S. Census, their son Edwin C. Fairchild, Jr. lived in the home with his wife, Aylma, a cook and a chauffeur. Mr Faircloth Jr. was Secretary/Treasurer of the manager of the American Bread Company). In 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Faircloth moved to Glencourt, Apt. 2.

The next homeowners identified in the 1940 census were C.M. Crow, aged 44 and the operator of Crow Lumber Co., along with his wife Lois, daughter Mary, aged 13 and a houseman. By the 1950 census, Mr. And Mrs. Crow lived in the house alone.

Joseph and Louise Simmons Scheffer sold the home to Harold W. and Pearle Bradley in 1955. He was a professor and chair of Vanderbilt University's history department. A Boston native, Pearle met Dr. Bradley while working on her PhD at Stanford. She also had degrees from Mount Holyoke, Boston University and Columbia University. A 1959 news profile of Pearle Bradley indicated that "their romance is proof that not only secretaries could marry their boss." She was at the time of the article president of the Nashville chapter of the American Association of the United Nations and working on her husband's research projects.

The home was then transferred to their children, David W. Bradley and Anne B. Gronbach in 1992.

Current homeowners Christopher and Katherine Cigarran purchased the house from Anne in 2002.

—Meet Mrs. Harold W. Bradley—

She Works for Her Convictions

By JACQUELINE SHARBOROUGH

Mrs. Harold W. Bradley is not only firm in her convictions, but she believes in working for them, too.

For instance, she is president of the Nashville chapter of the American Association for the United Nations. The group is co-sponsoring a workshop to be held Wednesday. It's not enough for Mrs. Bradley to head up the organization. She's also serving as chairman of registration.

"I've been interested in the UN ever since I attended organizing sessions in San Francisco," said Mrs. Bradley, the former Pearle Elizabeth Quinn of Boston. "I was representing the Hoover library at the conference, and it was a golden opportunity to get material from all of the countries.

"I got to all the delegations except the Russians, and such an underling as I wouldn't do for them. They had to see the head man," she said.

Pearle, her husband, chairman and professor of Vanderbilt's history department, and their children, Ann, 17, and David, 10, moved to Nashville from California five years ago. The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Quinn, she had lived in New England all her life until she went to Stanford university in Palo Alto, Calif., to work on her Ph.D.

She Married the Boss

There she met Dr. Bradley, and their romance is proof that not only secretaries can marry their bosses.

"I was teaching history of western civilization, and he was my superior," she said.

Pearle had wanted to be a teacher ever since she was a junior high school student. She holds an A.B. degree from Mount Holyoke college, a master's degree in education from Boston university, a masters degree in history from Columbia university, as well as her Ph.D.

"I enjoy college teaching, but I love high school teaching when you can awaken young minds.

I've seen students making Co in other subjects get interested in history and study hard enough to make an A," she said.

Research for Book

In Nashville, she has taught at the University of Tennessee extension service. Right now she isn't teaching, but is helping her husband on research for a book he's writing.

One of Pearle's many interests is politics. She's a staunch Democrat and has rung door-

balls and shaken hands in dozens of campaigns. Her party work evolved out of her membership in the League of Women Voters.

"We had speakers on how the parties conduct campaigns, and I wondered aloud how one got into party work. The next week I was called and asked to help with a campaign," she said. "When there's a race on, I drop everything else to help with it."

Pearle was one of the charter members of the Friends of the Library, a group organized a few years ago to assist the public library in getting appropriations and supporting it in other ways.

She is also a member of Vanderbilt Woman's club, Vanderbilt Aid, and Vanderbilt Bridge club. But all is not organizations with her. Family life comes high on her list.

Tommy, Oscar and Muffie

"Ann has a bird named Tommy, David has a cat named Oscar, and we all have a dog named Muffie," she said.

A noted cook, she is more concerned with enjoying the company of her family and friends than in being sure every speck of dust is whisked away.

Like another lady named Pearle, she is a well-known party giver. She always entertains at several parties for the Vanderbilt history faculty and graduate students, as well as her friends. She'll give a dinner party on the slightest excuse.

"The old salon idea was a good one," she said. "The art of conversation shouldn't be lost, and we like to have people in just to talk. We even keep our TV set upstairs so we won't be tempted to turn it on when we have guests."

Pearle believes a mother should take an active interest in her children's activities. She serves as homeroom mother for Ann's class at Peabody Demonstration school and has been a den mother for David's Cub Scout pack.

Pacific Cruise Is Dream

The Bradleys like to travel, and one of their dreams is to take a long cruise in the Pacific, the subject of Dr. Bradley's book. They have already spent one summer in Hawaii. Their summer traveling is often combined with work, with Dr. Bradley teaching at various universities around the country and both of them doing research in university libraries.

With so much research to be done, the Bradleys are naturally a reading family. There's a light side to the reading, however, as Pearle confesses to being a detective story fan.

—Staff photo by Eldred Reaney

Mrs. Harold W. Bradley
President of UN association in Nashville

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WHITLAND NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Things to consider before leaving during a winter power outage

By Craig Petersen

Disclaimer: This information does not constitute professional advice and is used at the recipient's own risk.

1. Ensure someone knows how to get in touch with you and knows where you are going.
2. Leave one light in the "on" position in your house or on the porch that is visible from the street. That way others can determine at a glance if you have power or not.
3. Know how to disengage your automatic garage door opener so you can manually raise the door to get your car out.
4. Consider placing an inexpensive thermometer in your living area and also in the basement. You might be surprised how warm the basement remains (ours stayed above 50 degrees the entire 9+ days we were without power). Knowing how cold it really is may help you decide what to do regarding your water supply and if / when you need to shut it off. Similarly, our two-story house built in 1929 never got below 38 degrees inside. While that does not guarantee pipes won't freeze (especially if they run through uninsulated exterior walls or up into your eaves or attic), knowing the inside temperature helps you make sound decisions.
5. Pipes most susceptible to freezing are outside faucets, pipes that run through the attic or crawl space, and pipes that run inside the exterior walls like kitchen sinks that look out over a window.
6. When someone recommends you "drip" faucets, understand that a slow drip...drip...drip might not be adequate if the temperatures (and wind chill) plummet into the teens or single digits. To keep these from freezing you might need to let them run at a steady stream about the diameter of a pencil.
7. Know where your water main master shutoff valve is and how to shut off your water. It is typically located in your basement the shortest distance from the meter box on the street to your house. You might also want to know how to turn your water off at the street. If you leave in a hurry or were out of town and no one can get inside your house, having a neighbor shut the water off at the street will at least minimize any damage should your pipes freeze and burst. Consider purchasing a T-handle water shutoff wrench.
8. If you do shut off your water, drain as much water out of the system as possible. This is accomplished by opening up your taps on all levels of the house and ideally opening up an outside faucet to flush all the water out of your lines. Flush your toilets to aid in draining the lines. Shut off the outside faucet once the lines are drained but leave some taps open inside.
9. PEX (red and blue plastic pipe) typically flexes and expands and can handle low temperatures without bursting. Copper pipe will burst if the water freezes and does not have adequate places to expand. A copper pipe that has a dripping faucet will often freeze but not burst as the freezing water can expand inside the length of the pipe.
10. To avoid power surges as power is restored to multiple houses simultaneously, turn off all of your power at the Master Circuit Breaker (one big breaker switch usually located at the top of your circuit breaker panel). Or, at a minimum, trip the circuits for high amperage items like your HVAC, refrigerator, and other systems that would automatically want to try and come on and "surge" the system. Once power is restored, you can manually flip those circuits back on.
11. Know how to relight pilot lights on gas fireplaces, heating units, and hot water heaters.
12. Consider giving a key to a trusted neighbor who plans to remain close by.
13. Pets like cats and dogs will do okay for a few days in temperatures down to about 45 degrees inside provided there is ample food and water and sufficient bedding (down puff comforters) for them to burrow into. Fish can handle low temperatures but care needs to be taken not to reheat their water too quickly. (Don't ask me how I know this.) Pet birds and reptiles are most susceptible to the cold.
14. Leaving frozen food outside on a screened porch when the temperature is below freezing will keep food frozen far better than leaving it in the freezer that has no power. Leaving refrigerated food in an "igloo" cooler outside will keep it cold but won't cause it to freeze unless the temp dips into the single digits.
15. Hope for the best but plan for the worst.