



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

Welcome to the June newsletter! The flowers are in bloom, more storm damage has been removed and we eagerly anticipate the Whitland July 4 celebration. We had beautiful weather for the Easter and the Creek Clean Up events. It's always a pleasure to gather together to celebrate Spring and help keep our creek as free of debris and trash as possible. Thank you to all of those who participated in both events.

This year on July 4, we celebrate our country's 250th year of independence! Enclosed in this newsletter is your invitation to the Whitland July 4 celebration. The festivities include a parade, children's activities, patriotic music and readings as well as hot dogs and drinks for a community gathering to celebrate our freedom and our country. Many, many thanks to the Whitland July 4 Host Families for this amazing event. Stay tuned for notifications in upcoming weeks for ways you can help with setup, funding and/or clean up of the event. It is always a highlight of the year.

Attached to this newsletter you will also find an envelope that can be used to make your annual WANA donation. Once a year, we request an annual donation of a suggested amount of \$50 to support the activities of the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association (WANA). These activities include the Whitland website, newsletters, Eggs and Kegs event, Ice Cream Social, Annual Meeting, Creek Clean Ups, Halloween Party, dog poop bags, Holiday Party, Community Yard Sale, tree planting project, etc. We are grateful for the neighborhood support that allows these activities to take place.

I love walking our neighborhood and seeing neighbors new and old (in age and in time spent living here) interacting. It is the people and the community we have all built here that makes this a special place to live. Blessing to each and every one,

Susan Barber, WANA President

WANA Donation Requested

Please make your annual WANA donation through the QR code at the right, the Whitland.org website or mailed in the enclosed envelope.

Suggested donation is \$50. Thank you!



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SUMMER 2026

WANA Leadership

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2026 Save the Dates [Calendar of Events](#)

Every Thursday in June, after dusk
Movies in Elmington Park

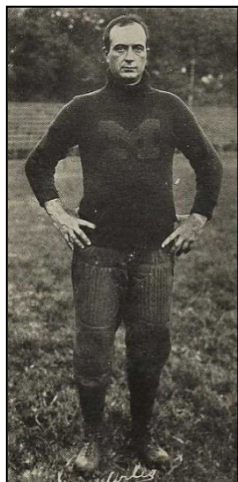
Saturday, July 4th
Whitland July 4th Celebration

TBD
Ice Cream Social

WHITLAND AREA HOUSE HISTORY - 208 CRAIGHEAD AVENUE

The first owners of the Peach Blossom plantation that once covered the whole neighborhood were Joseph and Lavinia Erwin. Their daughter Jane married Thomas Craighead, and thus the Craigheads came to own the area of this street. Craighead was Jane's second husband, her first having been killed in a duel by Andrew Jackson.

Dan and Virginia McGugin were the first owners, purchasing the lot in 1912. Dan was the football coach at Vanderbilt. When he and Virginia married, Dan's friend and former coach from the



Coach Dan McGugin in the 1915 Vanderbilt yearbook

University of Michigan, Fielding Yost, came to Nashville for the wedding. Coach Yost fell in love with the bride's sister and they were wed. The Yosts bought an adjoining lot (106 Craighead), both families built homes, and the two sisters were next door neighbors. Dan coached at Vanderbilt for 30 years and practiced law on the side.

During the 1920s, the home was owned by John and Myra Blair. He was Manager of the National Bureau of Education, predecessor of the U.S. Bureau of Education. They sold the home in 1930 to Hugh and Fannie Stanley, whose family lived there for over 25 years. Hugh Stanley was president of the Tenn. Central Railway and brought the company out of bankruptcy during the depression – a remarkable feat.

Angus and Josephine Jessup bought the home from the Stanley estate in 1955. Jessup was owner of Angus Jessup Associates, a structural engineering firm. Their daughter Ann Jessup, a teacher, lived with them and continued to live on Craighead after her parents died. In 1993, her estate sold the home to Lamar Alexander and his wife Leslee (known as Honey).

Alexander was the governor of Tennessee in the 1980s and



One of the earliest Whitland area homes, this Colonial Revival house was built about 1913. It has a stucco exterior, three dormers and second-story balcony. The prominent front portico features fluted pilasters and large round fluted columns. A garage with living quarters above is also part of the original home.



Lamar and Honey Alexander

then worked in Washington D.C. as Secretary of Education. He bought the Craighead house when he left D.C. They lived on Craighead for 10 years until Lamar returned to Washington as a U.S. Senator of Tennessee.

The Alexanders sold the home in 2003 to attorney Martin Brown, Jr. and wife Catherine, who have enjoyed living in this neighborhood for more than 20 years.

Are You on the Whitland Google Group?

The Whitland Google Group is a private email group for Whitland residents. The Google Group is used to communicate timely news, event invitations, crime alerts, lost pets and important urgent information during critical situations. It was particularly useful during the recent Fern ice storm to share information and help neighbors ask for and offer help during these critical times. If you are a Whitland area resident and want to be included on the Google Group, send an email request to WANA37205@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and address. Once the request has been verified as a Whitland resident, you will be added to the Group and will be able to participate. Information and rules regarding the group are listed on the Whitland.org website under the Membership tab. If you have any questions, please contact me. Susan Barber, WANA President, 615-308-1157

SPRING EVENT PHOTOS

Eggs & Kegs



WANA SUMMER EVENTS

Join the Whitland Avenue 4th of July Celebration

You are invited to join all the July 4th festivities of this special community event. It is a day of celebration with our neighbors and friends!

Please see the enclosed invitation in this newsletter and look on the creek sign at the Carden Avenue bridge for all the details.



Kingfisher Creek Paintings

Sarah Clinton, an artist living on Carden Avenue for the last 10 years, has shared a couple of paintings of Kingfisher Creek and the Carden Avenue bridge. She prepared these for the West Nashville Art Crawl. Sarah's paintings have been exhibited in Nashville and Sewanee/Montecagle.



A Huge Thank You to our Spring Creek Cleanup Crew!

