



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

The Whitland Area Neighborhood Association board wishes all of you a Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed being part of the neighborhood activities this year, while helping us grow stronger as a community.

My tenure as president ends at our upcoming Annual Meeting in February (look for the invitation in January) but I will continue serving on the board.

Susan Barber will move up from vice president to president for 2026 and we are excited to announce the new board members who are joining our board after the Annual Meeting - Kathryn Cigarran, Kirstin McDaniel, Leslie Omary, Susan Purdue, and Chris Jones.

I want to thank you for your support over the past two years. It has been my pleasure to serve as the WANA president, getting to know so many of you and helping advocate for our needs.

We encourage anyone who has an interest in the Whitland neighborhood to join our board and participate in the fun events we organize for both the adults and kids alike!

Regards,

Craig Petersen

WHITLAND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday
February 1, 2026 **Social Meeting**
2:30 pm **MBA Ingram Science Building, Pfeffer Auditorium**
3:00 pm

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WINTER 2025/2026

WANA Leadership

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



WANA NEWS

HOW CAN I KEEP INFORMED ABOUT COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS?

New neighbors – or even long-time neighbors -- who want to know more about what's going on in the Whitland neighborhood have a variety of options!

1. Go to www.whitland.org, the WANA website, and check out a variety of information that is regularly updated.
2. While you are on the website, you can request access to join the Whitland Google Group to share and receive emails among your neighbors. You can review the instructions by clicking <https://www.whitland.org/membership>. Lynne Falk manages neighbors' requests who want to join the list serve to reduce the risk of spam.
3. The WANA president, Craig Petersen, sends out promotional flyers in advance of neighborhood events. These flyers are also posted on the www.whitland.org website and are posted on the bulletin board at Mary Catherine Strobel Park by the creek bridge. Finally, posters are displayed around the neighborhood in advance of key events.
4. WANA distributes quarterly newsletters on the www.whitland.org website and via the list serve, to inform neighbors of news and events coming up. The Summer Newsletter is printed and volunteers distribute copies throughout Whitland so that the July 4th Celebration flyer can be promoted. This is also a good way for you to remember to pay your WANA dues of \$50 – an envelope is included!
5. You can request a WANA directory of residents in the Whitland neighborhood by clicking on the membership tab of our website (<https://www.whitland.org/membership>) and scrolling down to the directory request form. Or you can request that your name NOT be included in the WANA directory by emailing wana37205@gmail.com.
6. You can reach out to our WANA board members with any questions you have about our organization. The Annual Meeting on February 1 at 3 pm at MBA is the best way to ask questions and meet your neighbors!
7. If you have new neighbors, encourage them to keep informed about the WANA activities!

WANA COMMUNITY CREEK CLEAN UP DAY - THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!





During the Depression the owners struggled to sell the house; it was offered for sale many times. This ad is from 28 Nov. 1937.

The first owner of this home was Samuel Newton Malman, recently graduated from Vanderbilt and working for the Ketler & Malmon clothing store established by his family on Broadway in the 1870s. The *Tennessean* reported on Feb. 25, 1928 that Mrs. Malmon gave a card party to benefit the National Chapter of Hadassah, a Jewish charity. Eight tables of card-players enjoyed the occasion.

By 1931 Archie and Gladys Conrad had moved in, and their son Leonard was born there on Nov. 3rd. They may have been renting from the Malmons, as the home was advertised for sale that year. The ad described it as "well located on one of the best streets in Nashville" at the price of \$8,250. The Depression years were hard and it appears the home continued to be rented and offered for sale. In 1938 a "lower 3-bedroom apartment" was offered for rent at this address. In 1939 the house was priced at \$7,500, and described as having four bedrooms, two baths and servant's quarters. Some time later it was divided into a duplex.

In 1939 Sidney and Molly Caplan purchased the home. Sidney was 33, born in Russia and the owner of a shoe store. Sidney Caplan seems to have been quite a character. He was arrested in the bust of a gambling establishment on 6th Ave. in 1943. In 1949 he was hit by a car while crossing a downtown street. It turned out that it was his own car – he had gotten out and left it in gear.

The Caplans owned the home until 1992 but a variety of tenants lived there. In 1944 it was occupied by a newlywed couple, Edward and Margaret McCarthy. Margaret was a Hume Fogg graduate and her husband, a graduate of Catholic Uni-



This home on Leonard Avenue, built in 1927, was originally a one-story Tudor Revival style bungalow. In the early 2000s a large second story was added.

versity in Washington D.C., came from Connecticut. In 1950 Joseph O'Brien III graduated from Peabody College and gave his address as 211 Leonard. In 1951 James Swain of this address caught 15 "stripes" while fishing at Pickwick Dam using pork rinds. In 1953 Mrs. Patricia Clark of 211 Leonard

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482	SIDNEY CAPLAN			3268
2. ADDRESS (Print)				
211 LEONARD AVE	NASHVILLE, TENN.			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)	(Town) (County) (State)			
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS	5. PLACE OF BIRTH	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
8-8572	33	ZALIVE, SHUTSK, RUSSIA	RUSSIA	
(Exchange) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH	(Town or county)		
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7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS	8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON			
MRS. MOLLY CAPLAN	WIFE			
(Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.) (First) (Middle) (Last)				
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON				
211 LEONARD AVE	NASHVILLE, TENN.			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)	(Town) (County) (State)			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME				
S. C. F.				
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348 FOURTH AVE. NORTH	NASHVILLE, TENN.			
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I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
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Sidney Caplan (Registrant's signature)				

won a prize for writing letters to the editor of the *Tennessean*. In 1968 a three-room apartment was offered for rent at this address for \$85/month; "married couples only" need apply.

In 1993 John and Clisby Barrow, an attorney with Bass, Berry & Simms, bought this home. It was probably they who added the second story. Bob and Amelia (Strobel) Glenn, who are the current residents, bought the house in 2014. Bob serves as Treasurer for the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association.

WANA NEWS AND UPDATES

WHITLAND NEIGHBOR DAVID WASSERSTEIN BECOMES A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN



Dr. David Wasserstein, professor of History, Jewish Studies and Classical and Mediterranean Studies, Emeritus at Vanderbilt University has fulfilled the requirements to become a naturalized U.S. citizen and was sworn in at the Fred Thompson Federal Courthouse in Nashville on December 11.

Born a citizen of the United Kingdom, David came to Vanderbilt from Israel, where he was a professor of Islamic history at Tel Aviv University between 1990 and 2004. Before that he taught at University College, Dublin (Ireland).

Congratulations to David and his supportive wife, Dr. Colin Dayan, also Professor Emerita - Robert Penn Warren Professor in the Humanities and Professor Law at Vanderbilt University.

HALLOWEEN—COSTUMES AND FUN



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WANA HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 6, 2025

Nearly 70 people attended the Whitland Area Neighborhood Association Holiday Party.

A big thank you to Leslie and Reed Omary for hosting the event in their home on Craighead.

