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- Adult glasses without bifocals
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- Sunglasses without prescriptions
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Thank you!



## Annual Neighborhood Picnic

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3  
ON THE LAWN AT  
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Picnic chairman Richard Green will need volunteers. Call him (383-3187) and let him know how you can help!



**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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## Be seen by your neighbors.

Place an ad in this newsletter.

Rates are as follows:

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1/4 page - \$50 <sup>00</sup>	
1/2 page - \$100 <sup>00</sup>	
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# This Old Nabe

Summer 2004

RICHLAND-WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Home Tour : A Look Back - and Ahead

Another successful Home Tour has come and gone, and once again it would not have been possible without a cadre of dedicated volunteers. From our 2004 Chairman, Jeff Rymer, to the dedicated committee members (many of whom are perpetual volunteers), and the homeowners who graciously extended their hospitality to our visitors, it was truly a collaborative effort. This year's tour raised over \$9,000 for our neighborhood, so the next time you see one of our 2004 Home Tour participants please give him or her a warm thank you.

Funds raised by the Home Tour are used for neighborhood tree planting, support of the McCabe Little League softball team, the neighborhood telephone directory and social events such as the Back-to-School Street Dance, Fall Picnic and Holiday Party. Proceeds raised by the tour have become all the more important because with the new Metro budget it is unlikely that the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods will continue offering grants. In the past we have used those

**Our family enjoyed being a part of the tour this year, so much so that I have volunteered to chair Home Tour 2005. Next year our neighborhood will be 100 years old, and that is certainly something to celebrate. How many places in Nashville have survived so beautifully for an entire century? I think the 100-year anniversary would make a great theme for the tour, and we should use it as a springboard for our ideas. Some of the things that come to mind include: an antique car club placing antique cars around the neighborhood, horses and buggies circling the streets, a fun event area for children and by popular demand, the trolley!**

**I would like to have our first meeting on August 12 at 6:30 p.m. at my home, 3713 Richland, and invite anyone who is interested to please join us. It will be very helpful if the most recent tour chairs and volunteers can come. As this will be a big year for us, we need to assess the positives and negatives of past tours. Please come and give your ideas!**

Becky Taylor

grant funds (\$10,000) to create the arboretum park at Central and Craighead and compile a tree inventory to aid us in the preservation of our existing trees and to help determine future planting needs.

Becky Taylor has enthusiastically volunteered to chair the 2005 Home Tour! From personal experience, I can say that working on the tour was one of my most rewarding volunteer endeavors. While chairing an event may not be your cup of tea, I urge you to give Becky a call to see how you can participate. In the 26 years that our neighborhood has been hosting a home tour, many other neighborhoods have followed suit. It is important to the future success of our tour that we continue to look for new ways to enhance our visitor experience. The Tearoom is still in its infancy, but I believe it has great potential in future years. Becky has a whole host of ideas she wants to explore. She is getting an early start to Tour '05, so please support her by letting her know how you will be willing to help.

Anne Livingston

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 5:** RWENA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Lissa and Jim Kelley, 3702 Richland

**August 12:** Home Tour 2005 planning meeting, 6:30 p.m., Becky Taylor, 3713 Richland

**August 15:** Deadline for submitting

changes for neighborhood directory

**August 21:** RWENA Back-to-School Street Dance

**October 3:** Annual Neighborhood Picnic

**October 5:** Deadline for submitting newsletter items, articles and ads

**Free Will Baptist Bible College events:**

**August 16-20:** Faculty in-service

**August 20-24:** Students return

**August 25:** Classes resume

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Made one  
at a time.

Turnbull Pottery

## fromthe president

In May more than 90 neighbors attended our board meeting at the West End Church of Christ to hear from our guests, members of the Metro Historic Zoning Commission (MHZC). The meeting was particularly timely because a developer has bought the home and adjoining lot at the corner of Richland and Craighead and presented plans to the MHZC to build a "spec" home on the corner and renovate and add on to the existing home. Much of the discussion centered around gaining a better understanding of what is and is not covered by our conservation overlay, how to report questionable building practices and who to call if sidewalks or alleyways are blocked. For now, if you have questions about new construction please contact me and I will serve as

our liaison to MHZC. If the sidewalks or alleyways are blocked by any construction project call: Buddy Hall with Public Works at 862-8782.

The current edition of the neighborhood telephone directory is now several years old and judging by the number of new faces in the neighborhood, it is time for an update. If you are new to the neighborhood, or if your listing needs to be changed, please submit your information as soon as possible to Tricia Drake. Our directory continues to be free to all neighbors. Directories will be distributed by the block captains as soon as they are ready.

We have two more exciting events coming up: the second annual Back-to-School Street Dance will be held on Saturday, August 21, in the

Princeton/Harvard triangle, and by popular request, "Surface Tension" will be rocking the Nabe that night. Bring your blanket and chairs and come relax with your friends. Our thanks to Rachel Steele who came up with this idea last year and will again chair the event.

Save the date: the annual Neighborhood Picnic, on the lawn at Concordia Lutheran Church, will be held on Sunday, October 3. The traditional picnic date, the last Sunday in September, was changed this year because the Titans have a home game that day. Richard and Elizabeth Green are our chairs, and you will hear more from them as the date approaches. See you around the Nabe!

Anne Livingston  
RWENA President

## NEW TO THE 'HOOD?

The 2004 Richland-West End Neighborhood Directory is in the works. To make changes to your current listing or to add your information, go to [www.rwena.org](http://www.rwena.org) and complete the census. Not on the 'net? Send your name, address and phone to Tricia Drake, 3708 Princeton or call her at 297-1428. This year's directory will be in a useful binder generously donated by Allen DeCuyper. Use it to store all your neighborhood info including flyers, take out menus, etc.

## boardofdirectors

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Pre-Tour Party: Rob and Julie Parrish, Bob and Cynthia Hester



Pre-Tour Party: Jeff Rymer, Tia Sillers, Steve Sirls and Lissa Kelley



Pre-Tour Party: Mark Selby, Harry Williams and Madge Franklin



On the Home Tour



Post-Tour Party: Mary Hance, Bill Hance, Lyle and Kellie Graves



Post-Tour Party: Jackson and Teresa Ellis



Gene Nelson, Carol Geraghty, Alan and Vicki Siefker



Post-Tour Party: Anne Livingston and Becky Taylor

# Houses that Grow and Plants that Don't

by Miss Nan Dina

I was at a party the other night discussing the grotesque growth of a few neighborhood cottages. Someone (OK – me) suggested the flaming tire necklace as a deterrent, but that does seem a little harsh. Surely no contractor deserves this. So... what about a curse?

Hys children let be fatherless  
Hys wif a wydow make  
Let hys offspring be vagabondes  
To beg and seke their bread;  
Wandering out of the wasted place  
Where erst they have been fed."

All of us, contractors included, should try to remember where we live. This is a neighborhood of classic old homes with character, and class. Personally I despise the great room (the very term offends) large enough to corral a herd of buffalo, the interior Corinthian columns gilded with fake gold, the huge fireplace made of "formed" stone and fantasy fire, the library with "faux" leather walls and no books. I hate attached garages, Walmart windows, precast stone, rear additions that look like a trailer house pulled up in back and stuck on with pine molding, plastic paneling and gum.

My Auntie Jean, the paranoid schizophrenic, used to complain that all her acquaintances had no taste. "They're just tacky," she'd say.

As a child I thought (frequently, as I hid from her under the dining room table) that everybody has taste. Maybe not my taste, but taste nevertheless.

But I was much younger then, kinder and more open-minded. Now I know. Some things are just plain tacky.

And in this spirit of superior taste and knowledge, let's talk about tacky plants. I call them Horticultural Black Jokes ... the very popular, easily available plants which we should never, ever use in this neighborhood. Here are ten of the plants I love to hate.

- 1. Bradford Pear.** I've said it a hundred times. No, no, no! Too stiff. Too structured. Too Brentwood. A neighbor calls them Monopoly Trees.
- 2. Japanese Holly** (Round Leaf Holly, Poor Man's

Boxwood) . Real boxwood is a tough and lovely plant. There are many, many cultivars. At least one will get to the size you need it to be. Why use a plant (Japanese Holly) which is more difficult to grow and not as pretty?

**3. Leyland Cypress.** Let's watch it die.

**4. White Pine.** Too big were it to live, but it's guaranteed an untimely death.

**5. Manhattan Euonymus** (The Air-Conditioner Plant). Bugs. More bugs. You can't imagine how many bugs.

**6. Blue Grass.** Death by heat.

**7. White Birch.** Without a constant, reliable-into-forever source of water, your White Birch tree will die back to an ugly bush. River Birch is a better choice. No birch should be planted within 25 feet of any structure.

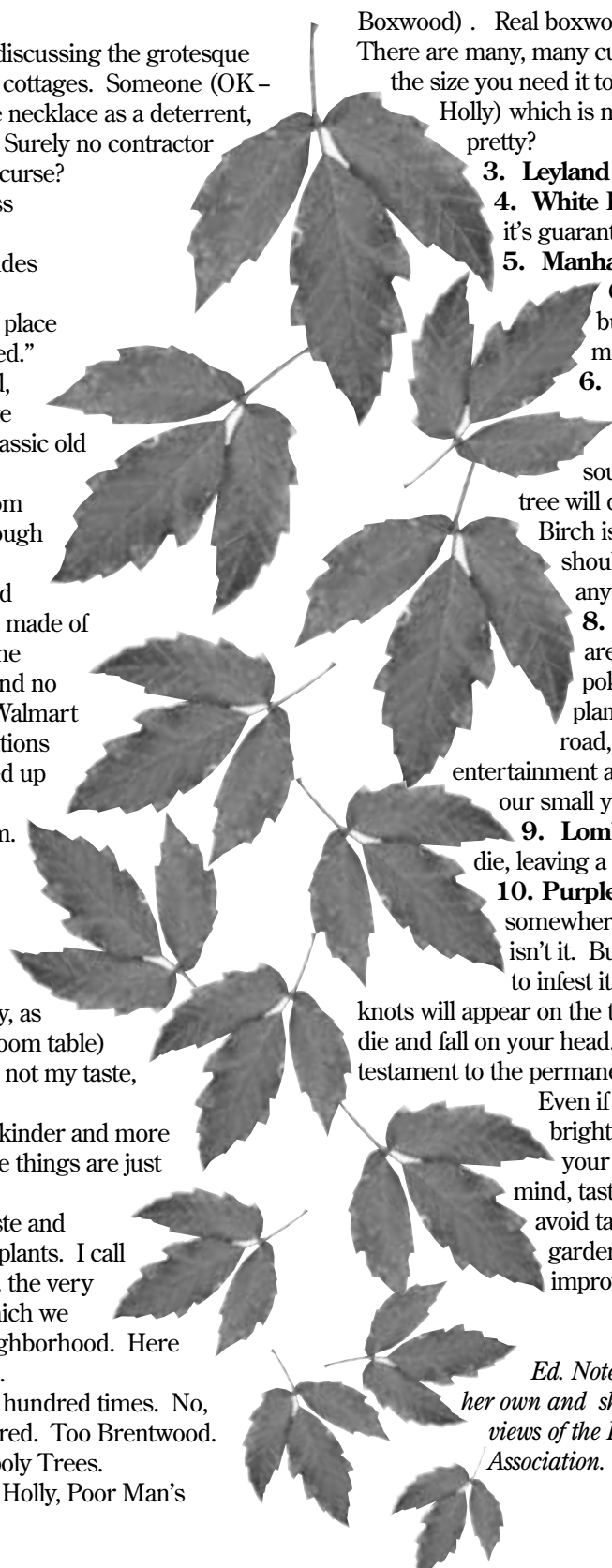
**8. Pin Oak.** The lower branches are stiff and pendulous. They'll poke your eye out. Do not ever plant a pin oak within 25 feet of any road, walkway, drive, structure or entertainment area. There are better oaks for our small yards.

**9. Lombardy Poplar.** The top half will die, leaving a hideously deformed scrub.

**10. Purple Leaf Plum.** There must be somewhere this does well, but Nashville isn't it. Bugs will fly in from Murfreesboro to infest it. Huge, frightening, warty black knots will appear on the trunk and branches. Pieces will die and fall on your head. But it will live on and on, a testament to the permanence of ugly.

Even if you already painted your house bright yellow, added a red roof and all your neighbors think you've lost your mind, taste is still within your reach. Just avoid tacky plants. Redeem in your garden what you've lost in your home improvements.

*Ed. Note: Miss Nan Dina's opinions are her own and should not be interpreted as the views of the Richland-West End Neighborhood Association.*



## Gary Layda: Nashville's Visual Historian

On the 4th of July, Gary Layda photographed the downtown fireworks show for the 21st year in a row, as Nashville's city photographer. He applied for the job because he

"thought it would be great, recording history and being a little artistic at the same time." It was a job seemingly made for Gary, who had majored in history and "always loved art but

couldn't paint or draw." It has been all he thought it would be and more.

He documents the life of Nashville, photographing people, places and events. From portraits of the mayor and the city council to a cleaning woman retiring after 40 years with the city, he covers the people. From the Courthouse renovation and the building of the coliseum to festivals and celebrations, he covers the city. "I like to think of myself as the city's visual historian," Gary says.

He was there with his camera for the opening of the Downtown Library ("one of the best things we have in Davidson County") and took aerial shots of the arena. Photographing areas to be developed and construction in progress, he documents Nashville's growth.

One hundred of his images – color slides and archival printed black and white prints with his name stamped on each one – are at the Bicentennial Mall, vacuum sealed in Davidson County's stainless-steel time capsule, to be opened in 100 years.

Gary photographs celebrities, too, and has been on the field at Titans games. "I can't tell you what that's like," he laughs. "I almost got run over by Eddie George." Not surprisingly, he says he has yet to get bored.

Asked about his goals, Gary says he exhibited in the '70s and '80s and would like to do that again, "some serious artistic work." But that is probably several years down the road. For now, he's happy where he is, professionally and at home.

Gary and Linda have raised their triplet sons, Austin, Christopher and Elliot, in their bungalow on Meadowbrook, where they have lived since 1979. They love their home and their neighborhood. Gary says they can't imagine living anywhere else.

*Ed. Note: Currently, 25 of Gary's photos are featured in the Art Gallery on the first floor of the Downtown Library in "Then and Now, an exhibition capturing the images of Nashville's history." It will be shown through August 23.*

# Simple Actions Make a Difference on Crime

by Susan Meyn  
 Neighborhood Watch Director

First, a brief summary of the RWENA Crime and Safety meeting on June 10: Our guests were Captain Mickey Miller, commander of West Precinct; Lt. Kim Dillingham, head of evening patrol for the same; Officer Steve Freeman of West Precinct Community Affairs; and Officer John Drake from Metro Crime Prevention. The police nearly outnumbered the neighbors in attendance; this was an excellent opportunity for you all to meet and talk to the people who protect and serve our community.

The topics for discussion included specific questions from neighbors who have been victims of crime. In response, Captain Miller talked about the opportunistic nature of criminal activity in our neighborhood. Are you aware that during the workday, while we are away from our homes, our streets are being cruised by people looking for open or unlocked gates, sheds and garages? This is when most lawn or other heavy equipment and tools are stolen. At

night, other "specialists" search for auto burglary opportunities: unlocked cars are a big draw, as is any car (locked or not) with enticing contents on display: stereos, cell phones, tools, sports equipment, even loose change! You'll note in the incident report that follows examples of both types of crime.

We also discussed methods for crime prevention. You might be surprised how a few simple actions on your part can make a real difference in our neighborhood:

- **CALL THE POLICE** when you feel suspicious about a stranger in the neighborhood, when property is stolen (no matter how worthless or trivial it may seem) or vandalized.
- **LOCK YOUR CAR, SHED/GARAGE** and home even when you are at home during the day, and certainly when you plan to be away. Leaving your property vulnerable exposes you and your neighbors to potential criminal activity. Don't assume you'll notice anything is wrong in time to stop a theft, because you probably won't. Don't make our neighborhood attractive to criminals by leaving your property unattended and unsecured.
- **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS** and watch out for each other.
- **PAY ATTENTION** to strangers and strange occurrences. Did you know that there is a curfew for everyone under the age of 18? The hours are midnight during the summer months, 11 p.m. during the school year. I realize that not every teenager out after midnight is intent on crime or vandalism, but this is one more tool to prevent crime.
- **LET NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH KNOW** what is going on. I can help only if I am informed.
- **VOLUNTEER** to be an active participant in Neighborhood Watch.

On my own, I can attend and organize safety meetings, write articles for the newsletter, record and transmit information about crime in our area, but I alone cannot make our neighborhood safer and reduce the incidence of crime. For that, I need your participation: As a start, I would like to see more of you come out to the next RWENA safety meeting. Officer Drake has promised to come back and talk to us when more neighbors are available to attend. If you are interested in being a part of revitalizing our Neighborhood Watch, contact me directly, and I will plan the next meeting to accommodate you. I can't promise we will eradicate all crime, recover your property or catch the thief who stole it, but working together, we CAN prevent many of our neighbors from being victimized.

Please join me. Here are three ways you can contact me:

- phone: 385-9226
- email: susan.m.meyn@vanderbilt.edu
- stop by my house at 3731 Central Avenue.

I'll be glad to talk to you about your concerns for safety in our neighborhood.

Thanks, and be safe!

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# Neighborhood Crime Reports

3/23/04

**3500 block Central Avenue**

A neighbor was stopped late morning in front of a house and asked for gas money by two African American men. The driver said his father was in St. Thomas Hospital. The neighbor was suspicious of their motives. The car turned onto Greenway and parked for a while. The same or similar car was observed in the alley between Central and Richland later in the day, around 4 p.m. On hearing of the above incident, another neighbor reported an incident on Central from a few weeks earlier—similar car, similar story.

3/24/04

**3800 block Central Avenue**

A lawnmower was taken from a neighbor's back yard, near the back door.

4/1/04

**500 block N. Wilson**

At midday, a neighbor observed two men stopped in a car, outside a house across the street. They pretended to switch drivers, drove away and then returned to the same spot. One man got out of the car, went in the garage belonging to the house and took two toolboxes. The neighbor confronted the man, who got back into the car with the stolen property and drove away. The neighbor made a note of tag information and called the police.

Suspects: two white males

Car: white car, possibly a Toyota Celica

4/10/04

**4200 block of Aberdeen**

A man working in his yard during the day was threatened at

knifepoint and robbed. The victim was not injured but his wallet was taken. The assailant then fled on foot via the nearby railroad tracks in the direction of Germantown. A man has been arrested and charged in this case: Thomas Earl Bradshaw was arrested on 5/12/04 in connection with this and similar "home invasion" crimes, including an attack and robbery on an elderly woman on Westlawn Ct. on 4/19/04. His case is pending before the court.

4/29/04

**3700 block Richland Avenue**

9 p.m. A neighbor was frightened by a hard knock on the front door. The neighbor did not answer the door, but looked out the window and observed a car moving slowly down the street. The car stopped for a while, but no one got out.

5/11/04

**3600 block Central Avenue**

A neighbor observed a white pick-up truck with a sign, "Southern Land Co." cruising the street for about 30 minutes in the evening. The truck stopped and backed up a few times, as if to get a closer look at certain houses. The neighbor felt suspicious of this behavior after usual workday hours; police were called.

5/11/04

**3600 block Meadowbrook Avenue**

A neighbor's Jeep was burglarized sometime before 5 a.m. The soft-top and side window panels were taken. A police report was made.

6/04/04

**3600 block Meadowbrook Avenue**

A neighbor's car was burglarized overnight while parked in the driveway.

Stereo, CDs, cell phone, etc., were stolen.

**3700 block Meadowbrook Avenue**

An unlocked car was entered and searched. Some loose change was taken.

6/06/04

The neighborhood watch sign at the corner of Greenway and Murphy Rd. was reported vandalized. It is scheduled for replacement by Public Works.

## SECOND ANNUAL RWENA BACK-TO-SCHOOL STREET DANCE

Saturday, August 21

6 - 10 p.m.

at the corner of Princeton and Harvard

Once again the band will be "Surface Tension" - Better than Therapy! featuring neighbor Tom Surface and friends.

The streets will be blocked off from 6 to 10 p.m. The band will play from 7 to 10 p.m. Drinks will be supplied by the Nabe, and folks are welcome to bring munchies, chairs and blankets.

Organizer Rachel Steele needs a few volunteers to help organize on the day of the event. Call Rachel at 292-1033 or e-mail her at rachelsteele@comcast.net.

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