

## President's Report

by John Heins



**West Hill Elementary.** As a 10 year kid old living on Hampshire Drive that was about my range. When I got a 10 speed for Christmas, my range expanded to cover the "other" side of West Hills and the world of the kids that roamed that part of the neighborhood. One kid I came in contact with was a tall skinny kid with a quick wit and great baseball card collection. He would go on to use that wit at Bearden High as Student Body President and UT student Government as well. Now he is our county Mayor. I've known Tim Burchett and his family a long time and he has agreed to come to our **April 18<sup>th</sup>** Wesley Neighbor's meeting and talk about his experience growing up in West Hills and where he thinks our community may be headed in the future. I hope you will come and enjoy Tim's comments.

**Boom!** Spring has sprung and so has our neighborhood. I love it when the dogwoods come out don't you? **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am** at the corner of Wesley and Stockton, neighbor Robert Langan will be leading our Neighborhood clean-up. This only takes an hour or so and you will feel good about yourself and make West Hills look great. Donuts and coffee on me!

**Envelopes.** Last issue I talked about how boxes can be cool. This time I hope you find the envelope in the newsletter and help our neighborhood by contributing \$10 to our Wesley Neighbor's Community Association. Last year we had 60 or so donors out of a neighborhood of roughly 375 houses contribute \$700+. For those who give, THANK YOU! I hope our WNCA adds something to our great neighborhood. We are trying.

**Shazam!** That's exactly what Gomer would say about big news. Besides having a top notch elementary school, the sidewalk on Wesley is the best thing that has happened to our neighborhood. We are working on a sidewalk down Sheffield to the school. I hope you are as excited about it as I am.

I love this neighborhood,

John

## Neighborhood News

WHO BUILT THE NEW HOUSE ON ROCKINGHAM??



Meredith and I are technically still what you would call newlyweds as we have only been married for a little more than a year and a half. We are both Knoxville natives and graduated from UT in 2011. I currently work at South College as a business analyst and Meredith is at Scripps Networks working with HGTV/DIY on the home promotions.

We started house hunting in November 2014 initially looking for an older home that we could fix up. One Sunday afternoon in April we were driving through the neighborhood to look at a house for the fourth time, before putting an offer on it. I should've turned on Sheffield from Wesley to get to the house we were going to look at, but I missed the turn. Not exactly knowing where it would take us, we took the next left on Rockingham taking us past a vacant lot with a for sale by owner sign in the front. We knew almost immediately it was too good to pass up, so we decided to make an offer on it that day with the thought that we would just "figure it out". We definitely did not anticipate building our first home, but it has been a really fun and learning experience thus far! We broke ground October 29th with Terry Newman of Amberwood Construction as our builder. Although it will be one of the newer homes in the neighborhood, we are trying our best to make it fit in with the others as if it had been there since the 50's. Meredith, Berkley (our one year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel), and I are beyond excited to move in with an anticipated completion date somewhere around March - April. We have had the pleasure to meet several of our neighbors on Rockingham and can't wait to meet the others in our area!