

# English Hills News

July 2012

## Annual Summer Picnic: Sat., July 21



Last July we enhanced the annual Watermelon Bash by adding more goodies to it. We found from past experience that English Hills residents liked the idea of something more than watermelon later in the afternoon. Also last year, we invited a Henderson County Deputy to discuss improving security in our community. We will offer

more food again this time around, but we haven't set a theme or a speaker as of this writing.

This year's picnic will be held on Foxfire on **Saturday, July 21, 3:00-6:00 p.m.** Hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks will be provided by the community, but we are asking that you bring your favorite side dish to share. This is a great opportunity to meet other English Hills' residents, and also experience the master grilling of Mike List. Come out and join us. You will have a great time, and you won't leave hungry.

## New Officers Elected to EHHA Board

At the 2012 English Hills Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected to serve the community on the English Hills Homeowners Association Board until April 30, 2013:

President: Bill Geiger

Vice President: Abigail Kharroubi

Secretary: Jennie-Lynne McFadden

Treasurer: Debbie Mentch

Social Director: MC Gaylord

Past President: Art Mack

Associate Director: Toni Berg

Associate Director: Margaret Johnson

## We Ask the Question Again: Should We Have Lights in English Hills?

We have talked about the need for street lights for English Hills for many years, and no action has ever been taken. The subject has come up again as a security issue, and we are looking for homeowners' input. Is it time to bring lights to English Hills?

Without a full moon, English Hills is very dark at night. It is not safe to be walking our lanes without a flashlight. The extreme darkness also provides a cover for criminals who choose to work without detection. Let us know what you think, and the EHHA Board will schedule a discussion for August.

## Speeding Continues and We Need a Solution

Bill Geiger

Speeding continues in English Hills, and the EHHA Board is aware that we must do something to correct this problem. So far, we have been fortunate to avoid an accident, but it's only a matter of time before we experience a tragedy.

We are studying various proposals that may solve this problem; however, there are steps that you can take immediately to minimize the danger.



- The speed limit is 25 miles per hour in English Hills. Decrease your speed to 20 miles per hour to ensure that you are not speeding.
- Advise service people in the community that we take speeding seriously.
- Take note of speeders, including making a note of their license plate numbers. Take pictures if possible. Let speeders know that you are watching them.

All of this may sound petty, but we all have a stake in the safety of our community. There are children in our community, and speeders are putting them in mortal danger.

Your input is encouraged. The e-mail addresses of all of the new Board members are listed on Page 2 in this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to e-mail us with your ideas.

## Natural Gas Could Be a Reality for English Hills

The new EHHA Board met with Steve Orr of PSNC Energy on Thursday, June 28th. Steve updated the board on PSNC's latest proposal to bring the long awaited service to English Hills. We are in an unusual situation here, being that gas service encircles our community, and PSNC Energy provides gas service to a handful of residents who live on the perimeter. Existing customers would not be affected by the gas initiative that is currently underway, but the existence of service on Oakshire could simplify the installation of gas service in the lower half of English Hills.

It's unfortunate that English Hills wasn't a part of the mix as gas service moved out Kanuga Road in the 1970's. Apparently there were charges to the builders that they were not willing to pay at the time. This is all water over the dam. At this point in time, we have a unique opportunity to bring this service to our community; however, it will take a commitment on the part of homeowners. We first tried this process two years ago, before PSNC began their current expansion plans, even though we really didn't have the necessary leverage to push the project ahead. The environment is

different now, with PSNC Energy and many English Hills residents having shared goals. Taking action now is essential, and you have a chance to help us succeed.

You will find a survey from PSNC Energy enclosed with this newsletter. We are asking you to complete the survey, no matter where you stand on this new service. Your completion of the survey will aid PSNC engineers in determining the most efficient plan to make gas service a reality. You will find the contact information for PSNC in this article. Do not hesitate to contact Steve Orr with any questions pertaining to gas service installation and the level of customer commitment.

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## English Hills Communication Network



### Karen Geiger

The Board has talked about real-time communication in English Hills for the past couple of years. It doesn't happen often, but we do encounter events that require "getting the word out" in a more expeditious manner.

So far, the Board has counted on hand-delivered notices – and for most notifications, that has worked. However, in this day of instant communication, we are studying the use of e-mail blasts to English Hills residents.

Initially, the intention is to improve the quality of communications between the Board and the residents, with the ultimate goal of improving communications overall in our community. This will be a great opportunity to share information that is essential for the safety and well-being of all of us.

To become a part of the English Hills Communications Network and join our English Hills E-mail List, please send your e-mail address to English Hills News Editor Karen Geiger via e-mail to Karen@shadyvale.com. We will keep you apprised of our progress.



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