



# NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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## Celebrate the Return of the Dragon!



HANK MURFREY

**Festivities begin Sunday, May 20, at 2:30 p.m. See the full schedule on page 3.**

Join us on Sunday, May 20, for the long awaited **Grand Reopening** of our beloved Dragon and for the 29th annual **HWEN Dragon Parade** and **Ice Cream Social**, featuring **Dragon Music Sunday** free music in the park. Plus **special kid activities** from our Hillsboro Village neighbors Little Art House and Arcade.

by Mary Skinner and Martha Stinson

The neighborhood has much to celebrate! After two long years of fundraising and restoration, our Dragon is ready to show off its new colors. We have planned a fun-filled day of festivities, beginning with gathering at **2:30 p.m.** at Triangle Park (corner of Natchez Trace and Blair) for the Dragon Parade, which begins promptly at **3 p.m.** We will march, walk, pedal, roll, and dance our way to Fannie Mae Dees Park (aka: Dragon Park) accompanied by HWEN's giant paper Good Luck Dragon. There will be balloons for everyone, young and old. The Nashville Scottish Pipes and Drums, with a score of kilt-clad musicians, will lead the parade.

**Parade route:** Streets will be closed

to traffic. We will march by way of Blair, turning left onto 25th Ave. S., across Barton, right on Fairfax, and then left on 24th Ave. S. to the park.

At the park, we will have our traditional ice cream social. Then at **4 p.m.** a special reopening ceremony welcoming

back our long lost friend—the Dragon — will begin!

This will be followed by the best free music in town. At **4:15 p.m.**, Dragon Music Sunday opens with the locally renowned Metro Parks Music teen musi-

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### “Save the Dragon” with the Big Payback

The Big Payback, a community-wide annual giving day, is Wednesday, May 2. HWEN is excited to participate in this great event to raise funds to restore and maintain our Dragon! Starting at midnight on May 2 and going for 24 hours straight, online giving will enable HWEN to raise funds for our Dragon. Links to the donation form will be sent out via email and Facebook on May 2. Please support HWEN's mission to restore our Dragon on May 2.



# News From the Metro Council

Burkley Allen - District 18 Councilmember



Greetings from the Metro Council! This is normally a busy time of year for us, but it is compounded this year by the culmination of the Transit Referendum and the surprise spring mayoral race.

The Metro budget process is now well under way. The Mayor has held hearings with each department to discuss their proposed budgets, and the Council will spend the last half of May meeting with each department to accept or make adjustments to those proposals. Because so many properties successfully appealed their tax increase, revenues for the upcoming year are expected to be lower than originally projected, so this year will be a no-growth budget. In addition, the school budget has been under much scrutiny because of plans to shift Title 1 funding for higher needs students and other adjustments related to an expected decrease in state funding. The next few weeks are the ideal time to let council members know what you think about our spending priorities.

Because creating safe, walkable/bikeable communities has been one of my top priorities, I'm watching to make sure that the budget continues to include \$30 million for new sidewalks as well as school and transit funding that will also include sidewalks to school and transit. We will also try to have separate funding specifically for bikeways to continue to improve options for bike riders.

Metro is continuing to expand mobility options including new bike share programs. Vanderbilt is piloting a dockless bike sharing program on campus that might eventually spread to the wider community. Like Nashville's B-Cycle program, the bright yellow "ofo" bikes can be rented by the hour, but they don't have to be returned to a specific kiosk location. Instead, they lock themselves anywhere within the "geofence" area that has been established around Vanderbilt. If this goes well on campus, we will likely see dockless bikes at other universities and then around the neighborhood.

## From the HWEN President

Tom Cash



As you can see from this newsletter we're working hard to provide some spectacular spring events including the reopening of our beloved dragon and the celebration to ensue. We hope to see you there!

We recently surveyed neighbors in HWEN as to your priorities for our work and got hundreds of responses: protecting against inappropriate development; keeping our streets safe, bikeable and walkable; and supporting our parks and greenways decidedly topping the list. We are taking this feedback to heart as we plan ahead. We always welcome volunteers and membership dues to help us in this work.

If you haven't recently, we ask you to make a membership donation in the envelope provided, or donate online at [www.hwenn.org/membership](http://www.hwenn.org/membership). Many of you have generously donated to our dragon renovation and we are grateful—we couldn't do it without you. All monies collected for the dragon have been earmarked specifically for that project. To meet the many other goals for HWEN, we ask an annual donation (minimum \$20) for this ongoing work: printing and distribution of the newsletter, website maintenance, social events like our annual Dragon celebration and ice cream social, beautification projects, support for

local public schools and parks, as well as The Belcourt Theater and Ronald McDonald House. Thank you for your continued support!

### HubNashville and Nashview

If you aren't aware, I wanted to share two great new Metro government resources I've been using lately: HubNashville at [hub.nashville.gov](http://hub.nashville.gov) is an innovative way to report many different issues and problems to Metro government departments, including codes violations, crimes, graffiti, traffic and street light problems, dead animal pickup and much more. You can submit and request anonymously or with an email address so you can track it and get confirmation when the request is closed by the department. You can also call 311 to report—especially useful if you aren't sure which department to contact.

Nashview at [nashview.nashville.gov](http://nashview.nashville.gov) is another great resource that provides greater transparency of government activities and ties nicely with the hub as it has a map where you can see filed hub requests. It has useful features for those new to Nashville with maps showing schools, parks, police precincts, libraries, recycling centers and more. Additionally, it shows where building permits have been issued. I've only scratched the surface with what these two sites offer—check them out for yourself!

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cians, Centennial jamBands, brought to you by HWEN and Metro Parks since 2008. Many of the kids who have performed have gone on to become well-known musicians.

Welcome back Webb Wilder at **5 p.m.**! An electrifying artist, Webb Wilder is too rock for country and too country for rock. Wilder's music embodies the anarchic rockabilly spirit without any retro trappings. Instead, his

**From 4-6 p.m. at Dragon Park, kids can make dragon-themed art and get a temporary tattoo.**

recordings and live performances serve up the same pastiche of American roots music that created rockabilly in the first place: country, R&B, and blues, all delivered with the famous Wilder wit.

Activities for kids will take place throughout the musical performances to help celebrate the Dragon's return. **Little Art House**, an art studio in Hillsboro Village offering art making for all ages from 10 months to adults, will offer a dragon-themed art making station. **Arcade** children's shop, which sells an array of unique children's brands from around the world, from clothing and books to toys and decors, will have a temporary tattoo booth. Both shops are located in the Hill Center on Acklen. The shop owners are also organizing a free raffle of great prizes from Hillsboro Village merchants to be given away at the event.



JOE ROGERS

**Come to the corner of Natchez Trace and Blair Blvd. at about 2:30 p.m. to gather for the Dragon Parade.**



HANK MURREY

**Enjoy free ice cream at Dragon Park once the Dragon Parade ends.**



GILL MURREY

**Dragon Music Sunday kicks off at 4:15 p.m. on May 20 at Dragon Park. Centennial jamBand will open for Webb Wilder. See page 5 for a full list of Dragon Music Sunday musicians.**

## Dragon Reopening Celebration at a Glance Sunday, May 20

**2:30 p.m.**

Gather at Triangle Park (corner of Natchez Trace and Blair).

**3 p.m.**

Dragon Parade: March, stroll, pedal and dance to Dragon Park.



JOE ROGERS

*All these events are at Dragon Park:*

**3:30 p.m.**

Ice Cream Social

**4 p.m.**

Dragon Reopening Celebration—welcome back, old friend!

**4-6 p.m.**

Kid activities and raffle by Little Art House and Arcade

**4:15 p.m.**

Dragon Music Sunday, Centennial jamBand

**5 p.m.**

Dragon Music Sunday, Webb Wilder



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**Celebrating Spring, the Dragon, the Neighborhood!**

# HWEN Plant Swap and Composting Event is May 5

by Susan Schipani

The annual HWEN Plant Swap will take place on May 5, from 1:30-4 p.m., at the home of Lisa Roiseman at 407 Chesterfield Ave.

This year there will also be folks from Metro Public Works to offer information on composting. They have volunteered to bring two backyard composters that we will raffle away during the event. (FYI: you do not have to stay for the whole time to win.)



A plant swap is the perfect opportunity to give away plants that need to be thinned from your own yard and find others to take home that have thrived in our area. There is also the fun of meeting neighbors who share an interest in plants and gardens, not to mention all the tips you can pick up on what to plant, where to plant it, and how to tend it from people with experience and know-how.

So come join us! You will probably go home with something new to plant and enjoy. Who knows, you may have a new composter as well.



Mark your calendar! The HWEN Plant Swap is May 5, from 1:30-4 p.m., at 407 Chesterfield Ave.

## Mutt Mitts Are Coming to HWEN!

Do you love dogs? Here's your chance to spread the love by helping HWEN remain a cleaner and safer place for all. Mutt Mitts are coming to HWEN, and we need dependable neighbors to adopt a station.

Due to an allocation in the Metro budget, HWEN plans to install several Mutt Mitt stations around the perimeter of HWEN's conservation overlay. We will install metal stations to dispense bags for dog waste.

Along the way, dog walkers occasionally need an extra bag or perhaps come unprepared. They can take a bag to collect the waste, which can then be disposed of properly after their walk in order to help keep our sidewalks and public areas cleaner and safer. This will also reduce the amount of harmful bacteria washing into our watershed.

The refillable stations are to be installed on existing sidewalk sign posts, as approved by Metro Public Works.

Adopting a Mutt Mitt station is easy! You'll tend to the lockable station about once a month, refilling it with bags. If you are interested, email your name and phone number to [miriammimms@comcast.net](mailto:miriammimms@comcast.net) so she can get in touch with you.

HWEN neighbors are some of the



most respectful and responsible dog owners in the city. With Mutt Mitts, we hope our visitors will respect our neighborhood, too. HWEN reminds all dog walkers to "do your doody, and clean up after your pet." A Metro Nashville ordinance provides for a \$50 fine on dog owners who fail to remove dog waste from public property and property not their own: 8.04.180.

Thank you to all who love our four-legged friends—and the neighborhood.

## Area School Highlights

### Last day of school

May 24 is a half day for all students and is the end of the school year!

### Summer camps and programs

Looking for summer activities? Find a comprehensive list of summer camps and programs offered by MNPS and community organizations at [www.mnps.org/summer-camps](http://www.mnps.org/summer-camps).

### Eakin Elementary IB World School

- Field Day is May 4 for Kindergarten and 1st and 2nd graders. Field Day is May 7 for 3rd and 4th graders. Please check with your teacher for specific times and with your room parent for snacks and water needs.
- Eakin Elementary and Nashville Soccer United will host a Tennis/ Soccer Camp May 29-June 1. Designed for elementary aged girls and boys, the camp will include skill development, technique and game play. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Eakin Elementary and the cost is \$160. To register or for more information email [Hilary.Strickland@mnps.org](mailto:Hilary.Strickland@mnps.org).
- The Eakin Care Program Summer Camp runs from May 30-Aug. 1. The camp is for ages 5-10 (completed kindergarten up through entering 5th grade) and hours are 7:30 a.m. until

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## Volunteers Needed to Adopt a Mutt Mitt Station

We're looking for volunteers to adopt a Mutt Mitt station in the HWEN neighborhood. It's quick and easy to volunteer—simply tend to your lockable station once a month and refill it with bags. Interested? Email your name and phone number to [miriammimms@comcast.net](mailto:miriammimms@comcast.net). Thank you for helping our neighborhood!

# Dragon Music Sundays Begin May 20 at Dragon Park

by Shannon Williford

The second decade of Dragon Music Sundays begins May 20, following the Dragon Parade and the unveiling of the newly enlivened Fannie Mae Dees Dragon.

This season's productions will bring southern rock/Americana, funk-jazz R&B, and next-gen jazz as well as a Tennessee string band with credits going back to Bill Monroe.

HWEN and Metro Parks Music partner to present the annual concert series. All shows start at 4 p.m. and end by 6:30 p.m. The location is Dragon Park, also known as Fannie Mae Dees Park. You are welcome to bring a picnic, lawn chairs/blankets, and dogs on a leash.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you for an afternoon of great music in the neighborhood!

**MAY 20**

## Webb Wilder

He needs no introduction to Southern rock-country-punk-fun fans, as has been shown in the several times he's played Dragon Music Sundays over the years. Once celebrated in *Newsweek* as "The greatest of the roadhouse rockers," Webb just keeps on keeping on. Look it up. Over the years, he's been lauded as an actor and radio host as well as being a relentless road-dawg. We expect another highly entertaining performance.



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**MAY 27**

## The Hiptet

This group of outstanding musicians delivers powerful instrumental takes on classic funk, jazz, Latin, gospel, rock and R&B. They also specialize in hard bop era with a Horace Silver flavor. Metro Parks Music Supervisor (and Dragon Music Sunday soundman) Sam Frazee keeps this group going from his upright bass position. Keyboardist Ray Manley serves as bandleader. Tommy Strange played guitar in famous Nashville band Glory. Greg Lewis is a trumpet vet of local big bands and longtime studio vet Jeff McCombs is on drums. Pure music!

**JUNE 3**

## Sonja Hopkins

She is an up-and-coming jazz/R&B/Motown/pop vocalist and songwriter. Sonja was recently heard singing at the Schermerhorn for Free Day of Music. Her crack band includes Metro Parks Music's Rashad Sylvester on keys, Fisk/TSU music prof Thomas Spann on drums/percussion and Kenny Jackson does bass and guitar. Sonja played for thousands at Jazz on the Cumberland and can reg-



ularly be heard at The Frist, Cheekwood, NMAAM events and at Sambuca. Her first record, "Because of You," was out in 2011. Her album *Sonja* was released last year.

**JUNE 10**

## The Contrarian Ensemble

This real string band will perform an eclectic set of acoustic music, with tunes dating back as far as the 1300s! They'll do Italian, Irish, Old-Time American, Bluegrass and even some jazz. The Contrarians feature mandolinist John Hedgecoth, a founding member (with the late, great HWEN neighbor Butch Baldassari) of the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble. John also toured with Monroe as a Bluegrass Boy. Other band members include Danish fiddler Svend Thomsen, Accordion player Bruce Baxter and Metro Parks Music's Mike Teaney. But have the Contrarians played the Ryman? Yes!



## Centennial jamBands

Since the beginning of Dragon Music Sundays, the Metro Parks Music Department has opened the show with one of the groups from Centennial jamBands. This program gives young rockers a way to form bands and play gigs around town.

Any youth age 8 to 18 who wants to play in a band is invited to contact Metro Parks Music to begin music or jamBand classes. Learn more at [www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Cultural-Arts/Music.aspx](http://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Cultural-Arts/Music.aspx).

# Coexisting with Coyotes

by Dan Eagar

**M**ost of us who have lived in the neighborhood for a while are aware that coyotes are one of the several species of wildlife that also call our neighborhood home. History has taught us that attempts to eliminate coyotes once they have occupied an area are likely destined to fail. The better we understand coyotes, the better we can coexist with them without conflict.

Coyotes extended their range into Tennessee from states to the west and south beginning in the 1970s. They are now established throughout North America. They are quite intelligent, and are one of the most adaptable wildlife species.

**Coyotes are naturally wary of humans, and instances of them attacking humans are extremely rare.**

Some coyotes are solitary, but most live in small packs organized around a mated pair.

A breeding pair will remain mated for many years—or for life. They breed in February, and have an average of five or six pups in April or May. Unlike many species, the male is actively involved in raising the young, hunting and bringing prey back to the den for the family.

Their diet consists mostly of small mammals—mice, rats, and rabbits, but also includes significant amounts of various fruits and vegetables when they are available. They will kill and eat domestic cats if given the opportunity. They will also attack domestic dogs—



especially smaller breeds. Attacks on domestic dogs are more frequent during the coyote's breeding season, and are likely due to the coyote's more aggressive defense of their territory during this time.

Coyotes are most active at night and in the early morning, although they can sometimes be seen out and about during the daytime. They are naturally wary of humans, and instances of them attacking humans are extremely rare. Most reported instances of coyotes showing aggression towards humans are associated with the animal's loss of their natural fear of people.

Successful coexistence with coyotes depends on all of us being aware of the

things that can cause coyotes to lose their fear of humans, and modifying our behavior accordingly. See the sidebar below for some measures that will help prevent our resident coyotes from becoming a problem for us and our pets.

## Coyote Safety Tips

- Do not put feed or water out for coyotes or other wild animals that are prey for coyotes.
- Feed pets indoors. When feeding pets outdoors, do not leave leftover food where coyotes can eat it.
- Position bird feeders so that coyotes and their prey (squirrels and rodents) cannot get to the feed.
- Secure garbage and compost where coyotes cannot get to them.
- Do not allow pets to run free. Provide secure nighttime housing for them. Walk your dog on a leash and accompany your pet outside, especially at night.
- Trim shrubbery that provides hiding cover for coyotes.
- Discourage coyotes from coming to your area. If you see coyotes around your home or property, chase them away by shouting, making loud noises, and throwing sticks or rocks.

*Dan Eagar is a program manager with the Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program.*

# Dealing with Door-to-Door Solicitors

**S**pring can bring an increase in door-to-door solicitors. Here are tips from the Metro Nashville Police Department for dealing with people knocking on your door.

- Only open the door if you feel comfortable. Do not stand in your doorway. You can speak with the person through a sidelight door window or doorbell camera.
- Request to see a permit. All solicitors have to obtain permits through the city.
- Request to see their credentials. Also ask for company information such as manager and headquarter address and phone number. Then call and verify!
- Do not allow the solicitor into your home.
- Stand firm on your decision of wanting the solicitor to leave your property or personal space.
- If the solicitor harasses you, call the police non-emergency number at 615-862-8600 and an officer will respond.



- If the solicitor shows acts of violence or uses threats of intimidation, call 911.

# Area School Highlights *continued from page 4*

6 p.m. Activities include arts and crafts, sports and games, storytelling, music, brain teasers and trivia, outdoor play, and more. To register or learn more, email [eakincareprogram@gmail.com](mailto:eakincareprogram@gmail.com).

## West End Middle

- Registration is happening now for the West End Boys' Lacrosse Camp. Dates are June 4-8 and the camp is for boys in 3rd through 8th grade. The camp's mission is to provide an affordable, safe and fun environment for young athletes to build their skills. Open to all skill levels, the camp is a great way for young players to enter the game in a low pressure, fun-filled environment. Learn more at [westendlax.com](http://westendlax.com).
- The ParnassusBooks bookmobile will be at West End Middle on May 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a great time to stock up on summer reading.

## Hillsboro High School

- Hillsboro's graduation is Wednesday, May 23, at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena. Congratulations to graduating seniors!
- Here are more important dates for seniors: May 4, prom at Nissan Stadium; May 7-18, AP exams; May 15-18, senior

exams; and May 17, senior accolades and inspirations in the Hillsboro High School Auditorium.

- Construction update: Phase 1 demolition is complete and construction areas are barricaded and fenced. Crews will drill for foundation excavations, install a new fire service line, and begin foundation and trenching work. As you may know, the construction includes a full renovation of Hillsboro High School plus an addition to the school to expand the space to meet the current school attendance and academic needs as well as planning for future growth. There will be a new library, cafeteria and kitchen, art spaces, outdoor courtyard areas, community room and enrollment center.

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# Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Membership Form

Please mail to: HWEN, Inc.; P.O. Box 120521, Nashville, TN 37212

Name	Spouse/Partner Name (if applicable)	
Street	City, State	ZIP
Email Address	Home Phone	Cell Phone

Donation Amount (\$20 minimum suggested - any amount is welcome). Please make checks payable to HWEN, Inc.

What are your interests in the neighborhood, and where could you help to improve Hillsboro West End?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning and Codes      | <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon Music Sundays              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/New Neighbors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dragon Parade         | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Yard Sale            | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment (General)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (writing)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Communications/Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Exchange            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter (delivery) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/Tree Watering           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (comment below)     |
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## About HWEN

The Hillsboro-West End Neighborhood Association, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, was founded in 1975 to preserve historic character, enhance community, and promote engagement.

An early endeavor was fighting the construction of I-440 for 10 years until achieving placement below grade.

The neighborhood got its beginnings in 1910 when a new streetcar line out to Blair Blvd. sparked a wave of home building in the area. Most homes were built in 1910-1935 in styles favored by the urban middle class of the day—Craftsman, Tudor Revival, Foursquare, and English cottage.

Today HWEN boasts the largest, cohesive collection of early 20th century houses in all of Nashville. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and much of the neighborhood is protected by Conservation Zoning.



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