

NOMINEES FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR



Liz Diviesti is known as the property mother and social worker at the Whittle Springs Duplexes, also known as We Care Neighborhood Watch, of which she is the coordinator. She has taken on many other roles as well, despite her own personal challenges. That list is long but a few of the highlights include: creating a neighborhood event to honor police officers, organizing a fire safety event for residents, initiating property improvements like peepholes and unit numbers, and obtaining a grant to help fund the property's first community garden.

Nominated by Tanya Fields & Logan Mulford

Historic Fourth and Gill's **Katy Hawley** is the go-to event planner for the Fourth and Gill neighborhood. She's there—leading or helping to plan—for every potluck, clean-up, board meeting, and neighborhood event. Ms. Hawley has served as the Event Chair for more than two years. She also took on the task of improving the Neighborhood Center/The Birdhouse and organized a volunteer clean-up, a plan for decorating the space, and a re-do of the first-floor bathroom. She helped the neighborhood raise over \$12,000 toward a new porch for the center. Katy has been instrumental in the success of neighborhood events, fundraising, and in reaching out to folks in the neighborhood to get involved.

Nominated by Historic Fourth and Gill Neighbors



Douglas Miller "is a bright young man who strives to please others", his nominator writes. Douglas serves his neighborhood extremely well. His service goes beyond participating in a group. He volunteers to help with events, sets up tents, finds seats for others, takes out the trash for some of his neighbors and even finds the time to dress up as the Easter Bunny to visit around the neighborhood. His nominator also writes, "Douglas brings invaluable joy and kindness to the community around him". It sounds like any community would be truly blessed to have a Douglas serving within it. *Nominated by Emily Baxter*

Donna Teeters is a resident/owner at the Highlands. She is a committed board member. She has run errands for neighbors with disabilities, given rides to meetings, shoveled snow, and de-iced the sidewalks. In 2017-18, due to a series of water leaks in the common water line, KUB bills ended up rising so high that the service was almost suspended. Donna used her personal financial resources, pre-paid her HOA fees up to 1 year, inspiring others to pre-pay as much as they could to pay the KUB bill. If the service had been interrupted, their homes would have been condemned. Donna could have used her personal finances and moved away. She chose to stay and fight along her community to save their homes and they did, thanks to Donna's resilience and creativity. *Nominated by Jennifer Archer*



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Deborah Thomas is a recent past President of the Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (OLPNA), which is quite a task in and of itself. However, Deborah takes that task to heart and champions it. She leads her group in the task of conducting their regular meetings, but she is also an advocate who goes before the Knoxville-Knox Planning and the Board of Zoning Appeals to voice the concerns of her neighbors. She has led OLPNA through projects, group improvements, park developments and much more. She works tirelessly through these tasks to serve others around her. Daily, she makes her community a better place. *Nominated by Emily Ellis*



Christine Winton has been an active member of the Mechanicsville Neighborhood Association (MCA) since the year 2000. She has been very upset by the violence in her neighborhood and has felt compelled to do something to discourage gang activity. After three incidents happened in a short time, she knew that she had to take action against the gang violence. She raised funds to buy 150 STOP THE VIOLENCE yard signs. She distributed the signs throughout the city. She inspired a member of the neighborhood association to order 100 additional yard signs. Her campaign motivated MCA to use the STOP THE VIOLENCE theme for their homecoming. *Nominated by Rita McKinnon*

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