

# Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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## Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting of the Waldo Homes Association was held on January 15<sup>th</sup>. In odd numbered years, WHA elects its officers. This year, Laurie Hines (past President) and Anita Hill (past Vice President) made it clear that they needed a break and nominated Tammy Gay, Tim Gordon and Anne Kurtenbach to become officers. Tammy and Tim explained that they are running as a team with Tammy as President, Tim as Treasurer and Anne as Secretary. Nominations were left open for Vice President, but there were no nominations. Tim explained that under the State laws of non-profit incorporated entities that we can operate with 3 officers if need be. Tammy explained that before electing them, the group should know that the 3 major points of change would be: monthly meetings, rewriting of bylaws and treating our renting neighbors the same as our homeowner neighbors in welcoming them to the neighborhood. The group voted Tammy, Tim and Anne into office. The new officers are leaving the VP post open for the time being in hopes that someone will express an interest. Tim will act as interim VP.

## The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Waldo Branch Library, Meeting Room A.** Please note that the meeting place is a change from the past several meetings.



**WHA ~ Feb 5 ~ 10 am  
@ Waldo Library**

### **Topics:**

- **Old Business** – 04/05 Grant final expenditures
- **New Business** – Committees for 2005: Let's decide if we want committees, what projects need committees, and who will chair each committee.

05/06 Grant Application: Our projects in the past have been devoted to 3 topics: Neighborhood Cleanup, Neighborhood Safety, and Neighborhood Unity... these are great topics! Lets brainstorm about what projects we can do this year under these topics and how much money we'll apply for.

Speakers and Topics: Do you have an idea for Speakers and/or Topics you'd like to see brought to our group? Do you have a hobby or special interest you'd like to share? How often do we want to have speakers?

Bring your ideas and join the rest of us to shape our neighborhood, build friendships, and keep the momentum going. We're a great group with good ideas and we are empowered to do what it takes to keep our neighborhood a great place to live.

## Reminders

- **Dues are due** – If you have not yet paid your dues, this is a friendly reminder that WHA dues are due in January for the calendar year. When dues are paid, your name will be added to the membership list to receive future copies of the *Neighborhood News* as well as to receive *PhoneTree* alerts, reminders, and messages. Make your checks payable to WHA for \$15.00. You can mail them to the post office box or bring them with you to the next meeting.
- **The Newsletter** – This is the first issue for 2005 and I've filled it mostly with reminders. Meeting more often will probably mean smaller newsletters ... we'll see how it goes. But don't let that stop you from writing an article or a story or telling us a joke, or doing an editorial on whatever interests you. All submittals are welcome and will be printed providing there is space and the content is valid. We can even incorporate pictures if you have them!
- **Welcome Bags** – Welcome bags are being restocked, but will be available again in the near future. In the mean time, if you have new neighbors and would like to present them with Waldo Homes Welcome Bags, please call Tim and Lorrie Gordon at 333-7357. To avoid duplication, please be sure you know the address of your new neighbors before you call.

- **Can Recycling** – We are still recycling aluminum pop and beer cans. The money goes to the WHA petty cash fund. Tammy Gay is the "Can Lady." If you have cans to donate you can drop them off at her house in front of the garage at 8216 Kenwood (3 houses up from Benjamin Bannecker Charter School), or give her a call at 333-4410 and she will pick them up. Please leave a message if she's not home.
- **RecycleFIRST** – CONGRATULATIONS! It seems our neighborhood is doing a great job of utilizing the RecycleFIRST program for curbside recycling. As a reminder here are the dates to remember to put out your recycling for the next couple of months:

### Recycle on these days:

If your Trash pickup day is <b>Wednesday</b>	If your Trash pickup day is <b>Thursday</b>
<b>January 26</b>	<b>January 27</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>February 10</b>
<b>February 24</b> (Thursday due to Monday holiday)	<b>February 25</b> (Friday due to Monday holiday)
<b>March 9</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 24</b>



- **Bulky Item Pickup** – Our neighborhood is in zone 30 and on a bi-monthly schedule for bulky item pickup. That means it occurs on the 30<sup>th</sup> day or within 3 days after that in even-numbered months. The dates for 2005 are:

February 30 <sup>th</sup>	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	August 30 <sup>th</sup>
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	December 30 <sup>th</sup>

- **Brush and Limb Pickup** – The City’s Fall Brush and Limb pickup has concluded. However, there are drop off sites where you can take the debris from this last ice storm. You can find that information on Kansas City’s Environmental Management web page at [www.kcmo.org/envIRON.nsf/web/home](http://www.kcmo.org/envIRON.nsf/web/home) The City’s Spring Brush and Limb pickup is not yet scheduled but is expected to take place in March or early April.

Please share your ideas... I hope to carry on the good work of the leaders before me and pass it on to whomever follows.

~~ Tammy Gay



### *From the President*

I just want to say thanks. We have a great group. As I tracked the Volunteer hours last year, I was amazed at how much we did as a group. It’s the behind-the-scenes working together on the little things that make the big events possible and turn out as well as they do. In the two years I’ve lived in this neighborhood, I’ve become more connected to my neighbors and my city than any place I’ve ever lived. I now have more friends and know more people everywhere I go than I ever have. Its good to see you around the neighborhood and when I’m shopping or at a restaurant...