

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Association — March 2005 Issue

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The February Meeting

It was a great meeting! The library doesn't open until 10:00 on Saturdays, but we were all in place and started our meeting by 10 minutes after and we completed our meeting in an hour.

CPAC Report: Anita Hill remains WHA's liaison with CPAC. She attended the Community Policing meeting on February 1st and provided us with a summary of the crimes reported in our area. She also reported that Chief Corwin was there and that he is very "Pro" neighborhoods. A reminder - if you have an emergency you should call 911. If you have non-emergency information or need to talk to the police call the non-emergency number **234-5111**.

WABA Report: Laurie Hines remains WHA's liaison with WABA (Waldo Area Business Association). She reported the latest about the Waldo Fountain project. There are expanded plans for what sounds like a very impressive and high-tech fountain. WABA will be selling bricks for the expanded fountain area. We'll let you know when they are available.

Changing Banks; Tim Gordon researched local banks for a better deal – no charges. He found that US Bank at 85th and Wornall would give us what we're looking for, so we've moved the WHA account.

2004/2005 NSHF Grant Closeout: The final report for the 04/05 grant has to be to KCNA (Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance) by the end of March. The two Operation House ID signs that had not been delivered yet were received on February 9th and installed on February 12th so that project is

closed. We decided to spend the remaining grant funds on Welcome Bags and items for them. Lorrie and Tim Gordon have graciously agreed to handle the WHA Welcome Bags for us and will let us know when they've received the "stuff" and have them ready for us to pick up and take to our new neighbors.

2005/2006 NSHF Grant Application: This grant application is due by the end of March. In the February meeting we discussed keeping our three project purposes:

Neighborhood Crime and Safety:
We did not decide on a project yet.

Neighborhood Cleanup:
We'll do a WHA dumpster day, but have not decided on a date or any details yet.
NSHF Grant \$\$: Dumpster Rental

Neighborhood Unity:
2nd Annual WHA Garage Sale
Committee Chair: Susan Kreidler
Dates: May 19th, 20th, and 21st.
NSHF Grant \$\$: permanent/re-usable advertising signs.

Other topics discussed:
Picnic – no details were decided, but last year's went so well, we'd like to try it again in South Oak Park and have more games.
Waldo Grove – on the trail at 81st, we have a plaque, but our trees are dying. We need to plant some flowers or something. The ground/soil just isn't right for our little Dogwoods. Because this is KCATA property, it wouldn't be NSHF Grant \$, but WHA \$ and volunteer hours.
Community Garden – There was a buzz of discussion, but no details decided. If the group wants a community garden,

someone or a couple of “someones” will need to step up to take the lead. Flag, Flagpole, and light – this was a very big discussion and everyone seemed to like the idea. Tammy Gay will research the funding of this with Parks and Rec and will look into PIAC \$ to fund it. It was suggested that we look into have a Landscape Architect look at this project for us to give us ideas of how to start and plan for the additions the group talked about. Speakers/Topics for Speakers – two suggestions were made: Urban Foresters, and Animal Control.

The Next Meeting

**March 12 ~ 10:15 am
Room B @ Waldo Library**

Please note that the library doesn't open until 10 am and that we will be in the smaller meeting room this time – Sorry. The larger room was already booked.

Agenda:

- **Minutes**
- **Treasury Report / Surveys**
- **CPAC Report**
- **WABA Report**
- **Old Business** –
 - 2005/2006 Grant Neighborhood Crime & Safety Project.
 - Committee for Picnic
 - Waldo Grove Gardeners
 - Community Garden
 - Dates for Dumpster Day
- **New Business** –
 - Refreshments at meetings – if we want them, we need a committee or a volunteer organizer.
 - Volunteer Hours for 2005 – We need to continue to track our volunteer hours. Please report your volunteer hours to me -- Tammy Gay. You can call me at

333-4410, or tell me at a meeting, or bring me a note. If you made or brought refreshments... if you walked South Oak Park and picked up trash... if you made calls and organized or helped organize a WHA project... if you provided physical labor for a project... it all counts! Last year we had a volunteer banquet for volunteers who worked a minimum of 2 hours. It was a huge success and I'd like to try that again this year. What do you think?

Reminders

- **Dues are due** – We have over 70 members for 2005 as of the last meeting. If you have not yet paid your dues, this is your last 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.
- **Can Recycling** – The “Can Lady” has changed... Connie Sherman volunteered to take over WHA's aluminum can recycling program. Remember – pop and beer cans only! You can drop off your cans at Connie's house – 8405 Cherry, or give her a call if you need them picked up.
- **Newsletter Articles** – The newsletter needs news! If you have an article to submit or something to add to the calendar, please submit articles by the 15th of the current month to be in the next month's newsletter. Submit them to Tammy Gay on paper or through email at tammydgay@hotmail.com.

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