

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Association – April 2005 Issue

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The March Meeting

We had another very busy meeting. In fact, we ran out of time to discuss all of the issues at hand.

CPAC Report: Anita Hill attended the Community Policing meeting on March 3rd and provided us with a summary of the crimes reported in our area.

WABA Report: Laurie Hines, WHA's liaison with WABA (Waldo Area Business Association) reported the latest about the Waldo Fountain project and even brought a drawing to show us what it will look like. It is really going to be something! Still no word on when bricks will be available for sale.

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. Here's the update (provided we receive grant funds):

Neighborhood Crime and Safety:

Laurie Hines suggested and we all agreed that for this project for this year we will nominate our neighbors most in need of safety/security assistance in their homes and will contract to install motion detector lights at two homes and then also install safety latch hardware at others. These hardware devices are fairly inexpensive, easily installed, and are effective in making it harder for a burglar to enter a home. We did not yet decide exactly how we will determine who will receive these items and services. We agreed we could decide this when we know if we have grant funds and how much we can spend.



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. **Update:** We did not discuss this as we ran out of time. We need to decide if we want to do this on just Friday and Saturday or on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We'll have the Garage Sale regardless of grant funds. If we have grant funds, we will purchase permanent signage to reuse each year. If not, we'll make signs like last year.

Other topics we discussed:

- Refreshments – because we do not have a refreshments committee this year, we agreed that there are no expectations to have refreshments. We can each bring our own cup of coffee. If someone does feel like bringing goodies to share, the treats are welcome and will be consumed!
- Untidy yards in the Neighborhood – Anita Hill introduced the topic of unsightly yard waste in many of our Neighbor's yards. She proposed and we agreed that Anita Hill and Laurie Hines would write a letter to be sent to our offending neighbors. The letter will provide information on the upcoming Brush and Limb pickup days and requirements and also notifies them that if they do not take advantage of the opportunity, WHA will report the violation to the KCMO Neighborhood Preservation Codes Department.

Other topics we did not get to:

- Picnic –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 – 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 in February 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. **Update:** Tammy has been out of town with work and has not yet been able to research PIAC funds. This is a work in progress.

The Next Meeting

April 9 ~ 10:15 am
Room A @ Waldo Library

Agenda:

- **Minutes**
- **Treasury Report**
- **CPAC Report**
- **WABA Report**
- **Old Business** –
 - Committee for Picnic
 - Waldo Grove Gardeners
 - Community Garden
 - Dates for Dumpster Day
 - Brush & Limb/Codes Letters
- **New Business** –
 - Open for discussion if there is time.

Reminders

- **Newsletter Articles** – The newsletter needs news! If you have an article to submit or something to add to the calendar, please submit them to Tammy Gay by the 15th of the current month to be in the next month’s newsletter. Submissions can be on paper or through email at tammydgay@hotmail.com.

Other Helpful Info

- About Brush and Limb Pickup
 - If your trash day is on Wednesday, your brush and limb pickup in our area will begin at 7 am on Monday during the week of April 11th.
 - If your trash day is on Thursday, your brush and limb pickup in our area will begin at 7 am on Monday during the week of April 18th.
 - Requirements:
 - Up to 15 bags or bundles will be picked up at each address.
 - Only paper bags will be picked up. Plastic bags are not accepted.
 - If you seal bags, use only masking tape. Duct tape or plastic tape is not acceptable.
 - Brush and limbs only, please. No grass clippings or trash.
 - Branches should not exceed 3 inches in diameter and should be bundled. Bundles should be less than 4 feet long.
 - Please use jute rope or twine to tie bundles. Wire or plastic tape is not acceptable.
 - Other info:
 - Any brush and limb debris that exceeds the limit may be dropped off at 4707 Deramus Rd. on Saturdays from 8 am to 6 pm.

- Address questions to Environmental Management at 513-3490 or see the website at <http://www.kcmo.org>.

- From the Water Bill:

- The Catch Basin Hotline to report clogged and broken inlets is live! The number is 513-0500. We've heard our neighbors complain of issues due to catch basins... let's use the hotline when issues occur!
- The City of Kansas City, MO is seeking applicants for its Opportunities Scholarship Fund Program. The deadline is May 1, 2005.
- The Kansas City EarthFest and 5K EarthWalk is being held Saturday, April 23rd at Shawnee Mission Park. Registration 7:30 – 9 AM, EarthWalk starts at 9 AM, EarthFest 10 AM – 2 PM.
- If you already **recycled** this info and need a copy, I'd be happy to make a copy for you. Call Tammy Gay at 333-4410 or stop by at 8216 Kenwood.

- Another Tasso's Hearing:

This info is "after the fact," but there was another Tasso's hearing on April 5, at 9 am. If anyone attended, we'd be interested in hearing about it.

- Bridging the Gap (BTG) Needs Volunteers:

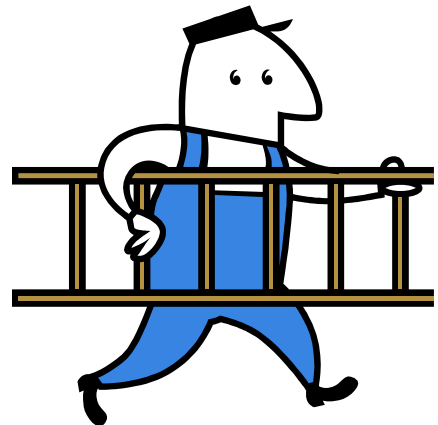
- On a weekly basis they need help at the recycling centers. Call 561-1090 to sign up.
- Great American Cleanup – March through May. Call 561-1087
- EarthWalk Volunteer. Call 561-1061.
- KC WildLands Garlic Mustard Pull. Call 561-1061.
- KC WildLands Spring Community Restoration Workday – May 7th, 1-4 PM. Call 561-1061

You can see more info at their website <http://www.bridgingthegap.org>

Spring Safety Tips

Spring is here and Summer is coming...

- Don't forget your sunscreen and a hat when you are going to be outside.
- Be careful with those yard and garden tools. Keep them put away from kids.
- Take it easy when you first start your gardening and yard work. A lot of us have not really exerted a lot of physical energy during the winter. Going at it full-force the first day causes muscle and joint pain, and back strain... Ouch!
- Drink lots of water when you are outside for extended periods.
- When you are outside remember to lock the doors you aren't near and close the garage door. Don't invite theft and watch out for your personal safety.
- And, if you decide to climb a ladder, let someone else know so they can help you and watch out for you! If you live alone, holler at a neighbor, so they know you are up there and can watch out for you! (Someone has to call 911 if you fall!)



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