

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Association – December 2007 Issue

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At the last meeting

At the November 10th meeting we discussed that because the Neighborhood Self Help Fund (NSHF) no longer exists, we will no longer have funds for our annual projects. This is something we need to explore in depth at our January meeting. Also due to the closing of the Kansas City Neighborhood Association (KCNA) we no longer have free printing of our newsletters. We also talked about what kinds of speakers the group would like to have at our meetings. The attending members decided to leave it to the President to schedule speakers for the meetings next year. Also, Jason Kander, a candidate running for Missouri House in our District, attended our meeting to see what we're about. At the end of the meeting he gave us a synopsis of his ideas and plans and visited with everyone.

Newsletter Workgroup in January

We discussed the Newsletter a lot at the last meeting. Having to pay for printing and the price of postage is making it an expensive proposition for the organization. Two action items were taken:

- Michael Donegan will talk with the owner of Almar Printing about printing the neighborhood newsletter and our costs.
Follow-up: Almar will print our letter for a much better rate than taking it to Kinko's and we can keep our 11x17 format! They are happy to help as they are a part of the neighborhood and will even do the first printing (January Newsletter for free!)
- Larry Arnold agreed to look into bulk rate postage options. Diane Kander (Jason Kander's wife – Jason is running for Missouri House of Representatives) also provided some information about the bulk mail business she uses in their campaign mailings... so we may have

Agenda for the Next Meeting

March 10th – 10:15 am – Waldo Library

- **Welcome – T. Gay** 10:15
- **Minutes – A. Kurtenbach** 10:20
- **Treasury Report – T. Gordon** 10:25
- **Announcements – T. Gay** 10:30
- **Refreshments & Frivolity** 10:35
- **Adjourn** 11:30

Newsletter Workgroup cont'd

some leads on much less costly postage.

Other items that were mentioned about the newsletter and we will discuss further at the January Meeting include:

- Revisiting the discussion on distributing it to all households within our boundaries.
- Discuss how often to publish and distribute... maybe we should go to a quarterly newsletter rather than monthly.
- Talk about format and what to include as news items.

Bring your ideas and opinions about the newsletter to the January meeting. Let's make the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood News a useful and interesting part of life in our neighborhood!



KCMO School District Changes Discussed in Neighborhood Forum

A neighborhood forum was held on November 16th to talk about the KCMO School District change back to neighborhood schools. The turnout was much lighter than expected which is unfortunate. The discussions were lively with lots of good ideas and insight. It seems that most people in the school district are glad to see Superintendent Amato heading that direction even though there are continued concerns about equity and quality of education. Anne Kurtenbach and Tammy Gay from Waldo Homes participated in the forum.

Holiday Happenings

I hope all have fared well in 2007 and are looking forward to a new and exciting 2008. There are a few things happening around the neighborhood to celebrate the season:



WHA December Celebration and White Elephant Gift Exchange

The December meeting will be very short and we will have refreshments and a "White Elephant Gift Exchange." The Officers will bring the treats and coffee.

How a White Elephant Gift Exchange works:

- *You are not required to participate to come. All are welcome to the refreshments and frivolity.*
- *Everyone who chooses to participate brings a wrapped gift.*
- *Put your gift in the pile and receive a ticket.*
- **Rules about the Gifts**
 - ⇒ *No new items.*
 - ⇒ *Must be something from around your house.*
 - ⇒ *Must be inexpensive.*
 - ⇒ *Must be "appropriate" and suitable for either a man or a woman.*

• **Rules of the Exchange**

- ⇒ *A ticket is drawn from a hat. That person chooses a gift from the pile and unwraps it for everyone to see.*
- ⇒ *The next ticket is drawn and that person can either choose to take the unwrapped gift from the person or choose a wrapped gift from the pile.*
- ⇒ *If he/she chooses a wrapped gift, they unwrap it for everyone to see.*
- ⇒ *If he/she chooses to take the already unwrapped gift from another person, that person gets to choose another gift from the pile and unwrap it.*
- ⇒ *The next person drawn can choose to take any one of the previously unwrapped gifts or a new one.*
- ⇒ *This continues until all gifts are unwrapped. You get to take home the one that that you end up with!*

Celebrations in our Neighborhood:

Crossroads Church (79th Terrace & Main) has a lot of things going on this season... The theme is "*A World of Christmas at Crossroads.*" – Focus on Guatemala

- **December 9th, 6 - 7:30 pm**
Family Fiesta - Children's play – "The First Leon" and Cocoa, Cookies, Music, and sing-along time
- **December 16th, 7-8:30 pm – Concert**
Christmas Concert with carols and Guatemalan traditions.
- **December 23rd, 7:00 pm – Living Nativity** - Costumed pageantry reenacting the nativity story. Real animals and real actors! Hot cocoa and tamales for everyone!
- **December 24th, 7:30 pm**
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – Traditional Service with communion and carols






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Hanukkah Begins 	5	6	7	8 WHA 10:15 Library
9	10	11 CPAC 4 PM 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Leaf & Brush pick up for Wed Trash	20 Leaf & Brush pick up for Thurs Trash	21	22 Winter! 
23	24	25 Christmas 	26 Kwanza Begins 	27 Delayed Wed Trash pick up	28 Delayed Thurs Trash pick up Bulky Trash Pick up 	29
30	31 New Year's Eve 					

Note: Unlimited Trash on your pick up day after Christmas – pick up delayed one day due to Holiday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day 	2	3 Delayed Wed Trash pick up	4 Delayed Thurs Trash pick up	5
6	7	8 CPAC 4 PM 	9	10	11	12 WHA 10:15 Library
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Holiday 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Return Service Requested

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*Next WHA Meeting:
December 8 ~ 10:15 a.m.
at the Waldo Library*