

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Association – July 2008 Issue

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At the Last Meeting – Tammy Gay

The last meeting of Waldo Homes Association (WHA) was held on June 14th. There were about 22 people there. Coffee and treats were served.

Secretary, Anne Kurtenbach, was unavailable for this meeting and asked Laura Scott to record the minutes. Laura did a great job! Thanks!

Treasurer, Tim Gordon, reported that we currently have 98 members and \$2,453.75 in our account.

Community Policing Representative, Dowe Harris, provided a detailed crime report with a summary of the discussions at the last CPAC meeting.

CPAC Tip: If you have/use a GPS in your car, you should know that it's a "hot" item for theft right now. Police advise us to put them away out of site (glove box, truck, etc) when we park and leave our cars.

Block Watch Signs – The Block Watch Committee, Michael Donegan, Laura Scott, and Larry Arnold, will meet to solidify the requirements for a block watch group to be eligible to get one of the new signs posted on their block.

Butterfly Garden – KCMO Parks and Rec provided a truckload of mulch. Volunteers worked on getting it distributed in the gardens. Lorrie Gordon went back several times and got the rest of it taken care of for us.

Thanks Lorrie Gordon, Martha Dromey, Dowe Harris and Michael Donegan!

Garage Sales were held June 5th and 6th. Our neighborhood participation was down this year. Maybe last year's sale was so successful we haven't accumulated enough extra stuff yet!

Calendar Correction – Bulky item pickup will not occur in July.

Bulky Item Pickup – It is our understanding that due to city budget issues, bulky item pickup on even numbered months in our neighborhood will cease after June 2008.

If you have bulky items to pick up, you can call the Action Center at 311 to request the pick up.

Agenda for the next meeting

Saturday, July 12, 2008 10:15 am

Waldo Library

- Welcome – T. Gay 10:15
- Minutes – A. Kurtenbach 10:20
- Treasury Report – T. Gordon 10:25
- Crime Report – D. Harris 10:30
- Announcements – T. Gay 10:35
- Old Business – T. Gay 10:40
 - PIAC Requests
 - Block Watch Update
 - Dog Park Update
- New Business – T. Gay 10:45
- Adjourn Business Meeting – T. Gay 11:00
- Speaker – Jason Kander, Candidate for Missouri State Representative

NOTE: If you have a topic to put on the agenda for the August meeting, please contact Tammy Gay at President@WaldoHomes.org or by telephone at 333-4410.

South Oak Park Trash Dumping – It was reported that someone has dumped a broken swing set in the wooded area in the park. Everyone is asked to report these kinds of things to the Action Center by calling 311, so the city staff can take care of getting it cleaned out.

Police Appreciation Picnic – Southtown Council and the Neighborhoods didn't get the annual police appreciation picnic planned yet this year. There was some discussion about combining it with the Tower Homes Picnic, but that has since been changed. A group is being formed to re-evaluate and plan our next Police Appreciation event.

Neighborhood Cleanup – Burns & McDonald is hosting the South Kansas City Neighborhood Cleanup this year. This is the event where we can bring Antifreeze, Oil, Paint, and Batteries for drop off. The details have not yet been announced, but plans are for August 2nd. A PhoneTree message will go out when we have the information.

Annual WHA Picnic: The Annual WHA Neighborhood Picnic will take place on September 13th at South Oak Park. Our regular meeting will be held at the picnic. Details about the picnic will be announced.

Change in Guest Speaker: Due to an error in my calendar update, Jason Kander was not our Guest Speaker at the June meeting **but will be at our July meeting. Jason was on National Guard duty** during our June meeting. David Parker from Waldo School of the Arts was our speaker.

A New Charter School? – Tammy Gay

Our impromptu guest speaker at the June meeting was Mr. David Parker. He is in the planning stages of setting up a new K-5 charter school called Waldo School of the Arts. He is in negotiations to buy or lease the building at 7801 Holmes. Mr. Parker shared his plans with us and answered questions about how charter schools work.

Recycling Reminder – Tammy Gay

Just a reminder on what you can and cannot recycle in our city curbside recycling (from <http://www.kcmo.org/pubworks.nsf/web/recyclefirst>):

Do not put these in your bin:

- Pizza delivery boxes
- Glass
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil bottles and other automotive product bottles
- Egg cartons
- Paper towels, tissues or napkins, plates or cups
- Waxed containers, like milk cartons or juice boxes
- Gift wrap
- Shredded paper
- Plastic tubs, like yogurt tubs



Aluminum Cans – Don't forget - WHA sells aluminum cans to add to our funds. You can drop off your clean aluminum cans with Connie and Bill Sherman at 8405 Cherry.

PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) Requests – Tammy Gay


Here's a list of the projects I plan to submit as WHA-sponsored requests. Your feedback is really needed:

- **83rd Street** – make 83rd Street go through to Main. There is a dead-end in the middle of it at South Oak Park. It divides the neighborhood making walking to the park difficult for even close-by neighbors. Making this street go through will improve our access to and use of South Oak Park as well as unite our neighborhood.
- **82nd and Locust** – Improve safety for school children by placing a stop sign and school crossing sign at 82nd and Locust. This will be even more important with the Neighborhood Schools concept coming into play.
- **79th Street** – 79th Street has high traffic volume and really needs improvements to ease congestion and street parking issues.
- **Trails to the Park** – rather than sidewalks that cost the property owners, I'd like to request that 82nd Street and 83rd Street and Oak Street (where there are no sidewalks) have walking trails, like the black-top trails in the park, placed in the easement so that we can walk to our South Oak Park more easily. This will also be helpful as Hartman Elementary becomes a neighborhood school.

South Oak Dog Park? – Tammy Gay

I've been attending the Dog Park meetings across the city. All parks are being evaluated against the Dog Park Task Force Advisory Committee's criteria for placement of off-leash dog areas. I've learned a lot and we really need to talk about this. Please let me know if you have an interest in this topic or have strong opinions one way or another. I need to talk with you. If you can't make it to the meeting, call me at 333-4410.

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