

# Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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## At the Last Meeting – Tammy Gay

The last meeting of Waldo Homes Association (WHA) was held on August 16th. There were no speakers scheduled and we postponed the discussion on Neighborhood Block Watch until the Community Liaison Police Officer could be here.

We held a short business meeting and visited with one another.

Our next meeting will be the Waldo Homes Association Neighborhood Picnic at 4:00 PM on September 13<sup>th</sup> at South Oak Park. Be sure to let Martha Dromey know how many folks you'll be bringing with you so we get enough Gomer's Fried Chicken for everyone. Bring a side dish to share and your lawn chair. WHA is providing the chicken, drinks, and paper and plastic ware.

## Events in September – Tammy Gay

Just in case you don't have something to do on the weekends, here are some things going on in Waldo...

### Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – My 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Please come help me celebrate! The party is in my front yard at 8216 Kenwood from 7 – 10 PM. No gifts for me please, but please do bring a paper item (Toilet paper, Facial tissue, Diapers, Pull-ups, or Baby wipes) to be donated to the City Union Mission. Bring your lawn chair and a favorite snack to share (if you want to). Come have a piece of cake, relax and visit with friends and neighbors!

### Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – WHA Picnic (see above)

### Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Waldo Fall Festival

We're looking for volunteers to be at the Homes Associations tables again this year. We're joining Tower Homes, Ward Parkway Homes, and Here's Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Associations. Our theme is "Neighbors Celebrating Waldo." We'll be working together to get the word out about Waldo neighborhoods in support of our community and businesses.

And... Don't forget the **Pancake Breakfast** at Broadway United Methodist Church... it starts at 7:30 AM.

### *Agenda for the next meeting*

Saturday, September 13, 2008, 4:00 pm  
South Oak Park  
83<sup>rd</sup> and Oak Streets

- Welcome to the Annual WHA Picnic! – T. Gay 4:00 PM
- Food and Fun – Everyone!
- Surprise Prize 5:30 PM

## Honeysuckle Attack! South Oak Park – Mike Donegan

Join us for the 3rd annual WHA Honeysuckle Attack! at South Oak Park, Saturday, October 25th from 8:00 AM to noon.

Please help us battle the Tartarian Honeysuckle occupation of South Oak Park. We will saw, lop and hand wrestle the plants from the woods. A large turnout this year could turn the tide.

Volunteers should bring loppers, tree saws and hard rakes -- mark your tools! Work gloves are a necessity. Have sturdy shoes and wear long sleeve shirts and pants. Eye protection recommended.

WHA provides water and energy bars in the morning; at noon, soft drinks and pizza from Waldo Pizza. If you plan to be there, please contact Mike Donegan at 943-1700 (leave a message) or [mpdoneganjd@gmail.com](mailto:mpdoneganjd@gmail.com) so we can plan quantities.

*Tartarian Honeysuckle (Lonicera tatarica) is a dense shrub native to Asia and western Europe. Introduced to North America as an ornamental in 1752, it inhibits and can entirely replace native species. It is very different from the native honeysuckle plants that are woody vine-like species. Heavy Tartarian infestations exist in Swope Park, other KC Parks and nature areas. Several states declare it a noxious weed and outlaw sales. Unfortunately, Missouri has not yet acted.*

**Witness Request** – E-mail from the City

The City Clerk's Office now has on its webpage a link for witness request. Members of the community are now able to sign up to testify or let the committee know if they are for or against an item on the agenda prior to a committee meeting. The link can be used prior to the day of any meeting of the council committees just by signing up through the agenda webpage.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 816/513-3360 or the Action Center at 311.

**South Oak Park** – Martha Dromey

Since adopting South Oak Park, WHA has accomplished a number of improvements – some by requesting and working with the Park Department to get improvements and some by planning and work by our members and volunteers. These include:

- A cleaner park – We have some people who regularly walk through the park picking up trash.
- A great playground area made possible through the efforts of Lori Hines and PIAC funding
- The butterfly garden – Again volunteers
- Two attractive new lights just installed this summer through the efforts of Beth Gottstein, City Councilwoman
- A promise of a water fountain – We hope this comes soon.
- The “Honeysuckle Attack” as discussed in the article on page 1. This not only improves the forestry, but has also opened a path to the area of the Park that lies west of the gully which runs through the Park.

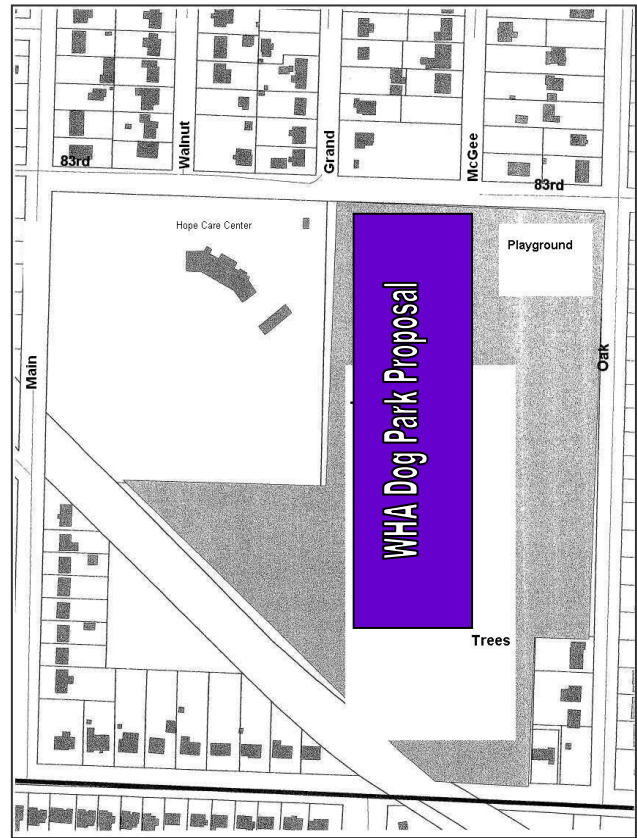
A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who have spent your time, talents and energy to make our Park a place we can brag about.

Thanks to Larry Arnold for the map. He has super-imposed three areas onto a map of the Park and the area west to Main Street.

The north part of the area marked “WHA Dog Park Proposal” is currently being used by the contractors replacing water lines in our neighborhood. It is part of the Park and accessible from 83<sup>rd</sup> Street coming from Main.

The area marked “Playground” is self-explanatory. It is a great playground. This is also the area where we hold the WHA picnic. It is accessible from 83<sup>rd</sup> Street coming from Oak. There is a small parking area on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and parking is also available on Oak Street.

Not shown on the map is a ball diamond which is located toward the south end of the Park.



**WHA Dog Park Proposal** – Tammy Gay

The dark rectangle on the map is the approximate area discussed at our August meeting for a proposal to the KCMO Dog Park Advisory Task Force as an alternative to Sunnyside Park at 84<sup>th</sup> and Summit. The Task Force has created a short list of 15 parks throughout Kansas City that it is recommending as suitable places for off-leash dog areas. Sunnyside Park is on that list. South Oak Park is not. However, because Sunnyside Park is so heavily programmed with amenities and activities and South Oak Park lends itself perfectly with an underused area that is divided from the rest of the park by a drainage area, several folks came up with the idea that this might be a better location in the Waldo Area.


I presented this proposal to the Task Force. It was not well received as they conveyed that they feel Sunnyside is the perfect place for a Dog Park in Waldo. However, in an attempt to be heard by those who will make the decision, I will be at the monthly meeting of the KCMO Parks and Recreation Board of Commissioners on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and sign up to speak.

The annual picnic on September 13th will be a perfect time to come explore South Oak Park and the options, see the proposed area, and talk to your neighbors about it.

**September 2008**  
**Waldo Homes Association**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 Tammy's Birthday Party 7:00 PM
7	8	9 CPAC 4 PM 	10	11	12	13 WHA Annual Picnic 4:00 PM South Oak Park
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Pancake Break- fast BUMC 7:30 AM. Waldo Fall Festival 10:00 AM.
21	22 Autumn Begins. WHA News- letter Articles due to Editor	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**October 2008**  
**Waldo Homes Association**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 WHA 10:15 AM Library
12	13	14 CPAC 4 PM 	15	16	17	18
19	20 WHA News- letter Articles due to Editor	21	22	23	24	25 Honeysuckle Attack 8:00 AM South Oak Park
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	