

# Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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## At the Last Meeting – Tammy Gay

The last meeting of Waldo Homes Association (WHA) was the Picnic held at South Oak Park on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We did not actually hold a meeting, but those of us there did eat a good bit of Gomer's Fried Chicken and the wonderful side dishes folks brought. The weather was not particularly cooperative, but it did let up long enough for us to gather, visit a bit and eat a lot.

## Thanks! – Tammy Gay

Thanks to everyone who stopped by, wished me well and donated to the City Union Mission paper drive for my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! It was a great turnout with about 80 people stopping by throughout the evening. I filled my Mom's mini-van from top to bottom, front to back when I delivered the items!

## Elections in the Spring – Tammy Gay

Just a reminder – Election of officers will be held in April this coming spring. I'd like to encourage all of you to consider serving as an officer to keep the organization alive and recognized by the city.

## Our next Speaker, Councilwoman Jan Marcason

– Mike Donegan

Jan Marcason's city web page reveals that she was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, graduated from Kansas University with an Education degree and "received" an MBA from UMKC in 1999.

Ms. Marcason is Vice-Chairwoman of the Finance and Audit Committee and active on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Recent media attention has focused on her efforts to develop and lead the passage of a new city volunteers policy. The Mayor viewed the policy as directed at his wife and opposed it to the point vetoing. The council over-rode the veto.

Ms. Marcason is an active member of the Southmoreland Neighborhood Association. To learn more about her extensive background and experience, attend the October 11 meeting. She will speak on "Challenges and Opportunities Facing KC."

## Honeysuckle Attack! South Oak Park

**Reminder** – The 3rd annual WHA Honeysuckle Attack at South Oak Park occurs on Saturday, October 25, from 8:00 AM to noon.

Volunteers should bring loppers, tree saws and hard rakes -- mark your tools! Work gloves are a necessity.

## *Agenda for the next meeting*

October 11, 2008 10:15 AM – Waldo Library

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| • Welcome – M. Donegan          | 10:15         |
| • Minutes – A. Kurtenbach       | 10:20         |
| • Treasury Report – T. Gordon   | 10:25         |
| • CPAC Report – D. Harris       | 10:30         |
| • Announcements – M. Donegan    | 10:35         |
| • Old/New Business – M. Donegan | 10:40         |
| • Adjourn Business Meeting      | 10:45         |
| • Speaker – Jan Marcason        | 10:45 – 11:00 |
| • Member Questions/Comments     | 11:00 – 11:15 |

Have sturdy shoes and wear long sleeve shirts and pants. Eye protection recommended.

WHA provides water and energy bars in the morning and soft drinks and pizza from Waldo Pizza at noon. 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.

See last month's Newsletter for information about Tartarian Honeysuckle.

## City Policies – Who You Gonna Call? – Mike Donegan

You know to phone the Action Center at 311 on matters like trash pickup, potholes, and dead dogs in the street but what about:

A city built light rail starter line—Yes/No? Mayor's wife volunteering at City Hall—Good/Bad? Tax subsidies for land development projects—More/Less? Which ones? New multi billion dollar storm water system—Who Pays/How? And the system---use hard engineering; pipes and culverts? Go soft; greenways, swales and basins?

Make a difference on these issues and others by calling on representatives elected from or living in our voting area, the 4<sup>th</sup> City District:

Mark Funkhouser, Mayor  
KCMO City Hall  
414 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 513-3500; 513-3518 Fax; [Mayor@kcmo.org](mailto:Mayor@kcmo.org)

Jan Marcason, Councilwoman  
Kansas City 4<sup>th</sup> District – In District  
414 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 513-1617; 513-1612 Fax;  
[jan\\_marcason@kcmo.org](mailto:jan_marcason@kcmo.org)

Beth Gottstein, Councilwoman  
Kansas City 4<sup>th</sup> District – At Large  
KCMO City Hall  
414 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64106  
(816) 513-1616; 513-1612 Fax;  
[beth\\_gottstein@kcmo.org](mailto:beth_gottstein@kcmo.org)

Five other council members, like Beth Gottstein, are elected to serve the city “At-Large.” Find them through the city’s home page: [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org).

**Vote - It's a Privilege – Martha Dromey**

Remember from your history and citizenship classes the expression “No taxation without representation.” While the US Constitution established a representative form of government, our individual rights to vote have evolved over time. Amendments 12 (1804), 20 (1933) and 25 (1967) deal with the election of President and Vice President and Presidential succession. Amendment 15 prevents denial to vote because of race, religion or previous condition of servitude. Amendment 17 (1913) provides for direct election of senators. Amendment 19 (1920) prevents denial to vote because of sex. Amendment 24 (1964) is the Anti-Poll Tax Amendment. Amendment 26 (1971) lowered the voting age to 18.

**Training Available – Martha Dromey**

Some of you have already received the following information from Tammy.

**Taken from an email from Carmellya Anderson of MARC:**

Mid-America Regional Council's Government Training Institute has a variety of classes to suit your training needs through the end of the year.

New courses have been added to the fall schedule such as [Parliamentary Procedure](#) on October 22nd. This course will teach the skill set needed to run and participate effectively in meetings. This is an outstanding course for committee chairs!

To view GTI's upcoming October 2008 courses, go to <http://www.marc.org/gti/html/septoct08training.html>.

**Carmellya Anderson is** GTI Coordinator for Mid-America Regional Council which is located at 600 Broadway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64105-1659.

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“**Computer literacy**” is **not** a prerequisite for being an officer of WHA (even though all of the email addresses, links, and website addresses might tend to make you think so). Basic computer classes are available at various locations. Two that come to mind are the Waldo Library and Shepherd’s Center.

**DTV – Are you Ready? – Martha Dromey**


For those of you who subscribe to cable or satellite TV, the transition to digital television next February should not be a problem. However, you might want to check with your provider to be sure your present equipment will still be served. For those of us who rely on an antenna or rabbit ears, we either need a converter box or a digital TV. My recommendation is that, if you do not already have the converter box, you get it well ahead of the required transition date so you will be ready to watch your favorite shows in digital TV. Some very old TV sets may not accept the converter box or may need additional equipment for the conversion.

**Let's Have Some Fun! – Martha Dromey**


I would like to have some fun with the November / December newsletter. Does anyone have some interesting or amusing holiday experiences to share? Do you have a favorite holiday recipe? What are your traditions? Please write a paragraph or two and give it to one of the officers or me. Handwritten is fine. Items can also be submitted to the Editor at the email address in the header.

I really would like to receive recipes from all of our members. If there are stories that go with the recipes, that is even better.

**October 2008**  
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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 Columbus Day Observed	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	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4 Election Day VOTE	5	6	7	8 WHA 10:15 AM Library
9	10	11 Veterans Day CPAC 4 PM 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 WHA News- letter Articles due to Editor	21	22
23	25	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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