

# Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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## **At the Last Meeting – Mike Donegan**

The October meeting announced Tammy Gay's resigning as President after serving four years. The news dismayed everyone. We discussed the many WHA accomplishments under Tammy's leadership and creating a committee to recruit new persons to serve as officers next April.

Our Councilwoman, Jan Marcason, In-District - 4<sup>th</sup> District, covered two topics.

Jan said the question of building a 14 mile starter Light Rail line funded by a 3/8 cent sales tax is on the November 4 ballot. She said the design serves the highest number of jobs and attracts the highest number of new riders – eligibility requirements to seek a 50% federal dollar match. Acting now is important since the 50% federal matching program expires in two years.

Jan said light rail would create 30,000 new jobs and stimulate KC's stagnant population growth, attracting people back to our city. She said the Jackson, Clay and Platte County leaders approve the route design as one that can be the spine for a regional system.

Jan noted the KC Chamber of Commerce supports the line (first time ever to back light rail), partly because KC has hired a firm to help write a 5-year finance plan; also it will stimulate new businesses. She saw totally light rail rejuvenated areas in Portland and Denver and new businesses along the routes in Dallas.

Planning a new storm water run-off system acceptable by EPA is a priority. The Finance Committee that she Vice-Chairs now meets three times weekly. They are working on funding this project without a new sales tax.

## **About Susan Stanton – Mike Donegan**

Our November meeting guest, Susan Stanton, lives in the Waldo area and has served non-profit organizations at high levels. Ms. Stanton served as Interim President and CEO of Heart of America United Way in 2007-08 and is now Interim CEO of KCPT TV Channel 19. Ms. Stanton also is a Board Member, Vice-President, and do anything Volunteer of Operation Breakthrough, a nonprofit that provides day care, health care and other services to 650 inner city children.

## **VOTE! REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 4.**

Voting is a right and a privilege. Those whom we elect are our representatives in government.

## *Agenda for the next meeting*

November 8, 2008 10:15 AM – Waldo Library –  
Come early, doors open at 10:00 AM.

- Welcome – M. Donegan 10:15
- Minutes – A. Kurtenbach 10:20
- Treasury Report – T. Gordon 10:25
- CPAC Report – D. Harris 10:30
- Old/New Business – M. Donegan 10:35
- Adjourn Business Meeting/Refreshments 10:40
- Dialog with Susan Stanton 10:45 – 11:15

## **Honeysuckle Attack Outcome – Michael Donegan**

Saturday morning, October 25, WHA members Connie Sherman, Susan, Alexei and Kristina Kreidler, Anne Kurtenbach, Mike Donegan, Eileen MacManus and Mike Hurd joined six community service workers and a stalwart Parks Department employee, Royce Sawyer (armed with a chain saw) for this event. They managed to noticeably expand the area being reclaimed from the Tartanian Honeysuckle invaders. Area Parks Supervisor Marci Jones provided tools and herbicide and was there most of the morning. The pizza from Waldo Pizza was mouth wateringly good – thanks Connie!

See the results for yourself. Visit the newly opened area to the West of the playground equipment.

## **Hats Off to Newsletter Walkers!**

Thanks to Larry Arnold, Susan Kreidler, Kay and Karl Rosco, Cynthia Jackson, Colleen Durkin, Mike Donegan, Vera Mae Huffman, Will Hillix, Connie and Rusty Ferro, Mike and Beth Sykora, Barbara Orr, Connie Russell, Connie Sherman, Terri Fehr, Joann Innerichs, Fran Iseman and Bill Brown for walking the October newsletter to all homes in our boundary area.

## **Criminals – Catch & Release – Mike Donegan**

On November 12 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM meet with a group of community leaders who have been seeking a solution to the problem of continuing neighborhood crime that arises when robbers, burglars and other non-violent criminals who are caught and convicted are jailed a short time because jail spaces are crowded with violent offenders. Building a regional jail is under consideration. The meeting is at the Plaza Branch Library.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 2**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Daylight savings time is described in one of my dictionaries as a “scheme for taking full advantage of the hours of daylight in summer, adopted in England in 1916.” In England, it is called “Summer Time.”

Daylight Savings Time was established in the United States in 1918 and repealed in 1919. It was observed during World War II from February 1942 to September 1945. It was reinstated in 1966. Remember the energy crisis years of 1974 and 1975 when we started daylight savings time in the winter.

### **Copper Theft Safeguards** – By Dowe Harris

Explorer’s Percussion music store at 8050 Wornall was hit by copper thieves Oct. 7 taking four ground central a/c units. The business is having the replacement units protected by cages made by Burge Fence Co.

Tom Burge can be reached by calling (913-681-7600). He makes residential and commercial cages. At home estimates are free. The usual cost of a window cage is \$400 and the cost of ground unit cages is \$500. The iron cages are set in concrete and can be round or square. He also makes burglar bars for windows and doors.

### **Dowe’s Dilemma** – Story told by Dowe Harris at the Oct. 11 Meeting.

Early in October I phoned KC Public Works to request Bulky Item Pickup, aware there’s a new “call in” reservation system.

A nice woman said I missed the “30 days ahead” reservation deadline and the maximum 200 pick ups were gone. “If I were you,” she said, “I would call early for next month’s list – it fills up quickly.”

“Okay,” I said, “Can you put me on the list for next month?” “I’m sorry but I can’t.” She explained, “You’re too early. We aren’t making that list yet.”

I learned I had to call back on **October 14** to make the list for the **November 14** pickups.

Dowe’s advice? Immediately call (**dial 311**) if you have items. Several calls and weeks of wait may be needed. You must give the city a specific list of ordinary household items for pickup – not things like construction waste.

Editor: Dowe did call Oct 14 and he is on the Nov 14 list.

## **Thanksgiving Day** – Martha Dromey

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday set apart for giving thanks. It is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday of November and in Canada on the second Monday of October. Many cultures around the world celebrate some form of thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving celebration began in the United States with the early settlers. George Washington suggested the date of November 26 for Thanksgiving Day. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln asked all Americans to set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving. In 1939 Franklin D Roosevelt set it one week earlier. Congress ruled that after 1941 the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November would be Thanksgiving Day.

### **Let’s Have Some Fun!** – Martha Dromey

I received one response to my request in last month’s newsletter for recipes and stories. Thank you Anne Kurtenbach for the following submittal:

Here’s a recipe – a godsend for people like me who don’t like to bake cookies!

- 1 pkg any kind of cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/4 cup water

Mix together and drop by teaspoon on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees approx. 12 minutes until brown. For variety add chips, coconut, oatmeal, or nuts.

By the way, I am still interested in receiving your stories and recipes.

### **Leaf and Brush Pick-up** – Martha Dromey


We should all have received a mailing from the City regarding leaf and brush curbside collection.

We are in the South area. For those whose normal trash day is Thursday, our leaf and brush collection days are Friday, November 14, and Thursday, December 11.

Important to remember:

- Have sacks and bundles at curbside by 7:00 AM on day of collection
- Limit of 20 sacks and/or bundles
- Paper sacks only
- Brush in bundles of not more than 4’ x 2’ tied with twine only (no duct tape)
- Cal 311 within 24 hours for any service related issues (such as missed pick up)

**November 2008**  
**Waldo Homes Association**

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 Leaf and Brush Pick Up for Thursday trash day	15
16	17	18	19	20 WHA Newsletter Articles due to Editor	21	22
23	25	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
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**December 2008**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9 CPAC 4 PM 	10	11 Leaf and Brush Pick Up for Thursday trash day	12	13 WHA 10:15 AM Library
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 WHA Newsletter Articles due to Editor
21 First Day of Winter	22 Hanukkah	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 2009 New Year's Day		