

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Association – March 2009 Issue

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Visitor at March Meeting – by Michael Donegan

Our next meeting visitor is Margaret J. May, Executive Director of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council. Ivanhoe operates on an annual budget of \$500,000 funded by tax increment financing. Ivanhoe created its own area improvement plan and operates several programs. Susan Stanton, interim CEO of KCPT, suggested we invite Ms. May to visit us so we can ask her about ways to get funds and other matters of interest to us.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Dowe Harris for organizing the wonderful pot luck dinner on the evening of February 10. The dinner was well attended, the food was delicious, the company quite pleasant, and the entertainment great. Thanks also to all the people who helped him make the occasion such a success.

The entertainment was provided by Harold Dinsmore, a pastor who works at Continua Hospice and can be contacted at 816 – 444-2273. He sings and plays guitar and injects humor into his performance. He was an opening performer with the Oakridge Boys while they were still performing as gospel singers.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is Almost Time to Vote for New WHA Officers.

The April meeting of the Waldo Homes Association will be the 2009 Annual Meeting and the Election of a new set of Officers. We elect new officers every two years. Our current Bylaws designate the April meeting each year as our Annual Meeting. We are required to notify every household within our boundaries of this meeting. For the past few years Tim Gordon has orchestrated distribution of bundles of newsletters to volunteers to hand-deliver them to each household. It has worked well, so be looking for a call for volunteers for this year's effort! Also please be thinking about your role in WHA and if you might like to serve as an officer. Feel free to contact any of the current and/or past officers for some insight. Also, the bylaws are posted on our website at www.waldohomes.org. They explain the organization and the duties of the officers. Share the wealth of your insight and experience; participate in the Waldo Homes Association elections process.

Agenda for the next meeting

March 14, 2009 10:15 AM – Waldo Library –
Come early, doors open at 10:00 AM.

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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 |
| • New Business | 10:35 |
| • Old Business | 10:40 |
| • Coffee with Margaret May | 10:50 |

KC Curbside Recycling Improves – by Tammy Gay

Good news! The KC Recycles program has expanded the type of plastic containers accepted curbside for recycling to include types No. 1 through No.7. All plastic containers must have been used for common consumer goods such as drinks, yogurt, margarine, icing, catsup, mustard, dish soap or laundry detergent.

KC Recycles will not accept plastic containers used for commercial or medical purposes, household hazardous materials, medicine and pills. Plastic items other than containers are not accepted. To help identify if a plastic container is eligible for collection, residents should look for the identification number enclosed in the chasing-arrow recycling symbol on the bottom of the container.

KC Animal Shelter Changes Operation – by Tammy Gay

As of March 1, the operation of the City of Kansas City, Mo., animal shelter located at 4400 Raytown Road will be managed by Veterinary Management Corp. This change is expected to save the City \$175,000 annually.

Shelter operations include caring for animals that have been picked up, and serving as an adoption center. Licenses will continue to be available at the shelter. The shelter will be called Halfway Home Pet Adoptions.

The employees in the Animal Health and Public Safety Division of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department who formerly worked in the shelter will be re-assigned to provide additional pickup service of stray, sick and injured animals.

Halfway Home Pet Adoptions also is working with KC Pet Program to raise money for the improvements that are so badly needed at the facility. For more information about the fundraising efforts with KC Pet Program (a separate non-profit organization) call the new telephone number for the shelter, (816) 513-9850.

To file a complaint or concern about an animal, residents are asked to continue to call the 3-1-1 Action Center, (816) 513-1313 or 311.

Recipe

This recipe for "Bowl of Oatmeal" Cookie comes from Tammy Gay.



This recipe equals 1 bowl of oatmeal, 1 glass of skim milk and a small apple – a nutritious breakfast in one big cookie! Calories: 250, Fiber: 4 g, Fat: 2 g, Carbohydrates: 41 g, Protein: 14 g

1/3 cup oatmeal
1/3 cup dry milk
1 Tablespoon flour
¼ cup natural applesauce (no sugar added)
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon baking powder
1 Tablespoon Splenda brown sugar

Mix ingredients together, spray cookie sheet, bake as one large cookie at 350° for 15 minutes. (The breakfast cookie is REALLY big. I often make it into 4 or 6 small drop cookies. They are easier to handle and take with me in a baggie.)

This and That – by Martha Dromey

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember **"Spring Forward!"**


March 17 - St. Patrick's Day. Kansas City celebrates this day with a parade and other activities. In Ireland this is more of a holy day. Many Irish immigrants settled in Kansas City. The book "From the Bottom Up, The story of the Irish in Kansas City" by Pat O'Neill is an interesting compilation of stories and history about the Irish in Kansas City.




March 19 - St. Joseph's Day. This day is observed by some of the Italian communities. Kansas City also has many residents who are of Italian heritage. The St. Joseph Table is a tradition in some of these communities. This tradition has its roots in the Middle Ages. There are various legends about the origin of the St. Joseph Table one of which is that there was a severe drought and famine in Sicily. The people prayed to God for an end to the drought and asked St. Joseph to intercede for them, promising that if their prayers were answered they would have a special feast honoring God and St. Joseph. Their prayers were answered. Here in Kansas City, several churches will sponsor St. Joseph Tables. The food will be prepared by the people and it will be placed on a decorated table for viewing and then will be given to the poor or made available for purchase with the proceeds going to the poor.

March 20 - Spring Begins – We will start thinking about such things as lawn cleanup and care, our flower gardens, items of home maintenance and repair that we want to accomplish this summer, vacations, etc. As members of WHA, we need to think about our special BUTTERFLY GARDEN in South Oak Park. It will need some TLC and we hope that we can count on some of you to contribute some time and effort.

On the subject of Spring and lawn cleanup, the city's Spring leaf and brush pickup in our area will be the week of April 27. For those of us with Thursday trash day, the pickup will be Thursday, April 30.

Do you like fish? (That's eating, not catching)
Several churches/organizations are having fish fries on Friday evenings during Lent. At St. Thomas More, 11822 Holmes Road, fish dinners are served from 4:45 to 7:30 PM. At St. Peter Parish, service is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Garden Room of the school, 6400 Charlotte.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10 CPAC 4 PM 	11	12	13	14 WHA 10:15 AM Library
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 St. Joseph's Day	20 Spring Begins WHA News-letter Articles due to Editor	21
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29	30	31				

April 2009 Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Passover 	10 Good Friday 	11 WHA 10:15 AM Library
12 Easter 	13	14 CPAC 4 PM 	15	16	17	18
19	20 WHA News-letter Articles due to Editor	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Lawn & leaf pick-up for Thursday trash day		

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