

# Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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## WHA elects new officers

A new slate of officers was elected to two-year terms during the annual meeting on Saturday, April 25, 2009. An unofficial count showed 34 residents present, most already members of WHA but a few signed up at the meeting. Although initial nominations showed contested races for two positions, vice president and treasurer, Peggy Hulett withdrew as a nominee for vice president and accepted the nomination for secretary. That left Colleen Durkin and Mike Sykora in the race for treasurer. The ballots were counted by Lorrie Gordon and Tammy Gay and the following officers were elected:

President—Larry W. Arnold  
Vice President—Dowe Harris  
Secretary—Peggy Hulett  
Treasurer—Colleen Durkin

## Who are these officers?

### President: Larry W. Arnold

Larry and his wife, Deborah, moved to the Kansas City area in July 1999, and later built a house on Waldo's 81<sup>st</sup> Street, moving in November 2003. They joined WHA the next year and have been members ever since.

Larry is a manager at Garmin International in Olathe, KS, which is the global leader in satellite navigation (GPS), developing products for use in airplanes, boats (including big yachts), cars and RVs, bicycles, motorcycles, runners, walkers, hikers, and even dog trackers.

His department, Consumer Technical Publications, didn't exist when he was hired in May of 2002 but now has 21 associates in three teams. Two of the teams produce English version of user's guides for all of Garmin products except panel-mount aviation products. His third team is responsible for the translation of that documentation into more than 48 languages and its distribution in most of the countries of the world.

Larry received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University and his Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University in 2005. Deborah has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Interior Design from Texas Woman's University.

Before joining Garmin, Arnold was an IBM documentation team leader and a documentation

## Agenda for the next meeting

June 20, 2009 10:15 AM – Waldo Library –  
Come early, doors open at 10:00 AM.

- Opening – L. Arnold 10:15
- Minutes – P. Hulett
- President's Report – L. Arnold
- Vice President's Report – D. Harris
- CPAC Meeting  
Waldo Business Association
- Secretary's Report – P. Hulett
- Treasurer's Report – C. Durkin
- Old Business  
Banner Update – M. Donegan  
Crime Watch Signs
- New Business  
Upcoming Events Dates/Changes  
Annual Picnic Committee needs volunteers
- Committee Reports  
Garage Sale Event - T. Gordon/T. Gay
- Adjourn
- Chat and Chew – You are invited to stay after the meeting to visit and have refreshments.

manager at Gateway. His experience includes publishing and newspaper roles including Managing Editor.

A senior member of the Society for Technical Communication (STC), he has made numerous presentations about his work at Garmin including the 2008 International Conference in Philadelphia, an SDL International-sponsored Webinar, and at Global Information Management (GIM) events in San Francisco, Boston, and Chicago.

An award-winning writer, Larry's works include the user manual for Gateway's laptop Solo 5100 which features his skills both as a writer and as a hand model for the digital photographs used in the manual.

The Arnolds have two sons, two granddaughters and are anticipating a new daughter-in-law in September. Soon after the wedding, their oldest son and his girls will be moving out, leaving the Arnolds empty nesters once again. That son, who also works at Garmin in Product Support, graduates from DeVry University in June. Their youngest son graduated with a master's degree in

Education from Texas Tech University in May and plans to teach in the Dallas-Fort Worth area this fall.

Larry has been an officer of a number of organizations, including charter president of a stock investment club at Garmin and of Pepperdine University's Chi Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, National Service Fraternity. Other civic organizations include Kiwanis Clubs and Chambers of Commerce in Idaho and Texas. Professional organizations include STC membership in Kansas City, Iowa, Texas, California; and the Project Management Institute, certified as a Project Management Professional in 1993 and a member of the Fort Worth, TX, and Kansas City chapters.

Not to be outdone by recent past presidents and because there are a number of Larry Arnolds running around (he knew of four of them when he lived in Fort Worth, TX), he began using his middle initial "W" in his signature "to protect the innocent."

Among his goals for WHA:

1. Continue to be very business-like and responsible in all dealings representing all members to the extent possible.
2. Enhance the ways members can be more involved in fulfilling the organization's purpose: "keeping our neighborhood safe, clean, and crime-free..."
3. Provide leadership that will keep WHA visible to the city council members, staff, law enforcement personnel, Waldo businesses, and any others when the opportunity arises.

**Secretary: Peggy Hulett**

Hello Neighbors! My name is Peggy Hulett. I joined the neighborhood October 27, 2006. I moved to Waldo, an area I have always loved, with my husband and my sister who had been recently widowed. I have three children, all grown, two of which live in the area of Waldo. My third child lives in Lenexa. I have two grandchildren and one on the way.

Prior to Waldo, I lived in several homes in the greater Kansas City area, but none had the great neighborhood feeling we have found in Waldo. I have been a Paramedic for MAST Ambulance for 32 years, while my husband Mark is a retired Police Officer but still works elsewhere. My sister Shari co-owns a hair salon with our mother.

I am excited to join Waldo Homes Association as Secretary. I have some past experience that should benefit this position:

1. Past President of my local union. While in office I led the employee (union) buy out of the then ambulance service. It was sold years later for a nice

profit to each employee. I am still a Steward to Firefighters Local - 42.

2. Past Vice-President of American Ambulance Providers Inc. This was a board that oversaw the employee owned ambulance service.
3. For the last 12 years, I have served on the Governor's Advisory Board for 9-1-1 Oversight for the State of Missouri. I was just appointed by the Missouri Senate to another two-year term.
4. For the past six years, I have held the position of Secretary/Treasurer for a non-profit program that distributes teddy bears to sick, injured or traumatized children by disbursing the teddy bears to local Fire, Police, and Ambulance crews to give away as needed. This program is in memory of a Kansas City, Missouri, Firefighter's daughter who passed away at a very young age from a heart condition. I am proud to help continue the memory of this beautiful girl through "Sarami's Teddy Bear Comfort."

I also have experience in contract negotiations, have worked with my union's political action group, have experience with some of our current City Council members, and have known John Sharp for many years.

I am excited to work with Colleen, Larry, and Dowe. We have had two officer meetings and may get one more in before our June Membership meeting. We have had fun getting acquainted and getting organized. I look forward to serving the membership with this energetic and visionary board.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

*Look for biographies of the other two officers in a future newsletter.*

**From Michael Donegan, outgoing President**

Michael wishes to recognize the following persons for door-to-door delivery of our April newsletter to all residents in our boundaries: Mike Sykora; Susan, Alexei and Kristina Kreidler; Steve Grassle; Vera Mae Huffman; Forrest Phelps; Connie and Rusty Ferro; Larry Arnold; Connie Sherman; Fran Iseman; Will Hillix; Karl and Kay Rosco; Bill Brown; Mike Donegan; Mike Flavin; Colleen Durkin; Terri Fehr; and Joann Hinnerichs.

Tower Homes Association is sponsoring a "Movie in the Park" on Saturday, June 13, near the "Big Shelter" at Tower Park. The movie is **Ghost Busters**. Michael attended a Movie in the Park at Sunnyside Park last summer with his granddaughter and her cousin. It was a lot of fun. There was an inflated "Castle like" trampoline where kids crawl in and bounce around; ponies; a policeman on a horse; and a hamburger/hot dog/soft drinks truck. Contact Kathy Kerr, board member of

Tower, at [kathykerr@amuniversal.com](mailto:kathykerr@amuniversal.com) for specifics of the Tower Homes event.


**Red Light Camera Program**


The purpose of this program is to increase traffic safety in KC with the goal being to reduce red-light running violations, crashes, and injuries. A red-light running violation occurs when a motorist enters an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. Motorists already in the intersection when the signal changes to red are not considered red-light violators. Red-light cameras are active or soon to be active at the following locations:

- 39th Street and Southwest Trafficway
- W. 79th Street and Wornall Road
- E. 63rd Street and Prospect Avenue
- 39th and Main streets
- E. 19th and Walnut streets
- 27th Street and Southwest Trafficway

- U.S. 71 (Bruce R. Watkins DR) and 55th Street, 59th Street and Gregory Blvd
- North Oak Trafficway and Vivion Road
- N.W. 68th Street and U.S. 169 Highway
- Winner Road and I-435
- 23rd Street and I-435

The system activates when motion is detected just prior to the stop bar AFTER the traffic signal has turned red. The cameras capture two images of an alleged violation, taken from the rear of the vehicle. The first image shows the vehicle at the white stop bar and the illuminated red light. The second image shows the violator in the middle of the intersection with the illuminated red light. The license plate image is a close-up from one of the images captured. The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department reviews each violation event captured by the red-light camera system and makes the final decision to issue a Notice of Violation.

June 2009 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CPAC 4 PM 	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 WHA 10:15 AM Library
21 Father’s Day Summer Begins	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Newsletter Articles Due	30				

July 2009 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 CPAC 4 PM 	15	16	17	18 WHA 10:15 AM Library
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Newsletter Articles due	28	29	30		

**NOTICE THE CHANGE IN MONTHLY MEETING DAY.**

**WE NOW MEET ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**This and That** – By M. Dromey

June 14 – Flag Day - In the United States, Flag Day (not an official federal holiday) is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress in 1949.

June 21 – Father’s Day – A day to honor our fathers.

July 4 – Independence Day – The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776. As you celebrate our freedom, please observe safety precautions. Remember, private use of fireworks is not allowed in Kansas City, Missouri.