

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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Here is another officer bio:

Vice President: Dowe Harris

I was born in Kansas City, MO, and have been a resident of Waldo since 1951. I graduated from Southwest High School and had a successful career as a professional industrial salesman and sales manager for 40 years.

Currently, being retired, I have more time for such hobbies as movies, reading, gardening, square dancing, traveling, sports (team manager and league commissioner) for over 40 years in the softball league, and attending classes at Shepherd Center. There have been many loves and interests that I have experienced; however, marrying Beverly Harris on 10/13/1993 was the love of my life.

I attended a WHA meeting on 4/10/05 and was impressed with the friendliness and openness of WHA members. They showed they really cared about the neighborhood. Through the monthly meetings and newsletter, phone tree messages and block watch get-togethers, you get to know what's going on in the neighborhood and Waldo area. So my wife and I joined and have enjoyed being members ever since. Being a member has enabled us to get to know many new friends and neighbors. We feel much safer in the neighborhood now since we became WHA members and value Waldo Homes Association as an extended family of ours.

For the past few years, I have been representing WHA at the monthly CPAC (Community Policing Action Coalition) and then reporting that information to the WHA membership at the next meeting. I plan to continue attending the CPAC meetings and also go to the Waldo Area Business Luncheons, keeping the WHA members informed and aware of "what's going on in the Waldo neighborhood."

I look forward to working with the newly-elected officers at WHA. Here are some of my goals and visions for WHA:

1. See WHA grow and increase its membership.
2. To be a more safe and clean neighborhood.
3. To have more members get involved and participate in various committees and projects.
4. Add some events and projects that will encourage socializing so members can get to know each other informally and more personally.

Agenda for the next meeting

July 18, 2009 10:15 AM – Waldo Library – Room B
Come early, doors open at 10:00 AM.

- Opening – L. Arnold 10:15
- Minutes – P. Hulett
- Treasurer's Report – C. Durkin
- Old Business
 1. Annual Picnic Committee needs volunteers
Date for Annual Picnic
 2. Formation of Committees
(What are they? Which ones do we want to keep?)
 - Membership
 - Newsletter
 - Butterfly Garden
 - Block Watch and Safety
 - Summer Picnic
 - Social Events
 - Garage Sale
- New Business
Next WHA meeting – August 15, 10:15 a.m. – Room B
- Committee Reports
- 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
- Adjourn
- Chat and Chew – You are invited to stay after the meeting to visit and have refreshments.

CPAC Report – May Crime Activities

3 Robberies – Two businesses, one individual
16 Burglaries – Two businesses
4 Residential burglaries within the WHA boundaries
43 Stealings – 2 Autos within the WHA boundaries

Issues: Police advise when someone you do not know knocks on your door do not open the door but answer or say something. This lets the person know that someone is there. Burglars will knock before breaking in; if someone is there they look for some place else. Currently, burglars are targeting open garages and vacant houses.

South Kansas City Household Hazardous Waste Recycling
Saturday, August 29, 8:00 AM to Noon
Hale Cook School, 73rd and Pennsylvania

Items that will be accepted:

- Antifreeze
- Oil
- Car batteries
- Household batteries
- Paint
- Paint related items like stain and paint thinner
- Tires
- Leaves
- Brush

From 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM only a shredder truck will be on site to shred confidential documents.

- There is a 300 car limit.
- The event ends at noon or when the limit of cars has been processed.
- The event is for residents of Kansas City, MO, and participating communities and ID will be required.
- Materials will be accepted from residences or neighborhood cleanups only – no businesses.
- No containers larger than 5 gallon buckets will be accepted.
- All traffic will enter from Pennsylvania either north or south and will exit on Jefferson.

The homes associations who are sponsoring the event ask each participant to make a donation to benefit local food pantries. All participants are requested to donate a minimum of 1 can of food or 1 dollar to benefit local food pantries.

Editor's Note: We will need volunteers to assist with this event.

Waldo Area Business Association Luncheon – by Dowe Harris

During the last three months, I have been attending the Waldo Area Business Association luncheons. The luncheon and meetings have been informative and enjoyable, and I want to share this information.

The WABA monthly luncheons are held at the Broadway United Methodist Church, Wornall at 74th at 11:45 AM on the third Wednesday of the month. The cost for lunch is \$10 per person. You do not have to be a member of

WABA to attend the luncheons. However, you must call (816) 523-5533 for a reservation. The food is prepared by a local restaurant. The speakers and programs are very professional. Most of the people are from the Waldo and Brookside areas so you have an opportunity to meet new friends.

Digital TV Has Arrived

If you find you still need a converter box, call 1-800-DTV-2009 or go to www.dtv2009.gov to request a \$40 rebate coupon. The FCC will continue to issue coupons until July 31, 2009.

TV sets contain components that can be recycled rather than putting them in the landfill. For a list of recycling centers that will take old TVs, go to www.ecyclemo.org for Missouri or ksewaste.org for Kansas.

Editor's note: I called the 311 Action Center to see if bulky item pickup takes old TVs. I was informed that, if the TV weighs less than 40 pounds, it can be picked up at the curb with our regular trash. Just put it at the curb with your regular trash. A sticker would only be required if you have more than one bag of other trash. If the TV weighs more than 40 pounds, a pickup must be scheduled. This is not recycling.


The Action Center did remind me that the week after July 4 and the week after Christmas are trash amnesty weeks. You can put out an unlimited amount of trash without using stickers those two weeks.

“These Walls Were Made for Talking”

This is the name of one of the programs being offered by the Kansas City Public Library this summer. The program will be presented by the Missouri Valley Special Collections Department of the Library and the Jackson County Historical Society. The program will give attendees insight on how to research the history of their homes. Wouldn't it be exciting if one of us were to find out that our home had a place in Kansas City history! The program will be presented at the Waldo Branch Library, 201 E 75th Street, at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 25. There is no admission fee. Call 816-701-3407 to make a reservation.

This is just one of the many programs being presented at various library locations. Consult their *Special Events* publication for other events.

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	31	

August 2009 – Waldo Homes Association

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