

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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Night Out for Our Members – by Dowe Harris

There is a new business within the Waldo Homes Association boundaries – Swagger Fine Spirits & Food. The owner, Derek Boone, has invited our association to have a “Night Out” at their location. The “Night Out” will be held on Monday, August 17, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Swagger Fine Spirits & Food, 8431 Wornall Road. This is not a scheduled monthly meeting but an opportunity for members and guests to get together for a fun time. Swagger will provide soda pop, tea, coffee and snacks. Alcoholic beverage costs will be the responsibility of the person(s) ordering. Entertainment will be provided by pianist Bram Wijnands who plays jazz and blues. There is no charge but a donation opportunity will be offered.

CPAC Report – June Crime Activities

3 Robberies – All businesses

21 Burglaries – Six businesses

2 Residential burglaries within the WHA boundaries

37 Stealings – 2 Residential within the WHA boundaries

1 Auto theft

Issues: Burglaries have increased over the last month. Burglars prefer forcing doors rather than entering through windows. Police suggest putting a steel frame casing around door jambs with dead bolt locks. Most burglaries are occurring at night. A homeless man has been seen in the neighborhood and homeless people have been living in a house in the neighborhood.

Another Officer Bio – Colleen Durkin

My name is Colleen Durkin and I am your new treasurer. I purchased my home in Waldo December 2000 and have been a member of the homes association ever since. I have always admired those who served as our officers these past years and wanted to step forward and take a turn. I was born in Montana and moved to southern Missouri at age eight. I lived in California for 20 years before deciding to return home in 1989 – to both get my son through middle and high schools and live closer to family. My son has given me a wonderful daughter-in-law and two beautiful granddaughters all who live on the northern coast of California. I have worked in both public and private accounting since 1973. I am currently self-employed and support a variety of businesses as well as individuals with their accounting and tax needs. I enjoy biking (the Trolley Trail was a significant factor in purchasing my home), gardening, sailing, and listening to live music in just about any genre. I look forward to these next two years serving as your treasurer!

Agenda for the next meeting

Aug. 15, 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
- Announcements
- Old Business
 - Formation of Committees – Any still to be organized or need members?
- New Business
 - Next WHA meeting is the PICNIC – September 12, 4:00 PM at South Oak Park
- 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling

Saturday, August 29, 8:00 AM to Noon
Hale Cook School, 73rd and Pennsylvania
Please refer to the July WHA Newsletter for more information and a list of items to be recycled.

WHA Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12, at South Oak Park starting at 4:00 PM. WHA will supply the meat, beverage and dinnerware. Members should bring a side dish or dessert, lawn chairs, TV trays and games. Please RSVP to Connie at 913-634-4422 or Anne at 816-444-0049.

Speaker at WHA October Meeting – by Dowe Harris

Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Kanatzar is scheduled to speak at the October meeting of Waldo Homes Association. He will be at the Waldo Branch of the Kansas City Library, 75th & McGee, at 11:00 AM on Oct. 17, 2009. He will be speaking on the purpose of his office and what his duties and responsibilities are as prosecuting attorney. He will also talk about COMBAT and what that organization is all about.

Take the Opportunity - by Tammy Gay

Having been involved with the neighborhood for several years and served as an officer for five of them, I've been to many meetings and training sessions offered by various entities throughout the city. I've always come away with something - new skills, new ideas, a new perspective, and new friends.

KCMO's Neighborhood and Community Services Division and the Mid-America Regional Council have partnered to bring a new line-up of Community Leadership training sessions to KCMO residents this fall.

I personally know two of the trainers from my past experiences - Jennifer Stone used to be with KCNA and did most of their training - she's great! Airick Leonard West is also a trainer. He's the new person we elected to the KCMO School Board. You may have met him at my house or at the WHA meeting where he was a guest speaker. I've been to his meetings and he is also a great trainer with a unique perspective and ability to communicate.

The training sessions being offered are:

Community Leadership Program Fall 2009 Schedule All classes meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. at the locations below.		
Trailside Center 9901 Holmes	Southeast Community Center 4201 East 63rd	Northland Neighborhoods 3015 N.E. Vivion Rd
Personal Strengths 8/17, 8/24, 9/1 (T), 9/8 (T), 9/14	Relationship Building 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 8/31 (M)	Relationship Building 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/26 (W), 9/3
Facilitation 9/21, 9/29 (T), 10/5, 10/12, 10/19	Problem Solving 9/15, 9/22, 9/28 (M), 10/6, 10/13	Problem Solving 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8
Relationship Building 10/27 (T), 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23	Community Building 10/20, 10/26 (M), 11/3, 11/10, 11/17	Community Building 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19

You can get more information and sign up online at <http://www.marc.org/CLP/> or by contacting Carmelleya Anderson by email at canderson@marc.org; or call her at 816-701-8282.

I've already signed up for the following:

- Southeast Community Center (Meets Tuesdays except where noted)
 - Problem Solving - 9/15, 9/22, 9/28 (M), 10/6, 10/13
 - Community Building - 10/20, 10/26 (M), 11/3, 11/10, 11/17
- Trailside (Meets Mondays except where noted)
 - Personal Strengths - 8/17, 8/24, 9/1 (T), 9/8 (T), 9/14

- Facilitation - 9/21, 9/29 (T), 10/5, 10/12, 10/19
- Relationship Building - 10/27 (T), 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23

If you are interested in going and want to carpool, sign up for the classes and then let me know. The earliest class starts August 17, but most are in September, October and November. I hope a few will join me. You don't have to be an officer of WHA. These classes are designed for all citizens. There is no expectation that you must or will become an officer. It is a great way to expand your horizons, meet new people, and be "in the know" around Kansas City.

You can get in touch with me via email at tammydgay@kc.rr.com or by phone at 816-333-4410.

KCPD - the Inside Scoop - by Tammy Gay


Guess what they're doing now?! KC Police Chief Jim Corwin has a blog online! Yep! Check it out at www.kcpd.org and click on the "Chief Blog" link in the list next to his picture in the middle of the page or go directly to the blog at <http://kcpdchief.blogspot.com>.

Officer John Trainor, Community Policing Liaison reports that the blog features Chief Corwin's thoughts on current issues facing the police department, photos, press releases, stories of officers' heroics and more. Blog readers get an inside scoop about what's going on at KCPD, and they can e-mail their comments to the Chief at kcpdchiefblog@kcpd.org. He also reports that the blog is updated several times a week and is one more way the police department is dedicated to being transparent with and accountable to the community it serves.


This and That

- KC residents can now schedule a bulky item pick online. Go to www.kcmo.org/bulky. You can still use the 311 or 816-513-1313 numbers for scheduling.
- The new regulations regarding billboards in Kansas City are now in effect. Some billboards are slated to be removed. Call the 311 number to report billboards that are in disrepair or not in use.
- Kansas City is addressing code violations involving tall weeds, trash and debris on vacant properties. To file a complaint about a property, contact the Action Center at 311 or 513-1313.
- Coffee shops – Coffee Girls moved in July from Southwest Blvd to Waldo and is located at 7440 Washington. Two other coffee shops recently opened in the same area – The Sweet Guy (7439 Washington) and One More Cup (7408 Wornall Road).
- We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and activities. Remember we will need volunteers at the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling and Waldo Fall Festival events.

August 2009 – Waldo Homes Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 CPAC 4 PM 	12	13	14	15 WHA 10:15 AM Library
16	17 “Night Out” at Swagger 5:00 to 8:00 PM	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Household Hazardous Waste Recycling
30	31 Newsletter Articles due					

September 2009 – Waldo Homes Association

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 CPAC 4 PM 	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12 WHA Picnic 4:00 PM South Oak Park
13 Grandparents’ Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Waldo Fall Festival
20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26 Rosh Hashanah
27	28 Newsletter Articles due Yom Kippur	29	30			