

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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WHA Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12, at South Oak Park starting at 4:00 PM. Please invite your friends and neighbors. WHA will supply the meat, beverage and dinnerware. In order for us to plan the quantity of meat needed, we request your reservations with the number of people attending.

You supply:

- A side dish or dessert with serving utensils
- Lawn chairs or blanket
- TV trays
- Games

Please RSVP to Connie at 913-634-4422 or Anne at 816-444-0049.

We look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

Night Out Social Was Fun – by Dowe Harris

On Monday, August 17, 2009, about 35 members and guests attended WHA's night out social. Swagger had a room set up for our group so it was a private get-together. Bram Wijnands played blues and jazz on the piano and lived up to his reputation as a good entertainer. Listening to the music and socializing made for a nice evening. We all had a good time so we need to thank Swagger for the invitation and WHA for the opportunity to have this event.

CPAC Report – July Crime Activities

- 1 Robbery – Attempted robbery of a business
- 20 Burglaries – Five businesses
- 2 Residential burglaries within the WHA boundaries
- 38 Stealings – 1 Residential within the WHA boundaries
- 1 Auto theft

Issues: Burglaries are occurring at businesses between Gregory Boulevard and 75th Street during nighttime. Police say the burglars are after money only and break into the cash registers. Some of the neighborhood associations have reported people knocking on doors looking for different jobs to perform for homeowners. The homeowners do not hire them because they look and act in a suspicious way.

Changes in Annual Dues Collection Date

One of the most time consuming activities for your WHA treasurer is maintaining the list of who has paid, whose bill is coming due, who has dropped out, who is late, etc.

After several discussions, the officers have agreed that changing everyone to a calendar year will solve a

Agenda for the next meeting

Saturday, September 12
South Oak Park
3rd and Oak Streets
4:00 PM

Annual Picnic

The picnic is a social event and there is no formal agenda.

number of challenges so, when you get your next notice for membership renewal, it should reflect the amount needed to pay through December 2010. Then, starting January 2011, every member will be on the calendar year pay plan.

Some of you who have paid up dues into the middle or late 2010 so when you get your "notice" later this year (Nov-Dec) it will reflect the \$1.25 per month for the months left in the year. For example: If paid up through August 2010, the notice in November will be for only \$5, the \$1.25 per month needed to get you paid through December 2010. Then, in Nov-Dec of 2010, the notice will be for the full calendar year of 2011.

Starting in 2010, new members joining during the year will pay a prorated amount (currently \$1.25 per month) for the remainder of the year and then pay on a calendar year basis starting the following year.

Of course, if you think the notice you receive is incorrect or the December payment causes a hardship, please notify Treasurer Colleen Durkin or any of the other officers so we can help resolve any problems.

We are also offering a special for those who join now through December 2009: \$15 for the rest of 2009 and all of 2010. This could mean up to 15 months for the price of 12—so tell your neighbors who have not joined.

By having everyone on the same schedule, we hope to save money in mailing out notices, get a better handle on the amount of funds available for the coming year, and make it easier for everyone to remember when their dues are due.

Waldo Fall Festival

The 17th annual Waldo Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at

75th Street and Wornall Road. The event is organized by the Waldo Area Business Association and admission is free. Pick up a program at the festival for a schedule of events and entertainment.

Various businesses, organizations and individuals will have booths where you can pick up information, ask questions, or shop for craft items.

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling – by Larry Arnold

Four volunteers from Waldo Homes Association came early and stayed late to help with the South Kansas City Household Hazardous Waste Recycling event Saturday, Aug. 29, at Hale Cook School, 73rd and Pennsylvania.

Anne Kurtenbach, Martha Dromey, and Connie Sherman were among the earliest arrivals and stayed until mid-morning while Larry Arnold arrived for the "second shift" and stayed until closing just before noon. A large contingency of Kansas City workers provided the expertise for what was safe to take while volunteers loaded carts and helped sort the items.

A steady stream of vehicles of all kinds, loaded with paint, batteries, used oil, confidential papers to shred, tires, and shrubbery, kept the volunteers busy. Donated money and cans of food will be shared with local charities.




October WHA Events:


- Speaker at the October meeting (Oct 17) will be Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Kanatzar.
- Honeysuckle Attack at South Oak Park – October 24

This and That

- The KC bulky item pickup function is being reviewed again as the current system is problematic. Residents should continue to make appointments for bulky item pickup until advised otherwise.
- School is back in session. Please help assure the safety of our students by observing the School Zone speed limits.

- For persons under the age of 21 “texting” while driving is now illegal in Missouri. Violators are subject to a \$200 fine and 2 points against their driver’s licenses.
- *Labor Day* – September 7. Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September. The observation of Labor Day goes back to the 1880s and is a creation of the labor movement. It started on the local level and progressed to state levels and finally to the national level.
- *Patriot Day* – September 11. Patriot Day is designated in memory of the nearly three thousand who died in the September 11, 2001, attacks. On this date the U.S. flag should be flown at half-staff.
- *National Grandparents Day* – September 13. Grandparents Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This date was established in 1978 by the U.S. Congress.
- *Columbus Day* – October 12. Columbus Day is celebrated in many countries in the Americas and in Spain. It commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas which occurred on October 12, 1492 in the Julian calendar (October 21, 1492 in the modern Gregorian calendar). Although Columbus Day celebrations go back to at least the 1770s, it did not become an official Federal Holiday until 1934. Beginning in 1971 the holiday has been observed in the United States on the second Monday in October.
- *United Nations Day* – October 24. In 1947 the United Nations proclaimed October 24, the anniversary date of the Charter of the United Nations, as United Nations Day. In 1971 the UN declared it an international holiday.
- *Rosh Hashanah* observed this year from sunset on September 18 until sunset on September 20 is a Jewish holiday commonly referred to as the “Jewish New Year.”
- *Yom Kippur* observed this year from sunset on September 27 until nightfall on September 28 is also known in English as the *Day of Atonement* and is the most solemn and important of the Jewish holidays.
- *Halloween* – October 31. The celebration of Halloween has its roots in ancient times. Whatever your traditions are for this holiday, make it a safe and fun event.

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 Rosh Hashanah
20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25	26
27	28 Newsletter Articles due Yom Kippur	29	30			

October 2009 – Waldo Homes Association						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 CPAC 4 PM 	14	15	16	17 WHA 10:15 AM Library
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Honeysuckle Attack 8:00 AM South Oak Park United Nations Day
25	26 Newsletter Articles due	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween