

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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Jim Kanatzar – Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney - Guest Speaker for 10/17/09 Meeting

Jim is a 1985 graduate of Rockhurst High School. He earned his undergraduate degree in political science from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1989. He received his law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1992. He has been working in the Prosecutor's office since 1992 and became Jackson County Prosecuting attorney in January 2007. Jim met his wife in 1995 while they were both Assistant Jackson County Prosecutors. They live in Kansas City with their two sons.

TWO, TWO, Two Events in ONE! - October 24, 2009, at South Oak Park

Come join your friends and neighbors at South Oak Park (83rd and Oak) on Saturday, October 24, 2009, for some hard work, good food, fund raising, and socializing!

The first thing we'll be doing is our **Annual Honey-suckle Attack**. We've been doing this for a few years now. We clear as much brush and honeysuckle from the trails in the park as we can. The city Parks Department helps us out and comes by to pick up the debris during the week. We need volunteers! Please dress appropriately - long sleeves, long pants, appropriate shoes, gloves and eye protection. Bring any rakes, shears, hand saws, or garden tools that might be helpful. We'll work from **9:00 a.m. to noon**. Note to parents: Supervised children welcome to work helping to do jobs not requiring tools. Please keep your kids safe and out of the way of workers and tools.

Then...from **noon - 3:00 p.m.** we're having a **Chili Feed!** Various recipes of **homemade chili** will be served along with **hotdogs, chips and cookies!** Yum! Fruit punch, tea, water and hot chocolate will also be served. This event is a **Fundraiser for WHA banners**. We're in the process of replacing the WHA banners that have become tattered. We're hoping a **suggested donation of \$5** per person will help toward this goal. **(If you work the Honeysuckle Attack, eat for free!)** Everyone welcome, bring your family, friends and neighbors AND make new friends...meet new neighbors!

It could be cool out - put on a jacket and join the Fall fun at South Oak Park! Be there or be square! Questions? Contact Tammy Gay, 816-333-4410

About Waldo Homes Association

Waldo Homes Association (WHA) is a neighborhood organization. Anyone who resides or owns property or owns a business within WHA's boundaries may become

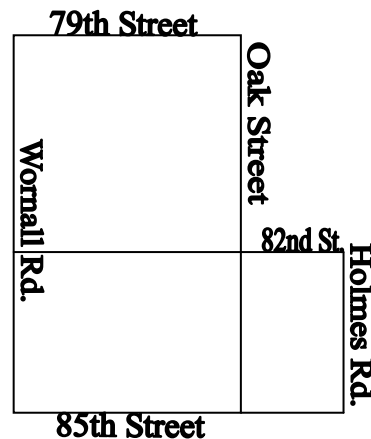
Agenda for the October meeting

Oct. 17, 2009 10:15 AM – Waldo Library – Room A
Come early, doors open at 10:00 AM.

- Opening – L. Arnold 10:15
- Minutes – P. Hulett
- Treasurer's Report – C. Durkin
- Announcements
- Old Business
- New Business
Next WHA meeting – November 21, 10:15 AM
Waldo Library, Room A
- 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 'n' Chew – Guest Speaker @ 11 a.m.
Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Kanatzar

a member. Paid memberships are eligible to receive the monthly newsletter as well as phone tree messages and alerts. Nonmembers are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled meetings and events; however, nonmembers will not have voting privileges. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year per household, property owner or business entity. For more information about WHA visit our website at www.waldohomes.org.

A diagram of our boundaries follows.



WHA Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic was held on Saturday, September 12, at South Oak Park with a number of members and guests attending. We enjoyed good food supplied by the attendees, fried chicken supplied by WHA, and lots of conversation. The first photo is, of course, the picnic. The second photo is the smaller of the butterfly gardens with WHA's Partners for Parks sign.



Waldo Fall Festival

WHA, along with three other area homes associations, sponsored a table at the 17th annual Waldo Fall Festival which was held on Saturday, September 19. Several of our members staffed our portion of the table at different times.

CPAC Report – August Crime Activities

2 Robberies
19 Burglaries – Six businesses
2 Residential burglaries within the WHA boundaries
39 Stealings – 3 Residential within the WHA boundaries
1 Auto theft

Issues:

- Police suggest having storm doors because this makes it harder for burglars to break in.
- Business burglaries – Some of the burglars are doing break-ins the same way as last month, taking only money from cash registers.

- Police say when women go to the supermarket they should make sure to hold onto their pocketbooks. Don't leave it in the cart.
- Homeless people are being spotted in the Waldo area. They have been seen in Sunnyside Park in the mornings.

Cautions about the 2010 Census

This information comes from the Better Business Bureau - be cautious about giving personal info to census workers:

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.


The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:


If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.** While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers** nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, **the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.**

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit <http://www.bbb.org/>

October 2009 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
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 9:00 AM to noon and Chili Feed noon to 3:00 PM South Oak Park United Nations Day
25	26 Newsletter Articles due	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

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