

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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Guest Speaker for the 11/21/09 Meeting

Jose Belardo, Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, will be our guest speaker at the November meeting. Mr. Belardo will make a presentation on the H1N1 flu virus.

CPAC Report – September Crime Activities

3 Robberies
23 Burglaries – Four businesses
4 Residential burglaries within the WHA boundaries
44 Stealings – 20 stealings from cars
1 stealing within the WHA boundaries
6 Auto thefts – Two cars stolen within WHA boundaries

Issues:

- Santa Fe Hills has been hit hard with burglaries in their neighborhood.
- You can dispose of electronic items at 51st and Oak on Saturday, November 7, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Some fees may apply.
- The automotive company at 79th and Wornall is parking cars on the sidewalk blocking vision.

Congratulations to Tammy Gay

The Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council presented its Good Neighbor Awards on October 10 at the Robert J. Mohart Center. Thirteen people in the city received awards and Tammy Gay was one of the recipients. We, as WHA members, appreciate Tammy's hard work in trying to keep the neighborhood safe and clean. It is a nice honor for her and for WHA.

Door-to-door Sales Activity

Please be cautious of door-to-door sales people. WHA has received the following information regarding activity in our area.

Around 8:30 PM on October 28 officers were dispatched to the area of 79th Terrace and Oak regarding suspicious parties going door-to-door selling magazines. Officers located a few parties relating to different/similar calls for service in the area and were suspicious of their actual intentions. One individual the officers contacted was not cooperative when being questioned about his identity and another was identified and found to be wanted out of South Carolina.

After some time, the guy in charge of the operation showed up with a large van full of people who had been going door-to-door. Apparently they were trying to sell a program where they will work with troubled teens, for a price. They are also selling magazines, one subscription being \$100. Officers were not able to locate anybody

Agenda for the November meeting

Nov. 21, 2009 10:15 AM – Waldo Library Room A

Opening – Larry Arnold

Minutes – Peggy Hulett

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Durkin

Old Business

Follow up on events

- Banner Fund Raiser
- Honeysuckle Attack
- Dog Park Hearing

New Business

Next WHA meeting – Dec. 21, 10:15 a.m. – Room A

Committee Reports

Committees need volunteers

President's Report – L. Arnold

- Announcements
- Current Issues

Vice President's Report – Dowe Harris

- CPAC Meeting
- Waldo Business Association

Secretary's Report – P. Hulett

Treasurer's Report – C. Durkin

Adjourn

Chat 'n' Chew – You are invited to stay after the meeting to visit and have refreshments.

Dowe Harris will introduce our guest speaker, Jose Belardo at 11:00 AM.

with the contact information they provided and much of the documentation for their program appeared to be homemade. All the people with whom the officers came into contact were from the east coast and they were in a van with Maryland license plates.

Recent Rape Activity

Two rapes in the Waldo area have been reported recently and police say that a serial rapist may be at work. Everyone should take steps to make themselves less of a target. Make sure your home is well lit at night and make sure doors and windows are locked even if you are at home. Trim shrubbery by your home's entrances to keep hiding places to a minimum. Have a plan for what you will do if you are attacked.

Fall Leaf and Brush Collection

All residents should have received a notice from the City of Kansas City regarding leaf and brush collection dates and rules. For our area (Thursday trash day) the dates are November 13 and December 10.

Glass Recycling

Ripple Glass plans to launch its glass recycling project in November 2009. Their plans include a state-of-the-art processing plant and a metro-wide collection network (drop off sites). A local company will convert the recycled glass into fiberglass insulation. Planned drop off sites in our area are:

- Berbiglia's Liquors #1, 7856 Wornall Road
- Border Star Montessori School, 6321 Wornall Road
- Gomer's South, 9900 Holmes
- DST Systems, Inc. (Andre's parking lot), 50th and Main

For more information, visit <http://rippleglasskc.com>.

Annual Honeysuckle Attack in Conjunction with the First Banner Fund Raiser

These events were held on Saturday, October 24, at South Oak Park. The honeysuckle/brush removal was a huge success thanks to the hard work of many members of the homes association and Parks Department. The mounds of brush to be picked up by the Parks Department provided a visual of the effort. The weather was perfect! The butterfly gardens enjoyed a summer's end clearing as well. The Banner Fund Raiser Committee and generous association members provided chili, chips, and cookies to all who participated in the honeysuckle attack and, for a \$5 donation, to anyone else who wanted to participate in the event. The success of the fund raiser was new neighbors who participated with contributions and who expressed interest in joining the association.



Fire Safety

All homes, both rentals and owner-occupied, should have working smoke detectors. Smoke alarms should be located on every floor of the home and in every room where someone sleeps. Batteries should be changed every 6 months and units should be replaced every 10 years. The change to or from daylight savings time is a good reminder to change smoke detector batteries.

It is important to have furnaces inspected to ensure that they are in good working condition.

If you use a kerosene heater, be sure it is in good working order and that it has an emergency shutoff in case it is tipped over. Proper room ventilation is imperative. Refueling should be done outside and never when the unit is operating or is hot.

Never use charcoal in a fireplace or wood burning stove. If you use a fireplace or wood burning stove, be sure the chimney is clean and in good repair.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday set apart for giving thanks. In the United States we celebrate it on the fourth Thursday of November. It is good to stop and be thankful for all the good things in our lives.

Thanksgiving weekend is usually the most traveled holiday in the U.S. We wish you a happy and safe holiday.


Recipe


A pumpkin recipe seems appropriate at this time of year.

Pumpkin Nut Cookies

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup solid pack pumpkin
- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add eggs and pumpkin; mix well. Sift flour, baking powder, salt and spices together. Stir dry ingredients into wet mixture and mix until blended. Add raisins and nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in 350° oven for approximately 15 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies. May be frozen if desired.

November 2009 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 CPAC 4 PM 	11 Veterans Day	12	13 Leaf & Brush Collection	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					

December 2009 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 CPAC 4 PM 	9	10 Leaf & Brush Collection	11	12 Hanukkah
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 WHA 10:15 AM Library
20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa
27	28 Newsletter Articles due	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		