

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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December Meeting

The December meeting will be a social event with the WHA officers providing refreshments. Come and enjoy visiting with your neighbors.



White Elephant Gift Exchange

The December meeting will feature a white elephant gift exchange. Participation is not required and all are welcome to the refreshments and fun. Those who choose to participate should bring a wrapped gift, put it in the pile and receive a ticket.

- Gifts should be something from around your house – not something new.
- Gifts should be “appropriate,” inexpensive and suitable for either a man or a woman.

How the White Elephant Gift Exchange Works

A ticket is drawn. The person having that number chooses a gift from the pile and unwraps it for everyone to see. The next ticket is drawn and that person can either choose to take the unwrapped gift from the first person or choose a wrapped gift from the pile. If he/she chooses a wrapped gift, he/she unwraps it for everyone to see. If he/she chooses to take the already unwrapped gift from another person, that person gets to choose another gift from the pile and unwrap it. The next ticket is drawn and that person can choose to take any one of the previously unwrapped gifts or a new one. This continues until all gifts are unwrapped. You get to take home the one that you have at the end of the exchange.

H1N1

Jose Belardo, Deputy Administrator for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, spoke to us at the November meeting. He gave some insight into the difference between seasonal flu and H1N1. His presentation included some history on flu epidemics/pandemics in the United States. He recommended we get the H1N1 vaccination when it becomes available to us.

CPAC Report – October Crime Activities

4 Robberies
25 Burglaries – Four businesses
4 Residential burglaries within the WHA boundaries
46 Stealings – 20 stealings from cars
2 stealings within the WHA boundaries
2 Auto thefts

Agenda for the December meeting

Dec. 19, 2009 10:15 AM – Waldo Library Room A

Opening – Larry Arnold

Minutes – Peggy Hulett

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Durkin

Let the fun begin.

Next WHA meeting – Jan. 16, 10:15 a.m. – Room A

Issues:

- Police released leads on the Waldo rapist. He is a black male, smells like smoke, has a deep voice and is a stranger.

Membership Dues Statements - by Colleen Durkin

The 2010 Membership Dues invoices were mailed on November the 24th. All members were billed either for 12 months or for a prorated period bringing all members to a calendar billing cycle through December 31, 2010. Thank you all for your continued support of WHA.

New Security Eyes in the Area – by Dowe Harris

A new security company is patrolling the Brookside and Waldo business areas. They are called CID Roadrunners, Community Improvement District. They are hired by merchants of the area and will be out there in the daytime watching for suspicious people and cars. Their purpose is to assist police in stopping crime and making the area safer. They are not allowed to arrest anyone, but will contact police when they see something suspicious.

2010 Census – Temporary Jobs

The U S Census Bureau will hire many people throughout the Kansas City Region (six states) to assist with the 2010 Census. Persons interested in applying for these jobs should call the Toll Free Jobs Line at 1-866-861-2010.

Glass Recycling

Clarification to last month's article: The glass recycling includes food and beverage containers only. Locations 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

Vehicle Related Crimes

A situation has occurred where a car was broken into and the GPS (attached to the windshield and in plain sight) and the garage door opener were stolen. Using the turn by turn directions from the GPS, the suspects were able to locate the victim's house, use the garage door opener to make a silent entry and burglarize the house.

The following is taken from the Police Department's publication "FORM 5801 EN P.D. IF I WERE A THIEF DOING VEHICLE RELATED CRIME."

- Always lock your vehicle with the windows rolled up.
- Do not leave items of value in plain view inside your vehicle.
- Know when and where to place valuables in your trunk.
- If you have an anti-theft device, use it.
- Do not leave your keys in your unoccupied vehicle.
- Remove GPS units/electronics as well as their indicators (mounts, chargers, etc.)
- Make sure the license plates on your car are properly secured.
- Upon darkness, or overnight, park in a well-lighted area.
- Remove spare change from cup holders or ashtrays.
- Report any incident as quickly as possible to police.
- If you discover a crime has already happened, report it too.

Special Master Gardener Training at Southeast Community Center, Swope Park

The University of Missouri Extension Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City program will begin special Master Gardener Training for midtown and downtown residents starting February 27, 2010. The classes, taught by University of Missouri Extension faculty, will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The eight-week training program will be held at the Southeast Community Center in Swope Park. **There will be an Open House on January 23 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon at the Southeast Community Center.** This is a great opportunity to learn about the Master Gardener program, training, volunteer opportunities, and to pick up an application. Contact Molly Fusselman at fusselmanm@missouri.edu for more information about the Open House. All interested persons are invited.

Applications for the training program are due February 1, 2010. Program fee is \$150. Training topics include: basic plant anatomy and functions, maintaining healthy soil, fruit and vegetable gardening, lawn care, tree and shrub care, landscape design, growing annuals and perennials, and basic plant pathology

Trained Master Gardeners become volunteers of MU Extension and help in sharing research-based horticulture information with the public. Forty-five hours of volunteer service are expected the first year and 25 hours in subsequent years to maintain the Master Gardener badge. After the first year, 6 hours of continuing education are required.

Master Gardeners educate the public on gardening, answer gardening questions and contribute to their communities through volunteer service projects. Local Master Gardener activities include: MG Hotline [(816) 833-8733]; Speakers Bureau; Garden Tour/Plant Sale; demonstration gardens; and special events. Community projects include Swope Park demonstration garden, Watkins Woolen Mill heirloom garden, Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary, Harvesters and more.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, contact:

Lala Kumar, Horticulture Specialist
University of Missouri Extension
816-252-5051, kumarl@missouri.edu

Recipe – Submitted by Anne Kurtenbach


Here's an easy recipe for a quiche:


- 12 slices crisply fried bacon
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup Bisquick baking mix
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- Salt and pepper

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 10" pie plate. Sprinkle meat, cheese and onion in pie plate. Beat remaining ingredients until well mixed, pour into pie plate. Bake 35-40 minutes, or until an inserted knife comes out clean. Serves 6 people. Ham or spinach may be used instead of bacon.

X-1-1 Telephone Numbers

- We all know that 9-1-1 is the number to call for police, fire and medical emergencies.
- The Kansas City, Missouri, Action Center can be reached at 3-1-1. Use this number to report pot holes, missed trash pick-up, street lights out, malfunctioning traffic signals, water main breaks, etc. You can also fill out a service request online at <http://www.kcmo.org/action>.
- Dial 2-1-1 to request services from a United Way agency or to volunteer your services to United Way. For more information visit <http://uwgkc.org>.
- Dial 8-1-1 before beginning any digging project to find out if there are any underground utility lines in the area where you plan to dig. For more information on this service visit <http://www.call811.com/>

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		

January 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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