

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

Newsletter of the Waldo Homes/Neighborhood Association – January 2010 Issue

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Guest Speaker at January Meeting

Kyleen L. Carroll is a neighbor from the West Plaza area and is running At-Large for the Kansas City Missouri School Board.

Kyleen is focused on:

- Value - For our Scholars, Parents and Community
- Excellence - Strong Focus on Results
- Responsibility - Responsible Board Governance
- Accountability – The Buck stops here!

Bio

- University of Arizona College of Education - Tucson, Arizona
- Swiss Finance Academy - Geneva, Switzerland
- Institute For American Universities - Aix En Provence, France

Class Room Experience

- Kansas City Middle School of the Arts - Social Studies Teacher
- Swope Corridor Summer Reading Program - Literacy Teacher
- Kansas City Kansas School District - English Language Assessment

Board/Committee Activities:

- KC Sister Cities – Community Board Member
- Arusha, Tanzania Sister City- Committee Member
- Neighborhood Team Leader - Obama for America

December Meeting

The December meeting was a social event. The business meeting was very short with no officer or committee reports. Those in attendance enjoyed the sociability, the refreshments, and a white elephant gift exchange.

CPAC Report – November Crime Activities

5 Robberies

16 Burglaries – Two businesses

63 Stealings

15 Stealings from cars

3 Cars stolen

Issues:

- KFC robbery – Robbers ran from the restaurant and exchanged gunfire with an off-duty policeman in the Price Chopper parking lot. The suspects are at large.
- Almost all residential burglaries were forced entry through either the front or rear doors. Burglars are taking televisions, laptops and electronic items.

Agenda for the January meeting

Jan. 16, 2010 10:15 AM – Waldo Library Room A

Opening – Larry Arnold

Minutes – Peggy Hulett

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Durkin

Old Business

- To be determined

New Business

Next WHA meeting – Feb. 20, 10:15 AM – Room A

Committee Reports

President's Report – L. Arnold

- Announcements

- Current Issues

Vice President's Report

- 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.

Guest Speaker – Kyleen L. Carroll, candidate At Large for Kansas City School Board

- Police are going to focus on the Wornall corridor through January 16, 2010.

Safety Tips while Driving in Snow and Ice

We trust that you are coping with the winter weather. The following information was received from the Safety and Health Council of Western Missouri and Kansas, www.safetycouncilmoks.com

The best advice for driving in bad winter weather is not to drive at all if you can avoid it. Don't go out until the snow plows and sanding trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination. If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared and that you know how to handle road conditions.

It's helpful to practice winter driving techniques in a snowy open parking lot so you're familiar with how your car handles. Consult your owner's manual for tips specific to your vehicle.

Driving safely on icy roads:

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
- Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

If your rear wheels skid:

- Take your foot off the accelerator.
- Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left. If they're sliding right, steer right.
- If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.
- If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.
- If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse - this is normal.

If your front wheels skid:

- Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.
- As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" or release the clutch, and accelerate gently.

If you get stuck:

- Do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper.
- Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way.
- Use a light touch on the gas to ease your car out.
- Use a shovel to clear snow away from the wheels and the underside of the car.
- Pour sand, kitty litter, gravel or salt in the path of the wheels to help get traction.
- Try rocking the vehicle. (Check your owner's manual first - it can damage the transmission on some vehicles.) Shift from forward to reverse and

back again. Each time you're in gear give a light touch on the gas until the vehicle gets going.

Resources: National Safety Council, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Washington State Government

2010 Census Road Tour

The 2010 Census *Portrait of America* Road Tour is coming to Kansas City to teach community members the vital importance of completing and mailing back the census form this March. This launch is part of simultaneous national and regional cross-country Road Tours in which participants will learn about the 2010 Census and the positive impact their participation can have on their community. Census data are used to apportion seats in Congress, and directly affect how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state and local governments and non-profits.

The event will be held on January 11, 2010, at The National Archives at Kansas City, 400 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108, starting at 10:00 AM. Kansas Citians can stop by the 2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour to:

- Fill in a larger-than-life 10 question Census questionnaire with the actual questions from this spring's survey
- Record their story in one of two Portrait of America video kiosks
- Learn about the importance of the Census to their community
- Get great giveaways

Shepherd's Center of KC Central

Shepherd's Center's "Adventures in Learning" is a program designed to provide educational and socialization opportunities for adults 50 years of age and older. There are four ten-week sessions each year. The current session is on Friday mornings from January 8 through March 12. Registration fee for each session is \$15 which can be prorated if you join late.

9:00 AM classes: Advanced Spanish – Needlecraft – Celtic Mythology – Dramatic Reading – Resilience-Beyond Stress Management

10:00 AM classes: Travelogue – News & Reviews – Line Dancing – Beginning Spanish


11:00 AM Classes: Book Review – Health Enrichment – Sit & Be Fit

Noon Forums have different topics and presenters each week.

Travelogues this session include: Iran, Bosnia, Alaska, China, Holy Land, Russia, Dalmatian Coast, Travel Tips, Costa Rica, and The Orient.

For more details call 816-444-1121 or visit www.sscentral.org.

January 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 CPAC 4 PM 	13	14	15	16 WHA 10:15 AM Library
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter Articles due	29	30
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February 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CPAC 4 PM 	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20 WHA 10:15 AM Library
21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Articles due	27
28 Purim (begins at sundown the day before)						