

# Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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## Trolley Track Trail Beautification

The Waldo Homes Association Beautification Committee is organizing PHASE ONE of our Waldo Beautification clean-up. The intent is to start with the section that includes the Trolley Track Trail and the streets from 79<sup>th</sup> to 85<sup>th</sup>, Wornall to Main. We hope to eventually cover all streets in our boundaries.

This phase one event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 AM to 12:00. We will meet at the former Mar-Beck parking lot at 303 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street at 9:00 AM for assignments and passing out of gloves and trash bags. When clean-up ends at noon, we will stop at Laura and Brandon's home for hot dogs, chips, beer and soda. Their house sits just one house off of the trail and directions will be available at the event. We are hoping for a turnout of at least 20 volunteers. Please talk to your friends and neighbors and let's have a good turnout and a morning of fun.

This should be a great time! We intend to rotate this event around the entire neighborhood in phases with Phase 2 tentatively scheduled in the fall for South Oak Park. Remember run-down neighborhoods full of trash and debris attract crime.

It is going to be spring before we know it. Let's get the Trolley Track Trail ready for those glorious spring walks. Please contact Colleen ([colleenmdurkin@gmail.com](mailto:colleenmdurkin@gmail.com)) or Peggy ([peggyhulett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peggyhulett@sbcglobal.net)) with questions concerning this event or to volunteer. You can also volunteer at the March and April meetings. If you have a Waldo t-shirt, this would be a good occasion to wear it.

## Membership

Welcome to our seven new members thus far in 2010! Our membership is now up to 102 households. There's power in numbers. We still have \$178.75 to come in from renewing members billed in November 2009. Follow-up invoices will go out at the end of March (help us save on postage and get those dues in). Thank you, Colleen Durkin, Treasurer.

## CPAC Report – January Crime Activities

2 Robberies

16 Burglaries – 5 businesses

4 burglaries in WHA area

41 Stealings

4 Cars stolen – 3 were recovered

**Issues:** The Roadrunners (security) are meeting with business owners and people on the streets. They have extended their hours and now work into the evening.

## **Agenda for the February meeting**

March 20, 2010 10:15 AM – Waldo Library Room A

### **Opening – Larry Arnold**

- Welcome
- Announcements

### **Minutes – Peggy Hulett**

### **Treasurer's Report – Colleen Durkin**

### **Old Business**

- Finalize meeting plans for May, June, July, August
- Complete discussion of bylaws change proposals

### **New Business**

- Next WHA meeting – April 17, 10:15 AM – Room A
- Plans for Annual Meeting
- Review responses to questionnaire
- Spring clean-up plans

### **Committee Reports**

#### President's Report – L. Arnold

- Current Issues

#### Vice President's Report – Dowe Harris

- CPAC Meeting
- Waldo Business Association

#### Liaison – P. Hulett

#### Liaison – C. Durkin

### **Adjourn**

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

**Guest Speaker** - TBD

**Police Tip:** Keep your car key alarm handy even in the house. If an emergency occurs, you can push the button and the car alarm can alert your neighbors.

## Opinion Poll Results and a New Poll

Last month we asked for your opinion on the proposed Dog Parks for Kansas City and the proposal for South Oak Park. A few answers came by email and we completed the task by collecting numbers at the meeting. The closest thing to a tie was the 7-5 "No" answer to "I want a Dog Park in South Kansas City" question. The group was unanimous on the other three

questions—the officers should take a stand on the Dog Park proposal but that stand should be “no” on a Dog Park in South Oak Park and “no” on whether the members would regularly use a Dog Park in South Oak Park.

This ongoing series of non-binding opinion “polls” only helps when you share your opinions and feelings with us as we try to keep a thumb on the pulse of the WHA community and to gauge what are the issues. These non-legally-binding opinion poll results will be announced at the meetings and in the newsletter.

Look for an email requesting your response, then reply and make your opinion known by either making your choice **BOLD** or deleting the wrong answer before hitting “send.” Or print out the newsletter, circle your answers, and bring them to the next meeting when we will count them. Of course, you also can support the US Post Office by using a stamp and envelope to mail your reply to P.O. Box 8573, Kansas City, MO 64114.

We will try to keep the questions simple and usually ask for a “yes” or “no” answer. If you have a suggestion for a poll, send that suggestion to the president or newsletter editor.

**Information Dissemination Poll**

I want my WHA news presented only at the monthly meeting.	YES	NO
I want monthly meetings to alternate between Saturday and a week night.	YES	NO
I want Tuesday night monthly meetings rather than Saturday mornings.	YES	NO
I want my WHA news in the newsletter even if it repeats the meeting.	YES	NO
I want a weekly phone tree message on any topic.	YES	NO
I want a phone tree message only if it can't wait for the newsletter.	YES	NO

**More Safety Tips**

Dowe attended a safety meeting at the Kansas City Library presented by Tracy Hawkins. Some tips follow:

- Don't be paranoid and afraid of everything, but don't carry guns everywhere you go.
- Don't be too cocky – not looking around and taking every thing for granted.
- The book “Gift of Fear” is about trusting your instincts. We all have a survivor mechanism inside of us.
- Let someone know where you are at all times so, if you are missing, the police can retrace your schedule.
- Look in your back seat before entering your car.

- Make eye contact when meeting someone on the street. You can avoid being a victim by looking people in the eye. They don't want to victimize you because you can identify them.
- Have a plan of what you will do if faced with a robber or rapist.
- Have a whistle around your neck. (Note: Whistle should be on a “breakaway” lanyard.)
- When driving into your garage, keep the car running and look around outside of garage. If someone is coming into the garage, don't get out of the car.
- Have 911 preprogrammed on your cell phone. Put ICE (In Case of Emergency) on your cell phone for emergency numbers.
- Call Sergeant John Trainor for house tips and an evaluation against crime. Police will perform this evaluation free of charge.

**April Meeting**

The April meeting is our annual meeting. Please note that newsletters will be delivered to all occupied houses within the WHA area. We will need volunteers to deliver the newsletters.

**Police Appreciation**

As a token our appreciation for our policemen, WHA will be treating them to cookies in April. If you would like to contribute to this event, please bring cookies to the April meeting.

**SPRING – Yeah!!!**


Crocuses are blooming and daffodils are on their way. Our butterfly garden in South Oak Park will be needing attention and volunteers are needed.

**Women's Personal Safety Class**

A class is scheduled for March 24 starting at 5:00 PM at the Central Patrol Division, 1200 East Linwood. Class size is limited to 30 and an RSVP is required. This is a 2 hour class discussing all aspects of personal safety including home safety and public safety. The class includes a discussion of the 4 types of weapons (hands on, pepper spray, stun guns and lethal force) and a demonstration of escape tactics. If interested, please e-mail or call to reserve your seat. Contact Master Patrol Officer James Schriever, CIO, Central Patrol Division, Office 816-759-6313, Cell 816-719-850, e-mail [James.Schriever@kcpd.org](mailto:James.Schriever@kcpd.org).

**Information Forum**

The Neighborhood Services Division of the Neighborhood and Community Services Department will host an information forum on March 20 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Southeast Community Center, 4201 E 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. Note that this the same time as our WHA meeting. The forum is designed to inform citizens of the department's course of action to address code violations involving tall weeds, trash, and debris during the upcoming growing season. For more information contact Ta'Wana Woodard at 816-513-3229.

March 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16 CPAC 4 PM 	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 WHA 10:15 AM - Library First Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Articles due	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 First Day of Passover (begins at sundown Mon.)	31			

April 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter	5	6 <b>VOTE</b> Election (School Board)	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Income Taxes Due Leaf & Brush Pickup	16	17 WHA 10:15 AM - Library
18	19	20	21 Administrative Professionals Day	22 Earth Day	23	24 Trolley Track Beautification 9:00 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30 Arbor Day	