

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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Trolley Track Trail Clean-up

Despite the unfavorable weather on Saturday, April 24, 2010, 17 volunteers and a baby in a stroller gathered at the Mar-Beck parking lot at 79th Street and Brookside for The Trolley Track Trail Beautification project. The clean-up covered the area from 79th Street to 85th Street on the trail plus the streets from Main to Wornall. Peggy, Secretary of WHA, passed out trash bags and gloves and organized the designation of areas for the teams to pick up trash. Bev and Dowe collected the food and beverages from the donors for the picnic which followed the work and then joined the clean-up crew. Most of us finished our routes before the rain started, but some people got wet before we finished. We all met again at the home of Laura & Brandon, who hosted our luncheon picnic. THANK YOU Laura, Brandon and Simon, for hosting and for providing the canopies to keep us dry. We also appreciate the food and beverages donated by Price Chopper (Brookside) and Swagger Fine Foods & Spirits.

"Phase One" of our clean-up plan was successful due to the hard work of the volunteers and the generosity of the donors. We intend to schedule "Phase Two" of the plan for this fall, and it will cover the area around South Oak Park.

Waldo Homes Association is committed to keeping our neighborhood clean and safe. We really appreciate the people who volunteered Saturday. Thanks – The Waldo Homes Association Beautification Committee.

May Meeting Location

The May meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Crossroads Church, 7917 Main Street (79th Terrace and

Agenda for the May meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 7:00 PM – Crossroads Church Fellowship Hall, 79th Terrace & Main Street

Opening – Larry Arnold

- Welcome
- Announcements

Minutes – Peggy Hulett

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Durkin

Old Business

- Follow-up on Trolley Track Trail Clean-up, Saturday, 4/24

New Business

- Next WHA meeting – June 19, 10:15 AM – Waldo Public Library Room A

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

Main). The parking lot is located east of the Church and is accessed from 79th Terrace. Fellowship Hall is on the lower level of the Church. We plan to use the east entrance which opens directly to the parking lot and there are only two steps down to the door.

Appreciation

- A great BIG thank-you to all those who so generously donated cookies to the WHA Metro Police Appreciation event in April. The cookies were delivered to the Metro Patrol on Monday, April 19.
- And another BIG thank-you to all who helped with the April newsletter – editing, printing, folding and distributing to all homes within the WHA boundaries.

Membership

From the Treasurer: Walking the newsletter which included a membership application and return envelope produced 10 new members! We have gained 14 new memberships in all since the first of the year 2010. A warm welcome to each of you!

CPAC Report – March Crime Activities

0 Robberies

7 Burglaries (down from 17 last month) –

3 businesses

1 burglary in WHA area

28 Stealings

3 Cars stolen

Issues: On April 10 it was reported approximately 900 young people got together on the Plaza. The youths ranged from 11 to 17 years of age. Harm was done to property and to several people. Police don't feel this was racial or gang motivated; however, it was organized by young people texting to each other. They also congregated at Loose Park and burned a large oak tree. Police think it is only a phase and will stop. They will have increased police patrol at the Plaza.

Unanimous Vote Changes Bylaws for Elections

The vote was unanimous to adopt the proposed bylaws change that alternates the election of officers starting next year. With all four officers new to the board as a result of the April 2009 election, the ramp-up time was slow and even help from past officers did not make the first year as productive as it could have been.

Each officer was elected to a two-year term in April of 2009 and recently it was pointed out that the effort to get the momentum rolling is something that could happen again next year if all officers elected are once again new to the board. A proposal to stagger terms was made and the bylaws change was discussed and a vote taken April 17.

As a result of the vote, next year's annual meeting will have the expected election, all four positions will be voted upon, but the President and the Secretary will be elected to a two-year term while the Vice President and the Treasurer will be elected for one year. Then in 2012, the Vice President and Treasurer will once again be elected to a two-year term. Each year thereafter, an election will be held but only two officers will be elected at a time for the two-year positions.

There is no term limit imposed at this time and, in another section of the bylaws, the procedure is spelled out to handle any replacement for a vacated position.

The changed section of the bylaws now reads:

Article VII: Officers

c: Terms: Beginning with the 2011 Annual Meeting, elections will be held every year at the Annual Meeting. Each year, two of the four officers will be elected for two-

year terms. The President and the Secretary will be elected one year, the Vice President and the Treasurer will be elected the next year. For 2011 only, the Vice President and the Treasurer will be elected for one year only, with the two-year term election to be held in 2012.

Opinion Poll Wrap-up

While only a couple of people opted to vote online, the opinions were expressed at the April Annual Meeting.

The results were clear on all questions except #2. Like the ongoing discussion, the vote on #2 was split 13 to 12 in favor of having the monthly meeting alternate between weeknights and Saturdays. Other questions were lopsidedly one way or the other. Here are the results of this non-legally-binding opinion poll:

Information Dissemination Poll

I want my WHA news presented only at the monthly meeting. **NO**

I want monthly meetings to alternate between Saturday and a weeknight. **YES-13 NO-12**

I want Tuesday night monthly meetings rather than Saturday mornings. **YES**

I want my WHA news in the newsletter even if it repeats the meeting. **YES**

I want a weekly phone tree message on any topic. **NO**

I want a phone tree message only if it can't wait for the newsletter. **YES**

Issues Raised at April Meeting

Several neighbors reported that a young girl, about 13 or 14 years old, has been knocking on doors asking for money.


A house just west of Main on 80th Street is in bad shape. There are several dogs that bark a lot and the smell is offensive. David Parks, Community Services, should be called about this complaint.


Loud music is being heard in the neighborhood, probably coming from one of the establishments on Wornall.

The water running through South Oak Park is emitting odor. This needs to be checked out.

TV Personality Visits Waldo Area

Guy Fieri, Food Network star, made a stop in the WHA neighborhood Wednesday, April 14. He visited Swagger Fine Foods & Spirits to tape his show "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." Afterward, he gave autographs and visited with people. The show is expected to air in September.

May 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo (MEX)	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 CPAC 4 PM 	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 WHA 7:00 PM – Crossroads Church	19	20	21	22
23	24 Victoria Day (CAN)	25	26/27	27	28 Newsletter Articles due	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

June 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 CPAC 4 PM 	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 WHA 10:15 AM - Library
20 Father's Day	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25 Newsletter Articles due	26
27	28	29	30			