

Waldo Homes Neighborhood News

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

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Guest Speaker at June WHA Meeting

Pat Hinkle - Counselor to speak at WHA meeting



Profiling has a negative connotation but it takes help from trained experts to work with police departments to understand and help apprehend criminals such as the person responsible for the Waldo rapes, both recently and those 20+ years ago.

Pat Hinkle of Hinkle & Associates in Overland Park is a professional counselor and a family therapist. He spent three years in the US Army Military Police Corps and 28 years with the Lenexa, KS, Police Department. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and an instructor at the Johnson County Regional Police Academy.

His background includes a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in counseling. Pat said he finds a natural connection with people confronting trauma, crisis situations, and challenging life events.

Pat's talk is on personality disorders and the art of survivorship.

CPAC Report

There was no CPAC meeting in May; therefore, we do not have the crime statistics for April.

Mayor's Proclamation

Waldo Homes Association has received a proclamation from Mayor Mark Funkhouser in recognition of its services to our community. This proclamation will be read at the June meeting.

From Your Treasurer

Total households in the association now number 115. Twenty one new households have joined to date in 2010! Walking the newsletter in April with the membership application and return envelope included encouraged 15 of these new household members. This effort was quite successful. Again, thanks to everyone who volunteered.

KCPD Community Interaction Officers Encourage Public Safety Awareness

The following information was received from KC Neighborhood and Community Services too late for

Agenda for the June meeting

Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 10:15 AM
Waldo Library

Opening – Larry Arnold

- Welcome
- Announcements

Minutes – Peggy Hulett

Treasurer's Report – Colleen Durkin

Old Business

- Follow-up on May's evening meeting and reminder for next several meetings
- Committees organizing that probably need members and help

New Business

- Next WHA meeting – Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 PM – Crossroads Church, Fellowship Hall
- Committee plans for summer picnic

Committee Reports

President's Report – L. Arnold

- Current Issues
- Vice President's Report – Dowe Harris
- CPAC Meeting
- Waldo Area 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 – Pat Hinkle

inclusion in the May newsletter. The information is still applicable.

As everyone is aware, a suspect has been charged for the Waldo sexual assaults during the 1980s. KCPD has received several inquiries if this is the person responsible for the 2009-2010 incidents. At this time, the suspect in custody has only been charged with the incidents in the 1980s and the recent incidents are still open investigations which are being actively investigated by the KCPD Sex Crimes Unit. KCPD asks the community not to speculate in either direction (responsible or not responsible) and that we incorporate the safety practices we have recently followed as practical habits in our everyday lives.

James Schriever, CIO, Central Patrol Division
James Cooley, CIO, East Patrol Division

John Trainer, CIO, Metro Patrol Division
Mike Hammer, CIO, South Patrol Division
Markus Smith, CIO, Shoal Creek Division

Some Items from the May Meeting

- There was a good turnout for our Trolley Track Trail trash pickup, and we hope to have another pickup in the fall covering a different area.
- A discussion was held regarding the annual garage sale. WHA will not sponsor a garage sale weekend this year. Plans will be made after the first of the year to hold garage sales in 2011 in conjunction with neighboring associations.
- Tammy Gay had a Block Watch Party for the 82nd & Kenwood block - the only block in our association to have a Watch.
- Tammy attended Representative Jason Kander's May 15 meeting where he spoke on the Ethics Reform Bill and the Budget Committee.
- Several members attended Mayor Funkhouser's Town Hall Meeting on his Schools First Program.

The above items are some of the things discussed at the WHA May meeting. To get the real scoop on what transpires at WHA meetings, attend in person.

City Is Addressing Weed Violations

The following was received from the Neighborhood and Community Services Department:

In a continuing effort to address violations of City codes that involve tall weeds, trash, and debris, the City of Kansas City, MO, has begun abating these violations and is charging the property owner the costs associated with this action.

Since the beginning of May, the City has cleaned over 800 private properties and notified property owners of 4,258 nuisance violations. Property owners who fail to mow their grass will be cited and, if they fail to correct the issue(s), the City will be forced to abate the violation. Properties which are not in compliance will be mowed and cleared of all debris without additional notice.

The cost charged to the property owner averages \$400 to \$500. This cost will be assessed against the property as a special tax assessment. In addition, the property owner may be issued a court summons requiring them to appear in Kansas City, MO, Municipal Court for failing to keep grass and weeds below 10 inches.

In the interest of keeping our City livable and our communities strong, the residents are encouraged to report violations to the City. Residents who wish to report a property with tall weeds or debris may contact the 3-1-1 Action Center at 311 or 816-513-1313.

August 3, 2010, Neighborhood Ballot Issues

The following information was received from KC Neighborhood and Community Services:

Two proposed ordinances recently adopted by the city council place issues for voter approval on the August 3 ballot.

Ordinance No. 100301 would establish a permit requirement for tire dealers and tire haulers. Approval by public vote would authorize a fee of \$250 for the annual permits, which would cover the cost of hiring two investigators to enforce the regulations. One of those regulations is that tire dealers must account for how they dispose of the used tires that are left by customers who purchase new tires. The dealers will need to maintain documentation to show that the waste tires went to a proper disposal or recycling site.

Ordinance No. 100309, if approved, will establish a \$75 fee for re-inspections that are necessary because someone failed to comply with the Nuisance Code or Property Maintenance Code. The fee will not apply to all inspections. For example: Violations are found on an initial inspection and a notice of violation is sent. A re-inspection is performed after the time allowed by the notice expires. If the violations have been corrected, the case is closed and no fees are charged. If the violations have not been corrected, however, fees for inspections that occur from that point forward will be charged. These are the inspections that otherwise would not have been needed. Revenue from the re-inspection fees will be used to supplement code enforcement efforts.

If you would like a PDF copy of these proposed ordinances, please send your request to newsletter@waldohomes.org.

June has Saturday Meeting; July has Tuesday Evening

Although the attendance at May's meeting started slowly, the group enjoyed the new venue and the number of attendees was comparable to the Saturday meetings. The Waldo Homes Association officers continue to ask WHA members to "vote with your feet and your presence" as to which meeting best fits your schedule.

The June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19, at 10:15 AM at the Waldo Library, but the July meeting continues the week-night-then-week-end rotation to determine which meeting time brings out the most members. Should there be a tie, an ongoing rotation could be considered.

Tuesday night meetings will be held in July and September, with Saturday morning meetings held in June and August, and a decision will be made after the September meeting. The meetings will be either the third Tuesday or the third Saturday of each month.

The 7 PM Tuesday meetings will be held at Crossroads Church, 79th Terrace and Main St. Use the east entrance by the parking lot to enter the fellowship room.

The 10:15 AM Saturday meetings will continue to be in Room A at the Waldo Library.

Kansas City Zoo

Dowe Harris attended the May 19 Waldo Area Business Association Luncheon where the guest speaker was Randy Wisthoff of the Kansas City Zoo. Wisthoff has been with the KC Zoo since 2003 and was previously with the Omaha Zoo for 27 years.

Improvements and additions to the Zoo since Wisthoff's arrival include:

- A train that takes people to the Africa section of the park
- A pair of otters in a glass enclosed exhibit at the entrance to the Zoo
- The Snakes Alive exhibit

Coming in June: The Polar Bear Plunge

Planned:

- Next year they hope to have a sky ride over the Africa area.
- In two years they plan to have a penguin exhibit.


Wisthoff wants the Kansas City Zoo to be among the top ten zoos in the country.


Information Available

KC Neighborhood and Community Services sends us various information and notices. Two items recently received may be of interest to you. PDF copies of these are available and a copy should also be available at the June meeting.

- Burglary Prevention for Homes, An Informational Guide for Home Security, published by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department
- KCRiverfest Volunteer Application 2010 form

If you would like a pdf copy of these documents, please email your request to newsletter@waldohomes.org.

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			

July 2010 – Waldo Homes Association						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Canada Day	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 CPAC 4 PM 	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 WHA 7:00 PM – Crossroads Church	21	22	23	24
25 Parents Day	26	27	28	29	30 Newsletter Articles due	