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VACANT, FORECLOSED AND RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION

KCMO wants to remind all owners of rental, vacant or foreclosing properties that annual registration of these property types is required. Penalties for failing to register these properties are \$50 per month for each month the registration is late or not completed. **Rental properties must be registered within 30 days of becoming a rental property and annually by January 31st each year.** Vacant properties must be registered within 90 days of becoming vacant and the registration updated by May 1st each year. Foreclosed properties must be registered within 14 days of the foreclosure and annual renewal must be completed by May 1st each year. Forms are available on line to register these properties.



ABANDONED LOTS THAT NEED MOWING

WITH THE DOWNTURN in the economy, there has been an increase in foreclosed, abandoned or vacant homes throughout the city. Many times, the lawns of these properties remain untended and overgrown. If you see a property that fits this description, and do not have any contact information for the new owners, please try leaving a note in the door or mailbox. If there is no response, please contact the City by dialing 3*1*1. You will be asked for the address and details of the issue. The city will research and contact the property owner of record. Remember, we are all responsible for keeping our neighborhood beautiful.

AUGUST 2010 HOME OF THE MONTH

1216 W. 71ST TERRACE
STEVE & MARTA WILLIAMSON



THE WILLIAMSONS are this month's honorees. Their home was nominated for WPHA Home of the Month by the June HOM winners Donald and Kim Chi Booth. Steve and Marta will receive a \$50 Soil Service gift certificate as WPHA's thanks for the investment they have made in making their home and yard what it is today.

The Williamsons moved into their home in 1991. In 2000, Marta and Steve began the first phase of their home's renovation. They remodeled the kitchen entirely (complete with tin ceiling) and fished off their enclosed porch.

Three years ago, the exterior projects took place. Marta designed all of the features found in the front, side and back yards; her vision was made a reality with the assistance of a company called Prestige. Today you will find extensive concrete and brickwork, a front café-style patio, a fire pit, and even a screened gazebo wired for an overhead ceiling fan. Paradise on 71st Terrace!

Congratulations go out to the Williamsons on the honor, as well as our thanks for the beauty they have added to the block and to the neighborhood. Enjoy!

WPHA GARAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 17TH AND 18TH

AROUND THE TIME it cools off again in KC, we'll be hosting a fall garage sale. It's the perfect opportunity now that the kids have gone off to school to get rid of all those clothes that no longer fit and make some money to put toward those remodeling projects, catch up on bills, or put aside for holiday gifts.

As is our normal practice, we'll have signs up at major intersections and have a large ad with other Waldo home associations to draw more traffic to our area that day. You choose the days and hours to participate. You can hold it both days or just one; a few hours or all day.

Thank you to Maureen and Gene Hardy and to Barb Shelly for taking care of the arrangements for our garage sales each year. We appreciate it very much.



**GARAGE
SALE**
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

HABITAT KC ReStore COMES TO WALDO

*Habitat For Humanity Kansas City
is opening a new ReStore location in the Waldo neighborhood!*



FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT YET DISCOVERED this fantastic resource (original ReStore located at 4701 Deramus, by the Chouteau Bridge), Habitat ReStore is a discount home improvement center that accepts donations of building supplies (those are tax deductible contributions) and makes the merchandise available to the general public at deeply discounted prices.

The profits go to the mission of Habitat For Humanity KC and all those materials headed for the landfill are diverted... kept in the circle of life. The new location will be accepting and selling furniture as well.

The new ReStore location will be at 303 W. 79th Street, the former Mar-beck store. We were all sad when such an institution as Mar-beck left the area but it is very exciting that the vacancy will be filled

by this outstanding resource, both for those that have building supplies and gently used furniture to donate and those that are in search of an economical path to maintain homes or find that special piece of furniture to enhance a the living room.



ReStore staff will be spending the next few months modifying the interior of the building to suit the needs of this operation, setting up racks and shelves, moving in merchandise and, in general, getting ready to open the doors. They hope to start accepting donations at this location in August and are shooting for the first part of October to be open for business.

Please watch their web site, www.restorekc.org or call 816-231-6889, for updates on the schedule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DO YOU have a few hours you could volunteer around the homes association? We depend on residents stepping up to take a turn at welcoming neighbors, serving on the board, helping at events, organizing block parties and more. Here are some opportunities where you might help.

1. Board secretary – could you come to the board meetings once a month on the first Wednesdays and record minutes of what was discussed, type them up and email to the board for omissions and corrections before they go into the WPHA files, plus a reminder of the next meeting?

2. Can you assist with picking up donations for the Thanksgiving food drive on a couple of streets within the neighborhood? It takes just a few hours one November Saturday or Sunday morning. Even if you can't do that, can you save your empty egg cartons for Harvesters to be picked up during the drive?

3. Could you, perhaps with the assistance of another family in the neighborhood, organize the Easter Egg Hunt next spring? We have lots of information of what's been done in case you want to repeat a successful formula, or plan something on your own the kids will enjoy.

QUICK HITS

✿ THANK YOU Frank Haar and Mike Allmon for helping get the pedestrian stoplight at 74th and Wornall. This helps kids who walk to school, and helps families who shop or dine locally to leave the car at home.

✿ The WPHA fiscal year ends September 30th so anyone with receipts to be reimbursed for things such as block parties, events etc., get them in now for payment in the current year.

✿ Billing for membership dues for 2010-2011 will soon go out over email to all who use it. Please respond to that message so we needn't waste money on snail mail to invoice you as in past years. Thank you.

✿ Please help us welcome Mary Pfaff who is joining DJ Matheny as co-editor of the Ward Parkway News. Mary will be in charge of copy and DJ in charge of layout and design. I know you'll enjoy their work.

✿ I'll soon be leaving the presidency and board of WPHA. Please address emails to president@wphakc.org instead of my personal email. After I leave, they will forward to the correct person. Michelle Cour

✿ Southwest Early Education Campus will soon need adult volunteers to tutor students at the campus at 65th and Wornall. Watch for details to come soon.



FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall WPHA Garage Sale
Waldo Fall Festival
Dumpster Day
Kansas City Marathon
Annual Meeting
Pumpkin Decorating Day
Food Drive for Harvesters
Holiday Lights Contest
Holiday Caroling

Friday Sept 17th and Saturday Sept 18th
Saturday September 25th
Saturday October 9th
Saturday October 16th
TBD
Sunday October 17th, 3-5 pm @ Waldo Pizza
November TBA
December – details TBA
December – TBA

WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL JULY ACTIVITY REPORT

OUR WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PATROL has been very active protecting our neighborhood.

During July the following patrol actions occurred: an intelligence report was completed on a robbery subject, a pedestrian check was conducted

on an emotionally disturbed party (EDP), a small group of younger adults were “asked to move on

and out” of our parks, a drunk driver was arrested, and two burglary subjects were apprehended.



As you may know, the security patrol backed-off from the resident and open door checks. Our security patrol will continue to monitor this change and any subsequent results. If you have any questions, please email

your concern or question to the WPHA board at president@whphakc.org.

WESTSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PATROL

	JAN 2010	FEB 2010	MAR 2010	APR 2010	MAY 2010	JUNE 2010	JULY 2010
Pedestrian Checks	2	1	5	5	5	4	16
Traffic Violations	22	50	39	38	27	33	34
Traffic Tickets	13	28	22	20	11	17	20
Calls for Service	15	11	24	23	25	33	42
Residence Checks	56	34	53	75	32	108	59
Car Checks	6	8	7	4	9	5	13
Felony Arrest	*	*	*	*	*	3	*
Reports (incl intelligence)	3	1	2	6	4	5	9
Warrant Arrests**	2	1	2	3	3	8	3
Unattended Running Vehicles	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Open Doors	51	25	46	63	29	90	38

NEIGHBORHOOD PEANUT BUTTER BBQ
~ BENEFIT FOR ~
HARVESTERS: THE COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

With the state of our economy, more people than ever are using food pantries and other non-profit resources to help feed their families. Harvesters, our community food bank, have found itself with low supplies of non-perishable food items over the past several months. As this summer comes to a close, let's come together and raise jars of peanut butter and jelly to help Harvesters and those in our city who are most in need. And there's no better way to do it than with a party! On Labor Day, Sept. 6, at 5:00, come to the yard of Paul and Amanda Bartel (72nd and Summit) with your jars of peanut butter and jelly and party with our neighborhood.

Our goal is to raise at least 300 jars of PB&J, which is enough to make over 5,000 PB&J sandwiches. All food - grilled fajitas, chips and dips - will be provided. Please bring your own beverages. There will also be yard games and fun for the kids. Let's come together as a neighborhood and support Harvesters together - and have a fun time doing it.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to drop off donations, the Bartels will have a Harvesters drop box on their patio on the south side of the house during daylight hours from Saturday, Sept. 4 - Tuesday, Sept. 7.



- WHAT:** PEANUT BUTTER – BBQ
- WHY:** NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD DRIVE FOR HARVESTERS FOOD PANTRY
- WHERE:** PAUL & AMANDA BARTEL'S YARD
7145 SUMMIT ST (CORNER OF 72ND AND SUMMIT)
- WHEN:** LABOR DAY, SEPT. 6TH 5:00 PM