

WARD PARKWAY WORD



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ANNUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING EVENT

The October pumpkin decorating event at Waldo Pizza was a scary success! Twenty people attended and great fun was had by all. A few made it a real family affair. Thank you to Michaela Coleman, Amy Eulert, Nancy Gacek and of course Dulany's mom, for the event itself. Special thanks to Waldo Pizza for being a great neighborhood partner!



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT MICHELLE COUR



WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE all of Michelle's endless hours of hard work, time and efforts given to WPHA as she steps down from the Board. Most recently, she has been the Board President for the past few years, but during the past nine years as a member of the WPHA Board, she has worn many other hats. She has been newsletter editor, special events coordinator, membership chairman, organized numerous dumpster days, July 4th events and food drives just to name a few. Michelle has lived in the neighborhood for nineteen years and here is some insight she shared when we posed questions to her recently.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES WHILE INVOLVED IN THE ASSOCIATION? "Most important are the wonderful people I've met through WPHA. I also especially enjoyed starting the corner urn program so we all can enjoy the beautiful plants in the urns on top of our stone markers."

WHAT OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD ABOUT DURING YOUR TIME ON THE BOARD? "The things I worked on to encourage people to come together for the good of our neighbors (events and block parties), for the good of Waldo and Brookside (community policing/security and haz mat/recycling events) and for all of Kansas City (food drives)."

WHAT WOULD YOU STILL LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN/HAVE DONE FOR WPHA? "I'd like to see more neighbors get to know one another and work together for the good of us all. Few neighbors volunteer and most don't understand how much could be accomplished with donating just an hour a year per family."

WHAT'S NEXT ON YOUR PROJECT LIST? "For me personally, finish remodeling my house and get my yard and garden the way I'd like it. I have a long list of books I'd still like to read plus some creative projects like making more quilts."

We will miss her energy, her leadership and her great ideas as she takes time for herself again (after countless hours, days and years of volunteering for WPHA). The Board has created an annual acknowledgement for WPHA residents who donate their time and energies for the betterment of the neighborhood. We are happy to announce that Michelle is the first winner of the Michelle Cour Volunteer Award for WPHA!

WPHA FOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO!

WPHA showed their generosity in 2009 with their donations to Harvesters and it's that time of year again. We are holding our annual WPHA food drive on Saturday 11/20/10. Volunteers will drop bags with a list of requested items and instructions at each WPHA house beginning Sunday 11/14. Please fill the bags and place them outside your door on Saturday 11/20. Volunteers will pick-up your bags and take them to the WPHA/ Harvesters drop off location. Please be as generous as you can!

FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the bag drop off between 11/14 and 11/17. We also need volunteers to pick up the filled bags and bring to the drop off location here in our neighborhood. We will supply all instructions and materials to the volunteers. When volunteering if you have a preference for the block(s) you can take, please indicate that and if you are willing to drop bags AND pick up food that is great!! As a reminder this is a great way for kids to earn volunteer hours.

Last year was a record year thanks to you all who volunteered and filled sacks. I am hoping we can count on you again this year. If you would like to volunteer, send us an email at president@wphakc.org. Thank you to those who have already reached out.



HALE COOK SCHOOL UPDATE

FOR ANY FAMILY, the decision of where to send one's children to school is a big one. For decades, this decision has proven even more complicated for those parents living in Kansas City. There have always been great private schooling options, and in recent years a few great charter schools have also thrived. But due to its decline over the years, Kansas City Public Schools have gone 'off the radar' as even an option for most residents in Brookside and Waldo. Still, many parents still have a strong desire to see a thriving, high-performing neighborhood public school in our neighborhood.

With the full support of the district and Dr. Covington, school board member Derek Richey and members of our community are seeking to make this a reality at Hale Cook school. Their vision is to see a true, neighborhood elementary school (meaning no busing) open for the 2011-2012 school year in the Hale Cook building. The proposed boundary lines are Brush Creek/Ward Parkway to 75th Street and Holmes to State Line.

The goal is for this school to value 'local ownership', meaning that parents are involved in decision-making, like principal selection, goal setting, review, and budgeting. Focusing on rigorous, relevant academics, this school would offer art, music, and foreign language, as well as before and after school academic support and enrichment activities. Additionally, recognizing

the importance of 'whole-child' growth, there would be a focus on the well being of the entire child, including quality food options.

Community involvement will also be a necessary ingredient. Likewise, the hope would be for this school to also give back to the community. The vision for the school includes community use of the facility, inclusion of adult activities and improved facilities, especially a playground and updated grounds (like a soccer field). Additionally, there is a potential for pre-kindergarten and fee-based day care services.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING THIS DREAM BECOME A REALITY, EITHER AS A COMMUNITY MEMBER OR POTENTIAL

PARENT? Your help is certainly needed. *By February 2011, we need to identify 300 children and their families to enroll in Hale Cook.* This will provide the district time to hire a high-quality principal and teachers to prepare for the school re-opening. In order for this to happen, the word of a neighborhood school needs to be spread. *Please contact your neighbors or friends in these boundaries, and invite them to express interest by contacting our school board representative, Derek Richey (dricheykcmsd@gmail.com). The more interest we have in this exciting opportunity, the better the chances of seeing a thriving neighborhood school just blocks away from our doorstep.*



KCMO School Board's education transformation plan is encapsulated in five core components:

1. All students, with guidance from a caring adult advocate, will execute an individualized learning plan that guarantees effective participation in a global society
2. All graduates will be among the top 10% of their peers as measured by national and international standards;
3. All students will learn in a safe and nurturing educational community that provides high quality customer service;
4. All students will have access to a fully utilized state-of-the-art technology system to enhance and support academic achievement
5. All students will have access to a high quality, enriching early-childhood educational experience.

WPHA 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

GREETINGS from your Board of Directors! My name is Frank Haar and together with my family I have been an association member for thirty-one years. Currently I am serving as the WPHA Board President, although the board functions as a committee.

The WPHA Board of Directors voted not to hold an annual meeting this year and instead, issue a “year in review” report. This year we had planned to present information at the annual meeting regarding the possibility of re-opening Hale Cook School. Unfortunately an official update was not available to coincide with the annual meeting. The good news is progress is being made. Included in this month’s newsletter is a brief update on WPHA discussions with the KCMO School Board – see ‘Hale Cook School Update.’ The WPHA Board will continue to work with the School Board and keep you advised of our progress. Watch your newsletters and email blasts for updated information.

Looking back over the fiscal 2009-2010 year, our biggest success was the re-institution of the Neighborhood Security Patrol. We now have off duty uniformed Police Officers patrolling our neighborhood on a regular basis in both marked and unmarked vehicles. Thank you to all the members who have supported this endeavor financially. If you have not yet contributed to this, I urge you to do so. The annual cost is \$50 per household. See the newsletter, website or your annual dues bill for more information.

During the past year, there were many other successes:

- ~ New urns were placed in the area and existing ones maintained
- ~ The WPHA Website was updated and improved; the design of the WPHA newsletter took on a new look
- ~ Island maintenance was performed on a regular basis
- ~ Neighborhood Night Out was a big success and will be held again in 2011
- ~ Several annual events were hosted: Easter Egg Hunt, Pumpkin Decorating party, Holiday Lighting Contest and Holiday Caroling, Neighborhood Garage Sale and Food Drive
- ~ Home of the Month continued and many WPHA residents were recognized
- ~ WPHA funds were given to numerous Block Parties



As your WPHA Board of Directors, our goal is to make WPHA the best neighborhood in Kansas City. To do this, we need your help. If you have any suggestions or concerns please feel free to email us at our new email address president@wphakc.org.

Finally, I want to say a special thanks to Michelle Cour who has served as your WPHA President and board member for many years. Without her guidance, time and energy, this organization would not be what it is today. Also, many thanks to board members and volunteers who so generously gave of their time and energy this past year.



BLOCK WATCH TRAINING

BLOCK WATCH TRAINING is available to all on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 6:30 pm at the Metro Patrol Police Station, 7601 Prospect. The training is being offered by Venessa Huskey with the City’s Neighborhood Services Division and Officer John Trainor of the KCPD.

Keeping neighborhoods safe, one block at a time

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RESIDENTS ARE NEEDED to fill some open volunteer positions. If interested in any of the positions or volunteer opportunities listed below, see the contact listed or phone any board member or send an email to president@wphakc.org.

1 2011 Home of the Month Chair

– Responsible for selecting home of the month and submitting an article about the house for the monthly newsletter.

2 Board Members – Need three volunteers to fill three openings on the WPHA board of directors (eight current board members).

3 November 2010 Food Drive Volunteers

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WPHA RESIDENTS STEP-UP!

Thanks to the following WPHA residents who have agreed to take on a neighborhood volunteer opportunity for the 2010-2011 year:

- * Denise Gilmore – Dumpster Day and Food Drive
- * Kathy McShane & Chris Meier – Easter Egg Hunt
- * Kelli and Sean Wilson – Street Ambassador & WPHA Board Member
- * Jon Rand – WPHA Board Secretary

the volunteers. If interested please send email to president@wphakc.org.

4 Woodshop Experience Needed

– Need a volunteer to cut two large wooden signs for our “holiday homes best block” award and cut plywood into a tree shape and attach the post to the back. (No need to decorate or paint, we have a volunteer for this work). Contact Alison Baker at acey518@Juno.com if you can help.

5 Fourth of July Coordinator

– Responsible for coordinating 4th of July celebration; assistance will be given from other committee members.

QUICK HITS

- * BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER, the printed newsletter will only be available to WPHA members who have paid their homes association dues for the coming year and have not supplied their email address. Email version of the newsletter is available to anyone. PLEASE BE SURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. You may provide it to president@wphakc.org
- * Billing for membership dues for 2010-2011 has been sent via email. Please submit your payment asap. Thank you.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



HOLIDAY CAROLING

Join your neighbors for a fun evening of caroling and revelry in December. "Kids" of all ages are invited to join and no talent or experience is required. Song books and jingle bells are provided and we usually have a couple strolling musicians who accompany us (and we welcome more). We hope to have enough carolers to split into two groups this year and cover more/different blocks in the neighborhood but

we pick our route based on who participates. Caroling takes place in the early evening (often on a Sunday in December) with snacks and beverages afterwards. If you would like to join in the fun, call Alison Baker (leave message at 816.822.2006 or email: acey518@juno.com). We will confirm a date/time later (and publish it for any "last minute" neighbors.) **BUT WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU BY NOVEMBER 1st** to plan our route.



HOLIDAY HOMES CONTEST

Once again, the weather is cooling off and it's time to start thinking about the holidays! Does your To-Do list include "install your outdoor home decorations?" Have you and your neighbors wanted to do more to meet your fellow street mates? Talk with your neighbors about making your street stand out this year! Prizes are awarded for best lighting displays of individual homes and best block or "cluster of homes." Judging will occur the weekend of December 10-12th (Friday-Sunday). Talk to your neighbors and get those creative juices flowing! Before you know it we will be hearing those bells jingle!

- * Please be sure to leave your decorations lit from dusk until 10:00 pm during judging weekend (Friday - Sunday December 10-12).
- * Ensure that your house number is visible, especially in the dark.
- * Remember that we must have received payment for your WPHA dues for 2010-2011 by December 1st to win individual prizes.

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Annual Meeting	Cancelled – see article in newsletter
Block Watch Training	November 2nd, 6:30 pm, Metro Patrol Police Station
Midtown/ Southtown Electric Collection	November 6th, 9:00 – 1:00, UMKC Parking Lot (51st and Oak)
WPHA Food Drive for Harvesters	November 20th
Holiday Lights Contest	December 10th – 12th
Holiday Caroling	December 19th

MIDTOWN & SOUTHTOWN ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

The fastest growing type of trash in the United States is electronic waste: computers, TVs and other consumer electronics. Cathode tubes found in most computer monitors and televisions contain significant amounts of lead while other equipment may contain mercury, cadmium, chromium and other heavy metals. When electronic devices are land filled, these pollutants may pose environmental risks.

Bring your Electronic Waste and safely dispose of it at the Midtown & Southtown E-Waste Collection.



DATE: Saturday, November 6th

TIME: 9 am to 1 pm

LOCATION: UMKC Parking Lot

(South of 51st & Oak) West of UMKC Admission's Office

Some Fees Apply - Cash & Check Only.
Leave original packaging at home.

Computer Monitors	\$10
Televisions 19" or below	\$10
20" or more	\$15
Console Televisions	\$25
Stereos, small faxes, VCRs & scanners	\$ 5
Desktop printers, large faxes & scanners	\$ 5
Larger printers	\$10
Computers, keyboards, mice	Free
Personal Printers	Free
Cell phones, pagers	Free
Handheld games, CD players	Free
Microwaves	\$10

What are you paying for?

Electronics, particularly televisions and computer monitors, contain lead and other hazardous materials. The electronics are transported to Midwest Electronics Recovery in Iowa for safe destruction and recycling. Costs cover shipping, labor, insurance and proper disposal. No materials are sent overseas. Recycling electronics saves landfill space and protects our environment.

Brought to you by: Southtown Council, Surplus Exchange, the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and MainCor.

WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

DURING SEPTEMBER our WPHA Neighborhood Security Patrol our WPHA Neighborhood Security Patrol continued to keep us safe. A stolen auto that was left in our neighborhood was recovered and two drunk drivers were arrested. A couple of “suspicious” individuals were stopped and requested to leave the area. The Security Patrol continues to see many open doors, even on homes where no one was at home. If you have any questions about this month’s security information or our patrol, 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	AUG 2010	SEPT 2010
Pedestrian Checks	2	1	5	5	5	4	16	4	10
Traffic Violations	22	50	39	38	27	33	34	35	44
Traffic Tickets	13	28	22	20	11	17	20	25	18
Calls for Service	15	11	24	23	25	33	42	35	41
Residence Checks	56	34	53	75	32	108	59	32	45
Car Checks	6	8	7	4	9	5	13	12	15
Felony Arrest	*	*	*	*	*	3	*	5	1
Reports (incl intelligence)	3	1	2	6	4	5	9	19	11
Warrant Arrests**	2	1	2	3	3	8	3	6	1
Unattended Running Vehicles	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Open Doors	51	25	46	63	29	90	38	15	13

SOUTHWEST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

MANY OF YOU have been impressed with the success of the students at the school formerly known as Southwest High School. More than a few in WPHA have attended that school or had children or grandchildren attend school in that building. It now houses the Southwest Early College Campus (SWECC) where many students are earning college credit while still attending high school.



Recently Westport High was merged into SWECC and the huge influx of new students has created a need for more adults to help students with their studies to continue on their path to success. Some in WPHA have expressed a desire to help. Now’s the time! Below is a note from Christine Mullins, Chair of SWECC Neighborhood Mentors and Tutors.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor for SWECC students, please complete the enclosed application and return it to Christine Mullins at the address listed below.

THE SWECC NEIGHBORHOOD MENTOR/TUTOR COMMITTEE invites you to join in building a substantial tutoring group to support the academic success of students at Southwest Early College Campus.

WHO ARE WE? Your neighbors; professionally diverse, native Kansas Citians, and at least one Southwest alum. The committee grew out of the

‘We Are Southwest’ neighborhood effort that started last summer. Our partnership with SWECC is just getting started, but we plan to be around for a long time just like Southwest.

Research shows that transformative change in urban public schools is not sustainable without meaningful and enduring community engagement. Please join your neighbors in providing that kind of support after school, one hour a week for the 2010-2011 school year. Return the attached volunteer tutor application to me and let’s get the process started!

Thank you,

Christine Mullins
 Chair, SWECC Neighborhood Mentors and Tutors
 P.O. Box 45477
 Kansas City MO 64171
cm46mullins@earthlink.net
 913-963-4607

SWECC NEIGHBORHOOD TUTORS VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PERSONAL

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Gender: M F Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Address: _____

Phone Numbers / E-Mail

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Preferred contact: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Name: _____ Relationship _____ Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Employment Status: Employed Retired Other _____

Employer: _____ Title: _____ How Long? _____

Employer Address: _____ Phone: _____

Education/Skills/Interests _____

Highest Level of Education Attained: High School College Advanced Degree

College Major / Professional Degrees / Other Certifications: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Does your work experience / skill set involve STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)? Yes No

What motivated you to participate in the SWECC Neighborhood Tutors program? _____

Previous experiences working with young people: _____

How did you hear about SWECC Neighborhood Tutors? _____

AVAILABILITY

Are you able to meet with a student once a week during the school year? Y / N

Do you have a preference as to:

The grade level of the student? Yes / No Preference: _____

Gender of the student? Yes / No Preference: _____

REFERENCES

Please list three references who have known you for more than one year. Please print complete names, addresses, phone numbers, and your relationship to each person. Your listing these names indicates your authorization to contact these people to evaluate your qualifications as a volunteer. Do not include more than one family member or relative.

1. Name _____ Years known _____

Relationship to you _____ Phone Number _____

Mailing Address/Zip Code _____

2. Name _____ Years known _____

Relationship to you _____ Phone Number _____

Mailing Address/Zip Code _____

3. Name _____ Years known _____

Relationship to you _____ Phone Number _____

Mailing Address/Zip Code _____

APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION AND AGREEMENT

You have my permission to contact my employer. I understand that I will be asked to consent to a background check. I understand that SWECC Neighborhood Tutors and/or the school district, at their sole discretion, may accept or decline this application without providing me any reason for the decision.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fax your completed form to: Christine Mullins, Chair Or mail to: Christine Mullins, Chair

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Thank you for supporting SWECC Students