

WARD PARKWAY WORD



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WPHA Neighborhood Urns Attention Homeowners

WPHA WILL BE PROVIDING flowers again this spring for planting in the existing urns on the stone corner posts. Delivery will be in early/mid May. As with previous years, if your yard has a stone corner post and urn, we ask your help in keeping our neighborhood beautiful by planting flowers in the urns and maintaining them throughout the season.

As a homeowner, you have two options for obtaining flowers: WPHA can provide the flowers (*Red-Winged Begonias*) or you could purchase them on your own and submit up to \$15 in receipts for reimbursement by June 1st. **Please email Alison at Accey518@juno.com or leave a voicemail at 822-2006 with your choice by March 25th.**

If you are a new home owner (with a stone post/urn) **or if your email/phone has changed**, please send your contact information to the above email address.

If you have a corner stone post without an urn and want one, please contact Alison. There is no cost to the homeowner but we do need your permission to install the urn.



E-TAX ENDORSEMENT – VOTE ‘YES’

KANSAS CITY’S ABILITY TO REMAIN a livable city will be at stake when voters go to the polls April 5 to decide whether to keep the city’s one percent earnings tax (e-tax) for the next five years.

The tax applies to wages, salaries and commissions earned by people who work or live in Kansas City. It does not tax Social Security, pensions, investments, or any other type of income.

This election is being held because Rex Sinquefeld, an anti-tax activist who made a fortune selling mutual funds, spent \$11 million to pass a state initiative that requires voters in Kansas City and St. Louis to vote every five years on whether to retain their earnings tax. The initiative provides no money for the election, which will cost Kansas City \$500,000.

A “no” vote would require phasing out the e-tax, which annually raises about \$200 million, or 40 percent, of Kansas City’s \$500 million general fund. This fund pays for public safety, street maintenance, trash collection and other services. Nearly 90 percent of the Kansas City police budget comes from the general fund.

About half the workers who pay the e-tax work in Kansas City but live outside city limits. These “neighbors” are not otherwise taxed for services, infrastructure and facilities they use and enjoy in Kansas City. The e-tax serves to spread tax burdens **THAT OTHERWISE WOULD FALL SOLELY ON KANSAS CITY RESIDENTS.**

Should the earnings tax be eliminated, Kansas City taxpayers will be asked to pay **HIGHER TAXES** or face drastically reduced police and fire protection, ambulance service, street repairs, snow removal, and other services. Trash collection and recycling would become fee-based. Funding for many cultural and social service programs would be eliminated.

Kansas City may not be always as perfectly run as we would all like, but the e-tax provides a major line of defense against urban blight. WPHA asks our members and all Kansas Citians to vote “YES” on April 5 to continue the earnings tax for another five years. While the WPHA generally avoids political endorsements, our board considers this issue so vital to the health of our neighborhood and city that we are making an exception to speak up for the e-tax.



FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who paid their dues and security fees in response to our appeal. It was heartening to see the holiday spirit come alive. I also want to thank the board and committee members who worked so hard getting that mailing out. I appreciate your effort.

I am sure that you will see this elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to share some good news with you. Due to the kindness of some very special people at the Kansas City Royals, we now have two packages to give away. One for Neighborhood Night Out and one for 4th of July.

Package number one consist of four tickets to a Royals Game plus a Royals T-Shirt, 2 Royals Hats, a Royals DVD and Silly Bands. Package number two consists of a guided tour of Kauffman Stadium for four persons. Each person will receive a Kaffman Stadium Hat. The tour will be personally conducted by myself.

So be sure to put Neighborhood Night out and the 4th of July Picnic on your calendars.

Frank

Neighborhood Night Out— MARCH 26TH

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CHRISTMAS 2010 HOLIDAY HOMES LIGHTING CONTEST RESULTS

A big "thank you" goes out to all our families and blocks who participated in the 2010 Holiday Homes Lighting Contest. Our neighborhood never looked so dazzling!

If you have been driving through our neighborhood, you may have seen the signs in the yards of our winners. If not, below are the results of the contest:

- Three individual home owners won a \$50 gift card to Sutherlands.
7237 Ward Parkway (Homeowner: Tanner and Rebecca Wendell)
7327 Belleview (Homeowner: Sean and Kelli Wilson)
7116 Jefferson (Homeowner: Karen Nyberg)



- Two Best Blocks won \$50 (each) toward block party funds. (The winning blocks can submit receipts from their block parties anytime before October 1, 2011).
7200 Belleview 7200 Ward Parkway

"Special thanks" to the judges and to Marilyn Woods for coordinating the event. This year's winners will become next year's judges. In addition to our winners, the judges felt compelled to award other beautiful homes **Honorable Mention:**

EAST OF WARD PARKWAY

7207 Ward Parkway	7300 Belleview	7327 Madison	7120 Jefferson	7432 Jarboe
7201 Belleview	7324 Belleview	7413 Madison	Corner of Jarboe	7245 Jefferson
7209 Belleview	7415 Pennsylvania	827 72nd Street	and 72nd	72nd Street (next to
7224 Belleview	7307 Pennsylvania	7111 Summit	7228 Jarboe	1812 - big tree with
7324 Belleview	(3rd house in)	7429 Summit	7232 JARBOE	white lights)

WEST OF WARD PARKWAY:

Home West of	1247 W 71st	7411 Wyoming	7310 Terrace
1208 72nd Street.	Terrace.	(across from 7410)	

HONORABLE MENTION BEST BLOCK:

7100 Jefferson (previous year's winners)

THE EASTER BUNNY IS ON HIS WAY!

HIPPITY-HOP! HIPPITY-HOP! Easter is on its way! Yes, it's time to start thinking of eggs, Easter baskets and furry, floppy-eared friends. The annual **WPHA Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 2:00 pm** on the grounds of the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 7406 Ward Parkway. Please note the change in venue! As in past years, the Easter Bunny will be making a special guest appearance. Last year, 300 eggs were hidden and approximately 50 kids filled their baskets. Bring your cameras for some awesome photos with your kids. Please arrive promptly so your children won't miss out on the fun! In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the following Sunday, April 17th. Check the WPHA Website for updates.

Did you know The Easter Bunny is a rabbit-spirit. Long ago, he was called the "Easter Hare." Hares and rabbits have frequent multiple births so they became a symbol of fertility. The custom of an Easter egg hunt began because children believed that hares laid eggs in the grass. The Romans believed that "All life comes from an egg." Ancient Christians considered eggs to be "the seed of life" symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Why we dye, or color, and decorate eggs is not certain. In ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and Persia eggs were dyed for spring festivals. In medieval Europe, beautifully decorated eggs were given as gifts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



WPHA Neighborhood Night Out
Easter Egg Hunt
Garage Sale
Fourth of July Picnic
Garden Tour
Dumpster Day

March 26th, 7-9 pm, Saturday, GAF
April 10th, 2 pm, Sunday, Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church
May 20th-21st, Friday and Saturday
July 4th, Monday
TBD
TBD



CHRISTMAS 2010 CAROLING

The Christmas spirit was alive and well in WPHA this last Christmas season. A group of neighbors spread holiday cheer to the West 72 St block in December. The carolers walked up and down the street, stopping at about 15 houses to sing and serenade. "Thanks" to Dennis and Annette Young for hosting the post-party and "special thanks" to Sandy Jackson for the musical accompaniment again this year. We all look forward to next year!

WPHA GARAGE SALE —FRIDAY, MAY 20TH-SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

The Annual WPHA Neighborhood Garage Sale is back! The sale will occur on May x and x.

The neighborhood sale always attracts a large number of shoppers and this year will be no different. We will be advertising the sale in the KC Star and Wednesday Magazine. Now is the time to clean out those closets, basements and garages! If you don't think you have enough items for a garage sale, get with your neighbor and do a combined sale! More items make for better sales and \$\$\$!

WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL JANUARY ACTIVITY REPORT

During January, our security patrol continued to keep our streets and neighborhood safe. The statistics listed below represent data compiled for three large neighborhood areas, including Ward Park. Specific to our neighborhood, the majority of the activity focused on traffic violations and tickets (13), warrant arrests (6) and residence checks (32).

This spring/early summer, the WPHA Board will decide if we should extend the neighborhood security patrol for another year. Major factors that will influence their decision are available funding, data and residence perceived-value. Look for more information to come about this topic in upcoming newsletters.

	JAN 2010	FEB 2010	MAR 2010	APR 2010	MAY 2010	JUNE 2010	JULY 2010	AUG 2010	SEPT 2010	OCT 2010	NOV 2010	DEC 2010	JAN 2011
Pedestrian Checks	2	1	5	5	5	4	16	4	10	8	8	1	4
Traffic Violations	22	50	39	38	27	33	34	35	44	45	33	54	24
Traffic Tickets	13	28	22	20	11	17	20	25	18	25	8	18	10
Calls for Service	15	11	24	23	25	33	42	35	41	27	26	27	25
Residence Checks	56	34	53	75	32	108	59	32	45	63	39	42	54
Car Checks	6	8	7	4	9	5	13	12	15	7	9	13	4
Felony Arrest	*	*	*	*	*	3	*	5	1	3	2	*	2
Reports (incl intelligence)	3	1	2	6	4	5	9	19	11	7	7	5	4
Warrant Arrests**	2	1	2	3	3	8	3	6	1	12	17	12	9
Unattended Running Vehicles	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Open Doors	51	25	46	63	29	90	38	15	13	9	5	7	4

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT – MARCH 26TH

MARK THE DATE! WPHA is sponsoring a neighborhood night out on **Saturday, March 26th, 7-9 pm**, at the **GAF** located at **7122 Wornall**.



This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and enjoy an evening out! This is a family event, so bring the kids! WPHA will provide



appetizers and the first round of drinks. Additional food, and drink will be available for individual purchase. As an added bonus, two Kansas City Royals

game packages will be given away! Come join us in the GAFs back room!

We all look forward to seeing you there!



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PLEASE EMAIL US AT
president@wphakc.org
WITH THE INFORMATION SO
WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS.

"WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!"
WPHA

ARE YOU RECYCLING YOUR GLASS?

IT'S A GOOD QUESTION ... well, are you? Here are some important facts you should know about glass recycling (information taken from the rippleglass website):

- Container glass is 100% recyclable, can be recycled endlessly, and is a primary ingredient in fiberglass insulation and new glass containers.
 - Burying perfectly good glass in the landfill wastes all the material, energy, and labor that went into making it.
 - Using recycled glass produces 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than creating new glass (or fiberglass) from raw materials.
 - Every ton of glass that's recycled results in more than one ton of raw materials saved. That's 1,300 lbs. of sand, 410 lbs. of soda ash, 380 lbs. of limestone, and 150 lbs. of feldspar.
 - Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt light bulb for four hours. (Imagine how long it would light a compact fluorescent!)
- A six-pack of recycled beer bottles produces enough fiberglass insulation to fill a standard wall cavity.
 - Kansas Citians consume approximately 80,000 tons of container glass each year. In the past, because of the difficulty and inconvenience, only about 5% was recycled. (Nationally, the average recycling rate is over 30% and climbing; in many places in the world, it's north of 90%!)
 - Glass isn't collected in most area curbside recycling programs, and for good reason. When mixed with other recyclables, broken glass degrades and contaminates those materials, causing them to be "downcycled" into lower quality products.

See below for a list of convenient locations of recycling collection bins near our Ward Park Homes neighborhood:

Berbiglia - 7856 Wornall
Berbiglia - 21 W. 63rd Street
Gomer's South - 9900 Holmes
Corinth Hills Shopping Center - 4021 Somerset Dr.

