

# WARD PARKWAY WORD



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## WPHA GARAGE SALE IS HERE!

**The Annual WPHA  
Neighborhood Garage Sale  
is Friday May 20th  
and Saturday 21st.**

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 \$\$\$

## RECYCLE – RECYCLE – RECYCLE!!

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

### Glass Recycling Locations

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

### Paper Recycling Locations

- Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church - South Lot
- St. Elizabeth's School –  
West lot between  
Euston's Hardware store  
and St. Elizabeth's gym

## WPHA 4TH OF JULY PICNIC & CELEBRATION



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO or a good picnic on the 4th of July? Why not plan to spend part of it with your friends and neighbors from WPHA!

The WPHA Board of Directors is working hard to plan a very special event for you. The Fourth of July picnic will be held on Monday, July 4th, on the 73rd Street side of Hale Cook School, beginning at 11:00 am. WPHA will provide the hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks. All you need to do is bring a side dish to share and your lawn chair!

If good food and good neighborly company aren't enough, we will even throw in a few fun incentives:

- Games for the kids (relays, races, balloon toss)
- Drawing for 4 tickets to a Royals Game
- Drawing for a tour of Kauffman stadium for 4 people personally conducted by the WPHA President

Picnics in years past have drawn over 100 residents. We are hoping to beat that number this year! Come to Hale Cook on July 4th and celebrate the holiday with your neighbors!

## FARMER'S MARKET COMING TO WALDO

Waldo is going wholesome! Now residents of Waldo, Brookside, Southtown neighborhoods and Prairie Village will have a convenient mid-week, after-work opportunity to purchase fresh, local produce. Each Wednesday beginning in May and running through August, Waldo will have its very own Farmer's Market! Come and enjoy a taste of home-grown goodness!

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located one block west of Wornall on 79th, 303 E. 79th Street, is hosting the Market. It is a natural fit with ReStore's commitment to the wise stewardship of natural resources. In turn, vendor participation will support the Waldo Restore.

**Waldo Farmer's Market  
Wednesday 3pm-7pm  
May 4th – Aug 31st**

Organic & Sustainably Grown Local  
Produce, Plants, Bread & More!

For more information visit [www.WholesomeWaldoWednesdays.org](http://www.WholesomeWaldoWednesdays.org)  
or contact Diane Hershberger,  
Stony Crest Urban Farm,  
Manager Waldo Farmer's Market  
at [stonycrest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonycrest@sbcglobal.net)

**Dumpster Day Is Coming  
In June!**

**See details on page 4**

**Looking for  
Ward Parkway Home  
Association  
Street Ambassadors**

**See page 2 for details**

## NEW WPHA STREET AMBASSADORS WANTED

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AS A STREET AMBASSADOR?

WPHA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to be Street Ambassadors. We have several blocks uncovered. Duties include watching for vacating houses and incoming new neighbors on your block, delivering welcome kits to the new neighbors, introducing yourself, educating them about the Homeowners Association, and gathering their contact information to help keep them informed.

WPHA is in the process of reorganizing our ambassador program. Our new coordinator is Sean Wilson and he can be reached at [skwilson23@gmail.com](mailto:skwilson23@gmail.com) or 816-444-8412. He will be contacting all of the current ambassadors to touch base and confirm their continued participation and contact information while searching for additional volunteers to cover the blocks without a current ambassador. We will publish an updated list of all of our ambassadors later this summer on the WPHA website and in the next newsletter. We want our ambassadors to be extra eyes for us but encourage any neighbor to contact Sean with news about a new home owner or neighbors moving out.

Below is the list of blocks that need a volunteer to fill the role of Street Ambassador. \* Please contact Sean at [skwilson23@gmail.com](mailto:skwilson23@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer (or if you are already acting in this role so we can properly update our roster.)

All of Jarboe  
All of Madison  
7200 block of Pennsylvania  
All of Terrace  
All of Washington  
All of Wyoming  
All of 71st Terrace  
All of 72nd Street  
7100-7200-7300 blocks of Summit  
All of State Line

*\*If you are an ambassador on any of the blocks listed, please contact Sean.*

Please consider becoming your block's WPHA Street Ambassador. It's a great way to meet new neighbors while supporting your homes association.

## NEW WPHA RESIDENTS ON YOUR BLOCK?

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD? OR, DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

If you are new to our neighborhood or know someone who is and they didn't receive a visit from an ambassador and/or receive a Welcome Kit, please contact Sean Wilson, WPHA Board Member and committee chair for WPHA Street Ambassadors. Sean will reach out to the new resident and deliver to them a WPHA Welcome Kit. The Welcome Kit is packed with lots of valuable information regarding our

neighborhood, the Homes Association, local businesses, and other pieces of general information important to all new neighbors. WPHA wants to make sure each new resident feels part of our association and knows about all the exciting activities that occur in our neighborhood. This is also a great way to get on the list to receive the WPHA Newsletter!

Please contact Sean at [skwilson23@gmail.com](mailto:skwilson23@gmail.com).



## WPHA VOLUNTEERS

HAVE YOU EXPRESSED INTEREST in volunteering with WPHA as an ambassador, committee volunteer or any part of our homes association but haven't received a follow up call yet? Please contact us at [President@wphakc.org](mailto:President@wphakc.org) We want you and we need you to make our neighborhood the best in the city!

## ANNUAL EGG HUNT A SUCCESS



THE SPRING WEATHER cooperated beautifully for the WPHA Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 17th. Approximately 50 children attended with their parents to gather eggs, enjoy refreshments and greet the Easter Bunny. The children collected almost 500 eggs. This year the event was held on the beautiful Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church (WPPC) grounds. The board and members of WPHA appreciate the hospitality shown by WPPC and thank the staff for their help in planning this event.



## WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH our neighborhood security patrol issued over 30 traffic violations and tickets, performed 10 residence checks and investigated multiple "open front doors." In March there was also a rash of auto burglaries. These thefts happened from midnight to around 6 a.m. Please remember to not leave valuables in the vehicle and certainly not in plain view. We must also remind our friends to utilize a garage whenever possible and to park in the "well-lit" driveway.

Lastly, as many of you are aware, copper thefts are still a real threat. Please keep your homes secure at all times. If neighbors are going to be out of town or away from their home for an extended period of time, volunteer to pick-up newspapers and mail or park your car in their driveway to make it look like "someone is home." Helping to protect your neighbor's home is a good thing for all of us! *Note: The data below reflects activity across multiple neighborhoods in the Central and Southtown areas.*

	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	FEB 2011	MAR 2011
Pedestrian Checks	2	1	5	5	5	4	16	4	10	8	8	1	4	2	*
Traffic Violations	22	50	39	38	27	33	34	35	44	45	33	54	24	34	52
Traffic Tickets	13	28	22	20	11	17	20	25	18	25	8	18	10	8	22
Calls for Service	15	11	24	23	25	33	42	35	41	27	26	27	25	11	30
Residence Checks	56	34	53	75	32	108	59	32	45	63	39	42	54	31	36
Car Checks	6	8	7	4	9	5	13	12	15	7	9	13	4	6	4
Felony Arrest	*	*	*	*	*	3	*	5	1	3	2	*	2	1	*
Reports (incl intelligence)	3	1	2	6	4	5	9	19	11	7	7	5	4	7	7
Warrant Arrests**	2	1	2	3	3	8	3	6	1	12	17	12	9	1	8
Unattended Running Vehicles	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Open Doors	51	25	46	63	29	90	38	15	13	9	5	7	4	10	6

## NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT – MARCH 26TH

**WHAT A FUN EVENING!** About 60 people joined us at The Gaf recently for Neighborhood Night Out. New and long tenured residents, young and old, families and single adults joined in the fun. "We always meet someone new every year" said several folks.



There were several prizes to win this year. Thanks to the KC Royals and Frank Haar, WPHA president, for getting two Royals packages donated as door prizes. One had 4 tickets to an upcoming game, two hats, a commemorative t-shirt, and a DVD from the 1985 world series, game 5. The other package is a behind the scenes stadium and hall of fame tour given by Frank and Royals hats for up to 4 people. The winners were: Barb Shelly and Pat Curnow/ Tamre Sagger. WPHA bingo

was back and we had three winners this year: Tom Hogan, Mary Allmon, and Brandon Armstrong/ Valery Webb.

Thanks to The Gaf for donating \$25 gift certificates valid at The Gaf and Cantina Del Ray restaurants. Thanks to Maureen and Gene Hardy for securing a \$25 gift certificate from Browne's Irish Market for our bingo winners.

Special thanks also to the Gaf for hosting us and providing the room without charge. WPHA organizes this event every year to provide an opportunity for neighbors to meet and socialize, thus bringing our community closer and increasing our focus on neighborhood and neighbors. Hope to see more folks next time.

## GARDEN TOUR IS BACK

THE ANNUAL WPHA GARDEN TOUR is back and targeted for June 11.

Approximately 4-6 yards will be on the walking tour this year.

Tour home owners and Mike Allmon, WPHA resident and owner of Complete Turf and Landscape, will be on hand to answer all your questions about lawn care and landscaping.

Look for more details and garden tour date to come in May and June.

**BECOME A FAN OF WPHA  
ON FACEBOOK**

**AND STAY CURRENT  
ON NEIGHBORHOOD  
ACTIVITIES  
AND HAPPENINGS!**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**WPHA Garage Sale  
WPHA Dumpster Day**

May 20th – May 21st , Friday – Saturday

June 4th, Saturday,  
at Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church,  
8 am to noon

**Garden Tour  
Fourth of July Picnic**

June 11

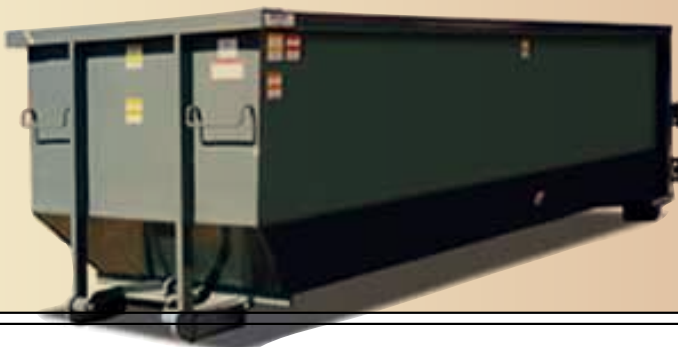
July 4th , Monday, Hale Cook School, 11am

## DUMPSTER DAY IS COMING IN JUNE!

**B**ACK BY OVERWHELMING DEMAND is the ever-popular Dumpster Day! Yes, residents, those big dumpster bins will be back in our neighborhood at Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 7406 Ward Parkway, on Saturday, June 4th from 8 am to 12 pm (noon). Bring your bulky items and yard waste – the dumpster is hungry!

The cost of this service is paid for by membership dues. Therefore this service is only available to paid members of the Ward Parkway Homes Association. Our volunteers will be on site to assist you with unloading your materials and will have a current roster to verify membership. Please bring something to verify your identity so we can cross check with our membership list. If you have not paid your \$40 association member fees, you may bring payment in check form to the event and be allowed to use the service that day. (Checks should be made payable to WPHA or Ward Parkway Homes Association.)

Separate dumpsters will be available for bulky items and yard waste. See limitations for what will be accepted for each:



#### Unacceptable Yard Waste Items:

1. No trash
2. No grass clippings
3. No plastic bags

#### Unacceptable Bulky Items:

1. No Yard Waste (Grass clippings, Tree Branches, Shrubs, or other vegetation)
2. No Appliances (Washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, air conditioners, furnaces, stoves, refrigerators, etc.)
3. No Tires or Batteries
4. No household hazardous waste (wet paint, cleaners, oils, fuels, solvents, etc.)

Please keep in mind that space is limited and this service is intended specifically for items that typically cannot be disposed of using your regular curbside service. Also we encourage you to consider Habitat for Humanity ReStore (former MarBeck Appliance –303 W. 79th St.) for any items that may still be useful to someone else.

If you are unable to participate in this scheduled event, individual arrangements can be made through the City at the following website:

<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/PublicWorks/BulkyItemCollectionProgram/index.htm>