

WARD PARKWAY WORD



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WPHA GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS DESPITE RAIN!

Results are in!

WPHA had a successful spring event with the May Neighborhood Garage Sale. On average, there were two to three sales per block. Although Friday was slow due to rain, Saturday brought the sun and the sales did not disappoint. The neighborhood was filled with lots of bargain hunters, even as far out of state as Olathe! There was even some "inter-selling and swapping" going on between neighbors. For those of you who did not have a sale or visit one, mark 'May' on your calendars for next year's WPHA Garage Sale Extravaganza!



TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION:

Greetings, it is a pleasure and privilege to be able to write to you again. We have just completed another successful year. We recently had the most well attended and best Fourth of July Picnic in Association history. This year our association sponsored Dumpster Day, Food Drive, Pumpkin Carving, and Neighborhood Night Out. We represented you before the City, beautified your neighborhoods and with the help of our Security Patrol, have one of the lowest crime rates in the city.

Once again, it is time to pay for this through the renewal of your membership in the association. You will be receiving your renewal letter in the mail in the month of September. I strongly urge you to reach down in your pockets and send in your renewal. The price remains the same as do the discounts which will be outlined in the renewal packet.

I want to specifically address the issue of the Security Patrol. Your Board of Directors has heard from many of you that you do not feel that the Patrol is visible enough. We have listened to you and have met with the people who run the patrol who have promised us that you will see them.

We have already put new guidelines in place. The Patrol will use Red Lights when making a routine stop. (In the past, in some instances, they have not). They will shine spotlights between houses to look for suspicious persons lurking in the dark. They will stop and interact with people in yards and on the street and will knock on doors to advise people of open garage doors. Please keep in mind that our Security Patrol is comprised of uniformed, off-duty, KCMO police officers. The security unit is led by a detective who is the liaison with the US Dept. of Homeland Security. Also, remember that they use marked and unmarked vehicles.

We are also instituting a new procedure for those who pay for the Security Patrol with regard to the "Away From Home" service. Email your name, address and pertinent details to President@WPHAKC.org. **We will forward the info to the Security Patrol and verify the "watch list listing" back to you.**

Please remember that if you see something suspicious or need help, CALL 911. If the Security Patrol is on duty, they will get the call and respond.

I urge each of you to become a member and participate in your homes association.

Frank Haar, President
Ward Parkway Homes Assoc.

ANNUAL PUMPKIN DECORATING IN OCTOBER

WPHA's annual pumpkin decorating event is scheduled for October 9th from 3-5 pm in the back room of Waldo Pizza. Children will be given a pie-sized pumpkin to decorate and take home. No carving. All materials will be provided plus free pizza and soda, courtesy of WPHA. Parents — there is even a TV for you to watch the game or catch the scores. This is a great event to kick-off fall and Halloween! Check the WPHA website and Facebook page for event times and more event details.



**Dumpster Day Is Coming
October 15!**

See details on page 8

**Looking for
Ward Parkway Home
Association
Street Ambassadors
See page 7 for details**

WPHA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION RECAP

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD Fourth of July event was a true red, white and blue celebration this year. Over 60 people attended the event held on the lawn of Hale Cook School. Great food, good weather and fun neighbors made the afternoon a hit! It was a small-town celebration right here in our backyard!

Thanks to everyone who attended the event and brought food. Put this event on your calendar for next year!



WPHA JUNE GARDEN TOUR WAS IN FULL BLOOM!



THIS YEAR'S GARDEN TOUR was held on June 11th with four host families showcasing everything from "nothing to something!" backyards to well-established and impeccably manicured total lawn and garden displays. The weather cooperated beautifully with perfect temperatures and a blue sky for neighbors to stroll from home to home, visiting and admiring the work put into each of the gardens. Thanks to the Booth, Duffey, Eastwood and Hogan families for graciously giving their time to make this an enjoyable way to spend a Saturday afternoon getting to know your neighbors while showing how great it is to live within our homes association!



FALL CURBSIDE LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP

The city's 2011 fall curbside leaf and brush pickup for our area is scheduled for November 17th and December 15th. Below are the rules:

- Sacks and bundles should be curbside by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection.
- No more than 20 sacks and/or bundles per household.
- Sacks and bundles must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.
- Use only paper lawn debris sacks. No plastic bags.
- If you seal sacks, use masking tape only; do not use plastic or duct tape.
- No grass clippings. No trash.
- All branches must be bundled. Branches must not be more than 3 inches in diameter.
- Bundles of branches must not be more than 2 feet in diameter and not more than 4 feet long.
- Use twine or jute rope to tie bundles; do not use wire or plastic tape.
- If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic.



If sacks and bundles are not collected on the scheduled day, residents must call the 3-1-1 Action Center within 24 hours. To report service related issues, the 3-1-1 Action Center can be reached by calling 311 or 816-513-1313.

WPHA RESIDENT GIVES BACK!



ONE OF WPHA'S BOARD MEMBERS, Mike Allmon, continues to lead by example. As reported in the Waldo, Southtown and Brookside Link Newsletter, our own Mike Allmon, through his company Complete Turf and Landscape, spruced up the Waldo Monument and Fountain area at 75th and Wornall Road. According to the article, Mike was looking for an opportunity to give back to his community and thought there was no better way than to donate his expertise to help maintain and nurture what has become a symbol of Waldo.

Mike has offered his services on an ongoing basis to help keep the fountain area looking crisp and fresh. One of the big improvements was new landscaping that has a better survival rate for growing in rocks and concrete. Next time you walk by the fountain or visit the nearby shops, please take a minute to admire the beautiful view! If you live near Mike or know him, please tell him "thank you."

Hey Mike! You're-The-Man!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Annual WPHA Dues Drive
- Annual Security Dues Drive
- Annual WPHA Meeting for Residents/Members
- Pumpkin Decorating
- WPHA Dumpster Day
- Neighborhood Food Drive
- KCMO Fall Curbside and Leaf Pick-Up
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- Christmas Caroling
- Holiday Homes Lighting Contest



- September 2011
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- October 4, Tuesday, 7pm at Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church
- October 9th, Sunday, Waldo Pizza, 3 – 5 pm
- Contact: Alison Baker at acey518@Juno.com. Or 816.822.2006
- October 15th, Saturday, 8am-12pm, south parking lot of Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 7406 Ward Parkway
- November 12th, Saturday
- November 17th, Thursday
- December 15th, Thursday
- December 2011, Date – TBD
- Contact: Alison Baker at acey518@Juno.com. Or 816.822.2006
- Judging is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 9th –11th
- Contact: Alison Baker at acey518@Juno.com. Or 816.822.2006



WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL

MAY - JULY ACTIVITY REPORT

DURING THE SUMMER, our area saw an increase in car burglaries and traffic tickets and violations. Please remember to lock your cars and move your valuables inside. Report any suspicious activity.

Summertime also brings solicitors to our neighborhood.



If you are suspicious of any solicitor, please dial 911 and report it.

There have been some instances of people posing as solicitors and perpetrating a scam or casing your home. Be aware and be cautious!

Let's all be diligent and good neighbors and keep a watchful eye out for criminal activity.

NOTE: The data below reflects activity across multiple neighborhoods in the Central and Southtown areas.

WESTSIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION PATROL

	JAN 2011	FEB 2011	MAR 2011	APR 2011	MAY 2011	JUNE 2011	JULY 2011	TOTALS 2011
Pedestrian Checks	4	2	*	2	6	5	4	69
Traffic Violations	24	34	52	57	30	50	31	454
Traffic Tickets	10	8	22	19	12	20	12	225
Calls for Service	25	11	30	21	31	36	32	329
Residence Checks	54	31	36	46	16	34	57	638
Car Checks	4	6	4	*	2	15	16	108
Felony Arrest	2	1	*	3	*	2	2	14
Reports (incl intelligence)	4	7	7	3	39	12	10	79
Warrant Arrests**	9	1	8	4	*	6	9	70

BECOME A FAN OF WPHA ON FACEBOOK
and stay current on neighborhood activities and happenings!

Go to Facebook.com and enter 'Ward Parkway Homes Association' in the search box.

Recycle Your Yard Waste

TIRED OF ALL THOSE paper bags full of leaves, limbs and garden weeds taking up your garage space? Why not recycle them!

Located at 139th & Wyandotte in south Kansas City, the Suburban Lawn and Garden Yard Waste and Recycling Center processes a million pounds of organic material every year to make great mulch and soil amendments. They carefully monitor the composting process each step of the way. First, the organic materials are double ground in a 1000 horse power HOGZILLA tub grinder. Next they blend the wastes together to achieve the ideal carbon to nitrogen ratio. Once properly



blended, the material is hauled to fields where it is laid out in wind rows so it can be turned and watered!

Suburban Lawn and Garden accepts the following yard waste: shrubs, sawdust, wood chips, lumber (untreated), limbs, Christmas Trees, straw, hay, grass clippings (1-day old), garden waste, leaves, brush and dirt. Please call ahead for prices, hours of operation and restrictions.

Contact Suburban Lawn and Garden Recycling Center at (816) 941-2438.

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.

WPHA FEEDS THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY

WPHA HAS SHOWN their generosity year-over-year with annual donations to Harvesters. In November, WPHA will kick-off our neighborhood annual food drive. Volunteers will drop off bags, with a list of requested items and instructions, at each WPHA house. Residents will be asked to fill the bags and place them outside their front door



on Saturday, November 12th. Volunteers will pick up the bags and take them to the WPHA/Harvesters drop-off location. Please be as generous as you can. Look for more details coming in the November newsletter and email blasts.

If interested in volunteering or want more information, contact Julie Hull.

IT'S TIME TO PLAN YOUR BLOCK PARTY!

WANT TO GET TO KNOW your neighbors better and have fun? There is nothing better than a block party. The first step in having a great party is to talk with your neighbors and include them in the planning. The rest is easy!

1. Select the date, time and place for the party.
2. Obtain a block party permit by contacting the Street and Traffic Division at (816) 513-2777 or download the block party permit. A permit is required to legally close the street. There is no fee for the permit. 60% of block residents must sign the permit in support of the block party. Applications are also available on the 23rd floor of City Hall. Permit applications should be submitted at least 4 weeks in advance. If you have questions about the application or permit process, contact the Street and Traffic Division at (816) 513-2777.
3. Plan out the event – select theme, food and activities. Plan the party around a Royals or Chiefs game; Set-up a large screen outside to watch. Bring in entertainment for the kids or have a good ole fashioned bike races. Invite the Police or Fire Department. Have a raffle or play bingo.
4. Create a budget. Solicit donations from local businesses, friends and neighbors.
5. Contact WPHA to get up to \$150 in “free” money! WPHA gives money to every block party to help with the cost. (WPHA contact: Frank Haar, WPHA – President)
 - ▲ Blocks where 0%–69% of households pay their dues will get \$50
 - ▲ Blocks where 70%–89% of households pay their dues will get \$100
 - ▲ Blocks where 90% + of households pay their dues will get \$150
6. Identify what you need and who can provide what – grills, chairs, tables, coolers, game materials, etc... WPHA owns many items you can borrow. Ask for volunteers to help with food, grilling, set-up/take-down, trash pick-up, etc...
7. Identify who will be responsible for getting the traffic cones to block off your street.- do not use cars as barricades. You may use Street and Traffic Division's equipment, which requires a deposit of \$30 (checks only) made out to the City Treasurer. The check is returned when the cones are returned. Cones are available from the following site by calling one day in advance: Traffic Operations at 5310 Municipal Ave., (816) 513-9300. Bring your permit with you. This facility is only open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NEW RESIDENTS ON THE BLOCK?

**Are you new to the neighborhood?
Or, Do you know someone who is?**

Please contact Sean Wilson, WPHA Board Member and committee chair for WPHA Street Ambassadors. Sean will contact your Street Ambassador to reach out to the new resident and deliver to them a WPHA Welcome Kit. The Welcome Kit is packed with loads 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! If you are a new resident or if you would like to volunteer as a Street Ambassador, please contact Sean at skwilson23@gmail.com.

Don't know who your Street Ambassador is?

Check out the *Ward Parkway Homes Association* website to find the name of your Street Ambassador.

DOGGIE DO DO DON'TS!

CALLING ALL DOG AND PET OWNERS! Please be a good neighbor and remember to pick-up your doggie's fecal deposit. Be respectful of our neighborhood's sidewalks, trails, streets and grassy areas. Don't let your pet wander into your neighbor's lawn and leave a little something behind! Clean-up and discard! Remember, cleaning up after your pet is a Kansas City ordinance. See ordinance below:

kcmo.org under City Ordinances, Part II - Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 - Animals, Section 14-19, part (b) & (c)

(b) It shall be unlawful for the person in control of a dog, cat or other animals or fowl to allow the dog, cat or other animals

or fowl to deposit manure on public property or on the private property of another person.

(c) The owner or keeper of every animal or fowl shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by such animal or fowl on public walks, streets, recreation areas or private property. It shall be a violation of this chapter for such owner or keeper to fail to remove or provide for the removal of such excreta before taking an animal or fowl from the immediate area where such excretion occurred.

(Code of Gen. Ords. 1967, § 6.17; Ord. No. 48707, 6-22-78; Ord. No. 65201, 3-1-90)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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? If so, we apologize.



Please contact us at President@wphakc.org. We want you and we need you to make our neighborhood the best in the city! See below for the types of volunteer positions currently available:

- 1 Special Events committee member**
(November Food Drive, Holiday Home Lighting Contest, Christmas Caroling, Spring and Summer events, etc...).
- 2 Board Members** – (2-3 needed).
- 3 Water Flowers in Urns**
- 4 Street Ambassadors**

FRIENDLY TIPS AND REMINDERS

- **Placing advertising signs** (of any kind) on public or city property and easements is against city ordinance. Advertising signs may be placed in your own yard.
- **Recycle, Recycle, Recycle** – Deposit your glass at Ripple Glass bin locations, your newspapers and aluminum in curbside recycling, and your plastic bags at bins located at the inside entrances of your local HyVee stores.
- **Conserve water and preserve our sewer system** – Wash your car at a local car wash.
- **Be neighborly** – sweep your sidewalks of those pesky sticker balls. It makes walking and enjoying the neighborhood just that much nicer!
- **Take care and be safe when out exercising.** Drink lots of water and work-out with a buddy, especially if it's late at night or early in the morning. Remember, there's safety in numbers.
- **The best day of the week is now Wednesday!** Waldo's Farmers Market is every Wednesday afternoon, located in the parking lot of Waldo ReStore, 303 W 79th Street. Visit www.wholesomewaldowednesdays.com to find out what will be available at the market each week. Also, Wild Waldo Wednesdays happens every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Waldo Businesses will be offering amazing specials on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Visit www.waldomo.com and click on "Specials" in the upper right hand corner to view the complete list of merchants and specials. OR email Ravin Graham to be added to the E-Blast of Monthly specials: ravin@waldokc.org

DUMPSTER DAY IS COMING IN OCTOBER!

BACK BY OVERWHELMING DEMAND is the ever-popular Dumpster Day! Yes, residents, those big dumpster bins will be back in our neighborhood in the south parking lot of Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 7406 Ward Parkway, on Saturday, October 15th, 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 below for limitations of what will be accepted for each.

Bulky Items Dumpster – Unacceptable 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.

Yard Waste Dumpster – Unacceptable Items:

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

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>

