

# WARD PARKWAY WORD



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## WPHA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/

**As of October 18th,** approximately 35% of the WPHA residents have returned their annual dues payment. Of these, 21% have submitted payment for the security patrol. Thanks to everyone who have sent in their dues and supplemental security patrol payment!

Please submit your annual dues as soon as possible. Your dues fund such events as: dumpster day, Fourth of July celebration, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Homes Lighting contest, Pumpkin Carving, urns and flowers, etc... Our annual WPHA budget is approximately \$24,000.00. Also please consider sending in payment to keep a security patrol in the neighborhood. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email us at [president@wphakc.org](mailto:president@wphakc.org)

**Pay Dues**

## WPHA SECURITY PATROL REPORT- UPDATE

I want to spend some time in this edition of the newsletter talking with you about the Security Patrol and what it means for your association.

Although some of you may disagree, it works! A perfect example of this is the September Community Policing Action Committee (CPAC) Report. As your president, I attend each month the CPAC meeting. This is a group of HOA's from our area that meets each month with the officers from Metro Patrol. We review all the crime statistics in the categories of Robberies, Burglaries, Stealings and Auto Theft. We usually have several items in each category. However, in the month of September, I am happy to report we (in the WPHA area) did not have one item on the report. Granted, I cannot attribute this all to the Security Patrol itself. However, I think we can attribute this to a combination of things: increased awareness by our residents, regular police patrols and our additional security patrols. When you compare our statistics to the surrounding area, other areas are much higher. The only difference we have is the security patrol. (See the Neighborhood Patrol article in this newsletter for data from August through September.)

This all leads me to the hard cold fact that security patrol is not cheap! It takes \$12,480.00 a year to provide this service. As of October 12, 2011 we have collected \$5,435.00 of this amount. We need for you good folks to keep those renewals coming in so we can continue this valuable service. Please send in your WPHA dues and security patrol renewal as soon as possible.

Thanks for supporting your neighborhood!

Frank Haar  
President, WPHA

## SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

**Snow and ice** are right around the corner! In case you didn't know, it's the law that each of us is responsible to clear off ice and snow from the sidewalks adjacent to our property. Here's the ordinance below. Please be a good neighbor and Kansas City resident... and remember to shovel and de-ice!

### Sec 64-246 Removal of ice/snow

It shall be the duty of all persons owning or occupying any real property, fronting upon any street, boulevard or highway, to remove from the sidewalks in front or alongside of such property all ice and snow within a reasonable time after cessation of a storm depositing such ice or snow.



# WPHA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT 2011

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Ward Parkway Homes Association was held on October 4, 2011 at the Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church. As outlined in the By-Laws, a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors was presented to the membership present for election. Elected to the Board for the coming year were; Mike Allmon, Alison Baker, Frank Haar, Maureen Hardy, Adrienne Hill, Laura Lavalley, Jon Rand, Gaye Tillotson and Dennis Young. There was no other business presented to the Annual Meeting and it was adjourned.

The Board went into its regular meeting and held election of officers. The following were elected to serve for the next year: President, Frank Haar; Vice President, Alison Baker; Secretary, Jon Rand and Treasurer, Gaye Tillotson.

## WPHA FOOD DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO!

WPHA showed their generosity in 2010 with their donations to Harvesters and it's that time of year again. We are holding our annual WPHA food drive on Saturday November 5th through November 12th.

Volunteers will drop bags with a list of requested items and instructions at each WPHA house beginning Saturday, November 5th. Please fill the bags and place them outside your door on Saturday, November 12th.

Volunteers will pick-up your bags and take them to the WPHA/ Harvesters drop off location. Please be as generous as you can!

This year we have set up drop off locations at local businesses so that others outside the WPHA may contribute also.

**FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed to help with the bag drop off and pick-up. 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/OR pick up food!! 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. We are hoping we can count on you again this year. If you are interested in helping please email us at [wphaharvesters@gmail.com](mailto:wphaharvesters@gmail.com) or call Julie @ (816) 822-7535. Thank you to those of you who already have reached out and confirm your blocks and actions in your response.



# IT'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING TIME IN WPHA!



## HOLIDAY CAROLING

"Just hear those sleigh bells jingling..." Once again, it's time to bring some festive cheer to the neighborhood as neighbors join to sing carols and holiday favorites on a couple blocks in the neighborhood. Caroling will be Sunday Dec 18th. We will meet at 5:30 and head out shortly afterward to sing to 2-3 blocks and then back to warm up with cocoa and munchies at one of the coordinators' house.

Last year, we adopted W. 72 St (Ward Parkway to State Line) and sung to about 15 homes along the block. This year, we have chosen to sing on Belleview. The temperatures/weather will decide how long we can stay out but we hope to serenade at least 2 blocks. If you live on Belleview, be sure to open your door or turn on your

porch light (or call or email us ahead of time with your address and we will try to stop by –see Alison's info below).

This is a family event and we welcome all ages. No singing skill required and we provide the songbook with the words. We will be joined again by Sandy and Bill Jackson on musical accompaniment and welcome any other musicians to join.

If you wish to participate, please contact Alison Baker so we can make sure we have enough Santa hats, jingle bells and songbooks. We will notify starting and ending locations to those who confirm. (This is a snow or shine event but we will contact participants if the weather alters our plans).

**QUESTIONS?** If you want to join in OR to request us to sing to your home (on Belleview), email [Accey518@juno.com](mailto:Accey518@juno.com) OR Leave message at 816-822-2006 by Friday Dec 9th.

## WPHA FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT (NNO)

COMING IN THE SPRING (March or April 2012), WPHA will host our annual neighborhood night out! It's a fun evening hanging out with friends and neighbors and hopefully, meeting new ones. Check Facebook, the WPHA website and the 2012 newsletters for more details.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Neighborhood Food Drive**  
**KCMO Fall Curbside and Leaf Pick-Up**  
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**Christmas Caroling**

**Holiday Homes Lighting Contest**

**WPHA Easter Egg Hunt**  
**WPHA Neighborhood Night Out - 2012**

November 5th through 12th 2011

November 17th, Thursday

December 15th, Thursday

December 18th, 2011, Sunday

Contact: Alison baker at [acey518@juno.com](mailto:acey518@juno.com). Or 816.822.2006

December 9th-11th, Friday-Sunday

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March 25th Sunday (rain date: April 1st)

Spring 2012



# WPHA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL — AUGUST-SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

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. However, in the month of September, our WPHA area did not have any criminal activity to report! Yeah!

With the cooler weather setting in, we will be warming our cars up in our drive-ways and in



front of our homes, while we go inside to keep warm. Be watchful as your car can be an easy target to be stolen.

Stay at the window or at the door, while warming your car. Be visible to all passers-by. Be smart and protect your car.

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	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	TOTALS 2010
Pedestrian Checks	4	2	*	2	6	5	4	13	10	69
Traffic Violations	24	34	52	57	30	50	31	29	19	454
Traffic Tickets	10	8	22	19	12	20	12	11	5	225
Calls for Service	25	11	30	21	31	36	32	40	33	329
Residence Checks	54	31	36	46	16	34	57	104	88	638
Car Checks	4	6	4	*	2	15	16	9	12	108
Felony Arrest	2	1	*	3	*	2	2	*	2	14
Reports (incl intelligence)	4	7	7	3	39	12	10	6	8	79
Warrant Arrests**	9	1	8	4	*	6	9	9	5	70
Open Doors	4	10	6	2	3	1	2	2	1	51

**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.

# HOLIDAY HOMES LIGHTING AND DECORATING CONTEST 2011



WHILE YOU ARE TIDYING UP the yard for winter, it's time to think about brightening up the yard for the holidays. It's time for our annual Holiday Homes decorating contest.

Judging will be held during the evenings of the weekend of **Fri, Sat, Sun Dec 9-11, 5-11pm**. Winners from last year will be judging homes and blocks in the neighborhood for best decorations.

The fine print:

- Individual house winners must have paid their 2011-2012 dues (postmarked by 11/30/11).
- The top 3 homes will each win a \$50 Sutherlands Gift Certificate.
- The best Block or partial Block cluster will win \$100 reimbursable towards expenses for a block



party (expires 9/30/12)

- Individual and block winners from 2009 and 2010 are not eligible to win in their category again this year.

- Be sure to have your decorations on from 5-11pm on judging nights (the judges roam the neighborhood on their own schedules and sometimes go back twice to review final choices).

**Security Side note:** Every year a judge finds a house they like but can't spot the house number to give us the address. As a security measure, it's a good idea to go outside your own house after dark

and see if YOU can spot your number from the curb. Remember, it can help emergency crews, delivery people and others on these winter nights when it gets dark so early.

## MY FAVORITE THINGS TO DO DURING THE HOLIDAYS

- \* TAKE A FREE TOUR AT NELSON ART MUSEUM/BLOCK MUSEUM ON FRIDAY EVENINGS
- \* RELAX DURING HAPPY HOUR AT THE WEBSTER HOUSE (IT'S BEAUTIFUL!)
- \* ATTEND A PERFORMANCE OF THE NUTCRACKER BALLET OR A CHRISTMAS CAROL
- \* GAZE AT THE PLAZA LIGHTS
- \* PLAY FLAG FOOTBALL AT ARNO PARK (IN THE SNOW IS EVEN BETTER!)
- \* HAVE NEIGHBORS OVER FOR IMPROMPTU COCKTAILS AND APPETIZERS
- \* ATTEND AN EVENT AT THE NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (CAN'T WAIT! I KNOW IT WILL BE GRAND!)
- \* VISIT THE KEMPER MUSEUM
- \* WALK AROUND LOOSE PARK (IN THE LEAVES OR SNOW!)
- \* GO TO AN AFTERNOON MOVIE ON SUNDAY
- \* GO BOWLING WITH FRIENDS, MAYBE EVEN SHOOT SOME POOL
- \* WATCH HOLIDAY INN OR WHITE CHRISTMAS ON TV WITH THE FAMILY

## URNS, URNS, AND MORE URNS



**A**S WE SHUT DOWN our gardens and yards for the winter, it's time to dream about spring flowers and days to play in the dirt next spring.

For those with Corner Urns, we will be emailing/contacting you in Feb/March with an update about next year's flower choices. (Hopefully it's not such a scorching summer next year!!)

For anyone in WPHA who lives on a corner with a bare stone post, we have included in our budget for 2012



spring/summer the purchase of two additional urns. WPHA provides the urn and pays for installation. Every May, we provide flowers to be planted in it OR you can opt to purchase your own. We ask the homeowner for permission to install the urn and for your commitment to plant and care for it throughout the year. If you would like more information about the urns, please contact Mike Allmon or Alison Baker (see board list for contact info). We would like to install them before May if we have interested owners.

## PUMPKIN DECORATING 2011



**G**OOGLY eyeballs, pipe-cleaners, stickers, markers, feathers, pom-pom balls and more.... Everything you can imagine to bring a pumpkin to life. We had a small but enthusiastic group at Waldo pizza recently for the annual family pumpkin decorating event. For more pictures, see the WPHA website.

As we plan for next year, we are looking for insight

and feedback on this event. We have a small crowd attend every year but they love the event. Some new people come but we don't see the crowds like the Easter egg hunt. Please let us know what keeps more of you from attending? Too many fall commitments and school activities? Other? Please email Alison Baker your feedback at [acey518@juno.com](mailto:acey518@juno.com)

Thanks!

## WALDO UPDATE – NO NOISE IS GOOD

**DID YOU EVER** wonder if there was a party going on in your house/yard and you didn't know about it or worse weren't invited? Noise level too high? Over the summer, we had many residents complain about the noise level coming from local restaurants and bars in the neighborhood.

A meeting was held on Oct 11th between members of WPHA, Regulated Industries, the KCMO Health Dept. and many of the Waldo Bar Owners to review complaints of noise levels. At this meeting it was agreed that the bar owners would voluntarily close all windows and doors at 10pm and make a concerted effort to keep noise levels to the 55db city code requirement. They agreed to furnish WPHA with names and phone numbers of contact persons for each establishment. See below. Please feel free to contact these establishments if the noise level becomes too high after 10pm.

A big "THANKS" goes out to Board Member Maureen Hardy and other dedicated homeowners who attended the meeting and successfully represented WPHA.

Again, hats off to Maureen and the group for all their hard work!

### Kennedy's

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## 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.

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## WPHA DUMPSTER DAY RECAP

**W**E HAD OVER 40 participants partake in the WPHA Dumpster Day on Saturday, October 15th. Dumpsters for the yard waste and the bulky item were filled to the brim! The marathon did not prove to be much of a challenge for most folks. This event will sure to be back in 2012.

(Note: Dumpster Day is funded by the annual dues paid by WPHA residents.)

