



ROCK HILL GARDENS

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Neighborhood Crime

On Sunday, March 9, two groups of men shot at each other from their cars as they drove north on Holmes from 75th Street until they crashed into one of our brick neighborhood markers on 72nd Street. Several of those involved were taken into police custody when they went to area hospitals for treatment of gunshot wounds. The Kansas City Police Department (KCPD) continues to investigate the incident. Your RGNA Board of Directors takes responsibility for marker rehabilitation and repair on behalf of our neighborhood.

Although this shooting is the most recent crime committed in our midst, it is by no means isolated. Rockhill Gardens has its share of crime from daytime break-ins to thefts, shootings and drugs. The KCPD is as eager as any of us to combat crime, and they rely on us to be their eyes and ears.

To that end, we ask all residents of Rockhill Gardens to redouble their efforts to be vigilant. The police cannot be everywhere, and crime will not abate on its own. If you are unsure of someone you see in the neighborhood, call the police. If you have complaints about noise or traffic, call the police. If you have any doubts about whether or not you should call the police, err on the side of caution. Make the call. And when you call, dial 911.

In the coming months, the RGNA board will embark on several efforts to improve the safety and security of our neighborhood. These efforts include:

- Meeting with the owners of the Fast Stop on the southeast corner of 75th and Holmes, and the Xpress Fuel & Lube on the northwest corner;
- Recruiting neighborhood homeowners to serve as block captains so that we may better communicate;
- Inviting representatives of the KCPD to speak to us more frequently throughout the year; and
- Researching the costs and benefits of contracting with a "telephone broadcasting" service to automatically alert dues-paying RGNA members about particularly important incidents and upcoming activities.

Please attend RGNA meetings when they are scheduled and consider volunteering your time. If you have any questions about these or other crime prevention activities, please contact John Ritchie at 361-6262.

2008 Block Party!

The 2008 Rockhill Gardens Neighborhood Association (RGNA) block party will take place early this summer. Though an exact date and location has not yet been decided, volunteers will be needed to help set up and break down, supply tables, chairs, ice, food and drinks. Please come to the April 9 RGNA meeting to volunteer to make this year's party a success. Contact any RGNA director if you would like to help.

We Need You

Rockhill Gardens is a great neighborhood, and the RGNA is working to improve our community by creating opportunities for us to gather and get to know each other. In addition to the annual block party, other RGNA activities that take place each year include:

- Neighborhood garage sale;
- Garden tours;
- Progressive dinners; and
- Welcome baskets for new homeowners.

The board has also been considering setting up other activities such as a tour of recently remodeled kitchens. The RGNA welcomes your input and your participation. You are encouraged to join us at our monthly association board meetings, or to contact any of us at the numbers provided on the back of this newsletter.

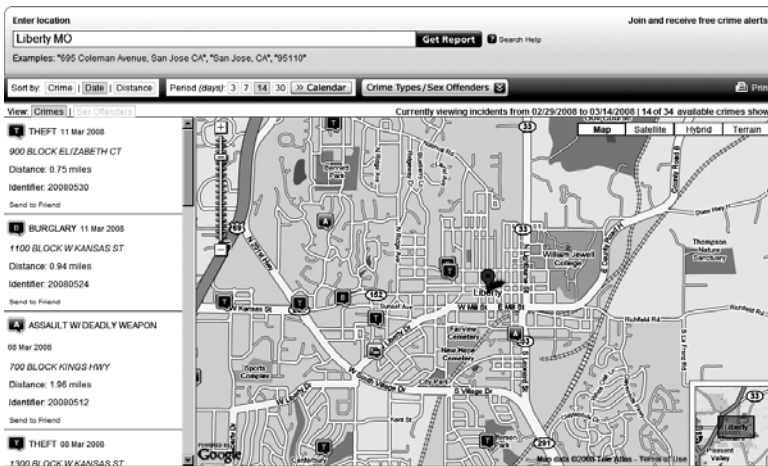
The RGNA Web Site

The RGNA board is updating our Web site. We hope the site will become a valuable tool for information on RGNA events and other vital information. Please visit the site at www.rockhillgardens.org and tell us what you would like to see on the page.

Crime Report

The Kansas City Police Department is implementing a new program for reporting crime. It consists combining crime data with mapping software built using Google Maps. An example of the result—using information from Liberty, Missouri—is available online at www.crimereports.com.

The site is run by Public Engines, Inc., a Salt Lake City-based company dedicated to helping “government agencies manage and control the sharing of data directly with local communities.” Once a law enforcement agency contracts with Public Engines, the Web site permits citizens to create their own crime report, with the ability to define geographic area, types of crime, and the frequency of receiving crime alerts.



An image of Liberty, Missouri generated at www.crimereports.com

KCPD Metro Patrol say that the site will include information about Kansas City, Missouri in early April. Once it is available, the RGNA will develop a portal on the RGNA Web site to allow residents to quickly view crime statistics in and around Rockhill Gardens.

Important Dates

- April 1:** KCMO Public Works Department will be in Rockhill Gardens repairing and replacing all concrete sidewalks and curbs at no cost to homeowners. (April Fools!)
- April 8:** General Municipal Election Day. Rockhill Gardens spans two Wards. If you live south of 73rd Street and west of Holmes, you are in Ward 9 and vote at the Waldo Branch Library (201 E. 75th Street). Everyone else is in Ward 8 and votes at University Academy (6801 Holmes Road).
- April 9:** RGNA Board Meeting at 7 pm at the Waldo Branch Library. (Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month.)
- April 24:** Spring Brush and Leaf Pickup. You may have up to 20 paper bags or bundles. Make sure they are on the street by 7 am.
- April 30:** Bulky item pick-up. Bulky item pick-up is on the 30th day of every evenly numbered month.

If you have dates you would like to add to the RGNA calendar, please contact Patrick Tuohey at 268-1296.

2008 RGNA Officers

Congratulations to the new and returning officers elected at our meeting on March 12.

President	Martin Tennant	444-5349
Communications	Patrick Tuohey	268-1296
Crime Prevention	John Ritchie	361-6262
Events	Ronda Sprick	333-9265
Finance	Christine Ritchie	361-6262
Marketing	Kristen Williams	361-5155
Membership	—VACANT—	
Property Management	Sarah Blasi	361-9856
Public Affairs & Development	John Cigas	363-7178
Special Needs & Family Network	Janie Weeks	363-3388

Useful Numbers

Emergency	911
Police (non emergency)	234-5111
KCMO Action Center	513-1313
Mayor Mark Funkhouser	513-3500
Councilwoman Beth Gottstein	513-1616
Councilwoman Jan Marcason	513-1617
Parks & Recreation	513-7500
Pothole hotline	513-9224
Street light repair	513-9595
Animal control	513-9800
Curb and sidewalk repair	513-7951
Waldo Area Business Association	523-5553
Waldo Library	701-3625
Cleaver YMCA	285-9622