



# ROCK HILL GARDENS

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### December Newsletter

Although the December newsletter was completed and posted on the Web site in early December, the holidays and some cold weather kept it from being delivered in a timely fashion.

Please continue to review the RGNA Web site ([www.rockhillgardens.org](http://www.rockhillgardens.org)) for news.

### Care for Pets

The RGNA urges all pet owners to keep their animals indoors as much as possible and to be aware of forecasts calling for extreme temperatures. If you do need to put them outside make sure they have a shelter with the front facing away from the wind. Be sure to put straw inside as well—not blankets.

If you have any questions about how to care for your pet, be sure to check with your veterinarian first. You can also call the Humane Society at (913) 596-1000.

### RGNA Web Site

All Rockhill Gardens residents are encouraged to visit our updated Web site, [www.rockhillgardens.org](http://www.rockhillgardens.org), for an events calendar and copies of all newsletters from this year. Please let us know about important news and events of which our neighbors should be aware.

You can also sign up for the RGNA Yahoo Groups listserv so that we can communicate more effectively about important neighborhood matters.

### Financial Info

To the right is summarized November 2008 financial information (the most recent available at press time) for our neighborhood association. Our fiscal year ends May 31, 2009. Please note that we are a bit behind our scheduled membership income – about 40 families. Not only have we committed to repairing the damaged street markers but we also hope to offer another social activity this summer or spring. Please consider paying your membership dues today!

November 2008				
	Current Period	Year to Date	Annual Budget	Budget Balance
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Membership Income	125.00	5,000.00	6,035.00	(1,035.00)
Other Income	-	15.00	-	15.00
Interest on Investment	4.98	150.39	673.00	(522.61)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>129.98</b>	<b>5,165.39</b>	<b>6,708.00</b>	<b>(1,542.61)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	35.00	1,524.00	2,237.00	(713.00)
Postage	0.42	391.37	390.00	1.37
Meetings	81.47	105.61	50.00	55.61
Social Activities	42.00	1,382.26	2,430.00	(1,047.74)
New Neighbor	-	212.30	523.00	(310.70)
Garage Sale	-	46.48	50.00	(3.52)
Directories	-	289.78	300.00	(10.22)
Newsletter	-	371.81	840.00	(468.19)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>158.89</b>	<b>4,323.61</b>	<b>6,820.00</b>	<b>(2,496.39)</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>(28.91)</b>	<b>841.78</b>	<b>(112.00)</b>	<b>953.78</b>

## Crime Prevention

### Safety Tips for January/February

Lighting is a homeowner's best friend.

A well-lit property is probably the main deterrent for thieves. It is hard to be inconspicuous when a 100-watt bulb is illuminating you! In these energy-efficient times there are several options for keep your home lit.

- An old-fashioned plug-in timer can turn a lamp on or off without you worrying about it.
- For front yard lights or whole room lights you can

have a programmable switch installed. The switch is around \$35-40 but it can be programmed for different days of the week and different times. Some even plan for daylight savings.

- Be wary of "Dusk-to-Dawn" sockets if you are a fan of the Compact Fluorescent Lamp, or CFL. CFL's are not designed to be dimmable.

Keeping your property illuminated at the right time will hopefully give would-be thieves enough pause to consider going somewhere else.

## Advertisements

### Violin Lessons Available

Lessons: Half an hour, once a week      Cost: \$40.00/month

Experience: Has taught lessons for the past 6 years, and played the violin for the past 11 years.

Will come to home if within 15 minutes of UMKC.

Contact Deanna Breon 417-669-7955 or email dbzr7@umkc.edu

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## Important Dates

<b>January 14:</b>	RGNA meeting, 7pm at Academie LaFayette, room 216
<b>January 19:</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This is the 40th anniversary of the holiday in Kansas City, and events are planned throughout the week. Go to <a href="http://www.visitkc.com/events">www.visitkc.com/events</a> for more info.
<b>January 20:</b>	Inauguration Day
<b>February 2:</b>	Groundhog Day
<b>February 6:</b>	Chinese New Year. Demonstrations of art and music, special food and performances at The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.
<b>February 11:</b>	RGNA meeting, 7pm at Waldo Library
<b>February 14:</b>	St. Valentine's Day
<b>February 16:</b>	Presidents' Day

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

## RGNA Officers

President	Sarah Blasi	361-9856
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Crime Prevention	Tim Ahlenius	516-2165
Events	Ronda Sprick	333-9265
Finance	Christine Ritchie	361-6262
Marketing	Kristen Williams	361-5155
Membership	Kumar and Christa	
	Venugopal	547-4159
Property Management	Jane van Tassel	444-9553
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
Animal control	513-9800
Curb and sidewalk repair	513-7951
Waldo Area Business Association	523-5553
Waldo Library	701-3625
Cleaver YMCA	285-9622