



ROCK HILL GARDENS

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A Garden, Not a Tower

What is the difference between the Rockhill Gardens Neighborhood Association (RGNA) and the Tower Homes Association (THA)? Twenty years ago they were one and the same. However, residents of what is now the RGNA felt underserved by the larger THA. Specifically, the THA made no effort to repair the brick and concrete markers that adorn our boundaries (and serve as our association's logo). In 1990, approximately 515 homes seceded and created what is now the RGNA.

Since then, Tower Homes has continued to send dues requests to homes in Rockhill Gardens in a format that appears to be an invoice. This has caused understandable confusion among new homeowners. Please know that neighborhood association dues are completely voluntary. You are welcome to pay dues to both associations, to one, or to neither.

The map below details the approximate boundaries of the larger Tower Homes Association, with the L-shaped borders of the RGNA outlined in black in the upper right-hand corner.



RGNA Web Site

The Association's Web site, available online at www.rockhillgardens.org, is being updated. The site will contain links to past newsletters, Board meetings minutes, contact information, and area crime information. If there are other items you think would be helpful to the neighborhood, please let us know.

RGNA Board Positions Open

The RGNA Board of Directors needs civic minded self-starters to help with Membership and Crime Prevention.

The Director of Crime Prevention serves as a liaison between the RGNA and the KCPD and keeps members aware of crime trends and preventative tactics. The advent of crimereports.com makes this position much more manageable!

The Director of Membership publishes the RGNA directory and provides new residents with welcome baskets.

Please contact Martin Tennant at 444-5349 for more information, or come to the next RGNA Board meeting at the Waldo library on July 9 at 7 pm.

Important Dates

July 4: Independence Day: happy birthday America!

July 9: RGNA Board Meeting at 7 pm at the Waldo Branch Library. (Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month.)

If you are leaving for a vacation this summer, please remember to put a hold on your newspaper and mail, and ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your home.

Crime Report

Good News! As reported here in April 2008, Kansas City crime information is now available online. The website is www.crimereports.com.

The Kansas City Police Department compiles crime reporting and combines it with software using Google Maps. The result is an online map of the RGNA, or any location within Kansas City, with an overlay of icons signifying the type and location of the crime. 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. (A pull down menu under "Area" allows viewers to click on Rockhill Gardens and view just our neighborhood!)

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."

Of course, any reporting effort is only as good as the information police receive. Please continue to be vigilant neighbors and call the police about anything that appears suspicious or out of the ordinary.

RGNA Officers

President	Martin Tennant	444-5349
Communications	Patrick Tuohey	268-1296
Crime Prevention	—VACANT—	
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

Thanks

Thanks to all the RGNA residents who came out to share the afternoon with their neighbors, and congratulations to Ronda Sprick for a successful block party.

Special thanks to the following businesses that donated the prizes given away in the block party raffle. Please be sure to thank these merchants for their generosity to our neighborhood

- Amy Bucher Photo-graphic Artist
- Boulevard Brewing
- Euston's Waldo Hardware
- Free State (donated beer)
- Goodyear
- Governor Stumpy's
- House of Menuha
- Needham Floral
- SRO Video
- Lew's Bar and Grill
- Swyden Cleaners

Thirty-eight households paid dues at the block party, and the association spent just under \$1,100 on the event.

Thanks to Janie Weeks for running the neighborhood garage sale.

The RGNA is missing two yard sale signs. One was at the SW corner of Gregory and Holmes and the other on the SE corner of 73rd and Holmes. Please contact Janie if you know their whereabouts.

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

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One or the other	\$15.00	tomers! Leaf raking and general clean	
Bag front and back	\$30.00	up available, please call for quote.	For more information, contact Tom at:
Corner lots	\$35.00	• We live right around the corner. Fast and	Phone: 444-3407 Cell: 816-824-1719
Bag corner lots	\$40.00	reliable service.	Email: tcmsg@aol.com