



ROCK HILL GARDENS

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One Big Block Party

An estimated 180 to 220 neighbors attended the annual block party on Saturday, June 13. Thanks to the nearly 50 families who paid their dues that night as well as everyone who helped out, including:

- **Ronda Sprick**, who as the events officers, coordinated everything from the door prizes to the portable potty.
- **Jeremy and Daria Ragonese**, who convinced Jeremy's employer, Boulevard Brewery, to donate beverages.
- **Sean and Holly McNown**, who provided us with their PA system for the evening.
- **Volunteers** too numerous to mentioned by name who help staff the check-in and progressive dinner tables, grilled, provided tables and grills, watched the moonwalk and helped set up and take down.
- Our **generous sponsors** who provided door prizes:
 - * Waldo Hardware
 - * Chipotle
 - * Ken GPS Gadgets
 - * Governor Stumpy's
 - * SRO Video
 - * Goodyear Auto Care

Financial Update

The major expenses for June were the block party, which came in right on budget of \$1,100, and included

\$131	Costo food
220	Moonwalk
220	Reptile entertainment
200	Balloon artist
192	Porta Potty
50	Home Depot (signs)
50	Office Max (name tags, etc)
<u>\$1,063</u>	Total

Who's That Knocking?

It's a RGNA board member distributing membership cards to everyone who paid their annual dues of \$25 in June or July. The cards will be distributed by the end of July. If you're not home when we come by, no worries, we'll drop the remaining cards in the mail. We'd like to save postage and deliver as many as possible in person. As many RGNA members have discovered, the cards easily pay for the annual dues. Great values at **Sutherlands, Waldo Pizza, Lew's Bar and Grill, SRO Video, Winged Cup and Needham Floral.**

Paying RGNA Dues

You should have been mailed an invoice for annual dues in late May or early June. If you did not receive one or have misplaced it, there is still time to join. Make checks payable to: Rockhill Garden Neighborhood Association and send to:

Homes Associations of Kansas City
4200 Somerset Dr, Suite 216
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Dues are \$25

Bulky Item Pickup

Kansas City, Missouri discontinued regular bulky item pickup. Now, residence must make an appointment either on line at <http://www.kcmo.org/bulky> or by calling 816-513-1313.

RGNA hopes to schedule a second dumpster day for the fall, but currently, we only have room in the budget for one per year.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. If you don't have an appointment with the city or definite plans to dispose of large items, please do not leave trash on the curb for the world to enjoy.

Crime Prevention

With vacation and outdoor activities, don't be a victim of crime. Based on the KCMO police department's web site (kcmo.org, public safety link) there were two instances of burglaries in and around Rockhill Garden Neighborhood from June 1 through July 5, 2009. Simple steps can discourage criminal activity and protect your property:

- ◆ Tell your neighbors that you'll be away and ask them to call the police if they see anything unusual.
- ◆ Put several indoor lights on timers so that they turn on during various times during the day.
- ◆ Light the exterior of your home.
- ◆ Lock your stuff up - houses, cars, garages - even if you're just around the corner.

Progressive Dinner

The annual progressive dinner will be Saturday, October 3. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, the progressive dinner is a chance to meet neighbors in a more intimate setting than the block party. Everyone meets for appetizers, then splits up into groups of 8 to 12 and goes to their respective appetizer houses. After about 45 minutes, everyone splits up again and enjoys the entrée course with 8 to 12 different people. Finally, all participants meet up at a dessert house. All participants either host or cook.

If you are interested, sign up at www.rockhillgardens.org. Or call Ronda Sprick at 333-9265

RGNA Website - Visit our updated Web site, www.rockhillgardens.org, for events calendar, copies of all newsletters and board member contact information. Also, you can sign up for the RGNA e-mail list to receive updated news.

Important Dates

- July 19** Dining in Kansas City: From the Depression to the Recession - Go to kclibrary.org for info
- July 22:** Space Explorers Afternoon - 2 p.m. Plaza Library in the Kids Corner - see kclibrary.org for info
- August 2:** National Ice-Cream Sandwich Day
- August 12:** RGNA board meeting, Waldo library at 7 p.m.
- September 2:** Labor Day

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RGNA Officers

President	VACANT	
Communications	VACANT	
Crime Prevention	Tim Ahlenius	516-2165
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Marketing	John Ritchie	361-6262
Membership	Kumar and Christa	
	Venugopal	547-4159
Property Management	Sarah Blasi	361-9856
Public Affairs & Development	John Cigas	363-7178

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