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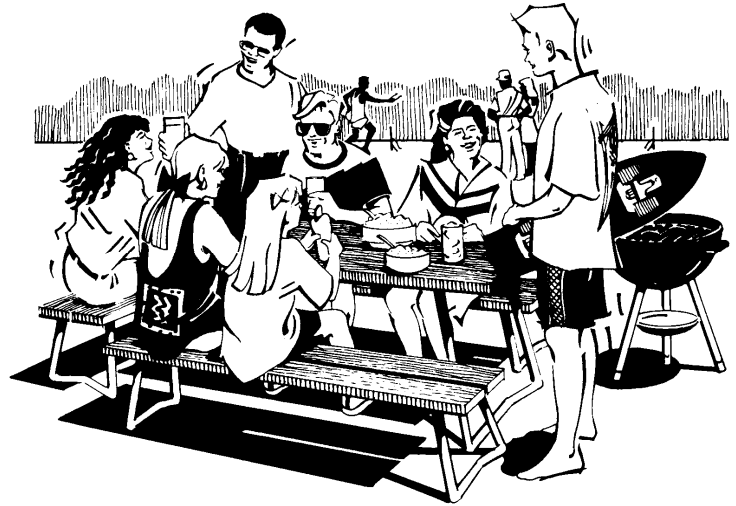
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June 2008

2008 Block Party!

The 2008 All-Neighborhood Block Party is Saturday, June 21 from 5 to 9 pm on Campbell Street between 74th and 75th Streets. Provided are hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks, games, and entertainment for the whole family. RGNA membership cards should be available by then to dues-paying members of the association. (Dues are \$25 a year.)

Volunteers are needed. Contact Events Director Ronda Sprick at 333-9265 for more information. We also encourage neighbors to bring a salad/dish/dessert, with serving implement if needed, to feed about 10 people.



Annual Garage Sale

Take advantage of all the traffic that will be in the area looking for bargains by having your own yard sale on Friday and Saturday, June 6th and 7th. This will coincide with the Tower, Ward Parkway and Waldo Homes Associations sales. The RGNA will post an ad in *The Kansas City Star* and as well as on Craigslist.com.

Contact Janie Weeks at 363-3388 or janieweeks@hotmail.com to be listed on the Rockhill Gardens maps to be distributed to bargain hunters.

Garden Tour Needs Gardens

The RGNA is planning a tour of neighborhood gardens this year in the late spring or early summer. No date is yet set, but if you are interested in showing off your horticultural handiwork (or work in progress), contact LeAnna Lepper at 333-5568.

Seeking Block Captains

To strengthen the relationship among all neighbors, the RGNA is seeking block captains from throughout the neighborhood. If you are interested in serving, please contact Patrick Tuohey at 268-1296.

RGNA Board Positions Open

The RGNA Board of Directors needs civic minded self-starters to help us with Membership and with 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 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 June 11 at 7 pm.

RGNA Meeting Minutes Summary for May 14, 2008

Board Members:

Present: Martin Tennant, John Cigas, Ronda Sprick

Absent: Patrick Tuohey, Sarah Blasi, Kristen Williams, Janie Weeks, Christine Ritchie

Others Present:

Sgt. Chris Young (KCPD)

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order by Martin Tennant

- The Board tabled approval of the April minutes until the next meeting, when more people can weigh in.
- Martin noted that John Ritchie had resigned as Director of Crime Prevention. Patrick Tuohey has volunteered to fill in until a replacement is found.
- Sgt. Young talked a little about the incident with the wrecked marker. He indicated that the police report was public, but wasn't sure how we could get a copy of it. He also reported there is an increased police presence around 75th and Holmes. The department is also working on additional ways of addressing property crimes, like burglary, by dedicating one patrol car per shift to property crimes and purchasing additional technological equipment.

- Ronda said that planning for the block party was going well. We're lacking tents and she will make an appeal to residents to bring 12' x 12' tents that they might have. Entertainment so far is a balloon artist and moon walk. She is working on getting a reptile show as well.
- Martin passed out copies of the 1991 bylaws. John has an electronic copy of these. Note that these are the outdated ones that don't reflect our current practices.
- John researched companies that deliver phone alerts. The most promising one originally only did text-to-speech messages, but now offers recorded messages as well. Rates are \$0.06 per completed call, with no additional fees. Accounts must be prepaid.

Action Items:

- Martin will check with Dave Swartzbaugh about legal options in regard to the wrecked marker.
- Martin will talk to James Prim about using the Neighborhood Self Help Fund for marker replacement.
- Ronda will email the board asking for volunteers to solicit donations from local merchants for the block party.
- Sgt. Young will look at how we can access the police report regarding this incident.
- John will type up the minutes for this month.

Important Dates

June 6-7: Neighborhood Garage Sale. The RGNA is joining with adjacent neighborhood associations for this all-neighborhood garage sale. If you are considering having a garage sale, these are the days to do it.

June 11: RGNA Board Meeting at 7 pm at the Waldo Branch Library. (Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month.)

June 21: Annual Block Party from 5pm to 9pm on Campbell Street between 74th and 75th Streets. Join your neighbors for this annual summer event including food and drinks, games and attractions!

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

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

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