



ROCK HILL GARDENS

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Board Vacancies Filled

Two of the open board positions were filled during the May 13, board meeting:

- Sarah Blasi was nominated and elected to serve as director of Property Management.
- John Ritchie was nominated and elected to serve as director of Marketing

The office of President and Director of Communications remain open. Both of the positions will come up for election in March 2010. The Board meets every second Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Curious? Consider attending a meeting or contact a board member.

Crime Prevention

As noted in the news, the KCMO police department arrested two people for burglarizing several homes in the Brookside and Waldo neighborhoods. The defendants were charged with more than 100 offenses and are currently awaiting trial.

The neighborhood has recently experienced several instances of burglary that occur in broad daylight. In a recent incident, someone tried to steal equipment off of a lawn service truck on 74th Terrace. When questioned, he ran off, through a neighbor's yard and was eventually picked up by an accomplice on Holmes. The police have told us that they want us to call them whenever we see anything suspicious. WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL 911.

Financial Update

The major expenses for April and May were:

- Finished paying for corner marker on Holmes that was destroyed in a car accident. The total expense for the replacement was \$1,945
- \$110 was spent renting two dumpsters that the neighborhood used to dispose of trash and leaf and brush.

The Check's in the Mail

Look for your annual invoice from the Rockhill Garden Neighborhood Association to arrive in the mail the first couple of weeks in June. For \$25 a year, the association provides an annual block party, progressive dinner, trash dumpster rental, newsletter, and marker upkeep. Our mission is to make the neighborhood stronger by providing opportunities for neighbors to meet each other as well acting as a conduit between the neighborhood and police, city commissions and others who can help our area. Please consider renewing or becoming a member.

Hosts Needed for Garden Tour

Gardens are in full bloom! It's time for the annual RGNA garden tour. We are looking for several residents who would like to open their garden on a Sunday afternoon to Rockhill Gardens residents. We'll let the hosts select the date. The gardens can be large or small, mature or in some stage of development. We would also like to include those residents with unique backyard features such as decks and ponds.

If you'd like to share your garden and meet some neighbors, this is your chance. Contact LeAnna Lepper at 214-6373 or e-mail alepper1@kc.rr.com.

Dumpster Day

Approximately 35-40 RGNA households filled two dumpsters with trash and brush on Saturday, May 16. It was the first time that RGNA has rented the dumpsters since the city stopped regular bulking item pick up. The Board is considering renting the dumpsters again in fall. Let us know if this was worthwhile.

We were unable to accept some items such as paint because the city considers them hazardous waste. Hazardous waste can be disposed at 4707 Deramus *by appointment only* on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Call 816-784-2080.

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Block Party

The annual block party will be held Saturday, June 13 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Cherry Street between 73rd and 74th Streets. Enjoy balloon sculptures, a reptile display, KCMO fire truck and the ever popular moon walk. Free to all Rockhill Garden residents.

The neighborhood association will provide table service, hamburgers, hotdogs, lemon-aid and beer. Please bring appetizers, salad, side or dessert enough to serve 12 to 15 people. Also bring lawn chairs or blankets. We are still looking for volunteers to watch over the moonwalk, help clean up and staff the sign in table. We also need tables and a PA system. Contact Ronda Sprick if you would like to help.

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

- June 10:** RGNA Board meeting, Waldo library, 7PM
June 13: RGNA Block Party, 5 PM to 9 PM on Cherry Street between 73rd and 74th Streets
June 21: Father's Day
June 21: Contemporary Quilt Exhibit - Central Library, runs through June 21. Go to kclibrary.org for info
July 4: Independence Day
July 8: RGNA Board meeting, Waldo library, 7PM
July 22: Space Explorers Afternoon - 2 p.m. Plaza Library in the Kids Corner - see kclibrary.org for info

RGNA Officers

President	VACANT	
Communications	VACANT	
Crime Prevention	Tim Ahlenius	516-2165
Events	Ronda Sprick	333-9265
Finance	Christine Ritchie	361-6262
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