



ROCKHILL GARDENS

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RGNA Elections!

A new RGNA board of directors will be elected at the March 11 open meeting at the Waldo Library. There are several positions available. They are:

- President,
- Director of Communications,
- Director of Crime Prevention,
- Director of Events,
- Director of Finance,
- Director of Marketing,
- Director of Membership,
- Director of Property Management, and
- Director of Public Affairs and Development.

The board also elects one of the board members to serve as Vice-President.

Please come join us to learn about these positions and the work of the RGNA and take time to helping keep Rockhill Gardens a great place to live. You can read descriptions of each officers duties in our bylaws posted at www.rockhillgardens.org/rgnabylaws.htm.

Thanks to all those who serve on the current board or on any previous boards for taking the time to contribute to the betterment of the entire neighborhood. If you have not previously served, please consider it.

RGNA Web Site

All Rockhill Gardens residents are encouraged to visit our updated Web site, 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.

Safety Tip for March

Spring is on its way!! Warmer weather is just around the corner. More people are out, free from the confines of the winter doldrums. Unfortunately, the thieves are out as well. House break-ins are picking up in this area, as well as car thefts. Here are a few tips to help keep your property safe—

- NEVER leave your car running unattended. Aside from being illegal, it is too inviting to thieves. Many of the home break-ins recently have been linked to the criminals first stealing a car to carry the stuff away.
- We've been taught never to talk to strangers. If someone knocks on your door, you don't have to answer but DO let them know someone is at home. Turn on a stereo, turn up a TV, yell through the door. Many would-be thieves are simply trying to find the unoccupied house. If this happens to you, call the police immediately!
- Did you know when thieves kick in the door it is not the door or lock that breaks? It is usually the trim and jamb. That is because most deadbolt hasps (the part on the jamb) are held on by two 3/4" screws. To be secure they need 3" screws that reach the 2x4 stud in the wall. If you want to know if your house is safe enough, please call me or your own handyman to have it evaluated.
- Lastly, Spring Break is just around the corner. With the economy being what it is, many people might not be traveling like they have in the past. But to those who are, please tell your neighbors when you'll be gone. Ask them to keep an eye on your home and maybe even put your trash or recycling out for you.

In essence, be a good neighbor. Watch out for the people around you and they will watch out for you!

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Important Dates

- February 28:** Town Hall Meeting with State Representative Jason Kander at 10:30AM at the Waldo Library
- March 1:** Start a Neighborhood Watch! from 1 PM to 4 PM at Waldo Library. David Reynolds of KCMO Neighborhood & Community Services and John Trainor from KCPD will be at the second meeting of the Walnut Street Neighborhood Watch Program. Meeting is open to anyone who wants to participate. Contact hosts Lyle Shapland and Don Gale at 816-523-9619 with questions.
- March 3:** Annual After Hours Business Exchange, at 3 PM at Alphapointe (Southeast corner of 71 Hwy and 75th St.). Sponsored by the Southtown Council, KC Convention and Visitors Association.
- March 4:** Pink Floyd Experience at the Uptown Theatre
- March 11:** RGNA Open Meeting and elections, 7 PM at Waldo Library
- March 14:** The Elders perform at The Midland Theatre AMC
- March 28:** The Eagles perform at the Sprint Center
- March 28:** Kansas City Blues Festival at Kemper Arena
- All month:** Exhibit: "School House to the White House: The Education of the Presidents" at Truman Library & Museum, 500 W Hwy. 24, Independence, Mo.

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
Communications	Patrick Tuohey	268-1296
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	VACANT	
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