



ROCK HILL GARDENS

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Neighborhood News and Activities

Win a 'Day in Waldo' When You Come to the RGNA Annual Meeting!!!

Everyone in attendance has a chance to win a 'Day in Waldo' package, including gift cards to Linda's Winged Cup, Sutherland's, Soil Service, and Governor Stumpy's.

Beverages and light snacks will be served.

***When:* Wednesday, March 10th, 6:30**

***Where:* Academie' Lafayette Auditorium**

***Purpose:* This is our biggest meeting of the year and we have several important issues to discuss, including:**

- ♦ Annual budget
- ♦ Neighborhood issues (including recent crimes and schooling)
- ♦ Upcoming RGNA events
- ♦ Membership fee modifications—from \$25-\$35 (*see info. below)

Come support our neighborhood!

Why do we need \$10 increase in RGNA annual membership dues? Why \$35?

As you read in another article, RGNA board members are considering increasing annual membership dues to \$35 a year – an increase of \$10 from the current dues. Board members are contemplating the increase in the face of a fee hike from the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HA-KC). Currently HA-KC charges RGNA \$7.50 per paid membership for administrative support, including maintaining member listings, mailing annual dues, fulfilling check request, reconciling the checking account and making deposit runs to the bank. HA-KC has informed RGNA that it has not increased the annual dues for at least ten years and higher operating costs have finally forced HA-KC to pass along some of the increased cost to its members. The tentative increase is set at \$1, to \$8.50 per paid member.

The RGNA would like to increase the fee a full \$10 in order to raise a capital cushion so that the markers can undergo much needed maintenance and repairs. The markers are a beautiful asset and make our neighborhood distinctive. However, keeping them well maintained is expensive. \$2,500 of your membership dues recently rebuilt a marker on Holmes after a car accident. While most markers don't need to be rebuilt, many need freshened up – power-washed, repair of flaking brick, replace missing mortar, etc. We would also like to eventually add markers to the east side of Holmes as well.

Crime Prevention

*Notes from Tim Ahlenius,
RGNA Director of Crime Prevention*

Did you know that most of you have an alarm that you carry with you regularly? Many newer cars come with a key fob that is equipped with a 'panic' button. Pressing this button will set off your car's alarm system. This is a great deterrent for would-be assailants. If you hear or see something that isn't quite 'right' CALL 911! KCPD is more than willing to come and check it out.

Let's not forget that Spring Break is next month! Many families will be traveling. Be sure to let your neighbors know your travel plans and ask them to keep an eye on your property. Safety comes with communication!

If anything occurs in our neighborhood regarding someone breaking the law, please let me know about it. I am in regular contact with Metro Patrol and I will happily follow up with them.

Lastly, please sign up on our neighborhood yahoo group e-mail list (found on our RGNA website) and get the latest notification about what is happening in and around the Waldo area.

Thanks to all.
Tim Ahlenius, Crime Prevention Officer

RGNA Officers

President	VACANT	
Communications	Kristian Foster-Reynolds	569-6867
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
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Glass Recycling in Rockhill Gardens!

Did you know that there is now a convenient way to recycle your glass in our neighborhood? **Green Girl KC** has been handling our neighborhood recycling since last June. Audrey Ahlenius started the **Green Girl** with the hopes of making the world a better, greener place. For a fee of \$3.00/3 sacks of glass, Audrey will pick up glass at your house and do the recycling for you! Pick-up can be weekly or bi-weekly.

Please call or write Audrey at:

816-926-9466, or Audreyagymnasteverestkc.net

Do you own a local business that you would like your neighbors to know about? If so, e-mail your info. to:
Kristian Foster-Reynolds at kristianlf@yahoo.com

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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