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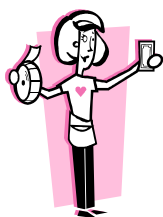
<http://www.rockhillgardens.org>

March 2011

Annual Meeting

The Rockhill Gardens Neighborhood Association annual meeting will be held Wednesday March 9 at 6:30 PM. We have a number of items for the agenda and hope to see every one there. The location of the meeting will be the Academy Lafayette auditorium.

Sign up to win the "A Day in Waldo" prize pack.



Includes Gift Certificates to Soil Service, Sutherlands, Taco Shop, Classic Cookie

Election of Association Officers

There are currently 2 openings on the board – Crime Prevention and Property Management. All other Board positions will be up for re-election as well.

Review of Annual Budget

Guest Speaker

The RGNA board has invited a speaker from SaveKC.org to talk about the upcoming Earnings Tax Vote and the possible effects it will have on the community at large. We have also set aside time for a question and answer session on this topic.

Election Reminders

- March 22, 2011 – General Election
 - Mayoral Election
 - City Council In-District
 - City Council At-Large
- April 5, 2011 –
 - Earnings Tax



March 9, 2011 is the last day to register to vote for the April 5, E-tax election. Registration can be done in person at the Waldo Library, or residents may phone the KC Election Board at 816.842.4820 to request a paper application by mail.

News from the Waldo Area

Annual After Hours Business Exchange (see article) Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Alphapointe, 75th and Prospect Ave.
3:30-5 p.m. - Business Seminar 5-7 p.m.
- Business Networking \$5 each event.
Refreshments, free display space, door prizes, and great networking opportunities!

Brookside St. Patrick's Warm-Up Parade, Saturday, March 12 @ 2 p.m.

Brookside Art Annual, April 29, 30, May 1

Hale Cook Elementary Initiative

RGNA hosted Ashley Hand from the Hale Cook Advisory Board during the February monthly meeting to talk about the efforts underway to reopen the school. Ashley provided the following overview of these efforts.

Launched by community members and neighbors, the campaign to reopen Hale Cook Elementary School as a neighborhood public school in Fall 2011 continues to gain momentum. The school, closed in 2009, has become the focus of an effort by the community to "put the public back in public schools" and a steering committee of volunteers have been working diligently with the School District to ensure that this school is a success. The neighborhood catchment area is roughly defined as 75th Street to Brush Creek, State Line to Holmes although consideration is being made for students who live outside of these boundaries on a case-by-case basis. Because there will be no busing, Hale Cook Elementary hopes to attract students within walking distance and a short commute of the school to promote engagement, healthy lifestyle, and connection with families and the broader community.

The mission of Hale Cook, in collaboration with all stakeholders, is to provide each student with a personalized education in a safe, healthy, and supportive environment. Students will have opportunities to become creative and critical thinkers. The Hale Cook community will prepare all students to succeed in a global society by integrating all curricular areas, with an emphasis on arts and design, science, technology. We embrace multiculturalism, social responsibility, and personal accountability with the goal of all students, including special needs and English language learners, achieving high academic and personal standards.

Enrollment for Pre-K (tuition-based) through 6th grade is open now through March 31, 2011 and application forms are available on our website halecook.org. Within the next couple of weeks, the *Plan for Hale Cook* will be publicly released with more details on school standards, schedule, activities and neighbors are invited to join us for an information session at the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ashley Z. Hand at ashleyzhand@gmail.com.

Important Dates:

March 9th 2011: RGNA General meeting, 6:30-8:00pm Academy Lafayette, 6903 Oak Street.

All RGNA residents are welcome!

April 13th: RGNA General meeting, 7:00-8:00pm Waldo Community Branch Library, 201 E. 75th St.

All RGNA residents are welcome!

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Useful Numbers:

Emergency	911
Police (non-emergency)	234-5111
KCMO Action Center	513-1313
Animal control	513-9800
Crime Stoppers	474-TIPS
Curb and sidewalk repair	513-7951
Drugs suspected	474-DRUG
Mayor Mark Funkhouser	513-3500
Metro Patrol (ongoing issues)	234-5520
Parks & Recreation	513-7500
Pothole hotline	513-9224
Street light repair	513-9595
Waldo Area Business Association	523-5553
Waldo Branch library	701-3625