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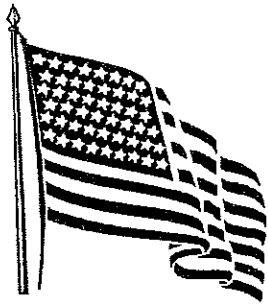
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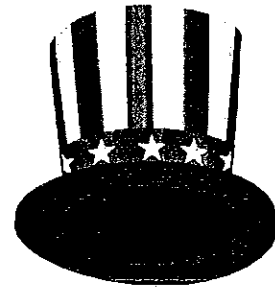
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SECOND ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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July 4, 2008
10:00 a.m.
Triangle Park



(Brookside & Main, 58th to 59th)

For kids of all ages

★ Decorate your bikes, scooters, strollers, wagons, cats, dogs. ★

★ One block easy walk, returning to Triangle Park. ★

★ Prizes and Refreshments for Participating Patriots! ★

★ Route: Start at the northwest corner of Triangle Park, up ★
★ 58th Street to Wyandotte, then south to 58th Terrace and ★
★ back to Triangle Park. Parade will be on the sidewalk. ★



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to the following new residents of Wornall Homestead Homes Association: (Since February 2008)

Brian & Catherine O'Sullivan
33 W. 57th Terr.

Pete Black & Leigh Precise
6045 Brookside Blvd.

Mara & Aric Braselton
6133 Brookside Blvd.

Kevin Joyce
244 W. 62nd St.

Anthony & Elizabeth Monsees
30 W. 58th Terr.

Daniel Van Doren
6004 Central

Terry Anderson & Lindsey Johnson
5832 Central

Grant & Emma Wood
5717 Central

Erin Parkinson
236 W. 62nd Terr.

Kirk & Gretchen Ivy
6046 Brookside Blvd.

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KCMO ACTION CENTER

The Action Center is your central point of contact for City Services. If you need information, have questions or want to request a specific City Service, i.e. Clogged storm water inlets, fallen trees, abandoned autos, or leaking fire hydrants. Call the Action Center at 3-1-1 for non-emergency City Services. Fax (816) 513-1303.

Email: Actioncenter@kcmo.org.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Bulky Item Pickup: Due to Budget cuts, the City will no longer do a regular bulky item pickup. You will need to schedule an appointment for pickup by calling 3-1-1.



Glass: There is still no midtown recycle center. The closest one is at Three Trails Center at 91st & Hillcrest in the old Hypermart parking lot. They are open Wed.-Fri. from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sat. from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call Bridging the Gap at 816-561-1090.

HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP

On August 2, 2008, there will be a hazardous waste pickup in the parking lot of Burns & McDonnell (sponsors of the pickup), 9400 Ward Parkway. The exact time has not yet been set. The items they will receive are collectively known as ABOP pickup: antifreeze, batteries, oil, and paint. We will try to have more detailed information soon.



MobilePage

At the Board's April meeting, we heard a presentation by Craig Nulan about a service he provides to several homes associations and other groups around town. It is a simple, inexpensive, voluntary, and efficient way for people in a neighborhood or group to be called from one phone and everyone in the group will receive the same message at the same time: there can be more than one recipient per household.

As a voluntary service, only those people, say of the almost 400 households in Wornall Homestead, who wish to subscribe need do so, and subscribers can drop the service at any time. New subscribers can enroll at any time.

The service is free to subscribers, and is so reasonable that we can pay for it out of existing Wornall Homestead Funds. According to Craig Nulan, to send out a one minute call to the 400 households in our Homes Association would cost \$16.50.

The calls would be made basically for two reasons. The first would be as a reminder of some forthcoming neighborhood event, like a Clean Sweep day, a movie at Triangle Park, a change in trash pickup, or the like. Within reason, it could also be used to announce events outside our homes association, but still of interest to us all, like the Brookside Art Fair, a talk of some relevance at the Plaza Library or the like.

The second occasion for a call would be some emergency, like dangerous approaching weather, a suspicious person in the area, some criminal or dangerous activity, a UFO sighting over Triangle Park, or other unwelcome activities.

The Board was so impressed with Craig, his presentation, and this service that we have decided to go ahead, fund our commitment for a year, and begin implementing the service. Our block captains will begin this month to distribute to all the households on their watch a form necessary to sign up for the service; the only required information would be your name and phone number. There can be more than one recipient in a household. Craig Nulan will also be at our Fourth of July Parade, where you could sign up and also ask him questions about the service. We would then begin the service shortly after July 4th, 2008.

For more information about Mobilepage, please visit the website: www.mobilepage.net.

Website

The Board has voted to establish an official website for Wornall Homestead Homes Association. Many, many other homes associations around us have their websites (Google some nearby neighborhoods to see how they look), which contain varying kinds of information, news, features, links to activities and official City websites, and, indeed, a full compliment of worthwhile sections.

We have just begun this process, but if you have any suggestions or questions, please contact one of your Board members. We encourage your participation.

In Conclusion

We trust that Wornall Homesteaders are pleased with these new developments in our neighborhood. We feel especially good that we were able to initiate the ones we have in place at minimal cost, with no need to increase our association dues.

President's Message

By Tom Cooke

Your Board of Directors has been very active in making our Homestead an even better place to live. Here are the most significant recent improvements.

Lights for Triangle Park

With a very generous PIAC (Public Improvement Advisory Committee) grant, Triangle Park will soon have some eight or nine decorative lights, placed around its perimeter and also around the playground. The lights are similar to the ones on the inner trail in Loose Park and to those on the east side of Brookside Park (a.k.a. "Suicide Hill"). No date is set yet for the exact beginning of this project, which will require installing electrical lines in the park, which will take up the largest chunk of the grant money. We have been told, however, that the City will not have to tear up any streets to get connected to a power source. We were also told that the City would resurface the playground while they were working on the lights.

Considering that the City received some 950 applications for PIAC funding, we feel extremely fortunate to have received our grant. Each of the five City districts receives an equal share of the available funding money, and officials for each district decide which applicants receive grants in their district. Wornall Homestead residents, therefore, should be grateful to the following people: JIM MACDONALD and DURWIN RICE, PIAC committee members for the 4th District, and our two councilwomen, BETH GOTTSTEIN and JAN MARCASON, who, as members of the City Council, also had a say in the awarding of 4th District grants.

Banners for Wornall Homestead

As we go to press, the seven banners chosen by your Board of Directors have been approved and will soon be installed.

Movies in the Park

Your Board has scheduled two free movies to be shown this summer in Triangle Park. ON FRIDAY, JULY 18TH, WE SHALL BE SHOWING "BACK TO THE FUTURE". ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, WE SHALL BE SHOWING "THE PRINCESS BRIDE". Both these movies are remarkable in how they appeal to audiences of all ages and genders; they truly have something for everyone.

The movies will start around dusk, 8:30 p.m. or so, and are being brought to us by a St. Louis company, Frontyard Features, which weekly shows films all over St. Louis and now, increasingly, Kansas City, and other places around Missouri. Frontyard Features has state-of-the-art equipment and it projects the movies on a large, inflatable screen. While we pay only a modest fee for the rights to show the films, Frontyard Features pays for its costs by soliciting ads from local merchants, and those ads are shown on the screen right before the movies begin.

People coming to these movies should bring lawn chairs or blankets, and whatever refreshments they would like to have.



Pet Peeves



Summer is here!! Windows and doors will be open. Sounds carry throughout the neighborhood. Are you a good neighbor? Does your dog (or dogs) spend all day and/or night outdoors? Does he/she/they bark for long periods? Do you know if they do? More important, do you stop the noise?

Barking dog complaints are the biggest nuisance -- we get more calls about this problem than any other! The City Ordinance says, under Responsibilities of Dog Owners #4, "Dogs causing excessive noise -- no person shall own or keep any animal which by making excessive noise disturbs a neighborhood. 'Excessive noise' shall mean any animal noise which is so loud, continuous or untimely as to disturb a neighbor who lives within 100 yards of the property (sec.14-30)."

Violations of these laws are punishable by fine (from \$30 to \$500) and/or imprisonment for up to 180 days. In addition impoundment and boarding fees shall be charged for any animal picked up by an Animal Control Officer and transported to the Animal Shelter. Enforcement of said laws shall be done by the Director of Neighborhood & Community Services (871-5900) and the Supervisor of Animal Control (871-5900).

Another problem brought to our attention are owners who allow their dogs to run loose, whether in their yard or the neighborhood. City Ordinance Sec.14-33 requires dogs to be kept in a fence or on a leash and to be kept off private property of another person without that person's permission.

So, PLEASE be a good neighbor and control your dog (s). Let us all enjoy summer!

If you have a noise complaint, your first attempt should be to solve it in a neighborly way--talk with your neighbor. Also, HACCD (523-2440) will send a letter to the dog owner, noting the City Ordinance. If the problem persists, WHHA or HACCD can contact Animal Control, who will again send a letter to the offending homeowner, citing the Ordinance and with suggestions on quieting the dog (s). If all else fails, the complaint can file an official complaint with Animal Control. The involved (human) parties will be summoned to a court date to present their case before a judge.

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4th Parade
July 4th

Movie in the Park
July 18th

Movie in the Park
August 22nd

Garage Sale
September 27th (tentative)

Fall Clean Sweep
October 18th (tentative)

Annual Business Meeting
November 6th

Holiday Lights Contest
December

Dates subject to change

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The Board meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Children's Place, small conference room, located at 2 E. 59th Street. Please contact any Board Member if you wish to attend or have an agenda item. Your input is welcome!



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