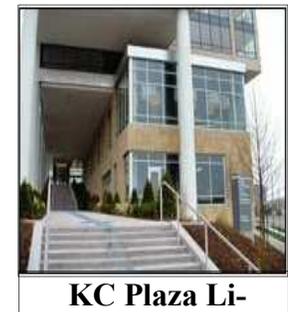
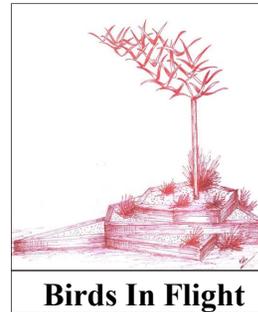
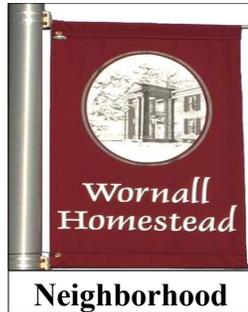


WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE IN COMMON ?



Answer...

WORNALL HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

November 5th, 2009 @ 7:00PM / Plaza Library / Large Meeting Room

OUTLINE OF THIS EVENT:

Get to Know your Neighbors—Refreshments

Welcome—Introduction by Tom Cooke, WHHA President

Five Green Things— Presentation by **Bridging the Gap** - organized by WHHA Board Member, Janelle Sjue: Sometimes we wonder what we can do to help out our neighborhood and the environment. Here is an opportunity for us to learn about five green things we can do to reduce our carbon footprint.

Partners in Parks & PIAC — Presentation by WHHA Board Member Tom Usher : Come learn about the efforts WHHA is taking to improve our neighborhood through the "Partners In Parks" program and PIAC. The program fosters community ownership and pride in our parks. This partnership will allow us to utilize the Parks and Recreation Department's resources.

Election of three people to be members of our Board of Directors. STEP UP AND GET INVOLVED...We encourage people to consider running for the Board, and if you have any questions about it, please call any of our Board members. We would especially welcome someone who might be interested in being our Secretary. We arrive at a slate of candidates by receiving nominations from the floor.

Discussion regarding "The Birds" sculpture at Huntington and Brookside. Our choices are either (1) to repair it, (2) to replace it, or (3) to do nothing about it at this time. A major consideration for any decision would be cost, since the Board does not have sufficient funds to undertake any new projects at this time. In the interest of fairness, time and order, there will be limitations on time and on the number of people speaking for any of the three options. People wishing to speak should plan on no more than a two-minute delivery, but they may also bring copies (no fewer than 20, please) of any relevant materials to distribute to others. One of the members of the Board will moderate the discussion. If you have any questions about this, please call Tom Cooke (816.304.6977) or email him (cooketd@earthlink.net)

Report on the Questionnaires – President's message by Tom Cooke

Forty-four residents of Wornall Homestead, out of almost 400 homes, returned their Questionnaires. As the numbers reveal, some of the highest vote totals were garnered by a few of our traditional activities, like the spring and fall Clean Sweeps and the Newsletter, while our newest accomplishments and activities also received high scores, such as the Movies in the Park, the 4th of July Parade/ Pancake Breakfast, the Telephone Alert Network, the Banners, and especially the new lights in Triangle Park.

The two activities we are considering, our own official web page and a directory, also scored high, with the majority of people preferring that the directory be on a private online site.

Some of the comments on the back were instructive, such as: (1) a suggestion to apply for a PIAC grant to install benches at bus stops along Wornall and Brookside; (2) to have a naming contest for Triangle Park (how about "The Brookside Triangle"?); (3) two conflicting suggestions regarding inspections: (a) "actually conduct them and hold owners accountable," and (b) the older people in our neighborhood can sometimes find it hard to keep up their homes and grounds, so "leave them alone"; (4) "bring in police for updates on neighborhood crime"; (5) "bring back the picnic"; (6) "do garden tours" (we used to have them, along with home tours):(7) and, finally, "conduct an historic survey of the neighborhood."

Regarding the question about "The Birds" sculpture, the responses were strongly in favor of repairing the sculpture rather than replacing it. A significant number of comments, however, pointed out that the issue must take into account the cost of a repair vs the cost of a replacement.

Comments on the sculpture were fairly evenly divided between pros and cons. The pros commented that it was "an icon of the neighborhood," "a distinctive landmark," and it is "beautiful." The cons commented that it "was inappropriate for our neighborhood," it was "ugly," and "I've always wondered what that was." And then there was this comment: "I've seen worse art."

	No response	Very Unfavorable	Unfavorable	Neutral	Favorable	Very Favorable
WHA Banners	7%			22%	24%	47%
Park Lights	4%	2%	2%	16%	13%	62%
Newsletter	7%	2%		7%	38%	47%
Phone Alert Network	13%	4%		16%	31%	36%
Spring Clean Sweep	9%	2%		7%	27%	56%
Home Inspection	16%	7%		45%	22%	11%
July 4 th Parade/Pancake Bkfst	4%	2%	2%	13%	20%	58%
Movies in the Park	9%			27%	20%	44%
Fall Garage Sale	9%			29%	58%	4%
Fall Clean Sweep	13%	7%		%	22%	53%
Annual Business Meeting	24%			42%	27%	7%
Website	18%			13%	44%	24%

	Yes	No Response
Fall Activity		11
-Separate	12	
-During Meeting	2	
Private Directory		20
-Printed	6	
-Secure Online	18	
Sculpture		12
-Repair	23	
-Replace	8	

Welcome New Residents!

Timothy & Debra Lavin
218 West 62nd Terrace

Brian Colvin
5927 Brookside

Michael & Jean Belancio C
5850 Central

Christopher Malotte
6115 Brookside

Peters Elise Duval
204 W 62nd Terr

Michael Douglas
& Lindsey Myers
215 Huntington Road

Randall McRoberts
5724 Wyandotte

Marilyn Obee
17 East 57th Terrace

Matthew & Carrie Hoffman
239 West 62nd Street

Robert Strohn
5732 Wyandotte

Tribute to Nancy Jonas Wilson

by Tom Cooke



The Board of Directors and everyone in our Homestead is deeply indebted to Nancy Jonas Wilson, who retired on July 11 this past summer, after serving as a director on the Board since November 13, 1997, and as Secretary on the Board since January 9, 1998. As Secretary, Nancy kept the minutes of our monthly meetings with admirable skill, thoroughness, and promptness (she usually had the minutes done and, at least with the advent of email) distributed the same evening as the meeting). Nancy also edited, with the same skill, care and dispatch, our thrice-annual Newsletter, which on our recent Questionnaires received such high marks of approval. Those were her most visible accomplishments, but just as important, and probably more time-consuming, were the numerous small tasks she did behind the scenes. A cursory glance of the minutes of the meetings while she was Secretary reveals a constant stream of reminders she sent out, correspondence she conducted, with merchants, friends and fellow Board members, and a wide range of various tasks she did that kept the Board running smoothly and made our Homestead a better place to live. And all that she did with grace, good cheer, forthrightness (oh, she would speak her mind when the occasion called for it!), and self-effacing modesty. So to our admired colleague, wonderful secretary, and dear friend, we give thanks to Nancy Jonas Wilson for all she has done and meant for all residents of Wornall Homestead.

Thank You

Don't Sit On Those Green Thumbs!

by Tom Usher

Next time you are out enjoying the fall weather, be sure to admire the new landscaping at the two islands in the 61st and Wyandotte area (see June 2009 newsletter for details). I mention it here to encourage continued efforts and to let you know about a few related items.

The survey comments received offered several suggestions for neighborhood improvements like additional landscaping, benches at bus stops, and an island at Wornall and Huntington. To further encourage these grassroots efforts and kick-start a few of the survey suggestions, we feel it would be wise to develop a masterplan for the neighborhood. Rest assured it will not be a 50-page booklet. Think of it more as a site plan of the WHHA boundaries identifying possible improvement areas.

Related to this effort is a call for volunteers to work with the Board in the Parks and Recreation Department's "Partners In Parks" program. The program fosters community ownership and pride in our parks. This partnership will allow us to utilize the Parks and Recreation Department's resources on planned neighborhood work days and foster relationships with an important service-provider for our community.

Finally, in late August, the WHHA Board submitted for a PIAC grant for continued improvements at Triangle Park. To learn more about this effort, plan on attending the Annual Business Meeting on November 5th.

If you are interested in volunteering with Partners In Parks or assisting with the masterplanning effort, please send your contact information to Tom Usher at 29 W 57th Street or email at usherarch@yahoo.com.

~ submitted by Tom Usher





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WHHA Upcoming Events

Holiday lights judging by December 15th

Wornall House Upcoming Events

Open Hearth Cooking - Each Saturday in November

Candlelight Tours - December 4 & 5

Father Christmas - December 12