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## Progressive Dinner

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**So, what is a Progressive Dinner work, you ask.** All the guests for the dinner party meet at one home for appetizers, the party will then be split into smaller groups and progress to different homes where soup and/or salad is served, then the groups get shuffled again for the main course at completely different homes. Finally, we all gather together again for dessert in yet another location. You will either serve as a host/hostess or cook for one course. If you do offer your home as host, you do NOT have to cook at all, only provide a place to sit for 10-12 people. This need not be all at one table. Many hosts have placed as many as will fit at a dining room table and the overflow at the 'kids table'. If you wish to cook, there are usually two – three cooks per host house and you need only prepare enough to feed each person a small amount.

For those of you that are new to the neighborhood or for those of you that haven't attended previously, the Progressive Dinner is an excellent opportunity to meet other folks in the neighborhood, enjoy wonderful food and conversation and visit other homes in the area to get great decorating tips (at least that's why I go).

This year's Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning with appetizers at 6:00 pm. The weather should be cooler for evening walks but, hopefully, not too cold to enjoy appetizers and dessert outside.

My first Progressive Dinner I hosted an entrée course. Our kitchen still hadn't been updated (hmm, still hasn't ☺), no matching flatware and not near enough room to fit everyone. So, I borrowed flatware and plates from a neighbor and put a group of 4 on our bistro table I drug in from the patio. We had a wonderful time and I still enjoy the friendships I made that evening and have participated in the Progressive Dinners ever year.

So, don't worry if your house isn't right out of Midwest Living, most of ours isn't and it's LOTS of fun. And, if your house should be in that magazine, please do host. I'd love some more decorating ideas.

*And, if you happen to have a backyard you'd like to share, we could use a house to serve as the dessert house for us all to gather back and enjoy.*

If you would like to participate, please contact Heather Aaron at [haaron@everestkc.net](mailto:haaron@everestkc.net) with your name, email address, mailing address, phone number, if you would prefer to host or cook. If you decide to cook, please indicate your top two preferences for a course (appetizer, soup/salad, entrée, dessert). If you do not have email, please call me at 816-591-2364 and leave your name and number and I'll call back for specifics.

Happy Dining!



## RGNA Membership

### Discount Cards

As the ad says, Membership has its privileges. And being a member of Rockhill Gardens Neighborhood Association does as well. One of the newest benefits is the RGNA Discount Card. Here's a list of the great discounts available:

Sutherland's	10% off any purchase
Hathaway Shoes	\$10 off any regular price shoes
Linda's Winged Cup	Free biscotti w/ purchase of drink
Taj Mahal	One free appetizer per table with purchase of entrees
Lew's Bar and Grill	Free spinach dip with any regular priced entree
Needham Floral	10% off local orders
Waldo Pizza	15% off any purchase
Center of Life Chiropractic	New patient exam, consult and computerized spinal analysis for \$35 (\$110 value) & 10% off retail purchase
Taylor Electrical	10% of total bill. Free estimates
SRO Video	Wednesday Rent One Get One Free

If you are a paid member and have not received your card, contact Kristen Williams (contact info on back page)

### Paying RGNA Dues

You can pay your \$25 annual dues by sending a check to Homes Association of the Country Club District, 222 West Gregory Blvd, Suite 201, Kansas City, MO 64114.

Make checks payable to HACCD and make sure the check indicates your address.

It's not too late to pay your dues and receive a discount card to area merchants!

## Back to School Time

School supplies, new clothes and the sun setting earlier. All signs it's Back to School time. This means children on the streets and sidewalks on their way to and from school. It's easy to be in a hurry to get to our destination but please pay attention to your speed as you drive down our streets to help keep them safe. One of the great features to our neighborhood is our wonderful tree lined street. Let's help keep them safe for the kids.

### 2007 RGNA Directories

The 2007 RGNA directories are almost ready and should be delivered to all member households in September. The directories have names, addresses and (most) phone numbers of RGNA residents. They are indexed by name and also by street. These annual directories are one of the benefits of RGNA membership. To make sure you get yours delivered straight to your door, be sure your \$25 Rockhill Gardens membership dues are paid for the year. For questions call John Cigas, 816-363-7178.

### Japanese Festival

Waldo residents, you are invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Kansas City Japan Festival Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Johnson County Community College in the Carlsen Center.

Adults \$7.00 Children \$4.00 (Children under 5 years of age are free)

This is a family fun event with food, workshops, music and entertainment from all over. Experience the culture of new and old Japan.

For more information, call (913) 469-8500 ext. 3470 or go online [www.kcjapanfestival.com](http://www.kcjapanfestival.com)

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## Sydney's Corner

### Just a Walkabout

**By Sydney Aaron**

Last month, Mom mentioned I was a little sick from the mean ole tick bite. Heh, little did she know that not only was I feelin better but felt so good; I decided to go on a bit of a 'walkabout' since I am Australian and all. Wasn't plannin' on goin far but once I got on the other side of the fence, things just didn't look right. So, I decided to mosey round til I found somebody to give a kiss. Not too long and a friendly face showed up and took me to some nice folks that got me back to Mom and Dad. With the way Mom was carryin' on, you woulda thought I was gone more than just a day. Anyhow, I guess there's this neat place called Lost Dog Registry. That's for dogs that get lost...of course, I knew right where I was. Just a bit turned around is all.

Well, Mom said I could write to y'all next month too. Maybe something else excitin' will happen.

Waggin Tails.



Sydney

Sydney did disappear last month without tags and a collar. We have always disliked the jingling of the tags and never kept his collar on. We have since discovered solutions to keep tags from making noise and he (usually) has his collar on. Here are a few more tips, if you should find your pet missing.

Keep a current picture of your pet easily accessible to create fliers with MISSING in big bold letters on top and post in area businesses, and local veterinary offices. Visit the KCMO Animal Control. That building is huge and a dog you describe as an Australian Cattle Dog mix might be listed as a Shepherd mix and could be missed. Contact Lost Dog Registry with your name, pets name and description, and approx time and location last seen. They are located at 222 W Gregory Blvd, # 207 (in the Union Bank building) 816.333.0020.

Heather (Mom)



Location	Crime	Date	Time
Crime Stats unavailable at time of printing			

August 31<sup>st</sup> - Bulky Item Pickup  
 Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Hazardous Waste Drop Off (Hale-Cook Elementary)  
 Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM – General Meeting, Waldo Library (All members are encouraged to attend)  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> – Progressive Dinner  
 October 31<sup>st</sup> – Bulky Item Pickup  
 Thursday (weekly) – Trash pickup

Due to a change in the Police Department's reporting systems, not all crime incidents are being recorded. We will update the list as we get this information from the department at a later time.

Active	Date/Time	Description
Chess Club	Every Wed & Thurs at 6:30 PM	
Computer Basics	Second & Third Sat at 10:15 AM	
E-mail Basics	Third Monday at 9:15 AM	
First Friday Classic Movie	First Friday at 2:00 PM	
Fourth Tuesday Book Group	Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 PM	Sept 28 – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon
Internet Basics	Second Monday at 9:15 AM	
Mysterious Undertakings Book Group	First Monday of Month at 6:30 PM	Sept 10 – Murder at Swann's Lake by Sally Spencer. Oct 1 – The Think Dark Line by Tami Hoag
Young Professionals Book Group	Contact Library for Time	Sept 1 – On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan Nov 3 – Falling Man by Don DeLillo
Sci Fi Friday Movie	Third Friday at 2:00 PM	

President	Martin Tennant	444-5349	Emergency	911
Communications	Heather Aaron	591-2364	Police (non-emergency)	234-5111
Crime Prevention	John Ritchie	361-6262	KCMO Action Center	311
	Bo Williams	361-5155	Animal control	513-9800
Block Party	Andrea Geis	333-5808	Crime Stoppers	474-TIPS
Progressive Dinner	Heather Aaron	591-2364	Curb and sidewalk repair	513-7951
Garden Tour	LeAnna Lepper	214-6373	Drugs suspected	474-DRUG
Finance	Christine Ritchie	361-6262	Mayor Mark Funkhouser	513-3500
Marketing	Jeff Blasi	361-9856	Metro Patrol (ongoing issues)	234-5520
Membership	Kristen Williams	361-5155	Parks & Recreation	513-7500
Property Management	Sarah Blasi	361-9856	Pothole hotline	513-9224
Public Affairs & Devtpt	John Cigas	363-7178	Street light repair	513-9595
Special Needs & Family Network liaison	Janie Weeks	363-3388	Waldo Area Business Association	523-5553
Webmaster	Todd Cribb	361-6659	Waldo Branch library	701-3625

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