



# WESTWOOD PARK NEWS

## 2009 Activities Calendar

**Annual Garage Sale**

**Saturday, June 6 — 9am -2pm**

**Dumpster Day —TBA**

## Important Numbers

**Police—816-234.5111**

**Fire — 816-513.0911**

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## Home Security

*First article in a series*

No one wants to think about home security so, making this the lead story may relegate this issue to bird cage duty. Nevertheless, security is important and as the economy worsens, more people are going to find your possessions just too tempting to pass by.

Take heart. There are many things you can and should do to keep you and your home safer and less vulnerable to theft and burglary.

**Security System**—Yes, a good security system is the backbone to home protection and a monitored system—one that calls the police if an event occurs—is the best bet. But there are more things you can do to make your home a deterrent to crime. Most of these are very

inexpensive or just good common sense.

**Lighting**—Burglary and theft are mainly crimes of opportunity committed by persons that quite frankly, aren't too bright and do not want to be noticed. A good outside lighting system makes your home less of a target. Motion sensing floodlights, and dusk to dawn lighting timers are inexpensive and effective. Putting random timers on indoor lights are great while your away for extended periods.

**Shrubs** — With Spring just around the corner, think about planting Shrubbery especially thick, thorny types planted under vulnerable windows will make it



**Keeping your home secure is more important than ever.**

extremely unpleasant to try entry. Just remember to keep them trimmed back to prevent those shrubs from becoming hiding places.

Keep your garage door closed.

*(see safe & secure on page 3)*

## Spring Ahead

Ahhh! Spring is here! Now that you've recovered from that loss of a precious hour of sleep, we have a few tips to make your home and garden ready for the season.

Change the batteries your Smoke and Co2 alarms. No one does this on New Year's Day.

Have your lawn equipment tuned, sharpened, and ready for action.



Adjust your landscape light timers so you don't light up the day.

Have your air conditioner inspected and serviced while it's cool and the service companies aren't booked solid with "emergency repairs"

Fertilize your lawn and garden.

That's enough for now. Any more

recommendations and I might get angry calls from you know who...





*WPHA President Aryn Roth discusses the issues*



*Ann Nixon plans the spring beautification schedule*

## Annual Homeowners' Meeting

The annual Westwood Park Home owners' association meeting was held April 1. Dear reader. If you did not attend, I urge you to make every effort to be here next year. Yes, important issues were discussed and solutions presented, but what you really missed were the desserts. Thanks to Pembroke's master dessert chef for a very nice selection.

Officers were elected, re-elected and installed. Your officers are: Aryn Roth, President, Ann Nixon; VP, Capitol Improvements; Secretary and security Ann Scheihs; Treasurer, Kirby Upjohn

News letter Bob Pfeiffer.

Among the issues and topics were: Safety, islands maintenance, home values, speed bumps, neighborhood watch signage and—not the least of which was our park. It seems that Kansas City Parks & Rec. granted Westwood Park 3 P.I.A.C. grants for improvements and upgrades. Plans were submitted and approved, funds were allocated and our little park was supposed to gain additional shelters, paths, flora and fauna and a drinking fountain. So far those funds

nor the upgrades have materialized. Several board members have called the board regularly to get answers or results, to no avail. Maybe the board needs a little more "encouragement" from all of us. Here is the name and phone number of the person at Parks and Rec.

Jimmi Lossing —816.513.7627

Lets all give her a call and "encourage" her to be our hero and get this project up and running.

## From the Desk of.....



*Newly elected Editor, Bob Pfeiffer*

After years of pursuing a career as a professional community bystander, I, for reasons still unclear to me...volunteered to be your WPHA news letter editor. As I step to the helm and prepare this, my fist neighborhood news publication, I think I will thoroughly enjoy bringing my neighbors news, education, and stories that I hope you will enjoy.

My editorial experience is based mainly in product information and marketing in the consumer electronics business.

Now, I can talk electronics and audio / video all day long. However, this is your paper and I'm sure there are many topics you would like to see covered here.

I am asking all our neighbors to kindly submit ideas , requests and

written articles for our future editions. All subject and requests will be appreciated and considered — save vicious gossip, unless you can prove it. Just kidding. Lets make this an entertaining and informative forum for all to enjoy.

Please submit all correspondence to my e-mail address:

[pfeidough@att.net](mailto:pfeidough@att.net)



**Major Convenience or Major Eyesore**

## Eyesore

Lately it seems that sightings of storage units have gone from occasional to a full on invasion in Westwood Park. While storage containers are quite convenient during a move, it seems that several have taken up permanent residence. If you already have

one in your yard, or your planning on getting one, please be considerate of your neighbors and the city ordinances regarding temporary structures.

Sheds are an eyesore at best, so please keep the time you use one to a minimum and when it is

dropped off, consider placement off sidewalks and make sure they do not cause blind corners for traffic. You cooperation will be appreciated by all of your Westwood Park neighbors

## Neighbors Take Action

By Aryn Roth

Joan Gastinger & neighbors on Bell St. signed a petition to get the no parking signs installed on their street to prevent a dangerous situation; the street is too narrow for parking on both sides & emergency vehicles & trash trucks could not get through. this is a good example of neighbors working together with the city to get important situation changed for the good of all.



## New Neighbors

Warren Stark — 1203 West 50th St.

Jennifer Roberts — 4827 Liberty

Scott & Janice Helm — 4954 Bell

Fay Balk, Douglas Alpert — 5000 Wyoming



## Homes Of The Month

July 2008

August 2008

September 2008

April 2009



5000 Wyoming  
John & Susan

50004 Wyoming  
April Daniels

1616 W. 51st  
Lyle & Ann

1630 W 51st  
Martha Negley

## Safe & Secure

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Many burglars find easy entry through an open garage door. Avoid inviting burglary

**Be a good neighbor**—Look out for your neighbors. If you see someone acting suspicious or someone you don't know, call the police. Call the non emergency number first: 816-234.5111. If you can't get through, call 911. Be proactive.

**Personal safety**—Your personal safety is far more important. Things can be replaced,

you can't. Here's a few tips to keep you secure.

**Be aware**—weather your walking or in your car. Be aware of what or who is around.

**Walk with a friend** or your dog.

**Drive** with your doors locked.

**Open and close** your automatic garage door while you are in your car. Your car is one more barrier that can make you safer at a

vulnerable time.

**Don't be Afraid**, be careful. This is your neighborhood and your city.



# NO SOLICITERS

**Kansas City Mun. Code 50-8.5 WE CALL POLICE**

*Please protect yourself and your neighbors  
deter door-to-door solicitors by cutting out  
this sign and prominently placing it near your  
front door.*

*Solicitors that see this on every home will  
likely get the message and move on. If they  
Ignore the sign, call the police. They are  
breaking the law.*

*Do not hesitate to call the Kansas City Police  
816.234.5510*

*If you see someone lurking around on your  
property or your neighbor's Call 911.*

TO: