

# WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION

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### New Neighbors:

Paula Slevidge  
1305 W.49th St.

Jarrett and Margaret McLaughlin  
1403 W. 50th St.

Kent and Elizabeth Hiller  
1421 W 50th Terr.

Steve and Susan Drake  
4901 Bell

Ling Chang  
4900 Mercier

Joseph La Salle  
4901 Westwood Rd.

Nerissa and Ed Brinkle  
4901 Wyoming

## THE ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE WAS A HIT!



About 15 neighborhood kids took part in the potato sack races, Hula-Hoop contest, jump-roping contest, and more. There were prizes and treats for all contestants. The kids had a ball!



And if all the food and BYOB wasn't enough to choose from, young Alex Wood (shown here) was busy raising money to send Haitian kids to school with his lemonade stand! It was quite a hit.



Backyard Burgers catered this year's event. Wow - what tasty burgers! Cooked to order and condiments and sides for all tastes! Shown here - Charlotte Goebel getting her cheeseburger and chatting with the "chef."

## Holiday Lighting Contest Information!

Judging will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## WPHA Seeking a Volunteer to Take the Lead on Speed Bumps on Westwood Rd.

The WPHA Board has concluded that the most effective way to investigate the need for speed bumps on Westwood Road is for a resident on that street to come forward and take the lead. This is somewhat of a time-consuming process and needs the energy and leadership of a Westwood Road resident (primary "stakeholder") to see it through. The drive for speed bumps on West 50th Street has been dropped due to the board's conclusion that it doesn't meet the city's criteria, plus, it's become apparent that the time commitment calls for a non-board volunteer - none of which has been identified at this time.

In order to get speed bumps on your block, 75% of the homeowners need to sign the petition, after which the City will commission a study of the problem. Once the City collects the speed information from sensors laid out across the street in strategic locations, they determine whether or not there is a need for speed bumps. To be considered for these - at no cost to the residents - at least 85% of the motorists must be traveling at least 7 MPH over the speed limit.

Speed bumps have proven quite effective to reduce speeding. As evidence, one need look no farther than on West 50th Street in Westwood. If you have observed an incidence of speeding that you feel meets these criteria for speed bumps, and you are willing to take the lead on signature-gathering, please contact Gary Whitmer, WPHA Board Member at 816-753-7234 or [gtwhitmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gtwhitmer@sbcglobal.net). Gary has all the forms and instructions.

## A Note from the President

It has been a terrifically busy first few months as your President--actually, it's been almost half a year. As an association, I think it is safe to say that we are stronger and more active than we have been in some time. We do need your help in several areas though if this progress we have been seeing is to come to fruition.

At the last annual meeting, the primary topic of discussion was crime and neighborhood security. Your board listened and, beginning in early July, a security patrol was instituted. This security patrol, WSC Security (telephone 913-660-0454) patrols our neighborhood 20 hours a week, primarily in marked,

fully equipped cars. While we do not yet have any valid statistics to prove it, we believe that we are making a difference and that crime is being deterred. To pay for this patrol, the association sent out a "voluntary" bill to each member in the amount of \$75 for six months patrol. As I have stated previously, funds collected from this billing will be used only for security. Collections from this billing, however, are somewhat disappointing. To date, we have only about a 45% participation rate, well below our expectations and predictions. **UNLESS MORE OF YOU SUPPORT THE SECURITY PATROLS, WE WILL BE FORCED TO CUT THE SERVICE, RAISE THE PRICE OR BOTH.** If you haven't already, please send in your \$75 to HACCD, 222 W. Gregory Blvd., Suite 201, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. If you have sent in your assessment, thank you.

On September 1, we held a neighborhood dumpster day, obtaining two large dumpsters on a subsidized basis from the City. Dumpster Day was, I believe, a huge success. Lots of people used the occasion to clean out their garages, basements, yards, etc. In fact, the household waste dumpster was filled to overflowing by 11:00 and we were forced to turn our neighbors away. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped unload vehicles and load the dumpsters so they held the maximum possible amount of waste. We are looking into the possibility of repeating this occasion in the spring, city programs budgeting willing.

Finally, one last appeal to get your information for the directory: As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the new directory data-gathering phase is closing soon. Let's make this directory truly useful; we need to have your information! Please send it in, either to HACCD or by email to [westwoodparkhoa@kc.rr.com](mailto:westwoodparkhoa@kc.rr.com). That email address can be used to bring ALL of your ideas, concerns, voices and suggestions to the attention of your board. Email addressed as above comes into my computer and I look at every one of them.

Finally, the City is available to you as well. Dial 311 to reach the city's Action Center, which is a clearinghouse for any city service you may need. If you have a complaint about a pothole, streetlight, conditions of property or anything that needs city attention, you can call 311 from 7 am to 8 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am to 5 pm weekends.

Your neighbor,

Lindsay Wood

## Picnic Donors

- Joe D's: \$50 gc
- The New Dime Store: \$25 gc
- Aixois: \$25
- Andre's: Two lunches
- Renaissance Festival: 10 passes valued at \$170
- Plaza West Massage and Day Spa: 1 hr. massage
- Nails by Vallyn & Lan: White and pink, full set, valued at \$60
- Bella Studio: 1 private ballroom dance lesson
- Murray's Ice Cream and Cookies
- West Plaza Nails: manicure and pedicure
- Salon Organica: hair care and products
- HotYoga Fix, 5-class card, valued at \$50
- HiHat Coffee: \$25 gc
- Cinemark VIP Room: \$30 gc
- Little Gallery Frame Shop: \$50 gc for custom framing

## Last Chance to Be Included in the Directory

If you haven't yet supplied us with your information, pay attention: you have two weeks to do so or the new directory will be compiled without your input. While we have ownership information on all of the homes in our neighborhood, our records may be incorrect or incomplete with respect to your telephone number, email address or even your name (if you aren't the owner of record).

The last directory was published over a decade ago. It's time. We need your information to be complete and to be useful. Please send your name(s), address, telephone number(s) and email address(es) to [westwoodparkhoa@kc.rr.com](mailto:westwoodparkhoa@kc.rr.com) or to Homes Associations of the Country Club District, Attn: Westwood Park Directory, 222 W. Gregory Blvd., Ste. 201, Kansas City, MO 64114. The directory listings will close approximately two weeks after you receive this newsletter.

With a complete directory, we can communicate better. The Homes Association can send information to you by email instantaneously and without the cost of printing and mailing (we won't spam you and your information will never be sold). We would like your help. Send us your information today, before you forget again!

## HOMES OF THE MONTH



June: Pamela Fike  
1410 W. 50th St.



July: Mr. and Mrs. Neal Millert  
1440 W. 50th Terr.



August: Carl and Elizabeth Mahoney  
1320 W. 50 St.



September: Laurel Johnstin  
4812 Wyoming



October: Bill and Mary  
Cashman  
4811 Westwood Rd.

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