

TowerTalk

Newsletter for Members of Tower Homes Association

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Important Dates Coming Up

- **September 24 - 10am-5pm**
Waldo Fall Festival
- **October 1**
Tower Historic Society/THA
Movie Night in the Park
- **October 29 - 8am-12pm**
THA Dumpster Day
- **November 12 – 10am**
Waldo Library
General Meeting

Historic Society Urges you “To the Tower!” for Movie Night

by THA Board Member Garth Stocking

It's good to have a battle cry: “Boomer Sooner!” “Remember the Alamo!” and the like, you know. The Waldo Tower Historic Society has adopted the simple yet stirring “To The Tower!” as their rallying slogan and your specific marching orders to join the rest of the neighborhood for Movie in the Park, at sundown on Saturday, October 1.

Refreshments will be on hand and all manner of good, free family fun. Come early at about 4:30 because we are making arrangements to let people in to the area right around the base of the tower, for chalk drawings for the kids and for you to get a close look at the deterioration and need for restoration. We will also unveil the great new Tower Society t-shirts and some other merchandise for sale to benefit the project.

And what would be the perfect movie? Why, “Tangled” of course, Disney’s hilarious and hair-raising romp about star-crossed lovers, a glorious head of hair and one fine tower.

Might Rapunzel herself join us? Or the Mayor to sanction the efforts to restore our own beloved tower? We shall see about those luminaries, but we guarantee the attendance of Society board members to answer questions and enlist you for Team Tower.

The society is pleased to report that we have banked some \$18,000 already for the Tower restoration and that is aside from the generous PIAC funds committed to the project. It is very gratifying that we have enjoyed such round support from the local business community, as the Lewellens (The Well, Lew’s) have been so gracious in donating food and space for Tower Power Happy Hours and the Waldo Area Business Association came through with a \$2,500 check with proceeds from their pub crawl. Please join us in thanking and patronizing these local businesses that care enough to champion a local landmark.

Other developments include a new custom website in the works from Society board member Safia Gray, who is having students in her web development class compete for the strongest design. We also plan a new sign at the tower itself to publicize our efforts and direct people to donating opportunities.

Looking forward to seeing you at the park.
To The Tower!

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THA Officers, Board to Serve Again

At the Sept. 10th THA General Meeting, three officers were re-elected to serve another one year term. Those officers are President Elizabeth Barker, Vice President Kurtis Marinez and Treasurer Jeff Highfill. Additionally, first year board member Cassi Neff was elected secretary. Welcome aboard Cassi and a very big 'thank you' to all of our wonderful officers and other board members for their time and efforts on behalf of THA! If you are interested in serving on the THA board, please contact Elizabeth at elizabethlbarker@gmail.com

Waldo Fall Festival Sept. 24

Waldo's fall festival will be held Saturday, September 24 at the corner of 75th Street and Wornall Road. This family friendly event, in its 19th year, has become a great tradition in our neighborhood.

RevolveKC is organizing the bike safety check and ride which will begin at the Waldo Fountain at 9:30 a.m. American Family Insurance agents from the area will provide free VIN etching to help deter vehicle thefts from 10:00 to 2:00. They'll provide this service (valued at \$200) for FREE as a thank you to the community.

Kids will enjoy meeting Clifford the Big Red Dog and KC Wolf as well as the Radio Disney van, a rock wall, and other games and rides. The block party features great food, performances by area schools and dance troupes, and entertainment from June Bug & the Porchlights and Pompous Jack.

The Waldo Fall Festival is sponsored by the Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund, Kansas City Veterinary Care, City Gym, MAC Property Management, Missouri Gas Energy, Bank Midwest, and The Waldo Area Business Association. More information and an entertainment schedule are available at www.waldomo.com (click fall festival under "big events").

Home Repair and Rehabilitation Options for Home Owners

Neighborhood Housing Services of Kansas City, Inc (NHSKC) offers a home rehabilitation loan with low interest rates and affordable monthly payments. Home rehabilitation loan proceeds may be used to cover interior and exterior repairs – replacement of essential systems, structural problems, roofs, weatherization, and modifications for accessibility, kitchen or bathrooms renovations, upgrade plumbing or electrical systems. At no charge, our NHS staff will help coordinate and evaluate bids for the work, inspect the work and manage payments to contractors so you don't have to worry.

(NHSKC), in partnership with the City of Kansas City MO, administers the Minor Home Repair Grant Program for owner-occupied homes. These grant proceeds will cover repair and replacement of essential systems, structural problems, roofs, and weatherization.

To be eligible for this grant your home must 1) be located within a NHSKC Targeted Area; 2) meet income guidelines; and 3) additionally meet requirements as outlined below.

Additional Requirements:

- Only owner-occupied residential homes are eligible
- Jackson County Real Estate taxes must be current
- Mortgage (if any) – monthly payment must be current
- Property must be located outside of the 100 Year Flood Plain

For more information, contact the NHSKC offices,
(816) 822-7703

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$40,500
2	\$46,300
3	\$52,100
4	\$57,850
5	\$62,500
6	\$67,150

College Fair for High School Juniors and Seniors

Contributed by Betty Ost-Everyly, Marlborough Comm. Coalition

The City of Kansas City, Mo., Office of Civic and Community Engagement will host the Greater KC College Experience college fair on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Sprint Center, 1407 Grand Blvd.



The Greater KC College Experience is free to all colleges and universities and open to all high school juniors and seniors.

Participating students who visit with at least 10 schools will be entered into a drawing

to win an iPod, iPad, laptop computer or college scholarships onsite. Financial aid and college writing essay workshops will be held as well. The Office of Civic and Community Engagement will sponsor up to three buses per school for student transportation.

"Far too often young people in our community do not reach their full potential," said Mayor Sly James. "It is my goal to establish Kansas City in the forefront of a national movement to reverse that trend."

Colleges and universities interested in meeting with thousands of students from the metropolitan area must register at www.kcmo.org/engagekc. High schools must also register in order to attend the fair: www.kcmo.org/engagekc.

The Office of Civic and Community Engagement is welcoming donations and volunteers from companies to help support the event.

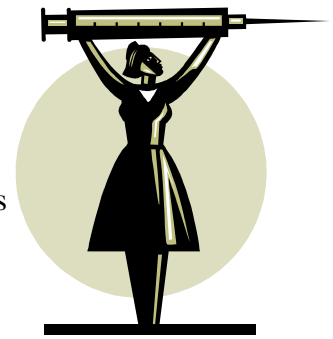
Sponsors of the event include the City of Kansas City, Mo; Office of Civic and Community Engagement; the Engage KC Leadership Board; University of Missouri-Kansas City; KMBC-TV 9 Kansas City; Commerce Bank; Target; Rockhurst University; JE Dunn Construction; Kansas City Missouri School District; and 20/20 Leadership.

Please contact the Office of Civic and Community Engagement regarding any questions at engagekc@kcmo.org or 816-513-1378.

City Providing Flu Shots

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The City of Kansas City, Mo., began providing flu vaccinations for adults at the Health Department, 2400 Troost Ave., on Monday, Sept. 12. Flu shots will be available during regular clinic hours from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.



The Health Department will bill Medicare Part B or Medicaid on behalf of those who provide proof of coverage. All others will be charged \$20 per shot. Cash and credit cards only will be accepted for payment. Those with other insurance providers that cover flu vaccination will need to go to their primary care physician or their regular clinic to receive vaccine.

Due to Federal and State budget cuts, the Health Department will not receive nor provide free flu vaccines for uninsured or underinsured adults this year. Adults who are uninsured or underinsured should purchase flu vaccine.

"Getting a flu shot is the single best way to prevent the flu or decrease the length and severity of symptoms," said Dr. Rex Archer, director of the Health Department. "Those who are vaccinated against the flu are far less likely to spread the flu to their family or friends."

The Health Department has not yet received vaccine for children. Nasal flu vaccine will not be available this year through the Health Department.

More information on flu shot clinics may be found at the Health Department webpage, www.kcmo.org/health.

Send me your news!

Any information or news articles you would like to see covered in TowerTalk, the bimonthly publication of the Tower Homes Association, can be sent via email to patallenkc@hotmail.com. Let me know what's going on and thank you for your contributions!

About THA

Tower Homes Association's boundaries are Gregory Blvd. on the north, 79th Street on the south, Wornall on the west and Troost on the east. In addition there is a six-square block area that is bordered on the north by 79th Street and 82nd Street on the south, with Locust being the west boundary and Holmes being the east boundary. Districts are identified on the website at www.towerhomesassociation.org. If you call officers and directors, please do so at a reasonable hour and if you get voicemail, please leave your name, phone number, email address, and a short message about why you are calling.

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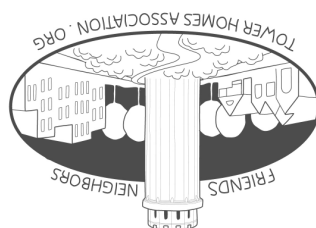
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