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The Neighborhood Voice Newsletter



Celebrating 10 years of service to KarMel Village, Morse Manor, and Woodward Park subdivisions. Improving the quality of the community life through cooperation.

Bill's Perspective

Spring 2019 – I am writing this article with 3" of ground snow and temps heading for the teens, but fear not Spring is right around the corner. With spring comes new beginnings. So too with the Civic Association. This year we look forward to new executive board members volunteering to serve and new association members wanting to join. Our goals this year include a concerted effort to gain additional members via a membership campaign; have existing and new members volunteer to assist with various neighborhood projects; establish better communication and cooperation with our neighborhood business community; and pursue the city to repaint our fire hydrants and trim street trees. These goals are in addition to the many projects the Civic Association normally undertakes – monthly meetings; 4th of July Parade; Summer Garage sale; neighborhood street cleanups; National Night Out celebration; Code Enforcement coordination; neighborhood help program; NCC Development Committee participation – to name a few. Please contact any executive board member to volunteer.

Moo Moo Car wash dedication 2019 – have you gotten your car washed at our new business – Moo Moo Car wash? KWPCA representatives helped on Wednesday February 12th – a cold day but sunny – to cut the ribbon and tour the facility. This is the most modern car wash in the city. The company spent 1.2 million dollars on state of the art equipment. They will clean your car not scratch it.

March Civic Nominations – Nominations will be opened at our March meeting for President, Vice President , Secretary, and Treasurer for a 2 year term as mandated by our by-laws. Please seriously consider volunteering for any of these positions this month. The Civic Association can not function without these officers.

Bill Logan, President Karmel Woodward Park Civic Association wrlogan@msn.com

Learn about our new nominee for KWPCA President

My name is Mike Troolin and I am nominated for the next 2 year term for KWPCA president. I moved to my home on Belden Road in 2012 where I reside with my wife and 2 sons.

I previously served as Vice President from 2013 -2015 when I learned how KWPCA and the Northland Community Council work. I also created the KWPCA Welcome Brochure and did a large civic meeting presentation on current property value trends in our neighborhood.

My vision for our neighborhood are property values and safety which I believe is what you want too. This will have to be a team effort to help all of our home values stay up and that everyone's home is safe.

The theme for the (57th annual?) 4th of July parade is "Many Faces of Northland- United We Stand". Let our neighborhood's theme this year be "Many Faces of Kar-Mel Woodward Park - United We Stand"!

Thank you for this nomination for KWPCA president. I hope to be serving you for this next term as Bill steps down.

Sincerely, Mike Troolin

Announcing the resignation of our Vice President, Judy Harding.

She has been a guiding light for the vision of KWPCA. She initiated the creation of the KarMel Woodward Park Civic Association way back in 2006. Without her push, it may have never happened. Along the way serving as president then vice president, her contributions have been immeasurable. From getting new neighbors involved to her fresh social event ideas like the annual pasta dinner, community garage sale, garden tour, August pool party with a band, or just a neighborhood clean-up, Judy was an active "hands on" leader. Her most recent coup is successfully petitioning for decorative street lights to improve the safety and desirability of our neighborhood.

I first met Judy back in 2006 as the Block Watch was just getting started, and my first and lasting impression is that she is a real Go Getter! In her own words, "It has been an adventure but I am getting a little tired". Duly deserved!

It has been a pleasure to work with her, and an honor to call her my friend! Truly THANK YOU Judy!!!

Now it is the time for new neighbors to step forward with equal vigor and vision for our civic association.

The Vice President position is now open, ready for YOU to step in and fill!

Magnia, Judy!



President: William Logan Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Chris Mossgrove Newsletter Editor: Allison Yund Block Watch Coordinator: Joanne Salyer Trustee: Gina Peacock, Allison Yund Civic Association Email:

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Think Spring! The Block Watch Spotlight

Well it has been a wild winter with plenty of snow, frigid temperatures, and even wind! Time to think spring, even though we are not seeing many signs yet; spring is just around the corner. Now is the time to start the spring clean-up in your yard and in your home. Please clean up those old leaves in your yard, and at your street curb to help with the street drainage. If you hire someone to do the work, be sure to check references first and do not allow anyone into your home unless they are familiar to you. Do not pay for any work until it is completed to your satisfaction. I recommend you use tree trimmers that are local, licensed and insured. Make sure to follow the curbside collection calendar for trash, recycling, and yard waste. Place all containers to the curb, not in the street, the night before the scheduled collection. With the warmer weather, comes more outside neighborhood activity. Solicitors are allowed from 9am to 8pm. Each solicitor must have a valid 2019 City of Columbus issued commercial sales license with a photo identification openly

displayed. Do not allow any unfamiliar person in your home or give out any personal account information. I recommend that our area becomes a "No Knock Zone" in which each house posts a "No Soliciting" sign on the door to prohibit a solicitor at the door. Maybe solicitors will get the hint that they are not wanted and stop visiting our area;) Please report any suspicious solicitor or activity immediately to CPD at 614-645-4545, press * to get to dispatcher and ask for patrol.

Soon, children will be outside after school and on weekends playing in yards, riding bikes, and walking dogs. Drivers need to be more cautious, slow down, and yield to any pedestrian. Remind your children not to play around parked cars, to ride bikes with flow of traffic, close to the curb, and wear a bike helmet. When walking or jogging, wear bright colored clothes with reflectors, do not walk or jog in the street, use the sidewalks and cross at corners or in crosswalks. Try to walk or jog with a buddy, always be aware of your surroundings by keeping ear music low and carry a whistle and a cell phone. Use the park during the daylights hours. Children should always be supervised while playing at Woodward Park. There is still on-going discussion about the park hours to help curb any illegal activity mainly in the parking lots. One suggestion is to keep the main park hours 7am – 11pm but close the parking lots at dusk. If this concerns you, I would like to hear your comments so email me at karmelwoodwardparkbw@wowway.com.

Keep in mind the City of Columbus has a Truancy Program enforced Monday- Friday, 9am – 2:30pm during school days. Call CPD to report any school-age child loitering in our neighborhood during normal school hours. Be sure to report the location, time, and give a description. We want to strongly discourage any truants loitering in our neighborhood.

Did you know that if you are dog sitting, you are considered the responsible party for that dog? The City of Columbus Code requires you to keep your dog under control at all times. Dogs tend to be very active in the spring. **Please have a collar on your dog at all times whenever your dog is outside.** The collar should have a current dog license, rabies tag, and the address and phone number of the current owner. Please be a responsible dog owner, clean up after your dog! If you lost or found a dog, you should check with the Franklin County Dog shelter first at 614-525-3647. You can post on Nextdoor and email me at karmelwoodwardparkbw@wowway.com and I will send out an email notification to the neighborhood.

With the increased outside activity, do not give criminals any easy opportunities. Be sure to secure your car and your home. Always take all valuables out of your car and lock it. Try not to park your car on the street. Did you know autos can only be parked on the street for 72 continuous hours then the car is subject to towing by CPD at the owner's expense. With the warmer air, please be sure to check that your windows are closed and locked before you leave your home. Lock all doors, especially patio and garage access doors. Don't leave your garage door open unattended. Every night, check that your garage overhead door is closed. Make sure to secure all tools, bikes, and toys inside your garage every night. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th. This is a good time to test your smoke detectors and outside lights and reset light timers.

The warmer weather brings more criminal activity. What should you do if you see criminal activity? Call CPD immediately at 614-645-4545 press * to get dispatch for patrol, take a photo if possible, and give as much detail as possible. Do not try to approach the activity by yourself, wait for CPD. If you are victim of any crime, report it. For any block watch issues, please email me at karmelwoodwardparkbw@wowway.com.

~ Joanne Salyer, KWPCA Block Watch Coordinator

★ Nextdoor

Nextdoor Woodward Park

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online. Look for information about community events, KWPCA news-brief, crime reports, items for sale, & updates from the Franklin County Sheriff.

To join, please visit: nextdoor.com/join/EDYDAT

We have 410 neighbors in our neighborhood and counting and we are connected to surrounding neighborhoods as well.

Street Tree Trimming

Many of our street trees are maturing and in need of trimming. If you have a street tree in front of your residence that needs trimmed up,please call 614-645-3111 or put in a service request at www.311.Columbus.gov.

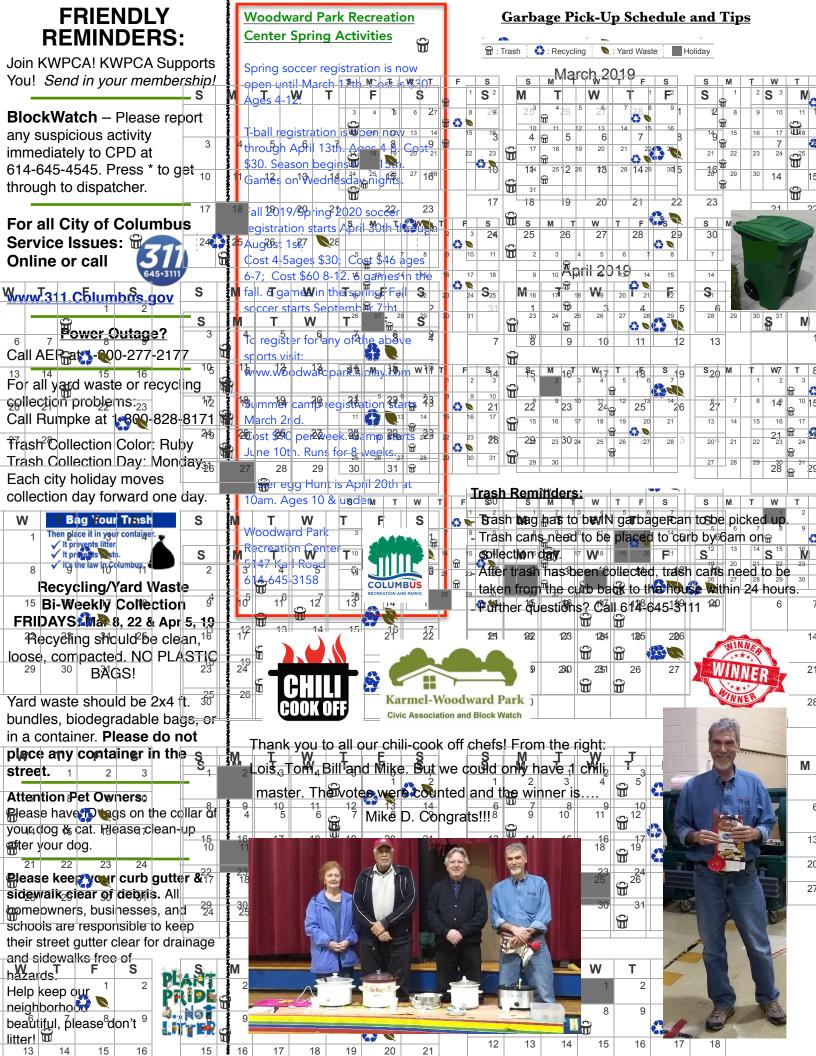
Please ask that the tree gets limbed up away from the street & the sidewalk.

Thanks for your help to keep our neighborhood beautiful!

- KWPCA







Volunteer Opportunities To Serve In YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:



KPWCA Main Objectives:

- to increase communication among neighbors & encourage social interaction & promote harmony throughout the neighborhood.
- to advocate on behalf of Neighborhood integrity
- to aid in the safety of the residents by monitoring and cooperating with law enforcement officials, code enforcement and these by-
- to maintain livability of our neighborhood by sustaining a strong Block Watch program.

We need volunteers to help us with this! How can you help? Volunteer for a large role like Vice President, Secretary or a Trustee or a smaller role through one of our projects throughout the year.

<u>Vice-President</u>- provides general assistance to the president and works with the Block Watch Coordinator. Preform duties of the President when he is absent or incapacitated to serve. Time commitment: attend the Tuesday monthly Civic/BW meetings 9 months of the year, attend board meeting every other month for an hour to plan, attend NCC meeting 2x per year.

<u>Secretary</u>- main responsibility is to keep record of membership each year and monitor the email account. Time commitment: attend the Tuesday monthly Civic/BW meetings 9 months of the year, attend board meeting every other month for an hour to plan, attend NCC meeting 2x per year.

<u>Trustee</u>- serve at large and act as representative for the general membership at executive board meetings. Come ready to brainstorm ideas for the neighborhood. Time Commitment: attend the Tuesday monthly Civic/BW meetings 9 months of the year when possible, & attend board meeting every other month for an hour to plan

Small Projects that we need coordinators for:

Spring or Fall Clean-Up: coordinating neighbors to clean-up streets

Neighborhood Garage Sale- communicating date to neighbors, organizing maps & signs
4th of July Parade- attending 4 meetings thru spring to plan parade or just help with KWPCA float Summer Pool Party (Aug)- rally neighbors to attend pool party, plan food or activities

If interested or need more information, please attend our March 12 Civic and Block Watch Meeting from 6:45pm -8pm. We will be answering questions and discussing 2019. You can also email karmelwoodwardpark@yahoo.com.

KWPCA March 12th Meeting:

Please come and hear about 2019 goals, and learn about volunteer opportunities.

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We also want to listen to our neighbors and their ideas for our neighborhood. Please come and be apart of this great meeting!



2019 KWPCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY MARCH 12- Civic Assoc and Block Watch Meeting. Valley Forge Elementary School. 6:45 pm - 8 pm.

TUESDAY APRIL 9TH- Civic Assoc and Block Watch Meeting. Valley Forge Elementary School. 6:45pm- 8pm.

SAT. APRIL 13TH- Spring Neighborhood Clean-up. Meet at Valley Forge Elementary School (Urban Dr.) at 11am. All materials provided.





NORTH SIDE SCHEDULE

Where: Woodward Park and Community Center, 5147 Karl Rd. meet at front picnic tables*

April 7 & 21

When: 1st and 3rd Saturday Time: 8:30-9:30 am

*Walks are held in the community center gym during bad weather.

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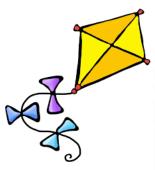
Every other Saturday we will host an hour-long morning walk led by a physician from Mount Carmel Health System. Walkers can come and walk for as little or as long as they like and all can enjoy refreshments and walking incentives at each walk.

Walk with a Doc begins in APRIL at Woodward Park Rec Center.

Visit <u>www.walkwithadoc.org</u> or call 614-645-1260 for more information.

We can help with any or all of your organizing needs!













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2018-2019 KWPCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME:

Support your neighborhood for the 2018-2019 membership year, June - May



Don't Forget to send in your KWPCA membership form and dues today!
This is your neighborhood, be a part of it!

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