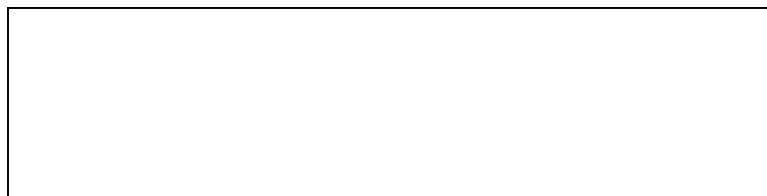


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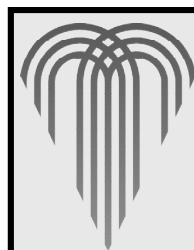
## Money Makes the World Go 'Round

You may have noticed that the Coalition isn't printing as many newsletters as it has in the past. That's because it's *expensive* - each issue costs over \$500 to mail to each household in 49/63, and we all know that postage rates are only going to go up in the future. Like many others in this economy, we've had to cut back.

If you think that the newsletter and other programs that the Coalition provides for its constituents are important, then we ask you to help us

with your contribution. You will soon be receiving a letter asking for your help, and even though we know that times are tough for everyone in the community, we hope that you can help us out to whatever extent you are able.

You don't even have to wait for the letter - on page three of this newsletter is a form you can clip out and mail in. As it says, all contributions are tax-deductible, and you should also know that all money collected goes for the newsletter and other programs - no one in the Coalition is paid a salary.



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## Coalition Welcomes New COMBAT Coordinator

Long-time neighborhood volunteer and 49/63 board member Beth Brubaker has been selected as the new COMBAT Coordinator. She brings her tireless enthusiasm for neighborhood issues into this new appointment and has already made an impact by helping CAN volunteer Ruth Austin with an exhaustive survey and removal of graffiti throughout the 49/63 neighborhood.

We hope that the community will join with us in welcoming Beth and wishing her every success with this position. If you have any concerns that you think need to be forwarded to the COMBAT Coordinator, you can reach her at 816-333-4963 or by email at [cord@4963.org](mailto:cord@4963.org).

## Troostwood Block Party Celebrates Summer

Residents in Troostwood came together on August 1st to celebrate beautiful summer days, good friends and a great neighborhood. A long time in planning, the event came off flawlessly with many dozens of people congregating in the 4900 block of Tracy. Attendees were treated to a live music combo evoking bygone days of Kansas City jazz as well as a presentation by Bridging the Gap about energy and resource conservation.



share with others, and meat was provided by a local vendor, at no cost. Troostwood president Jason Peters also had a surprise on hand - for sale were both Troostwood t-shirts and "TWD" stickers - a clever play on the "BKS" stickers decorating many midtown cars and demonstrating that there are other great neighborhoods in Kansas City.

It's not too late to pick up your T-shirts and stickers - if you're interested, please send an e-mail to [troostwood\\_kc@yahoo.com](mailto:troostwood_kc@yahoo.com) for size and color availability, as well as prices. We look forward to next year's event, as well!

Everyone was asked to bring a dish to

## What Do You Think?

No, really - what **do** you think?

We'd like to know, and to that end, the 49/63 Coalition has put together an on-line survey to gauge how the residents within 49/63 feel about the kind of job that the Coalition is doing to promote the community's interests.

The survey is simple - it's only 25 questions - but answering it will give us a good idea of how we can tailor what we do to meet your needs. Just go to the Coalition's website at [www.4963.org](http://www.4963.org) and click on the "Survey" link on the home page to be taken to the survey site.

## Dog Issues

Many Troostwood residents have noticed an increasing problem with dogs running loose throughout the neighborhood and have also noticed the increased presence of animal control trucks. Remember that all animals must be on a leash if outside of the home or a fenced yard and that owners will be fined if animals are running loose and unattended.

## 49/63 General Meeting/ September, 2009

### September 22nd, 7:30 p.m., Rockhurst University Community Center Board, Officer Elections

We need **you**. It's that simple.

We need your ideas, your abilities, your talents, your time and your willingness to make your neighborhood a better place.

What do **you** get out of it? Simply a chance to make a difference, to make your voice heard and to join other like-minded people in working to make 49/63 and the communities within it truly first-rate places to live.

Every September, the 49/63 Coalition holds elections for both its Board of Directors and its officers. The only qualification is that you live in, work in, or own property in the neighborhood. Officer positions available are: president, vice-president, corporate secretary, re-

cording secretary and treasurer. Board positions are for one-year and two-year terms. The Board meets monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

It is fair to say that at this point, the Coalition is at a crossroads in its history. The current Board has been studying its effectiveness in serving the community and how best to allocate resources to insure a better quality of life for the nearly 7000 residents who call 49/63 home.

Being part of working for 49/63 is challenging but also very rewarding. Many residents have been benefitting from the hard work of 49/63 volunteers for many years, and we hope that you can begin to "pay it forward" by stepping up and giving back to the community by volunteering to serve the Coalition as either a board member or an officer.

Don't forget the CAN/COMBAT meeting before the general meeting! You'll get a chance to air your concerns about crime and security issues with our COMBAT Coordinator, CAN team members, neighborhood police officers, and city officials from the housing and codes departments. The meeting takes place at 6:30 pm at the Rockhurst University Community Center, right before the general meeting.

## calendar

### September

5/Sat/9:00 am/RUCC  
Troost Plateau Neighborhood Ass'n meeting  
5/Sat/10:00 am/The Coffee Break, 5401 Troost  
Troostwood Neighborhood Ass'n meeting  
9/Wed/7:30 pm/RUCC  
49/63 Coalition board meeting  
22/Tue/7:30 pm/RUCC  
49/63 coalition general meeting/elections

### October

3/Sat/9:00 am/RUCC  
Troost Plateau Neighborhood Ass'n meeting  
3/Sat/10:00 am/The Coffee Break, 5401 Troost  
Troostwood Neighborhood Ass'n meeting  
14/Wed/7:30 pm/RUCC  
49/63 Coalition board meeting  
27/Tue/7:30 pm/RUCC  
49/63 Coalition general meeting

### November

7/Sat/9:00 am/RUCC  
Troost Plateau Neighborhood Ass'n meeting  
7/Sat/10:00 am/The Coffee Break, 5401 Troost  
Troostwood Neighborhood Ass'n meeting  
11/Wed/7:30 pm/RUCC  
49/63 Coalition board meeting  
24/Tue/7:30 pm/RUCC  
49/63 Coalition general meeting/potluck

Got news? Send it to us at [news@4963.org](mailto:news@4963.org)!

RUCC = Rockhurst University Community Center

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## from the CAN Center

### Party Houses Drain Police, Neighborhood Resources and Patience

With schools back in session, neighbors in 49/63 are again seeing more and more calls for service to police for help in dealing with out-of-control student parties. It is too bad that another season of grief is happening to some of our neighbors. It is too bad that our already-strained police officers have to deal with these disrespectful disturbances.

The litany of reasons for these calls is well-known to both police and residents alike: loud, noisy, rude behavior associated with public drunkenness, public urination in residents' yards and a total lack of regard for the rights of others to enjoy peace and quiet. Besides the disruption and disturbances, neighbors state that they worry about seemingly-underage youth walking up and down the streets with drink containers in hand. It's even more worrisome when you see some stagger into their cars to drive.

All in all, it is obvious that owners and renters of such disorderly premises forget or simply do not care that other residents require rest at night so that they can get to work on time the next day. Many residents don't have the luxury of "sleeping it off" until noon. Whether there are six people, twenty, or two hundred - as was the case at one recent event - spilling out onto porches, yards and streets, this confusion and disorder grate on people's nerves. It can also be viewed as a supreme insult, much like being burglarized - the perpetrators are in effect saying "you don't count; you don't matter to me."

Residents also know that, chances are, parents of these partyers would not condone such behavior if it were happening next door to their own houses. There is a tendency, however, to dismiss the effects of this behavior in a college neighborhood - even alumni and alumni advisors have been known to excuse this behavior and offer only weak apologies the next day to tired, bleary-eyed neighbors who often have heard the same apologies week after week, year

after year.

A recent party at one such party house - 5420 Tracy Avenue, owned by Tau Kappa Epsilon ("the TKE's") - resulted in four arrests, and statistics show that there have been *twenty-six* calls for service to this area in the past year, not counting the recent disorderly fiasco. Attempts in the past to mediate this all-to-typical behavior obviously had no effect.

Rockhurst moved promptly to temporarily suspend TKE. They are not allowed to hold any organizational functions, including gatherings, at 5420 Tracy, which the TKE's own. What happens in the future depends on many different factors. The only one the CAN Center and victims are interested in is that they, the TKE's and all other groups that like to party and disrespect people will learn like many other students have - to not overdrink, control the number of people at the party, and stay inside the house.



**49/63  
CAN CENTER**

The CAN Center feels that police resources are needed for proactive policing on other issues in our community, not doing what essentially amounts to trying to teach people who should know better simply how to be a good neighbor. If you are having problems and not already working with the CAN Center to try to curb the disorder, please call **816-333-4963**. You should also feel free to call **911** or the non-emergency police number **816-234-5111**, but if you do, we ask that you also notify the CAN Center so that we can add our resources to try to solve this very serious problem.

The CAN Center would also like to remind residents that the Shepherd's Center ([www.sccentral.org](http://www.sccentral.org)) is sponsoring "Extreme Yard Makeover" - a yard clean-up program benefitting older adult homeowners in southern parts of Kansas City, including 49/63. If you need help doing your yard work, you are invited to contact the Shepherd's Center to see if you qualify. They are located at 5200 Oak Street and can be contacted at **816-444-1121** beginning September 1st.

## Howdy, Neighbor!

Moving into a new community can be both exciting and challenging - new faces and new friends to make, but also new rules and different ways of doing things.

The 49/63 CAN Center would like to make the transition easier. If you are a new resident in 49/63, call **816-333-4963** and request a copy of "Neighbor to Neighbor", a publication full of handy information about the community and various rules and regulations affecting neighborhood residents. The coalition's website - [www.4963.org](http://www.4963.org) - also has many helpful links to local and regional sites that may be of interest.

### Just a Hint . . .

. . . to remember that when you are mowing your yard, you also have to mow the median - the little strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street. It's an easy thing to forget, but you might run the risk of getting a codes case if the grass is allowed to grow too high, and the city is not responsible for mowing that part of your yard. Thanks!

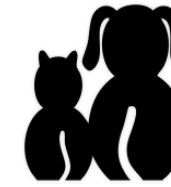
## Troostwood, Troost Plateau on the Web

Two plats in 49/63 are now up and running on the web. Both Troostwood and Troost Plateau have websites to keep residents abreast of news and events that affect them. Troostwood can be found at [www.troostwood.org](http://www.troostwood.org), and neighbors having any special items of interest are asked to contact [troostwood\\_kc@yahoo.com](mailto:troostwood_kc@yahoo.com) by e-mail. Troost Plateau can be found at [www.troostplateau.org](http://www.troostplateau.org), and item submissions can be made to [jhamm@kc.rr.com](mailto:jhamm@kc.rr.com).

Facebook users can find both organizations there as well, and neighbors are invited to share concerns and items of interest with others.

The 49/63 Coalition is on the web! Go to [www.4963.org](http://www.4963.org) for up-to-date information and news; you'll also find links to past issues of Neighbors, a history of the Coalition, bylaws, a calendar of upcoming meetings and events around town and a very complete list of links to local and national organizations and people of interest to our community.

## Spay/Neuter Kansas City Opens New Center



SPAY & NEUTER  
KANSAS CITY

**Spay & Neuter Kansas City** couldn't be happier to be located in the 49/63 Neighborhood Coalition and invite all pet owners to visit their clinic for their pets' needs. SNKC provides low-cost spay and neuter services, vacci-

nations and preventative care for pets. Spay and neuter services are by appointment, and all other veterinary care is offered at our walk-in clinics on **Fridays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** and on some scheduled Saturdays.

Please call **816-353-0940** for more information as well as hours and times for Saturday clinics. You can also visit their website at [www.snkc.net](http://www.snkc.net).

Spay & Neuter Kansas City is located at **1116 E. 59th Street** (the northeast corner of 59th and Troost). SNKC welcomes new volunteers as well as donations of dog and cat food to help needy pets in the community, and they thank you for your support!

## Troost Plateau Set to Begin Planting Program

The Troost Plateau neighborhood was a recent recipient of a Neighborhood Self-Help Fund grant from the United Way. This year's program will have a "Tulips and Trees" theme - the \$1100 grant will go towards buying ornamental trees and tulip bulbs for interested neighbors in the Troost Plateau neighborhood.

The funds are limited, so applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're interested in getting a new ornamental tree for your yard or some tulip bulbs, you are invited to call **816-333-5020** or e-mail us at [dmeinhold@kc.rr.com](mailto:dmeinhold@kc.rr.com). Indicate whether you would like to receive a tree or some tulip bulbs.

All residents in Troost Plateau are welcome to take part in this program, but should bear in mind that they will be responsible for planting and maintaining the tulips and trees. Tulips will be available beginning this fall, and trees will be available beginning in Spring, 2010.

## trash/bulky items

Trash pickup for all residents within 49/63 boundaries (Oak Street to the Paseo, 49th to 63rd Streets) is on **each Friday** of the month; in the case of a city holiday, the trash day is bumped to the following **Saturday**. **Leaves and brush** are picked up only on certain city-scheduled dates and cannot be put out with regular trash. Tires and other hazardous wastes are **NEVER** picked up by city trash and cannot be included with trash or bulky item material.

**Bulky item pickup** is now done on an appointment basis. You **must** call the city (dial 311 or 816-513-1313 from cell phones) to schedule a pickup, which generally will take place on the first and fourth Fridays of each month. Bulky items placed at the curb and not scheduled for pickup will result in a codes violation and fines for the occupant. For a complete list of acceptable bulky items and for any questions regarding trash and bulky item collection, contact the city by phone at 311 or 816-513-1313 or online at [actioncenter@kcmo.org](mailto:actioncenter@kcmo.org).

49/63 residents are encouraged to recycle. Weekly recycling is available throughout 49/63—the only requirement is that you have a city-supplied blue plastic recycling bin. Most, but not all, materials are recyclable in Kansas City—most plastic, aluminum cans, newspapers and other paper. Glass cannot be recycled at the curb, nor can scrap metal, but those items can be taken to a city-sponsored recycling center.

## please help

Please help us today with your tax-deductible donation to 49/63—it will help pay for this newsletter and the many other programs we sponsor to benefit neighborhood residents. Mail your completed form to:

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