

# WHCHA News

Walton Heights—Candlewood Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

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## Neighborhood USA (NUSA) Tours Walton Heights — Candlewood

[www.WHCHA.org](http://www.WHCHA.org)

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ **Watch for new Trail Markers on Southridge soon!**
- ◆ **Directories will be delivered soon**

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In February, WHCHA was invited to be one of the neighborhoods featured by the Neighborhood USA organization during its annual meeting held this year in Little Rock. Over a thousand visitors were expected for the three-day event.

On the evening of Thursday, May 27th, neighbors Cary and Gina Martin picked up our visitors in one of their Little Rock Tours coaches at the Peabody. Historical highlights of Little Rock were pointed out as they made their way west to a reception at the home of Judy Lansky and Ken Gould on Rivercrest. Refreshments were served as they enjoyed a beautiful view of Pinnacle Mountain and the Arkansas River Valley from the deck.

Afterward, our guests were delivered via coach to Bonefish Grill Restaurant in the Pleasant Ridge shopping center, where

owner/manager Tom Bedard served a buffet dinner of chicken Marsala, grilled salmon, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and a chocolate brownie dessert. It was apparent that our guests, from as far away as Alaska, enjoyed and appreciated our hospitality and friendliness.

Candid photographs from the visit will be featured throughout this issue of the newsletter as well as on the website slideshow.

The WHCHA Board wishes to offer our deep gratitude to **Lou Schickel** and to **Delta Trust & Bank** for their financial support, permitting us to promote our neighborhood without the use of any dues income. Thanks also to the **Martins** and all of the **WHCHA Board** members who worked on this event, especially to **Judy and Ken** for sharing her beautiful home with our guests.

## Try it—you may like it!! LR 311

As Little Rock residents, we have an easy and efficient means of communicating with non-emergency city services by using the 311 program. Operators are available to receive your called Monday—Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A request or comment may be left anytime online at [www.lr311.org](http://www.lr311.org). Either method takes only a few minutes and will provide you with an incident number which can be used for follow-up, if necessary.

If the City receives a number of requests regarding a particular concern, we can hope that a response will be given higher priority. Personal experience has demonstrated that the city is very responsive to citizen input and requests.

From burned out streetlights to illegal turns at the intersection, there is one easy number to call:

3-1-1  
Give it a try!



NUSA 2010 Guests in WH-C

## WHCHA Annual Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 16, 2010; 6:30 p.m. Trinity Assembly of God

**B**oard Members present: Vicki Botner, Mark Botner, Roger Bolhouse, Steve Reed, Judy Lansky, Sara Marecki, Bob Williams, Susan Heinritz, and Sherman McCoy



*NUSA reception on Rivercrest*

Members present: 45 in addition to the Board. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting were accepted as written.

Roger Bolhouse, WHCHA Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's Report. There were questions about legal expenditures for the Beau Rivage Legal Action and about the neighborhood's expenditures. These questions were addressed, and the membership accepted the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Steve Reed, WHCHA President, introduced the current Board Members. Two Board members have left: Judy Fehrenbach (resignation) and Bob Williams (expired term). Lacy Eidt (Rivercrest) & Jim Pearsall (Bainbridge) volunteered to serve as new Board members. Additional nominations were called for, but with no response from the floor, the membership unanimously voted to accept the new Board members, as well as the re-election of Steve Reed and Roger Bolhouse.

Vicki Botner, WHCHA Vice-President, gave a State of the Neighborhood Report (see page 3).

Sara Marecki, WHCHA Secretary, stated that 2010 Dues were due by March 31, and that Directories would be distributed later this year. Changes to directory information was also due by March 31.

Judy Lansky reviewed the purpose of the Property Owner's Control Committee (POCC) with the membership and asked that any improvements to the outside of members' property be approved by the committee as early as possible to ensure there are no complications.

Steve Reed discussed the Neighborhood USA Tour that our neighborhood will participate in this May.

Steve discussed the legal action initiated by the neighborhood in opposition to the Beau Rivage Development. He commended the membership for committing to this endeavor and stated that the City is impressed with our ability to organize such a movement. Steve announced that upon the wishes of the membership, the WHCHA has filed an appeal to the Circuit Court on the City's approval of Mr. Shollmeier's plat. The Board has hired Steven Giles for legal representation and he is

receiving pro bono assistance from Judy Lansky, an attorney who lives in the neighborhood. Tom Carpenter, the city attorney, has asked that the lawsuit be dismissed. Judge McGowan has been assigned to our case. Steve reviewed the basis of our appeal with the Membership (i.e. the number of homes on a cul-de-sac, minimum safety standards, congestion on Cantrell, etc.) Steve mentioned that the cost of the lawsuit would be approximately \$15,000 and asked everyone who could contribute additional funds for the cause to do so. He explained that the legal funds are being deposited into the WHCHA account and that, as needed, the funds are moved to a trust fund established with Steve Giles for the WHCHA lawsuit. The floor was opened for comments or questions at that time.

Richard Schreiber inquired about the time frames to the lawsuit. It was explained that our attorney estimates the lawsuit could take 6—9 months to get to court and is dependent upon the opposition's actions.

Lacy Eidt asked if the development would be halted during the lawsuit. Steve stated that our attorney has asked for an injunction during the legal process.

Lacy also asked if Beau



*NUSA visitors enjoying the beauty of Arkansas*



*Gina Martin, LR Tours, with NUSA visitors*



*NUSA visitors at the Gould/Lansky home*

## 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes, *continued*

Rivage would be subject to new EPA standards effective 2/1/2010. Charlotte Peebles mentioned that she has checked the EPA website for permit requests and as of 1/18/2010 there were none filed by Mr. Shollmeier.

Cindy Fribourgh mentioned that she is involved with the Sierra Club and that they may be willing to help with our case.

David Bass asked about the possibility of an alternate entrance to the neighborhood. Steve related Mr. Shollmeier's position that they do not own the land to enable a different entrance and that purchasing the land

would be cost prohibitive. Jack Hitt reminded the membership that Cantrell will eventually be broadened to 6 lanes.

Steve Reed then discussed Mr. Schickel's proposed changes to Pleasant Ridge Town Center. There was much discussion about these issues and then a straw vote was taken on each individual issue.

1. Additional parking on the Southeast side by Belks, as long as compliant with city ordinance: 2 opposed.
2. Additional access to the shopping center by Christ the King: 36 opposed.
3. Open the Entrance across

Southridge: 45 opposed.

David Bass informed the membership that North Slope Corporation has purchased land from Win-Rock behind the Rivercrest property line. He is trying to contact someone at North Slope about purchasing additional land below his property.

Francis Beane mentioned the flashing sign at the liquor store. He was encouraged to call 3-1-1 to file a complaint.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



*NUSA visitors enjoying Bonefish Grill*



*WHCHA President Steve Reed thanking the NUSA visitors at Bonefish Grill*

## WHCHA Annual State of the Neighborhood 2010

<b>Dues &amp; Directory</b>	Everyone should have received an invoice & will receive the 2010 Directory soon. Special thanks to Sara Marecki & to Delta Trust for printing and publishing the Directory.	<b>Website &amp; Forum &amp; FAQ</b>	News & Events updated frequently. Photo slide show changed and photo submissions are ALWAYS WELCOME! Reminder that there is a FORUM and FAQ.
<b>Entrance Flag &amp; Decorations</b>	Thanks to Marcus & Ruby George for donating another entrance flag; Jack Hitt, Sherman McCoy & Randi McCoy Owens for assistance. Thanks to our decorators: Pam Halter, Judy Fehrenback & Alana Reed	<b>Annual Yard Sales &amp; Halloween Party</b>	Another successful year for the Yard Sales and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual WHCHA kids Halloween party. Special thanks to the Halters on Rivercrest for allowing us to hold the party and enjoy their elaborate Halloween display.
<b>Facebook</b>	WHCHA is on Facebook! Please become a fan.	<b>Newsletter</b>	Thanks to all contributors and especially to Delta Trust for printing and mailing.
<b>WHCHA Google Group</b>	Please join the Google Group to be informed of the most recent news. Instructions for joining are on the website. Come see what you are missing!	<b>Trail</b>	Thanks to Jack Hitt for working with the BSA Troop on the Trail and to everyone who came out to help on work-days. The trails are a mostly untapped jewel in our neighborhood.
<b>WHCHA Crime Watch &amp; Safety Issues</b>	Thanks to Roger Bolhouse for his leadership; Alondra Propes for attending the NW Patrol meetings; to the Safety Committee & Zone Captains, and everyone else getting involved. Thanks to Capt. Matt Feehan for his work on better lighting at the curve.	<b>Property Owner's Control Committee</b>	POCC needs to be contacted before modifications are made to your property. Typically this is an easy process, and something that is better to do ahead of time than find out after. Bills of Assurances are on the Google Group Files and Website.

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***Please do NOT cut through the Delta  
parking lot to get to Cantrell. Accidents  
have barely been avoided. Delta does so  
much for us, let's all be good neighbors!***

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## WHCHA Membership Update & Directory

Walton Heights – Candlewood Homeowners Association 2010 membership dues were to be paid by March 31. To date, only 39% of households have paid the annual membership dues. A second invoice will be sent to non-paying households in June. If you have not yet paid your 2010 dues, please take a moment now to complete the Membership Form at right and send it, along with your \$50 check, to the address listed.

The WHCHA Directory will be out very soon! This year, Delta Trust has generously agreed to print our 2010 Membership Directory at no cost to the Association. They anticipate that the directories will be ready mid-June. The Board will distribute directories to members in good standing at that time.

Stay tuned via the Google group and our website for updated information.



## 2010 WHCHA Dues

Please take a moment to complete the information below and submit your dues if you have not yet already paid.

**WHCHA, P.O. Box 17043  
Little Rock, AR 72222**

**Name/s:**

**Address:**

**Phone/s:**

**E-mail/s:**

I/We would be interested in serving on a Committee:

**Beautification**

**Hospitality & Events**

**Membership**

**Long Range Planning**

**Regulatory/Legal**

**Safety**