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Report for Walden's Ridge Civic League

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Walden's Ridge Civic League general membership meetings have been held regularly since 1929. Those occasions were neighbor-meets-neighbor to talk, review and plan. The latest meeting was different. A Zoom meeting on January 21st marked the first quarterly get-together of 2021.

Unlike many organizations on Signal Mountain, the Civic League does not rely strictly on a board of directors to handle affairs. Instead it regularly includes the membership at large who help further the mission "to preserve its history and continue traditional and new activities." In January, members were updated on the successful October and December events which were a direct result of their visioning session.

Other responses to the vision are:

1. Rita Smith Irvin is working on a history presentation for our display cabinets and bulletin board. She and I met with Stefanie Haire, historic preservation planner with the Southeast Tennessee Development District, to apply for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Stefanie took pictures and was very encouraging based on our preliminary application documents. State and national historic designation is important for many reasons.

2. Dave Evans, our very competent attorney and Finance Committee Chairman, is studying our corporate charter and other documents to bring the by-laws up to current standards.

3. Mark Dwyer, Facilities Chairman, is meeting with three qualified electrical firms for bids on updating the wiring in the auditorium. New wiring will not only bring the building up to current codes, it may also allow us to insure the property at a more advantageous rate.

4. Hilda Horton and Garden Committee are working on the front garden which has been included among the sites in Mayor Davis' Plateau Native Plants Initiative.

5. We are proud to announce that we have a website up and active, thanks to volunteer Don Paul. Go to <https://waldensridgecivicleague.org/> to learn more. Laura McCormick, Publicity Chairman, created a Facebook page which is now linked to the website.

Our most important news is that we are planning a big ***Birthday Bash*** with lawn games, food, music and more this summer. The Civic League main building, the auditorium, was built 100 years ago this year, and we want to celebrate! You are all invited to help in the planning. See the website for the latest news and to contact Carolyn Longphre, Events Chairman.

Walden's Ridge Civic League provides an auditorium that seats over 200, a building for meetings of smaller groups, a walking track, slides, swings and a covered picnic pavilion. All are available for public use, so ask for rental information. The next general meeting is Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 PM by Zoom. Everyone is invited to attend and to join the Civic League. Sign up on our webpage.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Stone, President