

Walden's Ridge Civic League Report to the Town of Walden April 13, 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to announce our upcoming meeting of the Walden's Ridge Civic League this Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at 2501 Fairmount Pike. In case someone does not recognize the address, the Walden's Ridge Civic League is near the top of Key-Hulse on Fairmount Pike across from Wayside Presbyterian Church. The auditorium may be familiar as the place the Mountain Opry used to meet before the Opry dissolved last year. Local people built the Walden's Ridge Civic League auditorium 100 years ago, and the Civic League has continued in the same building since then.

Membership in the Civic League is \$1.00 per year per person and gives members a say in how the organization operates. If you would like to feel ownership of the 3.65 acres with its buildings, walking track, soccer field, covered pavilion and other assets, we invite you to join. Just bring your dollar when you come to one of the quarterly general meetings, or you can join through the website www.waldensridgecivicleague.org. Our Board of Directors will be glad to help you. We are Kathleen Alberta, Dr. Jim Alberta, Andy Brockman, Bo Chamberlain, Mark Dwyer, Hilda Horton, Rita Smith Irvin, Carolyn Longphre, Karen Stone and Roxie Thornton.

Boy Scout Troop 116, under the leadership of Darien Brevard and Mitch Stubblefield, is helping us clear brush from our long-neglected rear parking lot. They continue working after school and are doing a great job. The parking area is now almost ready for use by all the people we expect for our next fun events.

The Garden Committee led by Hilda Horton is ready to wake up the area they put to bed for the winter. They are proud to be part of Mayor Davis' plateau Planting Initiative and are planning the garden area accented by the Christmas Tree planted last December.

When some of us are working on the grounds, we often meet others who are enjoying the property in one way or another. Parents bring their children to play on the slide and swings. Kids run around in the field. Many people like to walk on the track. Workers eat lunch at the picnic tables. The parking lot is a convenient place for friends to leave their cars so they can take off together on an excursion.

I often ask these folks what they know about the Walden's Ridge Civic League. Most seem to think they are at a public park. However, the Town of Walden does not own the property, so it is not classified as an official "park." It doesn't matter. We welcome visitors and are happy to

share our property. We would like you to join as one of the "owners" and help us preserve it and upgrade it.

At Thursday's meeting, we need everyone's participation to organize our 100-year ***Birthday Bash***. We are asking members to help plan the party and help attract musicians for the evening event on Saturday, June 26th. We will also discuss an exciting idea for a half-marathon race in the fall. Come and express your opinions.

Beginning at the end of April, we will be taking orders for whole Boston butts prepared by Shuford's Bar-B-Que for the Walden's Ridge Civic League. The price is only \$45 for a whole butt which is almost 10 pounds of delicious pulled pork and is below the price you would pay if you drove off the mountain to Shuford's for the same amount of meat. The Bar-B-Que will be ready for pick-up on Saturday morning of the Memorial Day weekend. Plan now to enjoy your holiday with family and friends, and let us do the cooking for you. You will be helping a good cause when you do.

Remember that facilities at the Walden's Ridge Civic League are available for your use, so ask for rental information. See you Thursday night at 7:00.