



FALL 2021 NEWS

Fall Clean Up Day – October 9

A large commercial dumpster will be in the RRF parking lot from 8:00-12:00 on Saturday, October 9th, for Neighborhood Fall Clean Up Day. The dumpster fills up quickly, so please get items there early! *Hazardous materials will not be accepted.* Want to be a good neighbor? Volunteer to help your neighbors manage the event/ unload neighbors' vehicles (and visit a bit). Please contact Larry Duntz if you would like to help.

Got a mattress set you need to dispose of? Save yourself the headache of trying to get it to the dumpster at the RRF – call Waste Connections and let them pick them up from your home for a \$30 fee.

Alert! The standard dumpster in the RRF parking lot is available for neighborhood use **IF** space is available **WITHIN** the dumpster. Items placed **ON TOP** of the dumpster are a safety hazard. Items left on the ground around the dumpster will **NOT** get picked up. Please be considerate of others sharing this valuable Rockwood benefit!

RRF Park Ground & Volleyball Open!

The park and playground are now open all day as the pool area is closed for the season. Improvements and upgrades continue including a new picnic table, pickleball net, trash containers and garden areas.

Volleyball courts are still open for use – AND – now have solar lights for when those daylight hours get a little shorter. Please contact Larry Duntz in advance for evening access. **AND Sand! More Sand!** is scheduled for addition during the off-season.

Wanted: Green Thumbs (& Not-So-Green Thumbs) to Help Beautify Rockwood

The entrances are the first impression of our beautiful neighborhood. They should reflect the pride we all take in our community. Let's step it up - sharing the time and effort to keep them watered, weeded and wonderful!

Your board is looking for neighbors to "adopt" an entrance and adjacent median to help maintain and beautify this greenspace. Tasks include watering and maintaining existing plants as well as disposal of trash or debris from the trees. Seasonal workdays may be planned to add plant material (at Rockwood expense) as needed.



Come and Join Us!

Whether the area is right next to your house, or just a few doors down, more help means lighter work with greater rewards. Please help us beautify our corner of the world! Contact board members Madella Harrison or Jeanne Mendoza, or send an email to rockwoodhomeownerassociation@gmail.com.



Rockwood is a great place to walk & bike – let's make sure it's also safe!

Whether you're walking, biking OR driving, be aware of your surroundings, don't assume others are paying attention or can see you. Streetlights are dimmed by shady trees. **Walkers/Bikers** – Please wear bright clothing, carry a flashlight after dark, walk on the side of the road facing oncoming traffic.

How to Stay in the Know in the Neighborhood

- Rockwood Website – www.rockwoodneighborhood.org
Get more detailed information on Rockwood - covenants and bylaws, landscaping/home improvements approval form, pool membership/swim team/lessons info
- Rockwood Neighborhood Email – rockwoodhomeownerassociation@gmail.com
- Rockwood Pool Email – pool.rockwood@gmail.com (during summer)

To receive the most up-to-date information on Rockwood events and community policing/safety concerns provide your email address to HOA Management. Email addresses are NOT shared with outside parties.

Thank You All for a Great Summer at the Pool!

Thank you to RRF co-managers Joe Hutchinson and Hattie Black, as well as all the guard staff, for all their hard work to help ensure a safe and clean RRF



for our families and friends. The RRF had a record 265 memberships. A successful swim team and an expanded swim lesson program helped round out the summer. Both Joe and Hattie have said they will be back for 2022. Facility/ grounds improvements are already in the works.

New to the neighborhood, want to see what the RRF has to offer? Come on down for a full tour of the park and pool. Look for pool membership information in the mail in February or call HOA Management to get started.

See you all at the pool in 2022!



Independence Day Parade Celebration Bicycles, Tricycles & Strollers, Oh, My!

Kids of all ages showed up on July 3rd with their modes of transportation all decked out in red, white and blue for this now annual

parade to celebrate Independence Day. Neighbors cheered from their driveways. Kids enjoyed treats after the parade while prizes were given for best decorated. Thank you to the Wichita Fire Department for joining in the fun by leading our merry band of patriots around the neighborhood! Thank you to Jordan Swan for organizing this event and all the Rockwood families who shared in the fun!



New Neighbors! Welcome to Rockwood!

Susan Anderson	225 N Post Oak Rd
Michele Banks	117 N Penrose Dr
Wesley Crowdus & Chad Pore	7602 E Pagent Ln
Max & Dody Cole	102 N Penrose
Tracy Dewitt	141 N Penrose
Brittany Dillard & Phillip Cox	7517 E Norfolk Cir
David & Carrie Garon	261 N Rutland Rd
Alexander Graf	440 N Armour
Don Gunn & Tamara Pryor	7837 E Pagent Ln
Kathy & Bill Kehr	7503 E Norfolk Cir
Melissa Knott	7819 E Pagent Ln
Alexandra & Charles Kossen	311 N Rutland Rd
Adley Kraus	7546 E Plaza Ln
Ashley & Alex Lent	241 N Rutland Rd
Alex & Jessica Lessman	7507 E Rockwood Rd
Mark & Heather McCreight	7413 E Norfolk Dr
Benjamin & Julia Milton	7811 E Pagent Ln
NVP, LLC	104 N Burr Oak Rd
Joshua Rupp	7320 E Rockwood Rd
Gregory & Tally Stroud	7316 E Plaza Ln
Patrick, Kaycee, William & Jerrie Root	7414 E Plaza Ln

It's Not Too Late for Lawn Reseeding & Outdoor Home Projects

Fall's cool weather is finally here. Now is the opportune time to fertilize and overseed fescue lawns as hot, dry weather and army worms have ravaged lawns this summer. Please also take some time to also address peeling house paint (whether just the trim or the whole house), repair/ remove broken basketball goals, as well clean out dead/ dying bushes and trees. These projects help protect the value of your home; and this spring you will be really glad those projects are done!

The Board expresses a special thank you to Larry Duntz who provides a tremendous amount of service to Rockwood, most recently tree trimming around the entire wall perimeter and annual pool/RRF maintenance. Thank you, Larry!



Reminder – Whether you're walking the dog or it's walking you, please be respectful of your neighbors' yards – clean up after your pet and dispose of into a public or your personal trash containers.

Need to Report a Pothole? A streetlight out? Trees in Your Front Easement Needs Trimmed? Damaged signs or illegal dumping? Report it! Download the Wichita Report App

The Wichita Report app is a great tool for enabling Wichita residents to report issues such as potholes, broken streetlights, damaged signs, and illegal dumping. The reports are automatically fed into the City's work order system so that they can be tracked and assigned to service teams. Users can follow the status of their requests from their device. Please install the app and help us make Wichita a better place to live! Available anywhere you get your apps.



Rockwood Board Welcomes Your Input – Attend A Meeting!

The Rockwood Board of Directors welcomes your involvement in helping keep Rockwood a great place to live. The Board works to maintain/enhance Rockwood common properties, maintain covenants, promote safety and provide activities for Rockwood families, while remaining fiscally responsible.

Homeowners are encouraged to attend board meetings which are all open to the public. The Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month in the RRF Patio Room at 7:00 pm.

Larry Duntz – President	683-2556
Bert Denny – Treasurer	682-2432
Jeanne Mendoza – Secretary	650-2849
Madella Harrison – Communications	708-0757
Jordan Swan – Social Events	520-370-8458
Lee Wadsworth – At Large	688-0690
Daryl Awe – At Large	250-5202

Please consider getting involved with Rockwood – this is where you live, your kids play, and your dues fund maintenance and programs/activities in Rockwood.

You don't want to serve on the board – just want to help make Rockwood – Prettier? Improve kid play space? Plan some fun activities? Pick a special project or bring a new one – contact any board member or come to a meeting to get started. You get to meet more of your neighbors and keep up on what is going on in your neighborhood.



Rockwood Trees Need TLC

Many of Rockwood's beautiful well-established trees that line our streets need a trim, evidenced by the tree damage a good strong Kansas wind can do, risking property damage, as well as just a pain to clean up. The City's forestry department has a responsibility to trim trees that are in the easement at no cost to the homeowner, BUT you have to sign up to get on the deadwood trim list. *The easiest way to sign up is with the Wichita Reports App where you can also monitor the status of your report.*

Along with that, please help protect the investment in your homes and contact your arborist of choice to schedule annual spraying and to check the trees for any necessary maintenance (which is the homeowner's responsibility). Please add the care of your trees, some of our neighborhood's best attributes, to your regular home care regimen.

Time to Update the Directory

The Board has begun formulating plans for a 2022 Rockwood directory. Rockwood has traditionally provided a paper document, which also gave us opportunity to provide other Rockwood-specific information, but some resident info was already changed as soon as it was printed. The Board is reviewing other options, such as a secure electronic version available on the Rockwood website. *Please watch for updated information in the January 2022 dues/newsletter mailing.* Reminder – homeowner information, including email addresses, is NOT provided to outside parties.

How HOA Management Serves Rockwood

Rockwood contracts with HOA Management Services <http://www.homeownermgmt.com/> to oversee our neighborhood's daily operations, including accounting, correspondence, maintenance and covenant enforcement.

Our Community Manager is Jessy Christy. Please contact her with questions regarding landscaping or structural improvements, covenants, assessments, or pool management. Jessy may be reached at 316.351.7650 ext. 223 or at jessy@homeownermgmt.com.

As you make landscaping and structural improvements to your home or, if you happen to receive a non-compliance letter for any reason, please contact HOA Management Services to review your plans and/or to keep them informed of the steps you are taking to address the issue. *Open communication is key for all concerned for good neighbors and great neighborhoods!*

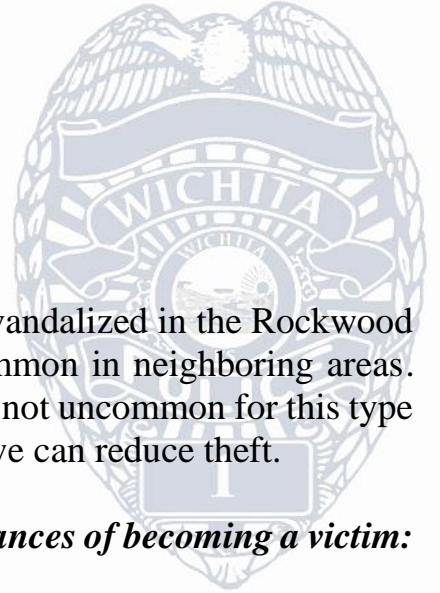
2021 Candy Crawl is Creeping Up!

The Wichita Police Department is participating with this year's Candy Crawl and is requesting your help by donating candy – lots of candy! Please add your support to WPD to help make a lot of kids happy by adding to the festivities! Please take your bags of goodies to the WPDEast Bureau, 350 South Edgemoor, during regular business hours. Thank you!



WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Security Advisory



Recently there have been at least two vehicles either broken into or vandalized in the Rockwood neighborhood. This type of crime has become one of the most common in neighboring areas. Most of these incidents occur during overnight hours. However, it is not uncommon for this type of crime to occur during daylight hours. Through crime prevention we can reduce theft.

Practicing the following prevention tips will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

AUTO BURGLARY TIPS

- **NEVER LEAVE VALUABLE ITEMS VISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE** (money (even just coins), purses, wallets, bags/backpacks, electronic equipment – computers/tablets/GPS units, cell phones, checkbooks, briefcases, sunglasses, mail/documents, guns, etc.)
- **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE**
- **PARK IN A WELL LIT AREA**, visible from a window
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING WHEN UNATTENDED**
- **BE ACTIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH**

AUTO VANDALISM TIPS

- **PARK IN A GARAGE OR, AT LEAST, IN THE DRIVEWAY**, if a garage is not available
- **ENSURE YOUR GARAGE DOOR IS CLOSED**
- **UTILIZE GOOD LIGHTING TO ILLUMINATE AROUND VEHICLES**
- **BE ACTIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH**

Report any suspicious activity to the police, call 911 – you know your neighbors, what is “normal” activity for your neighborhood – Err on the side of caution.



If you find yourself a victim of any crime of larceny or burglary, please file a report. You can make a report by calling **911 for an emergency** or calling our **Wichita Police Case Desk at 316-268-4221**. You may also visit any police substation to make a report in person.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Patrol East Substation 688-9331

Beat Coordinator, Officer Binkley 688-9545

Community Affairs 268-4101

Auto Detectives 268-4336

SCAT Hotline 267-7228

Crime Stoppers 267-2111

The Wichita Police Department’s mission is to provide professional and ethical public safety services in partnership with citizens to identify, prevent and solve the problems of crime, fear of crime, social disorder and neighborhood decay, thereby improving the quality of life in our community.