

Membership – Walkabout Program

In response to those of our current members who wanted to help our civic association to grow by recruiting new members, we instituted our Walkabout Membership Recruitment Program whereby an existing member can donate a \$15.00 membership (or multiple thereof) for a new person/family to join our civic association.

In turn we select a target block in our community and civic association President – Thomas S. Baliga, along with Vice President - Michael Kovac, Board Member - Juanita Beltran and a current association member of the targeted block, then walk the block recruiting new members from those neighbors who have never been a member of the Archer Heights Civic Association.

President Baliga pitches our civic association, while Vice President Kovac, who also is the 8th District CAPS Program Coordinator for Beat 815 and a member of the 8th District Court Advocates, pitches the benefit of the CAPS Program and being a vigilant member of the community. Board member Juanita Beltran is our English/Spanish interpreter and President Baliga is our English/Polish interpreter. The current civic member on the targeted block serves as host recruiter as people are more open to talking to individuals if they see a member of their own block at their door. We also distribute a handout providing a brief history of the Archer Heights Civic Association, sample copies of our monthly newsletter and the schedule of Beat 815 CAPS meetings.

In addition to recruiting new civic association members, the purpose of the Walkabout Program is to introduce the host member to their neighbors and the neighbors to each other. We stress a key component of preventing crime in our neighborhood and that is the importance of neighbors knowing and communicating with each other and calling 911 when necessary.

The Walkabout Membership Recruitment Program has been a resounding success at bringing new members to our civic association and getting both longtime and new residents of the targeted block to know and talk to each other.

We invite our current dues paid members to make contributions to our Walkabout program and if you would like to coordinate a Walkabout for your block, please contact our civic association by calling our office at 773-843-2232 and leave a message on our office answering machine or use the “Contact Us Box” in this website.