



COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members of the County Club District Homes Association:

In the next eight months we will be facing important city and county elections which will have a considerable affect on us and our neighborhood.

The property taxes on our residences in the Country Club District keep getting higher and higher, yet services available for us and our neighborhood are dwindling. Kansas City, Missouri has grown into a big metropolis and geographically is one of the largest cities in the world. Jackson County includes not only most portions of Kansas City but also 17 other cities and towns as well. We who live in the residential districts covered by the Homes Associations of the Country Club District are paying way more than our fair share to support the costs associated with what I will call the resulting sprawl we see around our city and Jackson County. Who are the primary beneficiaries of this sprawl? For the most part, certainly not us. Our collective "voice" at City Hall and with the Jackson County Legislature is not what it used to be and we need to do something about it. Let's join together and flex our collective muscle.

As a start, our Country Club District Homes Association has joined with four of our neighboring homes associations to sponsor a candidate forum for politicians running for County and State offices that affect our districts in the upcoming August 8th primary election. Please see the attached Candidate Forum information sheet and show up at the forum. We need to find out which candidates will work for, and truly represent, our neighborhood and which ones will not. For those who say they will, we need to obtain their promise. Then we need to get them elected. Let's all show up and demonstrate to these candidates that we are a power they need to reckon with and that we can help the "right ones" to get elected. If the Forum is well attended and well received, a second Candidate Forum will be held later this year or early in 2007 covering the upcoming City elections.

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There are several other items of interest I would like to share with you. First, many thanks to Nina Hollobaugh who single handedly planned the annual meeting for the Homes Association held on June 14, 2006. Following a wonderful cocktail hour and a delicious dinner, the annual meeting was called to order. The following individuals were elected to serve as your board of directors for the 2006-2007 term:

Chip Schmelzer
Jonathan Kemper
Molly McGee
Nina Hollabaugh
Tami Keim
Kent Mueller
Cara Newell

If you happen to see any of the following people, please thank them for the excellent job they have done in planting, weeding and maintaining the flowers which grace many of the our common area green space "islands" in the district.

Molly McGee
Susie Luening
Bill and Pat Pasek
Julie and Dennis Markey
Pam Johnson
All the members of the Rooster Island Hole Diggers Club.

Any members who wish to be involved in any aspect of this effort for a particular island in either a small or large way (weeding, watering, pruning, planting, etc.) should let me know.

Have you noticed our new website? Go to haccd.org, click on "Missouri Associations" and finally click on "County Club District". Check it out. Anyone with the experience and willingness to help us develop this website and make it really useful to our members, please contact me. We need a volunteer to head up this effort.

Planning on building an addition to your home or tearing it down and replacing it? Remember to first have your plans approved by BOTH the homes association and the City of Kansas City. Otherwise, if you violate any restrictions of the Homes Association or zoning ordinances of the City, you may be required to take the improvements down.

If you have any questions or suggestions pertaining to the Country Club District, please give me a call or call the executive director of the Homes Associations of the Country Club District, Clarence Foxworthy at (816) 523-2440.

Very truly yours,



Charles J. Schmelzer
President