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COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



“What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

- Jane Goodall

Dear Neighbors:

Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist, is a woman whom I've always admired. Even at 90 she is speaking out about conservation efforts.

On another note, you have no doubt noticed Spring has arrived! I'm probably not alone in proclaiming it's my favorite time of year but I appreciate any time of year that I can be outside.

This message may seem disjointed but, in my mind, making a difference, Spring, and in a minor way, conservation, is all playing out as one notices the newly-planted trees on the right-of-way between the street and sidewalk. We have KCMO to thank for

these trees but we, as homeowners, can make a difference when we make the effort to care for them. The young trees need water that you can provide.

The Heartland Tree Alliance suggests approximately 5 gallons, one time per week throughout the growing season unless we get roughly one inch of rain, which, in layman's terms, is a good soaking. If you are unable to care for a tree in front of your house, perhaps a neighbor can help? Thanks so much for making a difference in our tiny part of the world.

- Kitzi Dingley

CCDHA BOARD PRESIDENT

REQUEST CITY SERVICES

What can 311 do for you?

Stop sign down or ignored? Did that pothole blow your tire? Streetlight out? City boulevard or trees neglected? Storm drains need cleaning? Contact the 311 hotline for city services and information.



Our city's 311 app is a valuable tool for homeowners. You can easily report issues, such as street repairs and properties that are not up to code. Once you contact 311 the city creates a case and communicates the status of your issue.

To report a new 311 request: Download the "myKCMO" app or call 311 or go online at kcmo.gov/311

TWO BIRDS. ONE STONE.

Annual All-Residents Meeting

Recently we have held our annual all-residents meeting on a Saturday in the Fall but this year we are shaking things up a bit. During the first half hour of our Social we will update residents on the association's financial status and have brief committee reports. Then we can bring on the party!



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save the dates

**Thursday,
July 4**



**INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE 10:00 AM**



**5:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING
FOR RESIDENTS**

**5:30 PM
PICNIC & FAMILY FUN**

**Sunday,
Sept 8**

Decades of Memories

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



the Hollabaughs

Nina and Marc will be celebrating a special 30 year anniversary soon—they moved into the CCDHA in May of 1994.

Fourteen years before that the Hollabaughs had lived in the 400 block of Huntington Road so they were already familiar with the neighborhood when they made the short move to 62nd street. They were happy to stay close because their girls, Sarah and Laura, were in grade school and had already made many friends who lived nearby.

“We love the beauty of this neighborhood, the gracious homes, towering trees and yards that are full of interesting flowers, plants and foliage. It’s a fun neighborhood to walk! Our neighbors are wonderful, varied, interesting and kind.”

Over the years, the Hollabaughs have enjoyed the challenges of an older home, updating the “non glamorous” (wiring, plumbing, refinished floors and roof) as well as more creative upgrades and additions. Built in 1925, they have tried to restore and maintain the homes’ unique features while bringing it into the 21st century for comfort and efficiency. They recently added a carriage house, new landscaping, hardscaping and updated the kitchen. Sounds like they are here to stay.



We asked about their favorite memories from the CCDHA and Nina shared that they really enjoy the annual fall block party to catch up, meet new neighbors and say “so long” to those they’ve been fortunate to have known.

Nina and Marc emphasized that we are fortunate to be able to share such a lovely neighborhood. “We think it’s important for all of us, whether new or seasoned members of the CCDHA, to reach out and enjoy getting to know each other.” We couldn’t agree more!

Nina has served on the CCDHA board many years and we are grateful for her ongoing support and guidance.

Lately we have featured neighbors who are new to our neighborhood. For this issue we want to celebrate residents who have called the Country Club District home for a long time.

George and Laurie McLinney moved to their house in 1968 and put down roots for their family. Dating back to 1918, George's family were some of the first to move into this neighborhood so it already felt like home.

The McLinneys have been blessed with five children so the six-bedroom home was perfect for their family. At one time there were 39 children on the McLinneys' block, no doubt making for a lively street! Today, most of their children and grandchildren live within walking distance.

“The neighborhood was beautiful when we moved in and it has only improved.”



the McLinneys



Having lived on the same block for 56 years, the McLinneys have seen a lot of changes and several new neighbors. They have even remodeled their kitchen three times over the years! What keeps them in the Country Club District is their great neighbors and finding comfort in the area.

George served as president of the Homes Association for three years. He oversaw negotiations when a nearby

Church wanted to build extra parking lots which would breach the deed covenants. We are grateful for his time and leadership on the CCDHA board of directors.

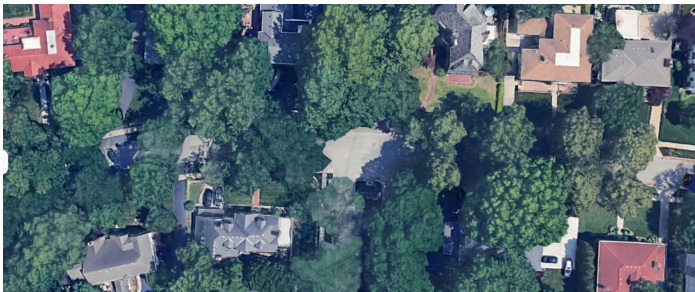
We asked George and Laurie what advice they would give to people who are new to the Country Club District and they encouraged newcomers to “recognize the beauty of the area and enjoy it.”



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MADE IN THE SHADE

The Tree Canopy, Why Should I Care?

A satellite view of our neighborhood will show you our dense and lush tree canopy. In a recent conversation with Cathy Justice, an arborist with the local Heartland Tree Alliance, CCDHA president, Kitzi Dingley learned just how beneficial that tree canopy is.

“Trees do so much for our neighborhoods and especially our city. They keep us cool not only by shading us as we walk down the street, but also through transpiration as water evaporates from their leaf surface. Trees can reduce flooding by slowing the rate that water hits the ground and also by absorbing water through their roots. Trees also increase property values and can reduce energy bills by cooling your home. Trees clean the air, make for safer neighborhoods, and beautify our surroundings.”

More at arborday.org/trees/benefits.cfm

YOUR RECYCLING CART HAS A NEW BUDDY!

Trash Carts Rolling out in May



The KCMO Public Works department will distribute 64-gallon trash carts to residents from May through October of this year.

With a 240 pound capacity, the city anticipates the bins will increase collection efficiency, keep loose trash off the street, prevent injuries for staff members, and keep animals from getting into the bags.

Remember that all trash must be bagged before going in the cart. Any trash outside of the cart will need a tag. The trash carts will be the same size as the recycle carts, but with a different color lid.

SINCE WINTER 2023

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Falcon Meyer Blvd