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COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbors:

I love to walk through the neighborhood, often accompanied by my husband and dogs. As fall gives way to winter I see hidden gems as I make my way along our streets. I see the beauty in the way people decorate their homes for the holidays but beyond that is what's revealed after the trees drop their leaves. There's incredible beauty in a sycamore tree that has lost its leaves (it's the bark.)

As I look up I notice the squirrels' nests as evidenced by the large clusters of leaves embedded in a crook of a tree. I was once privy to a pair of Great Horned owls having a conversation at the very top of a tree. (Were it the growing season those owls would have been able to have a more private chat.)

Look down, to avoid the uplifted sidewalks, but also to avoid the much-maligned Sweetgum balls. In the growing season I might not have noticed that Sweetgum tree. I hope you get to bundle up this winter to get out and enjoy this lovely neighborhood we call home.

The board members of the Country Club District wish to say a special thank you to our outgoing president, Brad Beets, for his time as board member and as president. Brad added a level of friendliness and stick-to-itiveness to our little group. We also welcome two new board members, Matt Dodge and Chris Bannister, who have already shown that they plan to dive in and contribute to what is already your hard-working board. Happy Holidays and happy winter!

-Kitzi Dingley

CCDHA BOARD PRESIDENT

YOU UNDERSTOOD THE ASSIGNMENT

Over 100 signatures collected

Thank you for taking the time to sign our petition requesting a PIAC grant to connect the city water supply to Schmelzer Fountain at Rooster Island (Bellevue & 60th). Your support made our case stronger. We await their decision in the Spring of 2024.

TOO MUCH TRASH?

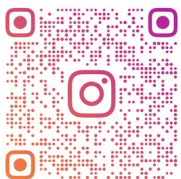
Dumpster Events

At our annual meeting in September a neighbor asked about opportunities to get rid of extra household waste that isn't accepted weekly at the curb. The discussion inspired us to share free dumpster events on our Instagram: @countryclubdistrictkc. You can also visit kcmo.gov to book a bulky item pick up and find city drop off centers. If you have an upcoming dumpster event to share with the neighborhood please contact us at info.ccdha@gmail.com. It was decided that the CCDHA would not expense a dumpster event at this time.

THANK YOU FOR PAYING YOUR YEARLY DUES

It Takes a Village!

Your yearly financial contribution is vital to cover costs for maintenance of shared greenspaces as well as social events, utilities and newsletters. You can set up auto-pay easily online at ha-kc.org



Country Club District on Instagram

Follow us to get neighborly tips, city collection events, and homes association info. This fall we shared your *spooktacular* displays!

DM us via the app to submit a post or email info.ccdha@gmail.com.

COUNTRYCLUBDISTRICTKC

highlights from our summer social



thank you for joining the fun

Polishing Up a 1916 Gem

REMODEL FEATURE



before

THE FEES' ADVICE FOR DIVING INTO A MAJOR REMODEL:

“Make sure to plan well, set a realistic budget, and keep open lines of communication with your contractors. And just be ready for delays and unforeseen costs so you are not disappointed.”

The Fees found their dream home in 2021 despite the fact that it was hard to see behind the overgrown shrubs. This young family saw the potential in the charming hundred year old colonial and set out to make it their own with a major remodel that featured a large addition.

Neighbors in the Country Club District have likely watched from afar over the past couple years as the Fees transformed this house near the Belleview and 61st roundabout. For part of the renovation, homeowners Alex and Brian partnered with TV star and designer Tamara Day of *Bargain Mansions* to honor the home’s architectural details while bringing it up to date. You can take an insider’s view of all the dust, decisions, and details by following their journey on Instagram at @furnishingfees or by watching Season 6, Episode 6 of *Bargain Mansions*.

Have a remodel project to share? Email us at info.ccdha@gmail.com.



after

To see the transformation of this beautiful 1916 Dutch Colonial follow @furnishingfees on Instagram and watch Season 6, Episode 6 of *Bargain Mansions* with Tamara Day.

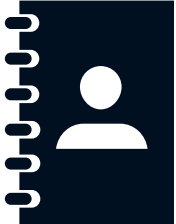
a little love & a lot of work brought this home back to life



before



Alex and Brian Fees with the Bargain Mansions production crew filming the reveal last year.



WHAT WAS HER NAME AGAIN?

Should we have a neighborhood directory?

Homeowners at the annual meeting asked about the possibility of creating a neighborhood directory. Participation and information shared by each homeowner would be optional. The board is exploring options for a digital directory that would ideally be easy to use and private - viewable only to those who opt in.

Care to weigh in on the issue? Use the QR code to the right to fill out a brief survey or contact Matt Dodge at matthewjdodge@gmail.com.



Hannah & Quinn enjoying the November snowstorm on Greenway Terrace

SINCE SUMMER 2022

Welcome to the Neighborhood

- Casey Belleview Ave
- Coulson 57th Ter
- Beck 59th St
- Black 57th Ter
- Damon Huntington Rd
- Daniel 61st St
- Drake Ward Parkway
- Edmondson 58th Ter
- Elder & Ott. 59th Ter
- Epstein & Tajerian. Belleview Ave
- Gist. 65th St
- Koennenmann Ward Parkway
- Leyh 61st St
- Martin 61st Ter
- Massman 61st Ter
- McCann Trust Meyer Blvd
- Oligschlaeger Ward Parkway & Summerlin
- Richardson 61st Ter
- Schmitt. 61st Ter
- Stahl 57th Ter
- Wales & Weinert 60th Ter



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

Welcome the Gist Family

Life-long residents of the Kansas City area, Bill and Charlene Gist relocated from Overland Park to 65th Street in May. They made the move to be closer to everything the city has to offer and so they could enjoy the beautiful Brookside community.

“We love being able to walk to the shops and appreciate being a quick drive to the Plaza and downtown.”

Bill is an independent financial advisor and Charlene left bedside nursing to work as a Nurse Navigator for a software company managing incidental aneurysm findings. Their daughters currently attend the University of Kansas and KC Art institute. In their spare time they like to cook, try new restaurants, snow ski and hike.

KEEP YOUR PROPERTY & LOVED ONES SAFE

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Tips



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY REMINDERS

- Always lock your cars and keep valuables out of site
- Remind your contractors and guests to do the same, even during the day
- Avoid parking on the street
- Even while home keep your house doors locked
- Talk to your neighbors if you see or hear something suspicious
- To avoid package theft set up an alternate delivery location or use a pick up locker option