

Country Club Homes Association

MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Security Patrol

There has been interest expressed in possibly getting a neighborhood-wide Security Patrol for our homes association. The board is currently looking into the matter, checking on coverage and costs for having patrols, and how many homes in the neighborhood would need to participate, as well as other options to help keep our neighborhood safe. Look for further information in the next issue of the newsletter.

Right Place. Right Tree.

Know what works when it comes to planting trees and shrubs

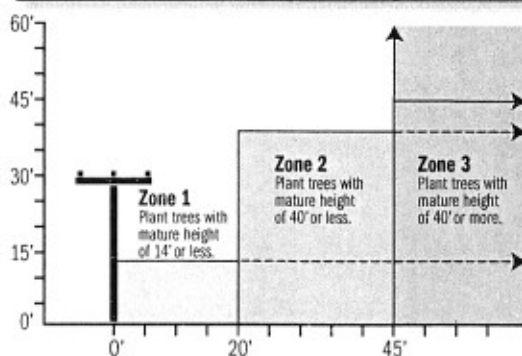
OLD GROWTH TREES AND SHRUBS are one reason our neighborhood is so attractive. They can enhance the beauty, comfort and value of your home. But as time goes by, many of these trees will need to be removed and replaced. It's the course of nature.

There is much to consider when planting trees and shrubs in our neighborhood. Take a look around; neighboring homes are close by, and most of our yards are small and crisscrossed with utility lines. Choosing the right size and placement is key to preventing trees and shrubs from getting tangled in overhead lines, overtaking your yard, posing potential threats to your or your neighbor's house, or growing root systems that disrupt gas, sewer, and other underground lines. Being smart about what you plant today will help ensure minimal maintenance and healthy, beautiful trees and shrubs for many years to come.

Around Padmount Transformers and Underground Utility Lines

Shrubs or ornamentals greater than one foot tall at maturity should not be planted around padmount transformers. Plants with a mature height greater than one foot should be planted at least 10 feet from an underground line or padmount transformer. This distance will allow adequate access to the transformer cover door for service and maintenance.

SUGGESTED TREES		
ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
Autumn Olive	Callery Ornamental Pear	American Linden
American Plum	Chinkapin Oak	Austrian Pine
Amur Maple	Eastern Red Cedar	Bald Cypress
Black Hills Spruce	Goldenrain Tree	Bitternut Hickory
Cockspur Hawthorn (thornless)	Hedge Maple	Black Hickory
Eastern Burning Bush	Hop Hornbeam (Ironwood)	Bur Oak
Eastern Redbud	Japanese Tree Lilac	Common Hackberry
Flowering Crabapple	Kentucky Coffee Tree	English Oak
Flowering Dogwood	Limber Pine	Ginkgo
Golden Rain Tree	Osage Orange (fruitless, thornless)	Green Ash
Oklahoma Redbud	Shantung (Purplebow) Maple	Lacebark Elm
Ornamental Fruit Trees	Trident Maple	Littleleaf Linden
Pinyon Pine	Upright Chinese Juniper	Norway Maple
Serviceberry	Western Soapberry	Persimmon
Washington Hawthorn	White Mulberry	Red Maple
Winterberry Euonymus	Winter King Hawthorn	Red Oak



Scotch Pine
Shagbark Hickory
Shingle Oak
Shumard's Red Oak
Sugar Hackberry (Sugarberry)
Sugar Maple
Sweet Gum
White Ash
White Oak
White Pine

Around Overhead Utility Lines

Planting small medium, and large mature growth trees a proper distance from power line rights-of-way will help keep new trees from growing into utility lines. In areas from 0 to 20 feet of overhead power lines (Zone 1), plant trees with a low mature height of 14 feet or less. In areas 20 to 45 feet from power lines (Zone 2) and in intermediate areas near homes and garages, plant trees with a medium

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A Welcome to our new neighbors!

Donald Smith
& Ann Reckling
426 West 60th Terrace

Adam & Angela Wittmer
424 Huntington

Kevin & Margaret Tucker
638 West 59th Street

Greg Walsh & Thuy Phan
629 West 60th Terrace

Rachel Barnes &
Jeffrey Denton
620 West 58th Terrace

Paul & Dorothy Martin
419 West 58th Terrace

Speaking of Power Outages...

For those of you lucky enough to share the 58th Street/Terrace power grid, you probably have KCP&L on your speed-dial. The problem was bad a few years ago, got better after ex-president Lloyd Black sent a letter requesting an investigation (the trees were trimmed) and now the problem seems to be back, with an increase of random power outages. **Update:** An unsolicited letter has been received by Lloyd Black from KCP&L stating that they are aware of our recent problems and are investigating the source. Meanwhile, KCP&L has switched to an automated reporting system, so you can no longer speak to a live person when reporting that the entire grid is down. If you lose power, please take a moment to call in your address to help KCP&L see that it is a grid situation, not a single-home situation. The telephone number for your speed-dial is: 471-5275.

Do you know your neighborhood?



In 1910, this area was approved for development and JC Nichols began building Country Club Homes neighborhood. Country Club Homes is defined as Wornall Road west to Summit (east side), and the south side of 57th Street to the north side of 61st Street. Today our neighborhood includes a total of 287 single-family homes. To see what it looked like in the "olden days," the new Plaza Library has a series of historic photos on display. You can also visit www.oldkc.com to view more vintage photographs of our area.

Our homes association was founded in 1924. Made up of volunteers from our neighborhood, the Country Club Homes Association (CCHA) works to help make our neighborhood a great place to live for

everyone. To view CCHA by-laws, board meeting minutes, archived newsletters, and a calendar of events, go to the HACCD (Homes Associations of Country Club District) website: www.haccd.org. Click on Missouri Associations, then Country Club Homes.

Volunteers for board or block service, special events, newsletter article contributions, or for the neighborhood Fall Rendezvous are always welcome. Please feel free to contact your board members or Block Captain as listed below.

BLOCK CAPTAIN ADDRESS ROSTER

Street - Block	Block Captain	# of Homes	Phone
57th Street - 400	Norma Spear	6	333-0692
57th Street - 600	HELP WANTED	6	
57th Terrace - 400	John & Shawn Keller	11	333-2685
57th Terrace - 600	Jan Stacy	12	523-3851
58th Street - 400	Jim & Janet Bereolos	12	444-1222
58th Street - 600	Amy Foley	12	333-6988
58th Terrace - 400	Stephanie McHugh	21	523-7250
58th Terrace - 600	Kelly Heide	21	326-8018
59th Street - 400	Teresa Olsen	22	523-1362
59th Street - 600	HELP WANTED	22	
59th Terrace - 400	Lee Ann Perkins	22	523-5270
59th Terrace - 600	Betty Mantz	24	213-0848
Huntington - 400	HELP WANTED	20	
Huntington - 600	Catherine McCalla	22	361-4543
60th Terrace - 400	Janet Blauvelt	20	361-9624
60th Terrace - 600	Leslie Eden & Carl VanSant	18	926-0041
61st Street - 400	Zoe Warmoth	10	523-0844
61st Street - 600	HELP WANTED	10	

COUNTRY CLUB HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

647 West 59th Street	Peg Horner, President	822-1695
436 West 61st Street	Zoe Warmoth, Vice-President	523-0844
621 West 58th Terr	Catherine Forbes, Secretary	333-8853
401 West 58th Terr	Nancy Reicher, Treasurer	333-3876
614 West 59th Street	Kevin Karst	361-8676
431 West 58th Terr	Mary Lu Johnston	822-9829
621 West 58th Terr	Phil Watkins, Newsletter	333-6600

Neighborhood Garage Sale on June 7

It's almost time for the annual Country Club Homes Association Garage Sale! The usual date of the first Saturday in June makes it June 7 this year. Signs will be placed primarily along Wornall Road and Ward Parkway. It's

also a good idea to place a sign of your own at the end of your driveway. In addition, an ad announcing the garage sale will run in The Kansas City Star prior to the event.

This is a great time to do a bit of Spring Cleaning and get rid of a few things, while making a buck or two to boot.

In case you have any remaining items, the Homes Association will again be calling the Ozanam Home to pick up unsold/unwanted items the week after the garage sale.



Be A Good Neighbor: Keep Your Homes Association Dues Current

Payment of your dues is very important to you and your neighbors. When you signed the mortgage purchasing your home in Country Club Homes, you agreed to the terms and fees of the neighborhood homeowners' association. By paying your dues, you can avoid additional late fees, accrued interest, and the filing of a lien on your property with Jackson County, which will negatively affect your credit report, and make it impossible to sell your home without settling your account.

This year our annual dues are a mere \$30.20 per homeowner - which includes the voted-in portion for the snow removal fund. That's just \$2.52 per month!

The CCHA money collected each year is used for our annual neighborhood gathering (important for promoting community and safety awareness, and for voting on annual issues), publication of our newsletter, promotion of our annual garage sale, and support of the Homes Association of Country Club District main office services.

Be a good neighbor and keep your homes association dues paid-to-date. If you have questions about your account status, please call Nancy Reicher, CCHA Treasurer.

Bulk Trash Pick-up

Due to budget cuts, as of May 1, 2008, the city will no longer pick up bulky trash items on a regular schedule. Solid Waste will now fall under Public Works. Individuals wanting bulky item trash pick up will have to call to schedule pick ups as needed.

The Homes Association has scheduled a pick up on **May 29th**. After that, it will be by appointment only.

The Bulk Trash Pick-up phone number is 311 (the Kansas City Action Center Line).

Services Directory

Heidi Schamberger - 1-877-DIVA-PET
www.k9closet.com

Style, comfort and everything savvy for the upscale pet.

Cynthia Black - 816-444-5352

HomeStaging By Cynthia, Inc.

Over 3,000 homes staged to sell since 1999. www.HomeStagingByC.com

Robert Hawkins - 816-786-2288

Driveways, Decks & Painting

Seal asphalt drives & wooden decks. Interior & exterior painting. Free estimates.

Larry Murphy - 816-822-0379

Murphy's Lawn & Landscaping

Mowing, lawn care, clean-up, gutters, decks, fences, walls, planter boxes.

Catherine Forbes- 816-587-8070

River's Bend Gallery

Visit historic Parkville to find a treasure of fine art glass, pottery, woodworking, paintings, jewelry & more. Bring this newsletter & get 5% off your purchase.

Chuck Wilson - 816-822-9829

Wild Child Embroidery

Embroidered hats and other apparel. Fast turnaround!
home.mindspring.com/~chuck15

Phil Watkins- 816-333-6600

Watkins Advertising Design

Graphic design for businesses large or small. Focus on brochures, ads, direct mail & identity programs.
www.wadcorp.net

Ads are free to residents. However, residents must call or e-mail Phil Watkins to renew their ad for each upcoming issue.

Non-residents may place an ad in a single issue for \$10, two contiguous issues for \$15, or three contiguous issues for \$18.

Reduce your footprint: **RECYCLE**

Recycling is something we all should be doing to help reduce our human footprint. But it's not always easy. Kansas City has helped by implementing their recycling program with the big blue containers, but they only get a portion of what is recyclable. To the right is a chart to help you figure out what you can, and cannot put out for recycling.

Also provided are recycling center locations to take other recyclables you cannot put in your blue bin (such as glass, batteries & computers) so you can do your part to help keep these things out of our environment.

In the next newsletter, look for an article on hazardous waste.

RECYCLING CENTERS:

3 Trails / Bannister Community Recycling Center

91st & Hillcrest Rd. in the Wal-Mart Parking lot, east of Bannister Mall

Wednesday - Friday:

11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Overland Park Community Recycling Center

11921 Hardy, between Antioch and Metcalf, right behind the fire station

Monday - Friday:

9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

★ = Material accepted by curbside recycling

3T = Material accepted at 3 Trails Recycling Centers

OP = Material accepted at Overland Park Community Recycling Center

You can find out more at Bridging The Gap's web site:
www.bridgingthegap.org

Center	Material	Description	Preparation	Notes
3T / OP	Aluminum Foil	Aluminum foil wrap, pie plates, roasting pans	Wash clean	Keep separate from aluminum cans. No plastic-coated aluminum.
3T	Bikes	All sizes	Clean	In conjunction with Bikes and Trikes for Tykes.
★/3T/OP	Cans: Steel and Aluminum	Food and beverage cans	Rinse. Okay to leave the paper labels.	No mineral spirits, gasoline or other solvent cans.
3T/OP	Cell Phones and Pagers	Cell phones, chargers, cell phone batteries	Bring unbroken phone, charger and batteries.	No cordless home phones.
3T/OP	Clothing - used	In good, clean condition: clothing, shoes, coats, etc.	Place in closed plastic bags (no boxes).	In conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City.
3T/OP	Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs	Fluorescent light bulbs with screw-in base	Bring directly to Recycling Center staff or volunteers.	Tube fluorescent bulbs must be taken to a household hazardous waste facility. Call 816-784-2080 (MO) or 913-715-6900 (KS) for an appointment.
3T	Computers/ Electronics	Monitors, printers, CPUs, keyboards, mice, speakers, scanners, fax machines, TVs (up to 19" dia.), stereo equipment and boom boxes	Remove any confidential information.	Some fees apply: monitors and TVs \$15; most printers \$5-10; most microwaves \$10; VCRs, scanners, DVD/CD players \$5; CPUs, mice or keyboards no charge. MC and Visa only, no cash. Computers also accepted at Surplus Exchange 518 Santa Fe, (816) 472-0444.
★/3T/OP	Corrugated Cardboard	Flat-finish corrugated cardboard boxes, paper grocery bags	Flatten boxes. Clean and fold paper bags.	Remove excessive tape/staples
★/3T/OP	Glass Bottles and Jars	Transparent food and beverage bottles and jars	Rinse. Separate glass by color: brown, green or clear. Other colors such as blue go in with green. Remove lids, metal neck rings and foil.	No dishes of any kind including wine glasses, plates, Pyrex, etc. No flower vases, light bulbs or flat panes of glass. No opaque colored glass. Set honey/canning jars aside at the center for reuse. Metal lids, foil, etc. go with scrap metal.
3T/OP	Household Batteries	Alkaline and rechargeable: NiCad, Li, Mg ONLY	Place corroded batteries in sealed bag.	No lead acid or car batteries. OP - Rechargeable batteries only.
★/3T/OP	Magazines	Shiny-paged magazines, catalogs and coupons		No mixed paper publications such as TV Guide, phone books or Readers Digest (see paperboard).
★/3T/OP	Newspaper	Newspaper, newsprint, sale ads and coupons	Place in paper grocery bag.	No plastic bags, string, twine or plastic banding.
★/3T/OP	Office Paper	Copier paper, stationary, receipts, file folders, envelopes (non-manila), letters, brochures, card stock	OK to leave staples.	Remove spirals, rubber bands and paper clips. No carbon paper.
★/3T/OP	Paperboard	Shiny corrugated boxes, non-corrugated boxes (soft-drink, cereal, gift boxes), paper towel rolls, manila envelopes, phone books, catalogs over 1/2" thick, TV Guide and other mixed-paper publications	Clean and flatten.	Remove plastic windows, handles, non-paper over wraps and liners. No tissue paper, waxed products, milk or orange juice cartons.
★/3T/OP	Plastic Bottles and Jars	Plastic bottles and jars, type #1 or #2 such as milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles and bleach bottles. Must have a threaded neck.	Rinse and flatten. Removed lids.	No toxin (i.e. drain cleaner, auto fluids such as motor oil, windshield cleaner or antifreeze) containers. No vitamin or pill bottles. No pesticide bottles. No bowls or tubs; must be bottles and jars.

Right Place. Right Tree.

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mature height of 40 feet or less. Allow ample room for large root systems of trees that grow to 40 feet and above; plant at least 45 feet away from power lines (Zone 3).

To download a copy of Kansas City Power & Light's informational booklet, search for "Right Tree Right Place" on the KCP&L website:

www.kcpl.com. To learn about KCP&L's Vegetation Management program, call 816-471-5275.

Want something different in your yard?

For free, personal guidance when selecting trees for your specific yard, contact the Johnson County, K-State Research and Extension Master Gardener program at 913-715-7050, garden.help@jocogov.org, or visit their website at www.oznet.ksu.edu. Certified volunteers can advise you

on shape, size, growth rate, growing conditions (soil, water, sun), and can even tell you which trees in this area are suffering from bores, blight, and disease which is usually caused by overpopulation of the species.

Lewis Leonard, Johnson County Extension Master Gardener, recommends several quality trees and shrubs that do extremely well in this area but are currently underused. The table below shows a few of his favorites.

Mr. Leonard also recommends that four or five years after planting, put a critical eye to your tree and take out any limbs necessary to encourage proper growth and shape. Well-manicured trees will let patches of sun come through the branches, allowing grass and plants to grow underneath. If you realize you have mis-planted a tree, remove it. Taking it out early will save you much greater heartache and expense later.

Trees **not recommended** by Master Gardeners include Austrian and

Scotch Pine which are dying due to overpopulation, Pin Oak which is too large and droopy, Red Maple because of its large, surface roots (also tends to self-strangulate), Ash due to the proliferating Ash Bore, Siberian Elm, and Silver Maple. You also might want to avoid Box Elder, Poplar, European White Birch, Cottonwood, Honey Locust (pods and thorns), and the Osage Orange – unless you enjoy constantly cleaning up after messy trees.



Happy planting! 🌱

One final safety reminder, be sure to call 1-800-DIG-RITE at least two days before you dig to plant your shrub or tree for no-cost location of all underground utilities.

Street, Shade, and Yard Trees	20-Year Size
Shade: Black Gum or Sour Gum (<i>Nyssa salavatica</i>)	40'h x 25'w
Street or Screen: Goldspire Sugar Maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Goldspire')	40'h x 13'w
Feature or Screen: Vanderwolf / Limber Pine (<i>Pinus flexilis</i>)	30'h x 15'w
Feature: Concolor Fir / White Fir (<i>Abies</i> 'Concolor')	30'h x 15'w
Feature: Lacebark Elm (<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>)	30'h x 40'w
Feature: Serbian Spruce (<i>Picea omorika</i>)	50'h x 25'w
Specimen and Ornamental Trees (Small to Medium Size)	
Amur Maple (<i>Acer ginnala</i>) – Clump form	15'h x 15'w
Blackhaw Viburnum (<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>) – Prune to clump form	12-15'h x 8-12'w
Forest Pansy Redbud (<i>Cercis Canadensis</i> , 'Forest Pansy')	20'h x 25'w
Prairie Fire Crabapple (<i>Malus</i> 'Prairiefire') – Pink/Red Flower	15'h x 15'w
Snow Drift Crabapple (<i>Malus</i> 'Snowdrift') – White in spring/red berry in fall	15'h x 15'w
Sweet Bay Magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>) – Clump form, tolerates water	15'h x 10'w
Sourwood (<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>) – Clump form	25'h x 20'w
Weeping Norway Spruce (<i>Picea abies</i> 'Pendula') – Train to grow upright	20'h x 8'w
White Fringe Tree (<i>Chionantus virginicus</i>)	10'h x 12'w
Trees For Screening	
Chanticleer Ornamental Pear (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Chanticleer') – Heartier than Bradford	30'h x 15'w
Capital Pear (<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Capital') – Heartier than Bradford	20'h x 8'w
Columnar Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Columnare')	25'h x 10'w
Shrubs	
Bottlebrush Buckeye (<i>Aesculus parviflora</i>)	9'h x 10'w
Annabelle Hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea aborescens</i> 'Annabelle')	4'h x 4'w
Variiegated Bigleaf Hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> 'Mariesii Variiegata')	5'h x 5'w
Oakleaf Hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> 'Snowqueen')	5'h x 6'w
White Rose of Sharon, Althea (<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> 'Diana')	4'h x 3'w
Compact European Cranberrybush Viburnum (<i>Viburnum opulus</i> 'Compactum')	4'h x 5'w
Variiegated Weigela (<i>Weigela florida</i> 'Variiegata') – Full sun	4'h x 5'w
Virginia Sweetspire (<i>Itea virginica</i> 'Henry's Garnet')	3-5'h x 5'w



Useful Numbers:



- Action Center** 311
for City Services
- Abandoned Vehicles** 816-784-4080
for getting a vehicle towed away
- Animal Control** 816-513-9800
to report abuse, dogs running loose,
dogs with menacing behavior
- Dig Safely** 800-DIG-RITE
play it safe around your yard; (800-344-7483)
always call BEFORE you dig!
- Fire Safety** 816-513-9100
for non-emergency fire-related
information
- Gas Leak** 800-582-0000
evacuate first, then call for help
outside of the building
- Home Weatherization** 816-513-3025
learn how a little bit of work can yield
great savings on your energy bill
- Household Hazardous Waste** 816-784-2080
drop off your old paint, car batteries,
pesticides & more; appointment required!
- Illegal Dumping** 816-513-9000
contacts an investigator at the
Neighborhood Preservation Division
- Police Non-Emergency** 816-234-5111
for information or questions not
requiring an immediate response
- Potholes** 311
report road hazards to the Action Center
- Power Line Down** 888-544-4852
never approach a downed power line
yourself, even if it's on your vehicle or property
- Power Outage** 888-544-4852
report outages, flickering lights or
other damage-related problems
- Recycling Center** 816-561-1090
take your glass, paper & other recyclables
91st & Hillcrest Road, in the Wal-Mart parking lot,
east of Bannister Mall
Wed-Fri - 11:00 am-5:30 pm; Sat - 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- Temperature** 816-540-6021
- Waste Management** 311
- bulky item pick-up
- waste tire drop-off
- leaves & brush
- residential trash collection
- weekly curbside recycling
- Water Main Break** 816-513-0209
call for repairs outside of your home