

# Country Club Homes Association

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## Help Wanted

We still need two block captains. Please consider volunteering to help your neighborhood. See the listing on Page 2 to see if your block is covered.

## Neighborhood Watch – What’s It All About?

Officer John Trainor from the Kansas City Police Department attended our Fall Rendezvous in October. He offered many suggestions for crime prevention – many which are listed below.

Officer Trainor had the following answers to questions:

### When do I call 911 for Neighborhood Watch?

If you notice unfamiliar person(s) walking in the neighborhood and they are paying particular attention to a residence or vehicle.

If you notice an unfamiliar vehicle driving slowly and paying particular attention to a residence or vehicle. Many times these cars will not have license plates and would be an indicator that illegal activity is being planned.

Anytime you notice suspicious or out of the ordinary activity, call 911.

Officer Trainor said our neighborhood has been blessed with relatively few incidences. Neighborhoods south of ours have experienced a number of “smash & grab” break-ins. This is where back doors or windows are being broken, and robbers taking what they can grab, and running. Keeping a watchful eye on your property and your neighbors’ helps keep the entire neighborhood safe.

### Do alarms help?

They are certainly a deterrent. Houses with alarm signs are less apt to be broken into than ones without. However, most robbers know there is a delay in the time the alarm sounds and the police are dispatched. Officer Trainor also stated that many neighbors just ignore audible alarms thinking it is a false alarm. Always call 911 whenever your neighbor’s alarm is sounding.

### What other steps can be taken to protect our homes?

When leaving town, not only have lights on timers, also have a radio or television on a timer. This gives the appearance the home is still occupied. Also when leaving town, ask a neighbor or friend to pick up your newspaper and mail. You want to make the house appear occupied and that there has been no change in normal routine.

Outside lighting also acts as a deterrent.

Whether it is motion-activated or lights that are on throughout the night, both help in eliminating hiding places.

Get to know your neighbors. Attending neighborhood events such as the Fall Rendezvous helps you to know who lives in the neighborhood.

### Why do the police come to my house when I dial a 913 area code?

Since the Kansas City area has moved to 10-digit dialing, there have been many mis-dials. Some people hit the “1” twice in error, or this button on their phone doesn’t always register, so people hit it twice. Never hang up on a 911 call. The phone number and address are automatically registered. The police don’t know if you tried to call 911 and someone has forcibly taken the phone from you, or if it was a mis-dial. When the call is not completed, we come to the house to make sure everyone is safe. It is better to let the call connect and tell the 911 operator that you mis-dialled. This frees up our time and the 911 operator’s time.

### Here are some suggestions to help keep yourself and your property safe:

- Call 911 if suspicious activity is noticed.
- Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed around your house to prevent easy hiding places.
- Keep yard lights on or use a motion-detector to activate exterior lights.
- Do not leave ladders outside while not in use.
- Keep your house locked and your garage door down while working in the yard.
- Do not leave keys in your car or valuables within sight inside your car.
- Do not leave valuables within sight in your home that could be easily accessed through a “smash & grab”.
- Have a friend or neighbor pick up your paper and your mail while you are out of town. Put lights on timers so that your house appears occupied when you are gone.
- Be alert, not only to your house, but to your neighbor’s as well. ☞

## Area Events & Attractions

**American Royal**  
americanroyal.com

**Crown Centre**  
Ice Skating Terrace  
November – March

**Comedy City**  
comedycity.cc

**Coterie Theater**  
the.coterie.com

**Crossroads First Friday**  
20th & Baltimore

**Crown Center Events**  
crowncenter.com

**Folly Theater**  
follytheater.com

**American Jazz Museum**  
americanjazzmuseum.com

**“Art City: 20 Years of  
Public Art in Kansas City”**  
through Jan. 6, 2007  
urbancultureproject.org

**JCCC, Carlsen Center**  
jccc.org

**Just Off Broadway  
Theatre**  
justoffbroadway.org

**Kaleidoscope**  
hallmarkkaleidoscope.com

**Kansas City Ballet**  
kcballet.org

**KC Chamber Music**  
chambermusic.org

**KC Chamber Orchestra**  
kcchamberorchestra.org

**KC Chiefs Football**  
kcchiefs.com

**KC Repertory Theatre**  
kcrep.org

**Kansas City Symphony**  
kcsymphony.org

**Kansas City Zoo**  
kansascityzoo.org

## BLOCK CAPTAIN ADDRESS ROSTER

**Street – Block . . . . . Block Captain . . . . . # of Homes . . . . . Phone**

57th Street – 400 . . . . . Norma Spear . . . . . 6 . . . . . 333-0692  
57th Street – 600 . . . . . Amy Rose . . . . . 6 . . . . . 444-5839

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 . . . . . Janet Ferrett . . . . . 21 . . . . . 523-8892  
58th Terrace – 600 . . . . . Phil Watkins . . . . . 21 . . . . . 333-8853

59th Street – 400 . . . . . Teresa Olsen . . . . . 22 . . . . . 523-1362  
59th Street – 600 . . . . . Peg Horner . . . . . 22 . . . . . 822-1695

59th Terrace – 400 . . . . . Lee Ann Perkins . . . . . 22 . . . . . 523-5270  
59th Terrace – 600 . . . . . Betty Mantz . . . . . 24 . . . . . 444-8313

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

624 West 58th Terr. . . . . Lloyd Black, President . . . . . 853-5355  
647 West 59th Terr. . . . . Peg Horner, Secretary . . . . . 309-2794  
401 West 58th Terr. . . . . Nancy Reicher, Treasurer . . . . . 333-3876  
436 West 61st Street . . . . . Zoe Warmoth, At-Large . . . . . 523-0844  
621 West 58th Terr. . . . . Phil Watkins, Newsletter . . . . . 333-8853  
621 West 58th Terr. . . . . Catherine Forbes, Officer . . . . . 333-8853

## Association Dues



Your prompt payment of the association dues is appreciated. The budget is based on the number of properties and the amount of dues paid.

The following properties have not paid their 2006 dues. Delinquencies are subject to interest and liens placed on the property. Save some cash, pay your dues today!

### Delinquent as of December 7, 2006

- 421 Huntington
- 613 West 58th Street
- 616 West 58th Terrace
- 416 West 59th Terrace
- 440 West 59th Terrace
- 418 West 60th Terrace
- 437 West 60th Terrace

Before you can sell or refinance your property, all past association dues, interest and liens must be paid before a clear title can be given to the property.

# Charity May Not Begin at Home

*The Pitch* magazine blew the cover off the solicitors collecting money and selling candy bars at busy intersections. Not only is the practice dangerous, but the so-called charities are either complete fakes or bloated pseudo-churches with a here-today, gone-tomorrow history.

Many of our neighborhoods have experienced similarly shady scams involving young door-to-door sellers. It begins when someone rings your doorbell and announces that he or she is trying to win a scholarship, a session at summer camp, or some other uplifting experience. To help this ambitious salesperson, you can buy a subscription to some familiar magazine, possibly one you already buy at the newsstand.

The sales pitch may be laced with lies about the young seller being "from the neighborhood" or his/her being "just one or two sales away from winning the scholarship."

Don't believe it, any of it. There's no "scholarship" on the line, no "summer at camp," nothing but a business scam that uses young people to tug at the heartstrings of homeowners. Usually, the young sales

team is schooled in the pitch, driven to a pre-selected neighborhood, dropped off and told to canvass the community until another car picks them up a few hours later.

In most cases, the magazine subscriptions are bogus. The magazines never arrive and the company that sold the subscription is long gone before you can track down your missing money.

Several of these teams have been working our neighborhoods lately. In at least three neighborhoods, the losses went beyond the cost of the fake subscriptions; there were several break-ins that occurred while or just after the sales team was in the area.

Also, door-to-door solicitations for charity are a little iffy. Of course, the neighborhood Girl and Boy Scouts, and the familiar kids selling wrapping paper and trash bags deserve support. But beware of other, unfamiliar solicitors. In most cases, less than half of a donation collected at the door goes to the named charity. The rest – quite legally – goes to the fund-raising company with a cut to the solicitor. ☞

## Services Directory

Mike Clifford - 816-836-1040

### Clifford Tax Service

Tax returns preparation and accounting for individuals and corporations.

Stephen Ferrante - 816-507-9288

### Ferrante & Associates

Design, build restoration, painting, handyman. Many Brookside references.

Zoe Rhame Warmoth - 816-523-0844

### Art Lessons (for age 10 and up)

Individualized instruction from a KC Art Institute teaching assistant & portrait artist.

Heidi Schamberger - 816-582-9821

### www.kgcloset.com

Style, comfort and everything savvy for the upscale pet.

Harry Baldwin - 816-333-2678

### Harry's Hardwood

Lay, replace, finish hardwood floors.

Larry Murphy - 816-822-0379

### Murphy's Lawn & Landscaping

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

Cynthia Black - 816-444-5352

### HomeStaging By Cynthia, Inc.

Over 2,100 homes staged to sell since 1999. [www.HomeStagingByC.com](http://www.HomeStagingByC.com)

Julie Ball - 816-820-6483

### Brookside Healing Arts Center

Counselor & Art Therapist. 24 years experience working with children & adults.

Tammi Liebsch - 816-935-1025

### House Cleaning

Stay-at-home mom & wife of a police officer can help you find more free time.

Robert Hawkins - 816-786-2288

### Driveways, Decks & Painting

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

## Area Events & Attractions

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**Kauffman Garden**  
4800 Rockhill Road

**Lakeside Nature Park**  
[kcmo.org/parks](http://kcmo.org/parks)

**Late Night Theatre**  
[latenighttheatre.com](http://latenighttheatre.com)

**"Legends of the Night Sky"**  
Gottlieb Planetarium  
Ongoing Wed.-Sun.  
[unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org)

**Lyric Opera**  
[kcoopera.org](http://kcoopera.org)

**Negro Leagues  
Baseball Museum**  
[nlbm.com](http://nlbm.com)

**Nelson-Atkins  
Museum Of Art**  
[nelson-atkins.org](http://nelson-atkins.org)

**Powell Gardens**  
[powellgardens.org](http://powellgardens.org)

**Quality Hill Playhouse**  
[qualityhillplayhouse.com](http://qualityhillplayhouse.com)

**"Robots:  
An Interactive Exhibit"**  
through Jan. 7, 2007  
[unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org)

**Starlight Theater**  
[kcstarlight.com](http://kcstarlight.com)

**Theater League**  
[theaterleague.com](http://theaterleague.com)

**Toy + Miniature Museum**  
[umkc.edu/tmm](http://umkc.edu/tmm)

**Truman Library**  
[trumanlibrary.org](http://trumanlibrary.org)

**UMKC Performing Arts**  
[umkc.edu/performance](http://umkc.edu/performance)

**Unicorn Theatre**  
[unicorntheatre.org](http://unicorntheatre.org)

**Union Station**  
[unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org)

**Westport Events**  
[westportkcmo.com](http://westportkcmo.com)



## Useful Numbers:

**Action Center** . . . . . 816-513-1313  
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

**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  
how a little bit of work can yield great  
savings on your energy bill

**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** . . . . . 816-513-1313  
same number as 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

**Waste Management** . . . . . 816-513-1313  
- 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