

Country Club Homes Association

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Time for an election!

No, not the Presidential election, though that is kind of important, too. We're talking about the Board election for the Country Club Homes Association. It is going to be held during the Fall Rendezvous on September 7. So come get some delicious frozen custard and vote! There is a sample ballot on Page 3 of this newsletter. See you there!

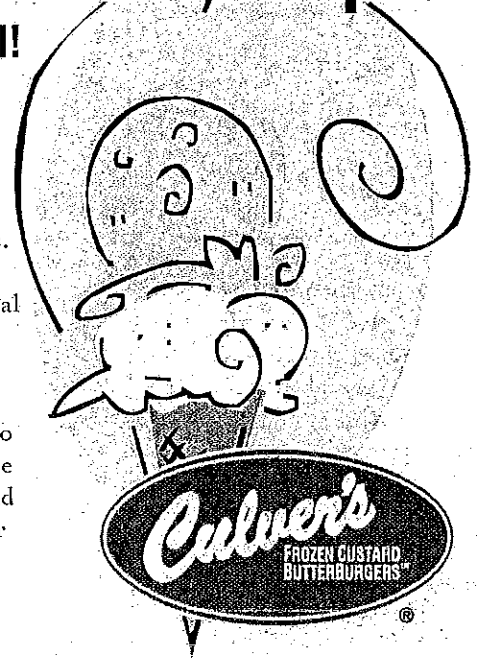
Fall Rendezvous: September 7, 2-5 pm

Come to a new-fangled frozen custard social!

LAST YEAR'S FALL RENDEZVOUS had a wonderful turnout, likely because we had Chris Cakes piling on the pancakes. This year should be just as much fun, with Culver's bringing in their exceptional frozen custard. You'll be able to beat the heat and visit with your neighbors. We'll have loads of toppings for the frozen custard, and a pint or two of a sugar-free frozen treat for those with special dietary needs.

Play an instrument? Bring it along for an old-fashioned neighborhood jam session.

Cost? It's free, but if you like, bring some canned-goods to donate to Harvesters Food Bank. A collection barrel will be provided. The KCPD and Fire Department will be on hand to answer safety questions. And, board positions are up for election, as well as fund usage for snow removal. A sample ballot is on Page 3. So come out and meet your neighbors, on Summit between 59th Street and 59th Terrace.



Block Watch 101

Keeping your block safer can be as easy as getting to know your neighbor

ON MAY 3, 2008, the city of Kansas City sponsored a "Block Captain Training" session for the Homes Associations of Kansas City at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center. The keynote speaker was Mildred Wiley of Chicago. Ms. Wiley was instrumental in taking back her neighborhood, which was once crime-ridden and decaying. She is currently the Senior Director of Community & Government Affairs for the Chicago's Bethel New Life, serving the West Garfield Park area of the city.

Ms. Wiley presented what she called "Block Watch 101" – things communities can do to correct a problem neighborhood, or keep your neighborhood from becoming a problem. It all boils down to being a good neighbor, even a "nosy neighbor." By that she meant to watch out for one another, to keep our eyes open, and to question things that don't look right. It usually takes a crime before a block or

neighborhood decides to set up a block watch. You can be proactive before an incident occurs. Get to know your neighbors; their names; their children's names; even the model of car they drive. Have the phone numbers of your neighbors handy on your cell phone or on a pad by your house phone. Then keep your eyes open in your immediate neighborhood.

If you see something that doesn't seem right, such as a strange car in a neighbor's driveway or an open door or window when they are not home, you just might be able to prevent a robbery. Call your neighbor. If you can't get a hold of them, call their next-door neighbor to see if they are aware of anything. If you can't get anyone, then call the police.

Trust your instincts. You know your neighborhood. Don't hide from a neighborhood problem, as those problems will only get worse. Remember that criminals

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A Welcome to our new Neighbors!

Rachel Barnes
& Jeffrey Denton
620 West 58th Terrace
Paul & Dorothy Martin
419 West 58th Terrace

Be A Good Neighbor: Keep Your Homes Association Dues Current

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 dues. Delinquencies are subject to interest and liens being placed on the property.

Delinquent dues as of July 15, 2008

- 421 Huntington
- 627 Huntington
- 634 Huntington
- 403 West 58th Street
- 620 West 58th Street
- 601 West 58th Terrace
- 616 West 58th Terrace
- 440 West 59th Terrace
- 401 West 60th Terrace
- 418 West 60th Terrace

Properties with dues in excess of \$100 in arrears are subject to an additional \$100 fine.

Those homes with overdue association dues cannot vote in the upcoming Board election. ✿

The Forest & The Trees

"One tree at a time". That's the motto of the Heartland Tree Alliance, a six-year old, bi-state alliance of admitted, unabashed tree-huggers.

Initially organized in response to an ice storm that devastated area trees, the Alliance has a threefold mission to:

- Teach the value of the urban forest in greater Kansas City
- Train volunteers in tree planting and care
- Create opportunities for hands-on forestation efforts

One popular effort of the Alliance is the Tree Keepers program. Volunteers aspiring to be Tree Keepers take comprehensive training offered twice a year at Johnson County Community College and at several Missouri locations. Taught by professional foresters and

arborists, the classes cover everything from tree identification to species selection to pruning, maintenance and diagnosing tree problems. Upon completion of the course, participants become part of a volunteer corps to care for young trees on public property in the Kansas City region.

Another valuable service of the Alliance is the Tree IOI Course, which can be presented to neighborhood associations, businesses or other groups. The course is offered as either a single session, or a series, and covers the benefits of trees, their impact on the urban environment, tree selection and planting, and on-going tree care.

For more information, visit the website at www.heartlandtreealliance.org. To learn more about Trees IOI or to schedule a presentation in your neighborhood, contact Angela Schreffler at 816-561-4061 (ext. 110). ✿

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	333-9158
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	Hazel Spencer	22	444-7211
60th Terrace - 400	Janet Blauvelt	20	361-9624
60th Terrace - 600	Leslie Eden & Carl Van Sant	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
401 West 58th Terr	Nancy Reicher, Treasurer	333-3876
621 West 58th Terr	Catherine Forbes, Secretary	333-8853
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

Homes Association of the Country Club District . . . www.haccd.org

Summer Safety at Home

While recently doing yard work on the side of my house, I realized I had done what I remind people not to do: I left my garage door open. These tips are suggestions for how you can go outside and enjoy working in your yard without creating an opportunity for a creep.

- Always keep your front door and garage door locked.
- Do not leave windows open with just a screen as security. Screens can quickly be slit, allowing access inside.
- Be careful if you're washing or vacuuming your car in the driveway. It only takes a moment to run inside the house for a cool drink, leaving your car unlocked and your garage open.
- When you need to have your garage door open, lock the interior door that leads into your house. An uninvited guest inside your home with other family members present while you're outside can be a dangerous situation.

- If your home has a utility door that leads from the outside into your garage, check to make sure it stays locked.
- Keep an extra house key on a lanyard or pin it to your clothing so you can lock yourself out of your home while you are working.
- Interior garage doors that lead into the home should be made of solid wood construction and as strong as any exterior door.
- This time of year, the bad guys specifically want to get their hands on your lawnmower, weed eater, leaf blower and other valuable lawn tools.
- Always be aware of your surroundings, even though you are in your own yard. Have a cell phone or cordless home phone available for emergencies – always a good idea when power tools are in use.

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Upcoming Board Election

During the Fall Rendezvous on September 7, there will be ballots available for the nomination and re-election of Country Club Homes Association Board Members. Participating in your homes association is a civic duty. After all, it's our neighborhood, and we all care about our neighborhood, right?

Below is a sample ballot to get you

thinking about how you'll be voting in the election. And we're looking to see some new nominations for the Board. Don't be shy about nominating yourself. And what better way to get support than talking to your neighbors during the Fall Rendezvous about voting for you!

Election results will be posting in the next newsletter.

Country Club Homes Asso. – 2008 Ballot

Please vote for each candidate & write in name(s) for nominations to the Board. Please print.

For Against

Peg Horner

Nancy Reicher

write-in board nomination _____

write-in board nomination _____

Use remaining assessed 2007 Snow Removal Funds for continued snow removal.

Services Directory

Cynthia Black - 816-444-5352

HomeStaging By Cynthia

Over 3,000 homes staged to sell since 1999.

www.HomeStagingByC.com

Heidi Schamberger - 1-877-DIVA-PET

www.k9closet.com

Style, comfort and everything savvy for the upscale pet.

Catherine Forbes- 816-587-8070

River's Bend Gallery

Voted the best gallery in the Northland! Visit historic Parkville to find a treasure of fine art & handcrafted gifts. Bring this newsletter & get 5% off your purchase.

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

Chuck Wilson - 816-822-9829

Wild Child Embroidery

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

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

The e-mail is wadcorp@swbell.net

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



Hazardous Waste: What to do with it?

Following up on where to take your recyclables, mentioned in the previous newsletter, here is some information on how best to deal with hazardous waste you have stored in your basement or garage.

Kansas City's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program accepts, manages and recycles or safely disposes excess or unwanted residential household chemicals, as well as hazardous materials from city facilities.

The facility is located at the Environmental Campus, 4707 Deramus and is open for drop-off of household hazardous waste from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays by appointment only.

You must call ahead for an appointment at (816) 784-2080.

The facility also houses a "swap shop" where residents can pick up reusable household chemicals that others have brought in.

Additional information may be found at the Household Hazardous Waste web site: <http://www.kcmo.org/water.nsf/web/hhw>

Get on Board & Dump the Pump!

With the cost of gasoline shooting skyward, some of us have been looking at the bus stops at the entrance to our neighborhood and asking ourselves if we should/could be taking the bus? Well, the KC Metro has instituted a new trip planning service, called Google Transit that makes answering that question a whole lot easier.

Start at www.kcta.org and look for the Trip Planner button, then let The Metro show you the best way to get from here to there. Simply plug in your starting and destination addresses, an intersection, or a landmark, and you'll be able to route your trip by the least connections, the fastest trip, or the shortest walk. The planner will even remember earlier trips you've planned (just look for the Recent tab). Google Transit also features maps, street view photographs and the ability to search for businesses near your destination.

Our nearest bus stops are found at the end of our Streets (not Terraces). You can catch the Ward Parkway Line, Route #51 at Ward Parkway, and the South Oak Line, Route #57 at Worniall Road.

By riding the bus instead of driving their own vehicles, commuters help reduce the auto emissions that pollute the air. Emissions are a major contributor to ground-level ozone in Kansas City, which is created when pollution from cars and other sources react in sunlight. Heat and sunlight combine to make ozone pollution a frequent problem during the summer months.

June through September 30, The Metro offers 50¢ fares on days that have an Ozone Alert to encourage riding the bus instead of driving. A new ATA Ozone Alert! brochure offers additional incentive by featuring Metro Monthly Bus Pass coupons good through September. Metro customers can use these coupons to receive \$2 off the price of a regular or express monthly pass, and reduced fare bus pass users get a \$1 discount with the coupon.

The Regional Call Center offers route and schedule information for all three bus services at (816) 221-0660. The center is open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays. The ozone forecast is available at (913) 383-7557 and www.marc.org. Local weather forecasts feature a color-coded SkyCast, with alerts being declared for Red and Orange days.

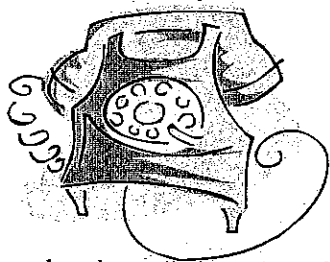
The base fare is \$1.25 on most Metro routes. Children five years old and younger ride free. For just \$3 you can get a bus pass for unlimited rides for an entire day! You may use coins, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 bills. Be advised that neither the Metro bus operator nor the farebox can issue change. If you pay more than the required fare, you will receive a Change Card. Also note, fares and passes cost more on commuter express routes serving Blue Springs, Lee's Summit, Liberty and Raytown.

Bus Passes can really save you money and are available on-line at store.kcata.org For a full calendar month, you can get unlimited rides for only \$40 with a Monthly Bus Pass. Summer Tranz Tag gives teens 12 to 18, unlimited transportation. Max 2-Ride provides roundtrip ticket packets. Did you know there are even Royals and Chiefs Express Buses with service to Kauffman and Arrowhead stadiums plus season passes or discounted single-game tickets?

So go ahead, give the bus a try. It's less expensive than driving, it's easy to get where you want to go, it's better for our environment, and it's fun!

The screenshot shows the 'The Metro' website's trip planning tool. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Home' and 'Plan a trip', and a 'Help' link. Below this, there are three main sections: 'Where are you starting?', 'Where are you going?', and 'When?'. Each section has input fields for 'Address', 'City', 'Number', and 'Street'. The 'When?' section includes a date selector set to 'July 11, 25, 2008' and radio buttons for 'Departure', 'Earliest trip', and 'Latest trip'. There are also checkboxes for 'AM/PM' and 'Approximately'. At the bottom, there is a section 'What options would you like?' with radio buttons for 'Fastest trip', 'Fewest transfers', and 'Shortest walk'. A 'Show trip plan' button is located at the bottom right.

Desk Sergeant or 911?



During the "Block Captain Training" meeting of the Kansas City Homes Associations,

a break-out session given by Kansas City police officer, Mitch Atwood, a 17 year veteran, working within Division I, offered tips that can help people keep their neighborhoods safer.

Have a situation in the neighborhood? Calling the police division for your neighborhood and asking for the Desk Sergeant might get an officer dispatched more quickly than when calling 911.

The KCPD Metro Patrol number is: 816-234-5111.

Remember, violent crime or a crime in progress will take priority over a call about someone wandering through the neighborhood. Sometimes it can take a while for an officer to get to the scene as patrol officers usually work a large territory and address the most serious situations first. But be patient. There are twenty officers per division on-call at any time. So, if you do see

suspicious activity, call. An officer will come.

See a car which doesn't belong in your neighborhood, or which seems to be slowly cruising through, acting suspicious? Officer Atwood says to remember: CYMBOL.

- C = color of the vehicle
- Y = model year of the vehicle
- M = make of the car
- B = body style of the vehicle
- O = occupancy; how many people?
- L = license plate, number & state

Remembering these details can help police apprehend criminals working in your neighborhood. Other things to note when you see someone suspicious on your block: race, sex, height, weight, hairstyle, clothes, footwear, headwear, any little details that can help officers identify someone. The more information, the better the chances of making an arrest quickly.

You are an integral part of keeping our neighborhood safe. The first defense is knowing your neighbors: who lives where; whose car is whose; the kids in the neighborhood and when they're home from school. Armed with this knowledge, you can recognize who is not a neighbor, who might be suspicious, and who really shouldn't be there, enabling you to better help prevent a crime. ❀

Take a Good Look at Crime

Vigilance is the homeowner's best defense and information is his or her best ally. Luckily, the quest for information just got a whole lot easier for homeowners on the Missouri side.

CrimeReports.com is an impressive website that offers up-to-date, mapped and searchable crime data for any location in Kansas City, MO. Simply enter an address in the query box on the Crime Reports homepage. The site will display a map of that address and the surrounding neighborhood, showing every crime site, identifying the type of crime that occurred, the date of the incident, and the time of day. Depending on the look-back setting you choose, the site will display that information for a three-, seven-, fourteen- or thirty-day period.

By moving the cursor around the map, you can track crime in adjacent neighborhoods or use the zoom-out feature to look for larger-scale patterns to help plot your security strategy. For example, your research may show that residential crime is

most likely occurs in the late morning, that certain streets in the neighborhood seem to be the most vulnerable, or that there are certain invisible boundaries that thieves and lowlifes just don't seem to cross.

The site - which is operated by a company in Utah and currently includes data for about 14 states - is clear, color-coded and easy-to-use. There is no enrollment requirement, subscription or fee. (Apparently the municipalities that enroll and supply the data pay a membership fee.)

In addition to the search and display features, the site also offers a crime alert service. If you choose, you can sign-up to receive crime alerts via e-mail. By entering your home address and indicating the types of crime and a radius/area you'd like to monitor, the site will alert you when crimes occur.

To access the site, either go to www.crimereports.com and enter a location in the query box, or go to www.kcpd.org and click on the link for Crime Mapping. ❀

Block Watch 101

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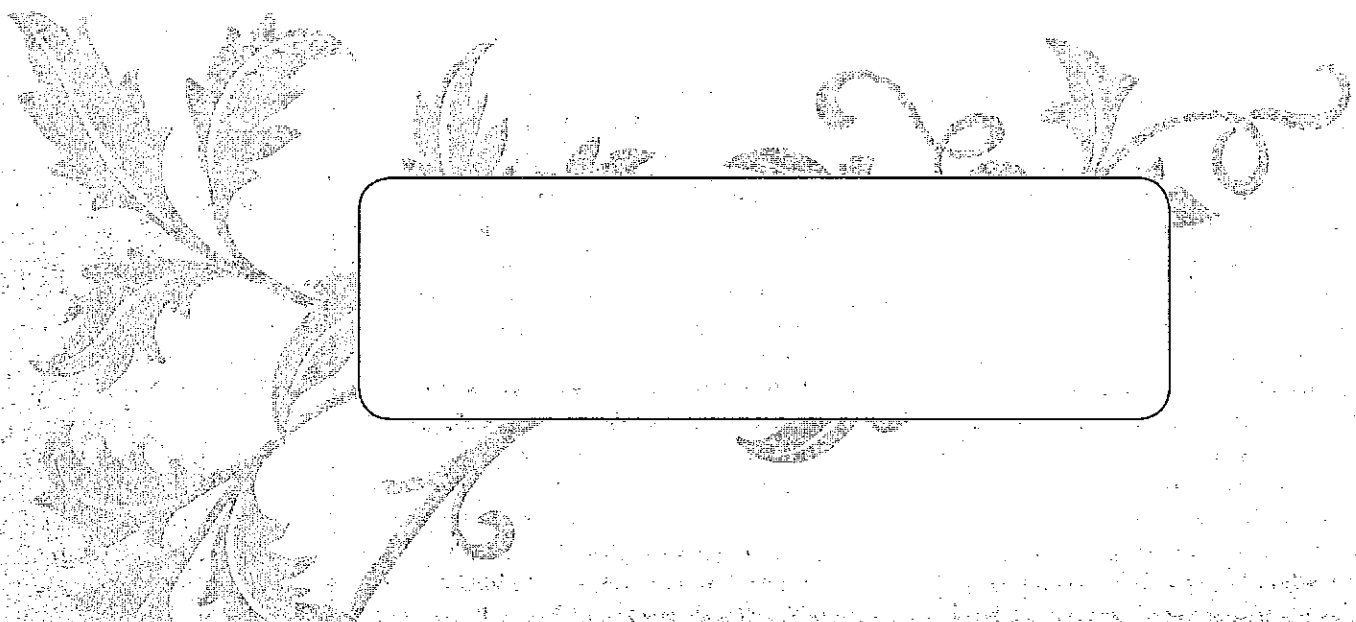
don't want a witness. If they are confronted, or know that they've been seen in a neighborhood, they will usually move on. If you see someone you don't know, or who looks suspicious, confront him or her. If they are a visitor of your neighbor, no harm is done. If they shouldn't be there, they will likely take off rather than cause an incident.

However, NEVER do anything which might put you in harm's way. If you are uncomfortable with the situation, call the police. If you see someone trying to break in to a car, window, or door, call the police. You do not need to get involved, other than making that call.

So how do you get to know your neighbors? These warm-weather months are a great time to meet folks, as so many people are doing things in their yards. Take time to introduce yourself to the people who share your block. Chances are they'll be happy to meet you. Arrange to exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Later on, you can schedule block parties where you can get to know everyone better. Some of the blocks within Country Club Homes Association are already doing this as an annual event. And remember to attend the annual Fall Rendezvous on September 7! It's a fun way to meet a lot of your neighbors, block captains, and board members.

As Mildred Wiley said, bonding with your neighbors not only builds a stronger community; it makes your block a safer place to live. ❀

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 Kansas City, MO 64114
 www.haccd.org



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;
always call BEFORE you dig! (800-344-7483)
- 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

- KC Police Non-Emergency 816-234-5111
for information or questions not
requiring an immediate response, or
if you see suspicious activity
- 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
 - residential trash collection
 - waste tire drop-off
 - weekly curbside recycling
 - leaves & brush
- Water Main Break 816-513-0209
call for repairs outside of your home