



Country Club Homes Association

Voters Support Curbside Recycling for Another Year

Country Club Homes Association residents who voted in the fall 2023 homes association election overwhelmingly approved a proposal to continue curbside glass recycling through 2024.

As a result of this vote, CCHA residents will see an additional assessment of \$30 on their 2024 homes association dues invoice, with all of these funds being allocated to support curbside glass recycling. Your 2024 CCHA dues invoice can be found in the same mailing as this Newsletter.

Under the proposal approved by homeowners, CCHA residents will be paying the entire cost of curbside glass recycling in 2024. The \$30 annual assessment — \$2.50 per home per month — is the same rate the service provider charged in 2023. However, in 2023 homeowners only paid half the cost and CCHA paid the other half out of surplus funds. With curbside glass being picked up every other Friday from every home within the homes association's boundaries — a total of 26 pickups per year — the cost to residents for the service is less than \$1.25 for each pickup.

Jason Jantz, owner of Crush Glass KC, is excited about the prospect of another year of collecting glass from CCHA homeowners. "We anticipated a slight decline in the volume of glass we would collect from CCHA residents compared to 2022," Jantz said. "But based on our glass collection through November, we are now predicting as much as a 5% increase in glass collected in 2023 from CCHA residents compared to 2022," Jantz said. He estimated between 33 and 36 tons of glass would be kept out of landfills in 2023 just from CCHA residents. "That's an amazing accomplishment by your community," he said.

A total of 110 residents voted on the glass recycling proposal, with the measure passing with 81 'Yes' votes to 29 'No' votes. The 110 voters represent 38% of the 289 CCHA homeowners. While the number of homeowners voting this year was down slightly compared to the 2022 CCHA election, the CCHA Board was still pleased with the number of votes cast. There were 122 voters in 2022, which constituted 42% of the 289 CCHA homeowners. By comparison, only 13.3% of registered voters in Kansas City, MO voted in the June 20, 2023 Municipal General and Special Election, which included a mayoral race and candidates running for all of the City Council seats. CCHA conducted its election by mail during the month of October, 2023.

The homes association will sign a contract with Crush Glass to provide the service through 2024. Continuation of the program beyond 2024 will require CCHA home owners to again approve a special assessment to pay for the service for another year.

Do you need a yellow bin to hold your glass to be recycled? Send an email to Jason Jantz at info@crushglasskc.com.

Go to crushglasskc.com/annual-calendar to find the weeks when glass will be picked up in our area.

Two Board Members Elected To New Two-Year Terms

The fall 2023 CCHA elections saw two Board members elected for a new two-year term.

Returning Board member, **Matt Watson**, has been on the Board since 2019. **Chris Jury** will be starting his first term as a voting Board member. Chris was appointed to the role of CCHA Treasurer in early 2023, but he did not vote on matters brought to the Board. They each received close to 100 votes in winning their seats on the Board.

Six other homeowners received one write-in vote each during the month-long voting.

Chris will fill the Board seat currently held by Karlie Speicher, who chose not to run for re-election. Karlie has served as the Vice President of CCHA, and she chaired this year's Fall Festival Committee. The Board will miss Karlie and we thank her for her dedicated service to our neighborhood.

CCHA Board Members

beginning January, 2024

The officer positions for 2024 will be chosen by the Board at the meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday, January 9.

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Kate Forsyth

The CCHA Board extends its deepest sympathies to the family of Kathleen Forsyth who died October 13. Kate was a neighbor, friend, and former member of the CCHA Board, where she served our neighborhood for six years. She joined the CCHA Board after serving as a Jackson County Circuit Court Judge for 13 years, all of it in the Probate Division. She is survived by her husband, Michael Brown, a step-daughter, and several cousins.

CCHA Centennial Celebration

CCHA will celebrate its 100-year anniversary in 2024 with a year-long series of exciting events. While details and specific dates for some of the festivities have not been finalized, here are the highlights:

- **Centennial Kick-off:** July 11, 2024, exclusive for CCHA homeowners and their families.
- **A Century of Traditions:** November/December, 2024. Open to all, exploring holiday customs from the past century.
- **Retrospective: Technology & Fashion:** January/February, 2025. Covers the evolution of technology and fashion trends. Open to all.
- **Barkin' Up the Right Tree:** A pet-focused event in March/April, 2025, with fun activities and prizes for furry friends. Open to all.
- **Green Thumbs & Blooms:** May 2025, a session on gardening and seasonal planting for both expert and novice gardeners. Open to all.
- **Classic Ice-Cream Social:** July 11, 2025, a traditional gathering with ice-cream and fun activities for CCHA homeowners and their families.

You are invited to volunteer and join the celebration! Contact Matt Watson at watsonccha@gmail.com. Let's create lasting memories together!

Chocolate Mint Cookies

Submitted by Benita Webber

Preheat oven to 350°

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup butter
- 12 oz package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- About 30 Andes Mints cut in half

In microwave, melt margarine and chocolate chips. Stir in brown sugar, eggs and water. Stir in flour and baking soda.

After mixing up the dough, refrigerate for at least 2 hours (can be left in refrigerator up to a week).

Scoop out dough to form a 1-inch ball. Place on cookie sheet (they will spread). Bake for about 12 minutes.

Remove cookies from the oven and place an Andes Mint on each cookie. When the mints are shiny, spread with a knife as if it were icing.

These cookies firm up when cool.

Makes about 5 dozen and freeze well.



Samantha Farmer runs up Huntington Road

The 2023 Garmin Kansas City Marathon course ran through the heart of CCHA for the second consecutive year at mile 16.

Denver resident Samantha Farmer won the women's division, completing the 26.2 miles in 2:48:28, a pace of 6:26 per mile.