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Country Club Homes Association

Members Face Election Decisions

As a Country Club Homes Association member, you play a vital role in shaping the future of our neighborhood. To that end, you received a ballot requesting your input on filling two CCHA Board seats. Additionally, we're asking you to vote on a proposal to implement a Special Assessment totaling \$30 annually, per household, to continue curbside glass recycling service through 2024.

Curbside Glass Recycling Program History

2022: Curbside glass recycling became available to CCHA homeowners at no cost to residents. Paid for by CCHA using surplus funds.

2023: Residents approved a Special Assessment that added \$15 to their annual CCHA dues to continue the program through the end of this year. The CCHA Board agreed to pay the other \$15 annually, per home, for each of the 289 homeowners within the association's boundaries, again using surplus funds.

2024: CCHA homeowners are being asked to approve a Special Assessment to cover the cost for curbside glass recycling through 2024. The \$30 annual fee, per home, would be added to every homeowner's 2024 CCHA annual dues, but only if a simple majority of the homeowners voting on this issue approve the Special Assessment.

According to Jason Jantz, owner of Crush Glass KC, the vendor for the program, "Curbside glass recycling has been incredibly successful within the CCHA. We collected more than 30 tons of glass from CCHA residents in 2022, and we're on pace to collect over 32 tons of glass by the end of 2023." Jantz added that CCHA homeowners are among the top participating communities (by percentage of residents) that his company services. "Keeping over 125,000 pounds of glass out of our landfills since 2022 is an amazing accomplishment, and your members should feel proud about that," Jantz said.

The CCHA Board supports the curbside glass recycling program, but we no longer have sufficient surplus funds to continue subsidizing the costs in 2024. The \$30 annual fee, which comes to only \$2.50 per homeowner, per month, will pay for 26 pickups per year if voters approve the Special Assessment on the CCHA ballot you received with this newsletter.

CCHA Board of Directors

Two residents are seeking to fill the two open spots on the CCHA Board. **Matt Watson** is a current Board member and CCHA Secretary seeking another two-year term on the Board.

Chris Jury is the current CCHA Treasurer, but he is not a voting member of the Board today. If elected, Chris would fill a Board seat being vacated by Karlie Speicher, current CCHA Vice President and Board member, who has decided not to run for re-election.

Short bios of both candidates can be found on the ballot. Homeowners can vote for either or both of these applicants, or they may write in the name of any other qualified resident(s) for one or both spots.

The Board is grateful for Karlie's many contributions over the past two years; most recently, leading the planning for the Fall Festival. Karlie's participation on the 2024 Centennial Committee highlights her continued dedication to the neighborhood.

CCHA Centennial in 2024

On July 11, 1924, the state of Missouri certified the formation of the Country Club Homes Association (CCHA) of Kansas City. Whether you have been a part of CCHA for decades or are new to the neighborhood, we invite you to join us in 2024 as we honor and celebrate our rich history.



CCHA's 100th anniversary provides an opportunity to bring the community together for a centennial celebration. The association expects to apply for a grant through the city's Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund, and we will be seeking funds to make this event truly remarkable. Our goals for this celebration are to create a lasting symbol for residents, to organize an educational program that highlights the history of CCHA, and to engage the community in a meaningful way. There may be other surprises in store throughout the year as we celebrate the past century.

We are still in the planning phase for several events and activities. If you have ideas, suggestions, or simply want to be part of this historic milestone, contact Karlie Speicher at (816) 668-9658 or via email at clayspike@gmail.com. Together, we can create unforgettable memories and a lasting legacy for CCHA residents.

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Large Item Dumpster Returning - Oct 14



If you have non-hazardous trash that is too large or heavy to throw out with your weekly garbage, mark Saturday, October 14, on your calendar. CCHA has made arrangements with the city to have a trash dumpster, similar to the one pictured, available that day for use by homes association residents. Beginning at 7 a.m., you will find the dumpster parked on Pennsylvania Ave, just north of Huntington Road. The

dumpster is made available as part of the city's Neighborhood Cleanup Assistance Program, and it will be open until it is filled.

PLEASE NOTE - the following items will NOT be accepted: tires: petroleum products; paint; electronics; monitors or TVs; large appliances; batteries; chemicals of any kind.

Save your yard waste for the city's leaf and brush pickups in our area on Friday, Nov 3, and Friday, Dec. 15.

If you have questions about what can be thrown into the dumpster, contact Tom Grimaldi at GrimaldiCCHA@gmail.com.

The Best Caesar Salad of All Time

1 dark green head Romaine Lettuce

3 Cloves Fresh Garlic - Crushed

1 tsp Salt

5 Tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil

2 Tbsp Balsamic Vinegar

2 Tbsp Fresh Lemon Juice

1 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce

1 Fresh Egg

½ tsp White Pepper (You may substitute Black Pepper)

½ Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese (Fresh is best)

Garlic Croutons

Shaved Parmesan Cheese (Optional)

Anchovies (Optional)

Cracked Black Pepper (To taste)

Wash and dry romaine lettuce – Break into bite-sized chunks – Set aside

Dressing

Mix Olive Oil, Vinegar, Lemon Juice, Worcestershire, Egg and Pepper Mash garlic and salt into a smooth paste with a mortar and pestle

Add the garlic paste to the Olive Oil mixture

Fold in grated Parmesan Cheese until well-blended

Toss dressing with the well-dried romaine

Add croutons and toss again

Top each serving with shaved parmesan and anchovies, if you're a Caesar purist

Add freshly cracked black pepper

Enjoy!

Kansas City Marathon in the Neighborhood – Oct 21

The 2023 edition of the Garmin Kansas City Marathon will not only disrupt traffic across the city, but also in our neighborhood as the marathon route cuts through the heart of the Country Club Homes Association.

The race will be held on Saturday, October 21, and mile 15 of the marathon will have runners going west on Huntington Road from Brookside Blvd. all the way to Ward Parkway.



The marathon and halfmarathon races start at 7 on 47th St/Cleaver Blvd between Oak and Rockhill. Besides our neighborhood, the 26.2-mile route goes through or near several historical parts of city, including the Country Club Plaza; Westport; Downtown; 18th and Vine; Hyde Park; Troost Ave., past the Institute, Stowers UMKC and Rockhurst University; Crestwood; Brookside; Ward Pkwy; Waldo; Sunset Hill; and Loose Park.

There will also be a 10K and 5K race beginning at 7:30 a.m.

and 7:45 a.m., respectively, that will block traffic in and around the Plaza and UMKC that morning. All course maps and race information can be found at Sportkc.org/marathon/course-maps.

CCHA Information

The Country Club Homes Association is made up of 289 homes located within the following borders:

On the north, by the south side of 57th St;

On the east, by the west side of Wornall;

On the south, by the north side of 61 St.; and On the west, by the east side of Summit St.

New CCHA Logo: As we prepare for the upcoming Centennial, we are excited to create a brand new CCHA logo. If you or someone you know is interested in designing it, please get in touch with Matt Watson at <u>WatsonCCHA@gmail.com</u> by November 1, 2023.