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KC Police Non-Emergency 816-234-5111 for information or questions not requiring an immediate response, or if you see suspicious activity
Potholes
Power Line Down
Power Outage
Recycling Center
Temperature 816-540-6021
Waste Management
Water Main Break 816-513-0209 call for repairs outside of your home

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# Country Club Homes Association

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## A Welcome to our new Neighbor!

Janie Sarvis-McManness 401 West 59th Terrace

# **Neighborhood Garage Sale June 6**



DON'T FORGET that the annual Country Club Homes Associaton Garage Sale is coming up on Saturday, June 6. Time to clean out your basement, attic or bedroom closet.

The Homes Association will again place signs along Wornall Road and Ward Parkway, alerting people to the Garage Sale, as well as running an ad in The Kansas City Star.

This is the one day of the year to get out and sell those old items, visit with some of your neighbors, and make a few bucks to boot!

## **Cell Phone No Call List – FACT OR FICTION?**

BEEN WORRIED ABOUT getting signed up for the Cell Phone No Call List by the imposed deadline? Well, relax. According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Snopes.com, it's just another urban myth. That's right, an unnecessary rumor.

Directly from the FCC web page at www.fcc.gov:

You may be one of many consumers who have received e-mails saying you're about to be assaulted by unwanted telemarketing calls to your wireless phone. Rest assured that placing telemarketing calls to wireless phones is – and always has been – illegal in most cases.

#### Why the Confusion?

The confusion seems to stem from recent discussions in the wireless phone industry about establishing a wireless 4II phone directory, much like your traditional (wired) 4II phone directory. A number of e-mail campaigns seem to suggest that if your wireless telephone number is listed in a wireless 4II directory, it will be available to telemarketers, and you will start to receive sales calls. In addition, some of these e-mail campaigns suggest that there is a separate do-not-call "cell phone registry," which you must call to have your wireless phone number covered by the do-not-call rules. This information is wrong.

#### **Here Are the Facts:**

At present, a wireless 4II directory is only in the idea stage.

Even if a wireless 4II directory is established, most telemarketing calls to wireless phones would still be illegal. For



example, it is unlawful for any person to make any call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with express prior consent) using any automatic telephone dialing system or any artificial or prerecorded voice message to any telephone number assigned to a paging service, mobile telephone service, or any service for which the called party is charged for the call. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the number is listed on the national Do-Not-Call list.

Contrary to what some of the e-mail campaigns are saying, the federal government does not maintain and is not establishing a separate Do-Not-Call list for wireless phone numbers. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) established the national Do-Not-Call list to enable consumers to reduce the number of

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#### **Facts At Your Fingertips**

In this high-speed, computer world, we receive news, alerts and information almost in a blink of an eye. The up side is that we have never been more in-tune with current happenings as we are today. The down side is that we often receive information from the unscrupulous to the ill-informed. Well-intentioned sources merely forward on news. This can often result in false or bad information being passed around literally overnight, causing unnecessary panic or worry, poor decision-making, and even bad behavior. So how do you discern which emails are false and which are true? Use the internet to your intellectual advantage and look up the topic yourself - it's easy, informative, responsible, and fun! Below are just two great sources to help you to sort fact from fiction.

#### Snopes.com

http://www.snopes.com/

(Pronounced "snoups") Also known as the "Urban Legends Reference Pages", this web site is the best known resource for validating and debunking urban legends, Internet rumors, email forwards, and other stories of uncertain or questionable origin in American popular culture. Snopes is run by Barbara and David Mikkelson, a California couple who also founded the San Fernando Valley Folklore Society.

#### FactCheck.org http://www.factcheck.org/

The Annenberg Political Fact Check is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania (APPC). The APPC was established in 1994 by publisher and philanthropist Walter Annenberg to create a community of scholars within the University of Pennsylvania that would address public policy issues at local, state, and federal levels. This is a nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer Advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics by monitoring the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV Ads. debates, speeches, interviews, emails, and news releases. The goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship, and to increase public knowledge and understanding. The APPC accepts NO funding from businesses, labor unions, political parties, lobbying organizations or individuals. It is funded primarily by the Annenberg Foundation.

### **Recycling Update:** WE CAN NOW RECYCLE PLASTICS #1 – #7!

Beginning on the first trash pick up in February 2009 we can now recycle plastic containers with #3 thru #7, which is a change! Please look inside the chasing arrow symbol on plastic containers to confirm they have these numbers before placing in your recycle bin. As a reminder, the following items listed below, discuss what items can and cannot be recycled. For additional information please go to www.kcmo.org/recyclefirst for a complete list of recyclable products.

#### Recycle these items in your bin:

- · Aluminum cans and other metal cans
- Plastic bottles with a neck #I and #2
   (look for the number inside the chasing arrow symbol), such as water and soda bottles, milk jugs and detergent bottles
- Plastic containers #3 thru #7, such as yogurt and margarine/butter tub containers
- Office paper, junk mail, newspapers, phone books, catalogues and magazines
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Paperback and hardback books

- Cardboard (thick corrugated and thin cereal box-type) and egg cartons
- · Pizza delivery boxes (without food)
- Shredded paper (in a bag marked as "shredded paper", as of May I)

#### DON'T put these in your bin:

- · Glass
- · Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil bottles and other automotive product bottles
- Egg cartons (styrofoam)
- · Paper towels, tissues, napkins, plates, cups
- Waxed containers, like milk and ice cream cartons or juice boxes
- · Gift wrap
- Bags which contained pet food, fertilizer, cat litter or charcoal

#### **Cell Phone No Call List**

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unwanted telemarketing calls to their residential or personal wireless phones. Wireless phone subscribers have always been able to add their personal wireless phone numbers to the national Do-Not-Call list, either online at www.donotcall.gov, or by calling toll-free to I-888-382-I222 from the phone number they wish to register. The do-not-call rules require callers that aren't exempt from the rules to stop telemarketing calls 30 days after you register a number. Contrary to information in certain e-mails, there is no deadline for registering a number on the national Do-Not-Call list. There is also no longer any need to re-register a number – it will stay on the national Do-Not-Call list until you cancel your registration or discontinue service.

If you receive an unwanted telemarketing

call that you think violates the do-not-call rules, you can file a complaint with the FCC. There is no charge for filing a complaint. You can file your complaint using an on-line complaint form found at esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm. You can also file your complaint with the FCC's Consumer Center by e-mailing fccinfo@fcc.gov; calling I-888-CALL-FCC (I-888-225-5322) voice or I-888-TELL-FCC (I-888-835-5322) TTY; faxing I-866-418-0232; or writing to:

#### Federal Communications Commission Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Consumer Inquiries & Complaints Division 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

You can also check with Snopes.com at <a href="http://www.snopes.com/politics/business/cell411.asp">http://www.snopes.com/politics/business/cell411.asp</a> for examples of email alerts you may have received, sources and additional information.

#### Thank You, Thank You

Thanks to everyone who paid their dues early this year and thereby did not incur the interest charges. Our Association membership is way ahead of last year at this time. We had more than 30 members delinquent at this time last year. Now, there are only 13:

411 Huntington	634 Huntington	421 W. 59th Terr.	401 W. 60th Terr.	640 W. 61st Street
417 Huntington	429 W. 57th Street	440 W. 59th Terr.	418 W. 60th Terr.	
421 Huntington	403 W. 58th Street	642 W. 59th Terr.	404 W. 61st Street	

Let's clear up the remainder memberships dues payments by next month, thus avoiding any more interest.

#### BLOCK CAPTAIN ADDRESS ROSTER

Street - Block Block Captain
57th Street - 400 Norma Spear
57th Street – 600 HELP WANTED 6
57th Terrace – 400 John & Shawn Keller 11 333-2685
57th Terrace – 600 Jan Stacy
58th Street – 400 Jim & Janet Bereolos
58th Street - 600 Amy Foley
58th Terrace – 400 Stephanie McHugh 21 523-7250
58th Terrace – 600 Kelly Heide 21 326-8018
59th Street – 400 Teresa Olsen
59th Street - 600 Peg Horner
59th Terrace – 400 Lee Ann Perkins 22 523-5270
59th Terrace - 600 Betty Mantz24 213-0848
Huntington - 400 Mary Grimaldi 333-3876
Huntington - 600 Hazel Spencer 22 444-72II
60th Terrace – 400 Janet Blauvelt 361-9624
60th Terrace - 600 Leslie Eden & Carl VanSant 18
61st Street – 400 Zoe Warmoth (Block Captain Coordinator) 523-0844
61st Street - 600 HELP WANTED 10
COUNTRY CLUB HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

647 West 59th Street Peg Horner, President	822-1695
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
635 West 58th TerrKatrina Vaught	363-1163
428 Huntington Matt Kelly	363-2124
621 West 58th Terr Phil Watkins, Newsletter	333-6600
Homes Association of the Country Club District	www.haccd.org

# **No Soliciting: Part 2**

# No Soliciting

Per Kansas City Ordinance, Sec. 50-8.5(c)(5)

Following up on our article about door-to-door solicitation in the last issue of Country Club Homes newsletter, we are advising homeowners to put up No Soliciting signs to help combat this problem.

Signs may be purched at almost any local hardware store, or you can simply cut out the sign printed above to place on your front door, or in the sidelight window next to your front door.

The sign references the Kansas City Ordinance which states that if a salesperson solicits where a sign is posted, then they will be in violation. They do not have to admit that they saw a sign, the sign just needs to be in place by the front door. Again, if enough people post these signs and are willing to prosecute violators, our neighborhood will be less desirable for these pests.

If you see anyone suspicious going door-to-door – especially if you know your neighbors have No Soliciting signs – do not hesitate to call the police.

#### **Services Directory**

Maggie Sheehan - 816-444-1950 Maggie's Helping Hands

A trusted expert in home services, whether it's errands, cleaning, shopping or your to-do list. Licensed & bonded.

#### Catherine Forbes - 816-587-8070 River's Bend Gallery

Visit historic Parkville to find a treasure of fine arts and crafts. Bring this newsletter & get 5% off your entire purchase. Voted the best gallery in the Northland!

## Stephen Ferrante - 816-507-9288 residential remodeling

Design, build or remodel, or basic handyman, Stephen has worked to improve many Brookside homes. Call for a free estimate.

Heidi Schamberger – 1-877-DIVA-PET www.kgcloset.com

Style, comfort and everything savvy for the upscale pet.

#### Cynthia Black - 816-444-5352 HomeStaging By Cynthia

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

## Chuck Wilson - 816-822-9829 Wild Child Embroidery

Embroidered hats and other apparel. Fast turnaround! home.mindspring.com/~chuckI5

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. 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.