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Country Club Homes Association

CCHA Facts

The Country Club Homes Association is made up of 289 homes located within the following boundaries: Wornall Road on the east; Summit St. on the west; 57th St. on the north; and 61st St. on the south.

Two Elected To CCHA Board

Matt Watson and Karlie Speicher-Clay were recently elected to two-year terms on the CCHA Board, out-distancing CCHA resident Poston Pritchett, who finished third in the October election by mail. Matt and Karlie will start their new terms with the January Board meeting.

Matt was previously appointed to the Board to complete the term of a Board member who resigned. Karlie, a 20-year CCHA resident, will fill the seat previously held by long-time Board member Sharon McNulty.

Sharon has served the CCHA neighborhood as a Board member and Board President for the past 6 years. The Board thanks Sharon for her years of dedicated service to the CCHA.

CCHA officers for 2022 will be chosen at the Jan. 11 Board meeting.

Homeowners Support Plan for Curbside Glass Recycling

Homeowners in the Country Club Homes Association voted overwhelmingly in favor of a proposal presented by the CCHA Board to provide curbside glass recycling for residents beginning in January, 2022.

A total of 101 of the 119 members who voted on the glass recycling proposal — nearly 85% — supported it. The mail-in ballots were tabulated by the staff at the Homes Associations of Kansas City, which provides administrative services for CCHA and many other area homes associations.

Under the proposal approved by the homeowners, the CCHA will enter into a pilot program with long-time glass recycler The Glass Bandit to test acceptance and performance of the service during 2022. Every CCHA home will receive a bin for glass that they can place at the curb for pickup every other Friday. Participation in the program is voluntary, but the hope is that the ease of using the service will prompt most CCHA residents to participate.

At this Newsletter's deadline The Glass Bandit was in the process of merging with another entity and rebranding its curbside glass recycling business. The new name of the business will be "Crush Glass," according to company owner Jason Jantz. The CCHA Board expects to enter into a contract with Crush Glass implementing this trial program before the first bi-weekly pick-up occurs on Friday, January 14.

The company's initial proposal, which it made in early 2021, said it would charge CCHA \$2 per home per month, or a total of \$6936, to pick up and recycle glass from every home within the association's boundaries. The ballot measure approved in the recent election said the CCHA would pay this fee during the 2022 trial period using existing surplus funds. When the CCHA contacted Mr. Jantz after the election to formalize the program, he said the company's costs had increased dramatically since making the initial proposal nearly 9 months earlier. He said he now needed to charge CCHA \$2.50 per home per month, which was \$1734 higher than the original proposal. The CCHA Board voted to accept this revised proposal because of the overwhelming support for the plan in the recent election, and because it has the funds to pay the \$8670 annual charge for the trial year.

After testing the plan through the first 3 quarters of 2022, the Board and Crush Glass will consider whether to renew the plan for 2023, and the terms under which it might be provided. The Board has previously said it would ask its membership to approve any decision to offer this program after 2022 before agreeing to do so.

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Block Captains - Your Connection to CCHA

Your block captain serves as your connection to the CCHA Board and as a key source of information about your neighborhood. The block captains also welcome new residents to the neighborhood and advise the Board as residents move in so we can update our roster. Block captains are asked to create a roster of the residents on their block, including email addresses, so we can use it to communicate with the membership. Please contact Benita Webber, Block Captain Coordinator (858-519-2486 or webberab@gmail.com) if you are interested in filling a block captain vacancy.

W. 57th St. – 400 block Norma Spear, 437 W. 57th St. 816-787-2877 norma.spear@gmail.com

<u>W. 57th Terr. – 600 block</u> Jan Stacy, 622 W. 57th Terr. 816-523-3851 jsmgmt@aol.com

<u>W. 58th Terr. – 400 block</u> Dottie Martin, 419 W. 58th Terr. 816-255-0376 <u>dot martin@yahoo.com</u>

<u>W. 59th St. – 400 block</u> * Karlie Speicher, 420 W. 59th St. 816-668-9658 <u>clayspike@gmail.com</u>

<u>W. 59th Terr. – 400 block</u> Kate Ferden, 412 W. 59th Terr. 573-690-4853 kate.s.ferden@gmail.com

Huntington Rd. – 400 block * Tom Grimaldi, 414 Huntington 816-213-1054 grimaldiccha@gmail.com

<u>W. 60th Terr. – 400 block</u> Katy O'Dowd, 423 W. 60th Terr. 816-361-6773 katyodowd@gmail.com

W. 61st St. – 400 block Miriam Zavagnin, 436 W. 61st St. 816-309-9977 mzavagnin@me.com

* CCHA Board members

<u>W. 57th St. – 600 block</u> Vacant - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

<u>W. 57th Terr. – 400 block</u> Vacant - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

<u>W. 58th St. – 400 & 600 block</u> Vacant - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

W. 58th Terr. – 600 block Poston Pritchett, 621 W. 58th Ter. 713-819-2438 ppritchett@shb.com

W. 59th St. – 600 block Brandy Poiry, 632 W. 59th St. 417-529-3906 brandypoiry@gmail.com

W. 59th Terr. – 600 block Chris Jury, 637 W. 59th Terr. 816-260-6195 cdjury@gmail.com

<u>Huntington Rd. – 600 block</u> Cara/Mike Treas, 613 Huntington 847-894-1305 <u>chicagordh@hotmail.com</u>

W. 60th Terr. - 600 block Marsha/Joe Hornbostel 601 W. 60th Terr., 816-516-7177 marsha.hornbostel@gmail.com

W. 61st St. - 600 block Ginnie Hall, 644 W. 61st St. 913-226-8606 ginnie2hall@gmail.com

Why We Ask for Your Email Address

The block captains have asked for your email address so they and the Board can quickly and easily communicate with you. We will not sell or provide your email address to anyone without your permission, and we will only use it to send you information about matters relevant to CCHA residents. Thank you for sharing your email address with us.

Financial Report

Financial results for CCHA through October show that the association will likely end 2021 with a budget surplus.

This result is due in part to the pandemic, which prompted CCHA to scale back the money it spent on the Fall Rendezvous, the association's largest annual expense. Instead of serving more food at the event, CCHA opted this year for light snacks, plus ice cream from the Golden Scoop Ice Cream shop.

Much like 2020 when CCHA ended with a budget surplus of around \$2000, expenses budgeted for 2021 appear to be coming in lower than expected. CCHA won't know the final results for 2021 until the new year, but Board Treasurer Rachel Denton is optimistic there will be similar savings, although perhaps not as large as occurred in 2020.

Some of the association's expenses are fixed, such as insurance, postage, and an administrative expense owed to the Homes Association of KC. CCHA also saw an increase in its 2021 postal expense compared to the budget as it conducted the annual election process by mail. However, the Board believes conducting the election by mail helped increase voting participation among our 289 homeowners compared to previous years.

The association's budget also benefited from a small snow clearance bill last winter. Because of this, CCHA will not be adding any extra fees for snow removal to your 2022 homeowners' association bill.

CCHA Sets 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

The CCHA Board of Directors will hold its 2022 Board meetings on the second Tuesday of the following months (exact date noted): January (11), March (8), May (10), August (9), and November (8). Other meetings may be called as needed. Meetings will start at 7 pm (unless noted otherwise), and the location will be announced in advance on the CCHA portion of the HA-KC website (http://ha-kc.org/index.php/country-clubs-home).

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Garmin KC Marathon Runs Through the CCHA

More than 900 runners ran through the heart of our neighborhood on October 16 as they participated in the 2021 Garmin KC Marathon.

The race, which is held each year on the third Saturday in October, regularly runs through many different neighborhoods on its 26.2-mile route across the city. While the Brookside area is usually part of the race, this year's course was the first in several years to include a residential street within the CCHA boundaries. The 16th mile on this year's course ran west on Huntington Road from Brookside Boulevard to Ward Parkway.

Many area residents came out on the crisp sunny morning to cheer on the runners as they ran, jogged, and trudged west on their journey to the finish line.

(A Mo Highway Patrol Trooper stops traffic on Wornall Rd. as eventual Garmin KC Marathon winner Nicholas Victor runs west on Huntington Rd. Victor finished in a time of 2:25:39. A total of 942 runners completed the full 26.2 miles.)





City Redistricting Could Change Council Lines

A city Redistricting Commission that must recommend new Council district boundaries before the end of December was considering at our deadline a boundary shift that would place all portions of the CCHA within the 6th City Council District. Under the existing district boundaries CCHA residents who live on the north side of 59th Street, and streets to the north, fall within the 4th City Council District, while residents who live on the south side of 59th Street, and streets to the south, fall within the 6th City Council District.

The city Redistricting Commission, which Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas appointed in September, has been considering new council district boundaries designed to implement population growth and shifts revealed by the 2020 U.S. Census. The Commission had narrowed its final choices on district boundaries and memorialized them on two different maps, both of which put the CCHA entirely within the 6th City Council District.

The Council has until December 31 to make the final decision on the new Council District boundaries, which will take effect in time for the next municipal election scheduled for April 5, 2022.

Below is a list of the Council representatives who serve our area under district boundaries that were set after the 2010 Census. At-Large representatives live within their respective districts but are elected by voters across the entire city. In-District representatives live in their respective districts and are elected by voters who also live in the district.

4th District (includes residents who live on the north side of 59th Street and blocks north):
4th District Rep. — Eric Bunch
4th District At Large Rep. — Katheryn Shields

6th District (residents living on the south side of 59th Street and blocks south):
 6th District Rep. — Kevin McManus
 6th District At Large Rep. — Andrea Bough