

# Country Club Homes Association

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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## A Welcome to our new Neighbors!

Sean Ritchie  
627 West 59th Terrace

Adam Fuemmeler  
625 Huntington

## Block Captain Address Roster

57th St. - 400 block  
Norma Spear, 333-0692

57th St. - 600 block  
HELP WANTED

57th Terr. - 400 block  
John & Shawn Keller  
333-2685

57th Terr. - 600 block  
Jan Stacy, 523-3851

58th St. - 400 block  
Todd Epperly, 822-2636

58th St. - 600 block  
Amy Foley, 333-9158

58th Terr. - 400 block  
Stephanie McHugh  
523-7250

58th Terr. - 600 block  
Kelly Heide, 326-8018

59th St. - 400 block  
Teresa Olsen, 523-1362

59th St. - 600 block  
HELP WANTED

59th Terr. - 400 block  
Lee Ann Perkins, 523-5270

59th Terr. - 600 block  
Betty Mantz, 213-0848

Huntington - 400 block  
Mary Grimaldi, 333-7833

Huntington - 600 block  
Hazel Spencer, 444-7211

60th Terr. - 400 block  
Janet Blauvelt, 361-9624

60th Terr. - 600 block  
Leslie Eden & Carl VanSant  
926-0041

61st St. - 400 block  
Zoe Warmoth, 523-0844

61st St. - 600 block  
HELP WANTED

## Flipping for the Fall Rendezvous

Chris Cakes Pancakes highlights the breakfast gathering.



OUR FALL RENDEZVOUS on September 13th was another success. The return of **Chris Cakes** with their peerless pancakes can be credited, along with the great weather. This year, we had another big contribution: coffee was provided by our friends at **The Roastarie**. Next time you're at their café in Brookside, tell them how much you appreciated the coffee. Some of the highlights of the breakfast:

- **KCFD firefighters** brought in a pumper truck for the kids to tour, and members of the **Kansas City Police Department** were on hand to answer questions.
- **Chuck Wilson** led an outstanding ukulele jam-session.
- **Harvesters** provided a barrel for food donations, and the homes association members again made generous donations. Harvesters noted that we collected **110 pounds** of non-perishable food, working out to about 85 meals for the hungry of Kansas City. In addition, cash and cheques were donated to Harvesters, meaning many more meals will be provided.

Thank you to all the Country Club Homes Association residents who came out to the Fall Rendezvous. See you later this year! 🌿

## Winter Safety Tips

OLD MAN WINTER surely arrived here in Kansas City with a roar... when we least expected him. So with that in mind we wanted to send out a few reminders concerning winter safety.

### HOME SAFETY

#### Winterize Your Home

Take the time to make your home ready for the winter season by following these tips:

- Have your heating system checked by a professional annually. This will ensure that your system is working safely and efficiently which, in turn, will save you money. If you heat by wood, clean your fireplace or stove. Have your chimney flue checked for any buildup of creosote and then cleaned to lessen the risk of fire.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated. If necessary, insulate walls and attic. This will help you to conserve energy and reduce your home's power demands for heat.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windowsills to keep cold air out.

- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside. This will provide an extra layer of insulation, keeping more cold air out.
- Inspect and flush your water heater.
- Clean gutters. Leaves and other debris will hamper drainage.
- Replace batteries of smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detectors. If you did not do it when you set the clocks back, do it now.

### Protecting Water Pipes

To prevent the mess and aggravation of frozen water pipes, protect your home, apartment or business by following the simple steps below.

#### Before Cold Weather

- Locate and insulate pipes most susceptible to freezing, typically those near outer walls, in crawl spaces or in the attic.
- Wrap pipes with heat tape (UL approved).
- Seal any leaks that allow cold air inside where pipes are located.

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## Services Directory

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.

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**

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Heidi Schamberger - 1-877-DIVA-PET  
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Matt Kelly - 816-362-2124  
**State Farm Insurance**

Need help determining the appropriate coverage for the value of your home? Give me a call!

Phil Watkins - 816-333-6600  
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www.wadcorp.net

Chuck Wilson - 816-822-9829  
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## Winter Safety

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- Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

### When It's Cold

- Let hot and cold water trickle at night from a faucet on an outside wall.
- Open cabinet doors to allow more heat to get to un-insulated pipes under a sink or appliance near an outer wall.
- Make sure heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees.
- If you plan to be away: (1) Have someone check your house daily to make sure the heat is still on to prevent freezing, or (2) drain and shut off the water system (except indoor sprinkler systems).

### If Pipes Freeze

- Make sure you and your family knows how to shut off the water, in case pipes burst. Stopping the water flow will minimize the damage to your home. Call a plumber and contact your insurance agent.
- Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.
- Always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.

### If The Lights Go Out

If you lose electrical service during the winter, follow these tips:

- Call your utility first to determine area repair schedules. Turn off or unplug lights and appliances to prevent a circuit overload when service is restored. Leave one light on to indicate power has been restored.
- To help prevent freezing pipes, turn on faucets slightly. Running water will not freeze as quickly.

Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning:

- DO NOT operate generators indoors; the motor emits deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- DO NOT use charcoal to cook indoors. It, too, can cause a buildup of carbon monoxide gas.
- DO NOT use your gas oven to heat your home - prolonged use of an open oven in a closed house can create carbon monoxide gas.
- Make sure fuel space heaters are used with proper ventilation.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to help reduce food spoilage.

### Neighbor Helping Neighbor

If someone you know is elderly or dependent on life-sustaining or health-related equipment, be a good neighbor and make plans to ensure their needs are met during severe winter weather and possible power outages.

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