

Country Club Homes Association

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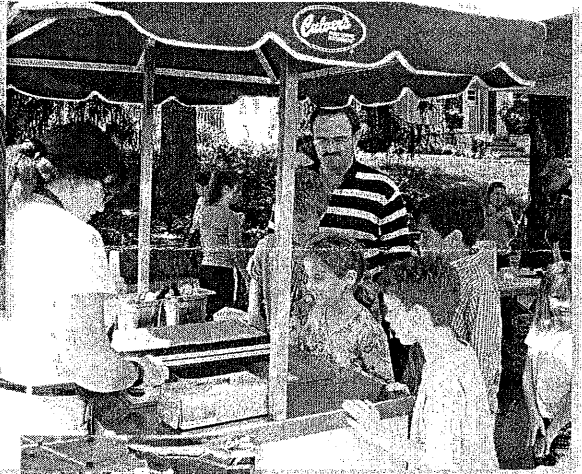
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Dial Before You Dig!

Dial 911 for emergencies, 411 for information, 311 for the Kansas City Action Center and now 811 if you're about to dig a hole.

Missouri has introduced a newly simplified process for checking the location of underground utilities. Dialling 811 will connect you to a central clearinghouse for any site in the state.

So whether you're digging shallow for sprinklers or outdoor lighting, or digging deep for a new sewer line, dial 811 before you sink the first shovel.



Scenes of a Fall Rendezvous

Frozen custard puts a smile on everyone's face.

THE FALL RENDEZVOUS on September 7th was a wonderful (and delicious) success. Neighbors came out for the "New-Fangled Frozen Custard Social" to get some tasty Culver's Frozen Custard, visit and listen to some ukulele music. The weather could not have been better. Here are the highlights:

- 197 servings of Culver's frozen custard were dished up to the crowd.
- Our local firefighters brought in a pumper truck for the kids to check out, and city councilwoman Jan Marcason was on hand to answer questions.
- On the business side of things, 54 homeowner votes were tendered for Board Member elections and appropriation of snow removal funds. Peg Horner and Nancy Reicher were re-elected to the Homes Association Board.
- Chuck Wilson led the ukulele jam-session; a perfect musical treat for an early fall afternoon.
- Harvesters provided a barrel for food donations, and the homes association members made generous donations, filling the barrel! A report back from Harvesters noted that we collected 126 pounds of non-perishable food, working out to about 100 meals for the hungry of Kansas City. In addition, \$65 in cash was donated to Harvesters, adding another 325 meals which can be provided.

All of you who came out to the Fall Rendezvous know how much fun it was. Can't wait until next year!

A Welcome to our new Neighbors!

Teresa Thompson
436 Huntington

William Lafferty
643 West 59th Street

Michael Dean & Amy Smith
433 West 59th Terrace

Note the Change to Your Homes Association Dues

In 2009, your Homes Association dues will accrue interest in a monthly basis, starting on February. So don't forget to send your checks in during January. Your timely payment will prevent additional interest charges being added to your bill.

Your Homes Association dues go to funding things like the Fall Rendezvous, Annual Membes Meeting, snow removal, members newsletter production and mailing, annual Garage Sale advertising and signs. Remember, your Homes Association works for you.

Properties with dues in excess of \$100 in arrears are subject to an additional \$100 fine and a property lien filing with Jackson County.

Those home owners with overdue association dues cannot vote in any Country Club Homes election. 🌸

New Board Members!

We welcome two new members to the Country Club Homes Association Board. **Katrina Vaught** and **Matt Kelly** are joining to assist your neighborhood. They are wonderful additions to the Board.

Good Neighbor Patrol

In the May newsletter, we mentioned that residents were interested in the possibility of a security patrol, and that the Board would check into it. CCHA is not advocating Good Neighbor Patrol but provides this information as food for thought for anyone interested in additional residential security.

The best option seems to be the **Good Neighbor Patrol**, provided by Orion Security Service. Their organization provides security patrols of Westwood Park. **Good Neighbor Patrol** started more than 20 years ago in 1987, in response to a rash of home burglaries in their neighborhood. The underlying concept has been that neighborhoods are more secure if patrolled by a security service.

Good Neighbor Patrol has 78 members, in the neighborhood bounded by Sunset Drive, 58th Terrace, Wornall Road & Ward Parkway. They now provide 2-1/2 hours of random patrolling daily to enhance security in that area. The amount of time is a function of revenues. With more members,

the patrolling time would be increased.

In addition to the random patrolling, members of **Good Neighbor Patrol** may call **Orion Security Service** about suspicious activity and Orion will respond. A vacation watch is also available to Good Neighbor members. During its random patrolling, Orion will check specifically on the home of a member requesting the vacation watch service.

For members who have provided an e-mail address, **Good Neighbor Patrol** sends out messages alerting members when the organization becomes aware of crimes in the area. There is a bi-annual newsletter that includes member information, crime statistics, and other items of interest.

Membership dues are \$30.00 per month, billed quarterly. Of course, no guarantee of security is made.

Many home owners have joined **Good Neighbor Patrol** and consider it worthwhile. They may be contacted at 816-942-6425, or via e-mail at caj6680@kc.rr.com. 🌸

BLOCK CAPTAIN ADDRESS ROSTER

Street - Block	Block Captain	# of Homes	Phone
57th Street - 400	Norma Spear	6	333-0692
57th Street - 600	HELP WANTED	6	
57th Terrace - 400	John & Shawn Keller	11	333-2685
57th Terrace - 600	Jan Stacy	12	523-3851
58th Street - 400	Jim & Janet Bereolos	12	444-1222
58th Street - 600	Amy Foley	12	333-9158
58th Terrace - 400	Stephanie McHugh	21	523-7250
58th Terrace - 600	Kelly Heide	21	326-8018
59th Street - 400	Teresa Olsen	22	523-1362
59th Street - 600	HELP WANTED	22	
59th Terrace - 400	Lee Ann Perkins	22	523-5270
59th Terrace - 600	Betty Mantz	24	213-0848
Huntington - 400	HELP WANTED	20	
Huntington - 600	Hazel Spencer	22	444-7211
60th Terrace - 400	Janet Blauvelt	20	361-9624
60th Terrace - 600	Leslie Eden & Carl VanSant	18	926-0041
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 Terr	Katrina 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

A more than useful number.

Dialing 311 is the way to get things done with City services.

The 3-I-I Action Center is your central point of contact for Kansas City services. If you need information, have concerns or questions, need to request a City service or report a problem with City services, you can contact the Action Center by dialling 3-I-I, between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. You may leave a recorded message after office hours. You can also connect to the office via e-mail, at actioncenter@kcmo.org.

What happens when you make a Request for Service:

- When appropriate, a request for services (RFS) will be completed by the customer service representative.
- Each service request is assigned a number

(RFS #) that you can use to track your request through to completion. You may do this online, by phone, or in person at the Action Center.

- Service requests are forwarded to a key contact person in the appropriate department. The department will take responsibility for a timely response to the request.
- If you have provided your name and address, you will be notified in writing when the service request has been completed.

Remember that 3-I-I Action Center services are listed on the mailing side of this newsletter, along with other important contact numbers. For reference, keep this newsletter close to the phone. 🌸

No Soliciting

It's been a bad summer for solicitors. Throughout the metro area, there have been reports of suspicious "salesmen" working the neighborhoods peddling alarm systems, phone systems, and satellite television services. Most are presented as "free installations" with a multi-year "low monthly service fee".

Many of the salesmen wear uniform shirts or carry badges with logos for "Pinnacle" or "Centurion", many with some reference to "GE Systems".

While some of these door-to-door representatives may be selling legitimate services, many are simply casing the neighborhood and its houses for future burglaries.

One group, posing as cable company technicians, rang doorbells and announced to homeowners, "You'll see us in the neighborhood, working in the backyards replacing cable lines. We just didn't want you to be alarmed if you saw a strange person in your neighbor's yard." That proved to be an attempt to clear the way for a series of midday, back-door burglaries in the neighborhood.

The best defense against these practices

is a community of well-informed neighbors who report any and all suspicious offers or activity to the police. Also, report suspicious incidents to your neighborhood block captain or Block Captain Coordinator, who can get the word out neighborhood wide, as well. If we, as organized homeowners can keep the information about these scams flowing, we'll make our neighborhoods much less attractive to the scammers.

Another suggestion came from an Armour Hills resident who legally pursued one of these salesmen after he ignored a "No Soliciting" sign in the homeowner's yard. That homeowner, Sgt. Terry Finn, wrote:

"I highly recommend that people purchase a small **No Soliciting** sign (mine is 2" x 8") and place it on their front door. The signs can be purchased at any hardware store. According to the ordinance, Kansas City Sec. 50-8.5(c)(5), the salesperson does not have to admit he/she saw the sign, they just have to solicit where a sign is posted to be in violation. If enough people post these signs and are willing to prosecute violators, our neighborhood will be less desirable for these pests." 🌸

Services Directory

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!*

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/~chuck15

Heidi Schamberger - 1-877-DIVA-PET

www.k9closet.com

Style, comfort and everything savvy for the upscale pet.

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

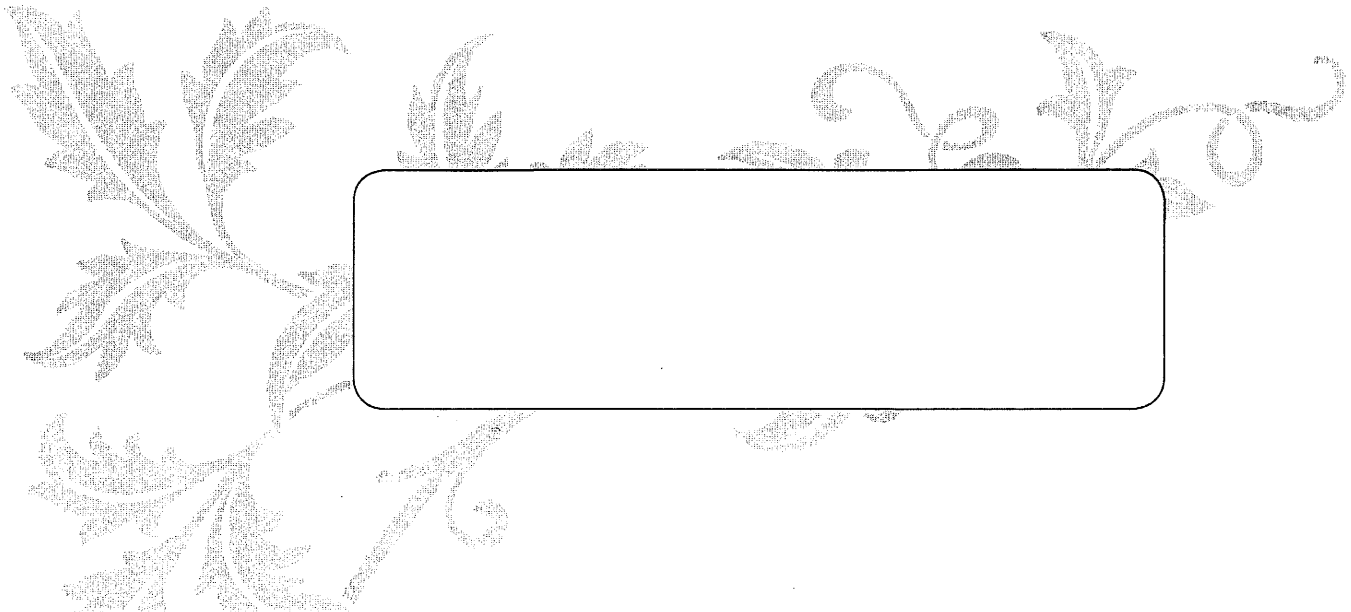
Ads are free to residents.

However, residents must call or e-mail Phil Watkins to renew their ad for each upcoming issue.

The e-mail is wadcorp@swbell.net

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.

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Useful Numbers:

- Action Center 311
for City Services
- Abandoned Vehicles 816-784-4080
for getting a vehicle towed away
- Animal Control 816-513-9800
to report abuse, dogs running loose,
dogs with menacing behavior, wildlife trouble
- Dig Safely 811
play it safe around your yard;
always call BEFORE you dig!
- Fire Safety 816-513-9100
for non-emergency fire-related
information
- Gas Leak 800-582-0000
evacuate first, then call for help
outside of the building
- Home Weatherization 816-513-3025
learn how a little bit of work can yield
great savings on your energy bill
- Household Hazardous Waste 816-784-2080
drop off your old paint, car batteries,
pesticides & more; appointment required!
- Illegal Dumping 816-513-9000
contacts an investigator at the
Neighborhood Preservation Division

- KC Police Non-Emergency 816-234-5111
for information or questions not
requiring an immediate response, or
if you see suspicious activity
- Potholes 311
report road hazards to the Action Center
- Power Line Down 888-544-4852
never approach a downed power line
yourself, even if it's on your vehicle or property
- Power Outage 888-544-4852
report outages, flickering lights or
other damage-related problems
- Recycling Center 816-561-1090
take your glass, paper & other recyclables
91st & Hillcrest Road, in the Wal-Mart parking lot,
east of Bannister Mall
Wed-Fri - 11:00 am-5:30 pm; Sat - 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- Temperature 816-540-6021
- Waste Management 311
 - bulky item pick-up
 - residential trash collection
 - waste tire drop-off
 - weekly curbside recycling
 - leaves & brush
- Water Main Break 816-513-0209
call for repairs outside of your home