



# The Armour Star

The Newsletter of the Armour Fields Homes Association  
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## Romanelli Island Nears Completion

The long-awaited improvements to the Romanelli Fountain island at 69th and Wornall are finally almost ready to be completed! The progress of the construction has been delayed by weather, tardiness in obtaining certain City funding, and many other causes. However, progress is being made, albeit slowly.

The new fountain statue has been cast in long-lasting bronze and will be ready by the end of the month.

The fountain bowl is being restored by experts at the Nelson Atkins Gallery of Art and is ready for installation along, with the bollards which will encircle and protect the entire island.

At this time, the Armour Fields board of directors is just waiting for a break in the arctic weather we have been having in recent weeks. If the weather cooperates, work should be finished early in the spring.



*Tired of looking at this scene at 69th and Wornall?  
It's soon to disappear, in favor of a completed and  
beautiful set of island improvements!*

You and your munchkins or  
grandmunchkins are invited to the

### Armour Fields Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 7  
1:00 p.m. (tentative)

Our annual Armour Fields Easter Egg Hunt will be on the Ward Parkway island between 68th Terrace and 69th Street. We invited everyone to come along.

Costumes and colorful Easter baskets are encouraged! But most of all, bring your youngsters and be prepared for lots of fun. The Homes Association will provide the eggs and goodies for the youngsters to find.

We look forward to seeing you and your little ones there! Keep your fingers crossed for super weather that day.



## President's Column

by Dave Jensen  
President

I hope this column finds everyone excited and recharged for a new year. Please let me introduce myself to you all. My name is Dave Jensen and I have been elected as the new president of the Armour Fields Homes Association.

I have lived in Armour Fields for the past nine years and am currently in the process of rehabbing our second house in the neighborhood.



My wife, Vonda, and I have been in charge of Parks and Island maintenance and design for the previous two years. The real boss, or at least she tells me almost daily, is our four-year-old daughter Zoey.

I would be amiss if I didn't officially thank outgoing AFHA president, Doug Jackson. For many years Doug has provided leadership and support for the neighborhood and will be missed dearly on the board.

Doug will remain involved with the board, but focus his energy on the revitalization of Southwest High School.

With each new president comes an opportunity to change. Ideally these changes reflect the needs and desires of the homeowners in Armour Fields.

I feel the mission of the AFHA board is to oversee maintenance, beautification, and security of the neighborhood all the while attempting to bring all neighbors together in various social and community activities.

Would you consider joining us in serving on the Armour Fields Homes Association board? The board is comprised of people in the neighborhood just like you or me. Anyone with the right motivation and desire to improve the neighborhood may participate on the board. You need not worry -- a great deal of time is not needed, just dedication and an eye for the future.

There are a number of openings including chairpersons for the Parks and Islands committee, Special Events committee, and the Fountains committee. Please contact myself or any of the current board members if you are interested or would like more information.

I look forward to meeting you all and if you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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### Mark Your Calendars...



A number of spring events are coming up for the Armour Fields neighborhood. Please note these events on your calendars; more information will be coming your way in the mail soon.

This year's annual **Armour Fields Garage Sale** will take place on **Saturday, May 5**, the same weekend as the Brookside Art Fair. We will place advertisements in *The Kansas City Star* and in *The Wednesday Sun*. Please put up directional signs to your individual home for your own sale. Please encourage all to participate; the more the merrier!

The annual **Armour Fields Homes Association picnic meeting** will be held at the Romanelli Island at 69th and Wornall Road (yes, it should be complete by then) on **Sunday, June 24**. The next issue of this newsletter will carry more details. See you there!

## Advertising

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## The Newsy Neighbor



by Jan Flanagan

Winter's icy tricks did have at least one cheerful benefit. A deep weekend snow brought out creative talents in many neighbors. Snowy figures towered over white lawns and winter attire graced newly-constructed snowmen. It's great to live in this neighborhood!...

Remember that not all are as fortunate as we are. Bonnie Vontz of 70th Terrace is helping collect blankets, comforters and bedspreads for the St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Drive. Call Bonnie at 444-6056 if you can help donate...

What better way to come in out of the cold than a neighborhood party? The women of 68th Terrace (600 block) enjoyed a post-holiday gathering at the lovely home of Dixie Pollard. The fair sex sipped favorite beverages and nibbled on delectables while admiring Dixie's many fabulous decorations. Newest neighbor Karen Bock shared news that she and husband Mike are expecting their first child in July. Shelly Migliazzo answered questions about her unfortunate mishap involving contact between her car and her house and Holly Miller gave updates on son Zach's adventures in veterinary school at Mizzou. All were sorry to see the evening end. See page 4 for some party photographs...

After many years of getting in and out of his delivery truck 200+ times a day, our neighborhood's favorite UPS deliveryman, Steve, took the opportunity to move up to driving big rigs for UPS instead. He regrets not getting a chance to say goodbye to longtime route customers, but his knees are grateful for the change...

It must be the water! We seem blessed with an abundance of bright young people, as evidenced by recent announcements. 2006 Bishop Miege graduate Sean Svadlenak (Jean & Steve) qualified for the AP Scholar distinction and Tom Hogan for the AP Scholar with Honor in recognition of their exceptional achievements on the college-level Advanced Placement Program exams while in high school. Rockhurst senior Michael Gude (Thea & Bob) has been recognized for achieving a perfect 36 on his ACT exam, a feat achieved by only 75 out of 475,000 students taking the exam. Keep drinking the water, boys! (And could I get some?)...

We also seem to have a concentration of high school "power players" in the 'hood. Amy McKenny is heading up the St. Teresa's parents organization this year, while Thea Gude is doing the same at Rockhurst. Thanks for all your efforts!...

More honors for our incredible neighbors. The Kansas City Business Journal lists "Best of the Bar" honorees as voted on by their legal peers. Steven Bough was listed for litigation, Jim McManus is on the list for personal injury cases, trails and appeals, and Don Dagenais was listed as a real estate lawyer. Congratulations!...

It's getting closer! Fifi Wiedeman's New Dime Store in Brookside is undergoing extensive remodeling before its anticipated March opening. Take advantage of the Suggestion Box Fifi has outside the shop for those wishing to submit product requests...

Georgia Lynch's family has a long

## Welcome to Our New Neighbors!



We welcome the following new neighbors to the Armour Fields Homes Association. Please take a few moments to welcome them to our neighborhood!

Rick & Donna Henson  
6534 Summit  
Michael & Amy Haley  
450 West 68th Street  
Mark & Laura Kelly  
612 West 69th Street  
Bradley Cordes &  
Cynthia Phillips  
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history with a site in the Holy Land. Her grandfather founded the American Society of Ephesus in 1955 after visiting the site of the home where according to oral tradition, St. John took Mary, the Mother of Jesus, after the crucifixion, and where she spent her last years on earth. The home was in horrific disrepair, so her grandfather vowed to help restore and maintain it. This past November, Pope Benedict

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XVI said Mass there, and Georgia's cousins and brother Bill were invited to a private meeting with him. A big honor for many years of gracious work...

So many candidates (national and mayoral), yet none of them are Oprah. Patrick Crowe would like to change that. Despite Patrick's bumper stickers, tee shirts, brochures, a book and even his fence on Pennsylvania urging her to run for the U.S. Presidency, Oprah declined. Even after her lawyers asked him to stop, Patrick is undeterred, feeling that she will one day realize she is the right woman for the job. Stay tuned...

Rockhurst High School is beginning presales on its new Heritage Cookbook due out in August. Cooking Up Memories contains photos, history and stories from alumni as well as recipes from the Rockhurst community. Order yours at [www.rockhursths.com](http://www.rockhursths.com), and click on the cookbook link. Or call Newsy, the project chair.

That's it for now. Be sure to let Newsy know as your high school seniors make their college selections so they can be included in the annual back-to-school column. Remember, news big or small, your neighbors want to know! Call Jan, the Newsy Neighbor



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*Pictured above enjoying a winter party at the home of Dixie Pollard on 68th Terrace are (top) Cathy Heiman, Joanie Shramek, Michelle Markham and hostess Dixie Pollard, (middle) Barbara Elliott and Karen Bock, and (bottom) Kathy Diamond.*

*Thanks to Dixie Pollard for hosting this party. It's a great way to avoid the winter blues!*

## St. Patrick's Parade



The Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.** As always, the Armour Fields Homes Association will have an entry in this parade. If you would like to help us march and wave, please contact Dave Jensen at 868-6144. Our group will meet about 1:00 or 1:15 p.m. to decorate our ride

Our plans are to decorate a flatbed truck and have everyone climb on for the ride. If you know of a truck we could borrow for this use, please let Dave Jensen know.

"Break out the green" and come join us this March!

At the recent annual meeting of the Homes Associations of the Country Club District, the Armour Fields Homes Association was given a Blind Ambition Award "for undertaking a large-scale park renovation that included design, multiple contractors, fountains, statuary, seating, stonework, walkways and landscaping."

Is that a compliment, or not?!!

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## Block Captain Notice

by Gail Clair and Kathleen Dorris  
Block Captain Co-Chairs

Kathleen and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season but if you are like us we imagine all of you are ready for spring.

We are beginning to think about a late spring or early summer meeting and welcome any of your ideas as agenda items. The date of an upcoming meeting will be sent via email to the Block Captains.

It is important to us that we are able to communicate any neighborhood news with you quickly and thoroughly so please update us with address changes. Take care, be safe on the ice and thanks to each of you for helping to make our neighborhood a terrific place to live.

The Armour Fields Homes Association wishes to thank all who participated in the Holiday Lighting Contest in November and December.

Thanks to your efforts our neighborhood was bright and colorful for the holidays. All of us, including many outsiders who toured the neighborhood during those weeks, enjoyed your efforts.

Next year will be even bigger and brighter!

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## Safe and Secure



*by Brian Hand, Crime Prevention*

I would like to thank all of the neighbors, law enforcement and security officers who helped to catch the thief responsible for the recent rash of burglaries.

For those who did not hear, these crimes were performed by a crafty perpetrator who blended in with workers in the neighborhood. He would ring doorbells and break in after no one answered. This thief was especially bold; he was not deterred by dogs or alarm systems. The KCPD did a great job of tracking him down with increased patrols, communication and undercover officers.

Our security company added personnel who were exclusively posted in our neighborhood. They provided daily reports of suspicious behavior and kept an eye out for unsecured properties. These patrols were all made possible by our security dues, which are used for regular patrols and special circumstances such as this. These dues are important and help to make our neighborhood safe.

I certainly cannot forget the vigilant folks who watched out for their neighbors and provided tips to help bring this crime spree to an end. Good communication helped to resolve this situation. Please know who your block captain is, or volunteer if your block has none.

If we all work together we can help each other keep our neighborhood one of the safest most desirable places in Kansas City to live. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Stay Safe and Secure!

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## The Armour Fields Homes Association Needs You!



The Armour Fields Homes Association needs you to join our board of directors! We need individuals or couples who are interested in participating in the board. We have a number of openings including Special Events, Parks and Islands, and Fountains (opening in the spring).

Here are the job descriptions:

*Special Events:* Coordinates numerous yearly activities which include the Easter egg hunt, St. Patrick's parade, Halloween party, movie nights on the island, and many more.

*Parks and Islands:* Works with the lawn care and snow removal company in order to help maintain and beautify all the islands and parks in Armour Fields.

*Fountains:* (Vacancy in spring 2007) Oversee maintenance and care for the fountains and statues around the neighborhood.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Dave Jensen at the address or phone number below.

Thank you!

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