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68th Terrace Roundabout Makes Its Debut

The recently constructed traffic roundabout at 68th Terrace and Pennsylvania was requested and installed for the purpose of slowing traffic traveling along the 6800 block of 68th Terrace and Pennsylvania in an effort to protect pedestrians and neighbors walking in the area from fast moving traffic.

The project is not an Armour Fields Homes Association project, and was requested by private individuals in the neighborhood and paid for with funds provided by the city of Kansas City.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to AFHA board member John Murphy at Kellyjohnmurphy@aol.com, who has more information and future details on the project.



These young ladies and other youngsters enjoyed the Armour Fields annual picnic in June. The weather was perfect, and so was the company! More photographs appear on page 9. Photos by Vonda Jensen.

Join us for the Armour Fields

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 10
Romanelli Fountain Island
Start time: 5:00 p.m.

It is time for bratwurst and beer... Oktoberfest is almost here! Fun and good times are to be had by all, so yodel your way to the 2nd Annual Armour Fields Homes Association Oktoberfest Party! Festive polka bands, bavarian dancers and traditional German food and drink will be served! So get out your lederhosen and beer stein and come out and enjoy an evening of entertaining German fun!



President's Column

by Dave Jensen
President

A happy hot and humid hello to all. I hope all is well with everyone in the neighborhood as the summer heat is upon us. It was great to visit with a number of you at the annual meeting and picnic this spring.



Another great thanks goes out to Karen Hand and Susan Smith and all the helpers with the special events committee for hosting a wonderful event.

A few concerns and opinions were voiced at the meeting, which are always welcomed by myself and the board, and we will continue to work to keep the neighborhood safe and aesthetically pleasing to all.

Work continues on the Ward Parkway Island, as we now have both water and electricity up and running on the island. Numerous new plantings and other improvements will come this fall, so stay tuned.

Work also has been completed on the Painted Lady Island renovation project. Special thanks goes out to Vonda Jensen for all her hard work she has put into not only these two projects, but all the parks and islands in the neighborhood.

The vast majority of the cost of the work at the Ward Parkway Island and Painted Lady Island have come from City Public Improvement funds,

so you can actually see your tax dollars at work.

I want to welcome three new board members, Jane Aylward, John Murphy, and Jim Neihart to the board. It is good to get some new members on board and we all look forward to working together throughout the next year.

I hope to see you all at the Oktoberfest party in October. Everyone needs to be practicing their chicken dance, including myself.

The Armour Fields website is nearly up and running. It will provide up to date information on special events as well as a neighborhood database that will complement the neighborhood directory which will be mailed out to everyone soon. When the website is fully functional an announcement will be made to all.

Again, please feel free to contact any board member with any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year. Your input is greatly appreciated. Have a happy and safe summer.

Block Captains to Meet Sep. 27

by Peggy LaPierre

Thank you to all the block captains who attended the annual association meeting. The next block captain meeting will take place before Oktoberfest. Please save the date: Sunday, September 27.

If you are interested in becoming a block captain or co-block captain please contact Peggy LaPierre at 816-333-4481.

A special thank you to Joy Crimmins who will be stepping down from the board this fall. Joy's service to our community as Secretary and Block Captain co-chair are greatly appreciated. Joy will be missed by all of us on the board.

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The Newsy Neighbor



by Jan Flanagan

Surprise lilies have faded, lawns are beginning to crisp and soon leaves will turn golden. Another lovely summer in our neighborhood is winding down...

Do you know where the boundaries are for our neighborhood? Our association is one of the largest in town. Called Armour Fields, it is part of the original Armour (of meatpacking fame) homestead. Our Homes Association boundaries stretch from the south side of 65th Street to the north side of Gregory and from the west side of Wornall Road to the east side of Ward Parkway, with many wonderful homes and neighbors in between!...

Congratulations to Dan Sittenauer and his corporate rock 'n' roll band. Dan's wife Cathy reports that The Screaming Weasels lived up to their name when members called from LA to excitedly report that they made it into the finals for *Fortune* magazine's corporate band competition. The band will be one of just eight groups competing for the top title in Cleveland this fall. Stay tuned...

Musically inclined young neighbors studying with Valley Road



Armour Fields neighbor Dan Sittenauer is pictured at the far right, in the *Battle of Corporate Bands* held in Los Angeles.

teacher Carlene Neihart performed in a piano recital. They included Alexa and Taylor Crimmins, Joe and Paul Hathaway, Matt Carroll, Natalie Williams, Ellie Grever, Gary Whittaker, Charlie Pyle, Lewis and Sam Chapman and Conor Law...

Congratulations to Camilla & John Keech who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with trips to Puerto Vallarta and Ireland...

Collin Sigler (his parents are Linda & Andrew) was a handsome escort for the Jewel Ball this summer...

Several young residents had interesting summer jobs. Incoming Sion junior Emily Aschelpohl (Kathy & Todd) was a teen guide at the Nelson-Atkins galleries. Sean Svadlenak (Jean & Steve) interned as a sound mixer at Chris' Jazz Club in Philadelphia. Sean is a senior broadcast & mass media communications major at Temple University. Kevin Flanagan (Jan & Jim) interned in the research labs at KU Med. Kevin, a junior at Notre Dame, won an undergraduate research award at ND last spring...

Hisses and Hurrahs: *Hisses* to lawn services mowing grass into the street where it clogs the sewers for all of us. *Hurrahs* for the new island at 68th Terrace and Pennsylvania. It will eventually be landscaped and another source of beauty for our neighborhood...

Congratulations to recent high school grads. Rockhurst's Steven Beers (Becky & Bob) is headed to William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri as a scholar athlete. Steven's athletic career has been sidetracked with a recently diagnosed injury, but

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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!

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6503 Summit

Kenneth & Gina Spengel
6523 Jefferson

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Michael & Marsee Bates
1003 West 70th Terrace

John Harbison
408 West Dartmouth

Jonathan & Kerrye Foley
444 West Dartmouth

Bulky Collection Appointments Available

The City of Kansas City's bulky item collection program is for disposal of large household items that cannot be handled in the regular weekly trash collection. For our neighborhood, the bulky item pickup days are on the first and fourth trash day of every month. Therefore, for September the bulky item pickup days are September 3 and 24, for October they are October 1 and 22, and so forth.

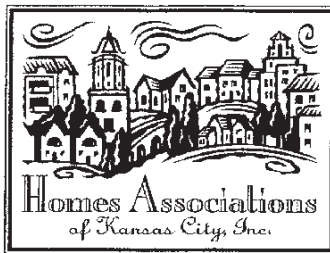
Items are only picked up on appointment. You can make an appointment by calling 311 or (816) 513-1313 or by scheduling the pickup online by visiting www.kcmo.org, then selecting E-Services, City Services, and Bulky Item Collection.

The bulky item collection program accepts such items as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units; metal appliances such as stoves,

dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, water heaters, and furnaces; furniture such as couches, tables, chairs, TV's, beds, mattresses and metal furniture; and other items such as bathroom fixtures, cabinets, rugs, lawn mowers and metal fencing.

The program does accept storm windows and glass panes, but to help prevent injury, place a large "X" of masking tape across glass panes to prevent shattering and stack them separately from other bulky items.

The bulky item collection program does not accept trash in bags or boxes; commercial or business trash or waste materials, including trash or waste from businesses conducted in or from a residence; piles of trash or bags or boxes of smaller items; loose or scattered materials; closed drums or fuel tanks (metal drums must have both ends removed to be collected); automobile bodies or gas tanks; or loose building materials and lumber.



The Homes Association of the Country Club District (HACCD) has changed its name and address, and is now Homes Association of Kansas City. The organization is now located in Prairie Village at the address on page 1 of this newsletter. An open house is being held at the new offices on August 19 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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Safe and Secure



by Brian Hand, Crime Prevention

Wow! This summer has flown by fast, record low temperatures in July have sure been nice. Also, it has been very peaceful in our little corner of the city.

Now it is time to start getting the kids ready to go back to school and you can give them all the tools they need for another successful school year.

You are probably already getting together the pens, pencils crayons, paper, and more. But have you given them the most important tool, which is *awareness*?

Many children walk to local schools or bus stops to head off for

their days of learning. Let's look at some ways to protect against the hazards that kids face on their journey.

There are many busy streets in the metro area so plan a route that keeps them away from busy intersections.

Walk the route prior to the first day of school to ensure that they know where to go. Find a buddy that they can walk with, and talk to them about looking out for each other.

Identify safe places along the route that children can go to for help if something goes wrong.

Get involved in a "Walking School Bus" program that has an adult along for the "ride". If your child has

a cell phone make sure that the child has it along on the walk and that it is fully charged.

And never forget to warn children about strangers.

For more information about keeping kids safe check out the websites listed below:

- ◆ www.safetykids.org
- ◆ www.cpsc.gov/kids/kidsafety

Another thing I wanted to mention is that Chief Corwin of the Kansas City Police Department has a new blog. There are some interesting postings to look at so you can stay aware. The website is:

www.kcpdchief.blogspot.com if you want to take a look. The more you know, the more you will be safe and secure!

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Then you should sign up for the fall session of the Kansas City Police Department's Citizens Police Academy.

This free, 10-week course starts September 10 and meets every Thursday evening for a few hours at the state-of-the-art police academy at 6885 N.E. Pleasant Valley Road. Participants also take field trips to places like the Helicopter and Canine Units, Bomb and Arson Unit and the Kansas City Regional Crime Laboratory. Ex-

perienced police officers and instructors offer briefings, demonstrations, and engage in frank discussions about police operations with class participants. All participants also will go on a ride-along with a patrol officer.

Topics covered during the Citizens Police Academy include overviews of our department structure, information on police recruiting and training and hands-on workshops in various areas. Some of the areas explored include Accident Investigation, Bomb & Arson, Criminal Investigations, Firearms Training, Helicopter Unit, Homicide, Hostage Negotiation, K-9 Unit,

Narcotics Investigations, Police Dispatch - 911 Service, Tactical Response Teams and Vice Investigations.

The Citizens Police Academy operates on the premise that informed, educated residents will be more supportive of police officers and promote safety in their communities. Admission to the program is open to anyone 18 or older who has a good standing in the community and is a resident of or works in the City of Kansas City, Missouri. Each applicant must pass a thorough background investigation.

Apply now, because the class fills up quickly. You can download the application from the Police Department's website at <http://www.kcpd.org/kcpd2004/trainig/CPA%20Academy%20Application.pdf> and follow the instructions for submitting it on the form.

The Kansas City Star's Sunday Star Magazine now includes a feature called "Around the Block" which highlights different neighborhoods in the city. You may submit a 200-300 word essay describing what makes your neighborhood special.

The submission should be made to choedel@kcstar.com, and the *Star* encourages photos too! Please "talk up" our neighborhood!

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by Jan Flanagan

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he will work at rehab and continue in the honors program there...

RHS grad Pat Fletcher (Shauna & Steven) will continue cheering the family traditions at MU. Joshua Johnson (Karen, David) intends to study at Missouri State U. Andrew Schofield (Theresa & Chad) will be cracking the books at Boston College. St. Teresa's grads heading to Tiger Town are Jessi Bales (Kanani & Frank) and Stephanie Lankford (Janie & Alan.) Keeping rivalry alive across the state will be Sally Nalton at KU. Maggie Burke (Christine & Jerry) moves on to Rockhurst University while Molly Torrence (Julie & John) heads down the road to the University of Central

Missouri in Warrensburg. STA classmate Mika Casey will be studying in Omaha at Creighton...

JT Max (Sheryl & Brad) of Pembroke won a trustees academic scholarship to the University of Southern California. Margaret Gude (Thea & Bob) graduated from Sion and will study in the Walton School of Business at the University of Arkansas. Jacque Gillis (Denise & Steve) graduated from Turner High and looks forward to classes at Metropolitan Community College this fall. Finishing up her undergrad work at Texas Christian University, Elizabeth Gude (Thea & Bob) will teach 3rd grade at Frontier School of Innovation charter school here in town while working on her master's degree in education...

Annie Fairchild (Lisa & Charlie) received degrees in international studies and political science from Northwestern University. Cary Silverman (Vicki & Paul) graduated from MU's School of Business. His invention of PUB-CORN, the world's first alcohol-flavored popcorn, has been a hit and gotten quite a bit of media attention. It sells here in Hallmark stores in addition to

other locations. Flavors include Irish Cream, beer and pina colada..

Tim McManus (Julie & Jim) is working for his alma mater in St. Louis after receiving a degree in communications from Saint Louis University. Rachel Swetnam (Gail Woodruff Moore & Randy Moore) received her degree in photojournalism with a minor in French. She recently returned from studying in Paris and hopes to soon pursue fashion photography in a major city. Meanwhile, local publications are benefiting from her artistic eye as she freelances. Allison Carr (Gina & John Reardon) received her master's degree from the University of Cincinnati where she was a teaching assistant. She begins her PhD program in English – Rhetoric & Composition this fall. Congratulations to all our accomplished young people!...

On the other end of the spectrum, wee Sophie Vaughn (Mary & David) will begin her academic career this fall at Notre Dame de Sion. We'll read of her graduation soon enough! Meanwhile, the 3-year-old enjoyed a

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by Jan Flanagan

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visit from her aunt Martha Sturm from Wisconsin in July...

Lily O'Neill (Nancy & Terry) is still flying high after her Theater at Vis performances in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Lily's parents report they can't get the tune "What's the Matter with Kids These Days" out of their heads. Lily's brother Peter spent time honing his lacrosse skills at a summer camp at the University of Notre Dame. Peter will be sophomore at Rockhurst High...

Hoping to carry on the soccer

tradition at Rockhurst High is incoming freshman Robbie Beers (Becky & Bob), a St. Elizabeth's grad...

A timely reminder to clear your walks of those pesky gumballs and other impediments to walkers (mud, leaves, etc.) Gail Clair had a run-in with a gumball which left her with a broken leg. Her wonderful neighbors helped during five weeks of no driving or weight bearing activities.

Gail is especially grateful to Karen Hamilton, who was on kitty duty for the recovery period. As for keeping things cleaned up, Joan Quinly and others ask that we all be vigilant about picking up doggy "presents". Bring sacks along on walks day or night!...

Our deepest sympathies to Mary Ann Mason of 68th Street upon the loss of her son Michael. His sisters are Susan Johnson and Martha Miller. Mike's father was the late Judge Donald Mason...

And best wishes for many more to Dixie Pollard who recently celebrated her "diamond" birthday!

That's it for now. Remember, news big or small, your neighbors want to know. Call or email Jan, The Newsy Neighbor 816.333.8947 or jflanagan76@kc.rr.com and BE SURE to write Newsy Neighbor on the subject line.



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The group has a program called Five Green Things, which teaches everyday citizens how to decrease their carbon footprints, save money and help our environment by changing a few things in their everyday lives.

Bridging the Gap has volunteer speakers who will come to neighborhood meetings or other gatherings and give a 25-minute presentation on how to do five things to "go green." Those five things have the biggest environmental effect on carbon reduction.

For more information and to request a presentation, please call Arletha Manlove, Program Manager, at 816-561-1062, ext 123.

More Photos from the Armour Fields Annual Picnic...


The Armour Fields Homes Association's annual picnic in June afforded these neighborhood youngsters an opportunity to revel! Entertainment included balloon animals and other objects, displayed with pride at right, and masks, below.

Our thanks to Susan Smith of the Armour Fields Homes Association board, who is in charge of special events, for the careful planning that went into the



picnic and for making it possible for the neighbors in the homes association to get to know each other better.

Photos by Vonda Jensen and Susan Smith.




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