

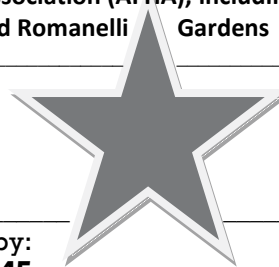


# The Armour Star

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## SPECIAL EVENTS FILL 2011 FALL CALENDAR

Shelley Cetin along with Sarah  
Hancock, Co-Chairs, Special Events

Part of what makes the Armour Fields Homes Association a great neighborhood is the special events the Board of Directors schedules throughout the calendar year. If you've ever attended an Oktoberfest or Annual Meeting, you know that these occasions aren't just standard get-togethers. They are opportunities to go beyond the across-the-driveway hello or across-the-street wave of the hand. They let you to put a voice to the face you see every morning when you walk your dog. They give you the chance to compare notes with the neighbor down the street whose landscaping you've been admiring. They let you talk to the nice guy next door about more than the contractor who put in your new air conditioning unit. In short, the events we hold make us a community.

This year, the AFHA calendar has a great line-up. Our annual Oktoberfest celebration takes place on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll have German food, a great DJ with a mix of German and other music, pony rides, and plenty of time to meet new friends. If you have a little princess or dragon who can't wait to dress up for Halloween, costumes are welcome.

Also in October will be another leaf and brush clean-up. This event was very popular in April, and the Board elected to repeat it as an economic chance for residents to rid their property of lawn waste. If you have sweet gum trees, here's your chance to get rid of those dangerous

sweet gum balls. Dumpsters will be placed on the island at 69<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania. The event is open only to AFHA residents, so please bring an ID. And remember: the clean-up is for yard waste only, not trash.

If you didn't do so last year, why not participate in the AFHA's Annual Holiday Lighting Competition in December? It's easy: just put up your lights and you're entered. With several categories, you have multiple chances to win. Last year's Best Theme award went to Susan Tivol's family for their beautiful blue and white Hanukah lights. Could your home be one of our winners this December? Start planning now! ♦

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Brian Hand



I would like to address a very important issue first and foremost in my column this quarter. As you know, it has been a sweltering summer here in the Armour Fields Homes Association, and even now we still have

residents, many elderly, who do not have air conditioning. Even though summer is coming to an end, we may still have some hot days. I ask that you frequently check in on these neighbors and ask them over for a break from the heat.

We had a productive and well attended annual meeting of our members in June. We elected two new directors and passed an important bylaws revision that better protects homes association members. Everyone had a great time and Woodyard BBQ, owned by AFHA resident Frank Schloegel, served up a great BBQ meal. I would like to thank the members who showed their confidence in me through their votes, allowing me to serve as President for another year. It is my privilege to serve this great association. Although the bylaws now allow the board to elect the officers, they did honor our residents' wishes and confirmed the vote that was included on the ballot in case the revision did not pass.

While on the topic of events, I would like to remind everyone that we have some great events coming up, including a fall leaf and brush drop-off, Oktoberfest, and our Holiday Lighting contest. We always welcome volunteer help on events and committees. Remember, this is YOUR homes association.

Finally, there are some great changes regarding Southwest High School. This year the school will continue as a comprehensive high school with a reduced number of

students from last year. Starting in the 2012 school year the KCMSD has promised to return Southwest exclusively to the early college model in place prior to the "right-sizing" plan. While this change may not be at the pace that we may want, it is a good start. I encourage all residents to stay informed of developments with the district and to hold the district accountable to its word. This is especially important now with the changes in district leadership. ♦



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**Oktoberfest is October 8<sup>th</sup>!**

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## VANDALS DAMAGE ISLAND, OTHER AFHA PROPERTY



The above photo shows damage to the bench and light at the entrance to 68<sup>th</sup> Street earlier this year.

Some time between August 2 and August 3, the urn on the island at 68<sup>th</sup> and Wornall was toppled from its foundation and broken into pieces. Hank VanArsdale, chair of the Fountains Committee, reported the damage to the Board, saying that he believed the damage may have been the work of vandals as he observed no nearby tire tracks.

Residents may remember that in June 2010 the same statuary was destroyed by a driver on Wornall Road. That driver's insurance paid for the damage. This time, however, no witnesses have come forward. Because the AFHA pays for maintenance to our city-owned parks and islands, we will have to pay for repairs from association dues – which are of course collected from our residents. The chair of the Parks & Islands Committee, Jane Aylward, spends many hours contacting qualified repair specialists, getting bids for work and supervising the same.

Our parks and islands have long been the target of vandalism. For instance, in the past, vandals knocked over the fountain at 68<sup>th</sup> and Wornall during graduation time, and several other parks and islands have sustained similar or worse damage. The AFHA Board of Directors would like to ask that all residents remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to both Chesley Brown and the KCMO police. S.C. ♦

### **AFHA BOARD REQUESTS RESIDENTS' VIGILANCE**

If you are concerned about how your dues to the Armour Fields Homes Association are spent, the photos on this page (and on page 14) are good illustrations.

The Board would like to request that all residents be vigilant and report any suspicious activity in or around parks and islands. Also, if you see a car damage AFHA property, please record as much information as possible. Take a picture or write down the license plate number, if possible, and make mental notes. Then call the KCMO police department, Chesley Brown, and the Board. Your information could help us collect an insurance payment from a hit-and-run driver or stop vandals from inflicting future damage. ♦

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by Kelley Slagle Funk, Contributor

\*Spring sneaked in and was so beautiful that I missed my deadline for the spring issue of our newsletter! My apologies to all who gave me the information that I now include in this issue\*

A hot kickoff to our summer cannot keep the residents of our beautiful neighborhood off the streets. Even on the muggiest of July mornings, I was cheered to see my fellow Armour Fields residents walking their dogs, tending their lawns and finding ways to enjoy the outdoors!

One of the most unique aspects of our wonderful neighborhood is the sense of community and the way that we help our neighbors. Lisa Kiene, of the 400 block of 66th Terrace, witnessed a parent and child cleaning up the

Southwest parking lot and paused to thank them for their work. Lisa mentioned that simply taking the time to pick up a piece of trash (even if it is not yours) helps to keep our neighborhood beautiful. As she reminded me, "We have a treasure and need to do our best to keep it that way." So a big thank you to all who pitch in with these random acts of kindness.

Patti Barnett of the 6700 block of Valley Road shared that in April she was surprised to find her kids out at the corner of 68th and Valley holding a sign asking people to "Honk to Raise Money for Haiti". This generous gesture netted over \$50 for this struggling country. What a gracious gift!

Sheryl Max of the 600 block of 66th Terrace was honored April 19th by the American Red Cross for her lifesaving and selfless gift of CPR to a patron in crisis at our local Price Chopper. This honor has not been bestowed in 10 years. Thanks to the quick work of Sheryl, the man survived and is living today.

Sarah Guthrie of the 1000 block of 66th Street was busy spreading the word about the very successful Pinwheels to Prevent Child Abuse program that occurred this spring. Beautiful pinwheels could be seen all over the Brookside area. Thank you Sarah for your meaningful work!

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## **ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS**

Annual elections for the AFHA's Board of Directors took place at the annual meeting in June. The Board would like to thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve.

This year, three open Board positions were filled. Sarah Hancock will continue to serve as co-chair of the Special Events Committee; Shelley Cetin will serve as co-chair. Shelley will also serve as Board Secretary. Rodd Staker will be co-chair of the Block Captain Committee with Peggy LaPierre.

Brian Hand and Joe Giammanco were both re-elected as President and Treasurer, respectively.

The Board would like to thank both Barbara Roche and Jim Neihart, who stepped down, for their hard work and service on the previous Board. ♦

## **MONEY MATTERS: Treasury Report**

By Joe Giammanco, Treasurer

### **Money Matters: FAQs**

The Treasurer and other members of the Board of Directors are sometimes asked questions about how Association monies are handled. In this issue, I address two common questions.

**Q:** Why do we send our Armour Fields Homes Association checks to The Homes Association of Kansas City?

**A:** The Homes Association of Kansas City ("HAKC") is a non-profit organization established by JC Nichols to assist homes associations in and around Kansas City with monthly financial reports, payment of association expenses, preparing dues invoices, depositing and accounting of homeowners' dues payments, maintenance of association databases, preparing delinquency reports, fielding and tracking neighborhood complaints, and sending welcome packets to new owners.

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## MONEY MATTERS

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**Q:** What assurance does the association have that the board doesn't misappropriate funds?

**A:** Only the Treasurer of the Armour Fields Homes Association and the Executive Director of the HAKC have direct access to the Association's funds. Should a board member misappropriate Association funds, the AFHA carries a general liability insurance policy that provides \$120,000 in dishonesty coverage, which is in excess of the Association's assets. All AFHA revenues are sent directly to the HAKC for deposit in the association's bank account. Also, no revenue checks are ever written to a board member. For instance, all checks that pay for advertising in the Armour Star are made out to the AFHA, not to the Editor or Treasurer. The Treasurer of the AFHA reviews the Association's financials and compares all expenditures to the Board-approved annual budget for reasonableness. An annual financial audit performed by a local CPA firm provides further assurances. The Board is not aware of any suspected or actual fraud.

Should you have any questions for the Treasurer, please contact me using the information listed on the back of the newsletter. ♦

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## PARKING IN THE AFHA

Here are some of the current parking issues in the association:

### On-Street Parking

When cars are parked on both sides of already narrow streets, they can block through traffic. In some cases, residents have been unable to turn onto Edgevale from Gregory due to the number of cars parked near the intersection. Please be aware that Section 70-528 of the KCMO City Ordinances requires that *a minimum of ten feet of the width of the roadway be available for cars to pass between parked vehicles.*

### Dangers to Children

It is very easy for a child to dart between parked cars to retrieve an errant ball. There are many active children in the AFHA, so watch out for our young residents.

### Abandoned Vehicles

City Ordinance Section 70-641 defines an abandoned vehicle as one that has been parked on a street for more than 48 hours, not a long time. (Vehicles which are moved even for a short time over the two-day period are not considered abandoned.) If a resident reports such a vehicle, the police department or other official entity has the right to remove and impound the vehicle and fine its owner.

### Property Crime

The AFHA does sometimes experience property crime, and leaving your car on the street invites trouble. Also, a car parked on the street is more susceptible to being hit by another car. Be careful and vigilant. ♦



## AFHA IN NEED OF COMPUTER HELP

The AFHA is looking for a volunteer with a few free hours a month to update and maintain our website. This would be a great résumé builder for a teen or college student; however, help from computer-savvy residents of any age would be welcome. This is not a work-intensive volunteer position, but it is an important one that requires a commitment.

Please contact Brian Hand if you can help. ◇

## HELP US *NOT* SPEND YOUR DUES!


The Board of Directors regularly hears from residents concerned about how dues are spent, but very few people volunteer to help maintain our association. The AFHA uses dues to keep up and repair our islands, fountains, street entry walls and statuary among other things. The fees of the people who do the work are quite costly. Please help keep down the costs of running our homes association. Be a volunteer! ◇

## DO YOU KNOW THIS FAMOUS BROOKSIDER?

Women's' purses designed by Kate Spade are carried by the rich and famous the world over. Some people know she's from the Kansas City area but just as many don't know this famous designer is originally a KCMO Brookside local!

Katherine Noel Brosnahan was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in December 1962, where she attended St. Theresa's Academy. At Arizona State University she studied journalism. There she met her husband, Andy Spade, brother to actor/comedian David Spade, of Saturday Night Live fame. Working at Mademoiselle Magazine after graduation, Ms. Spade rose to senior fashion editor before leaving to start her own handbag line with her husband in 1993. The company, now owned by Neiman Marcus, enjoys annual sales of approximately \$200 million.

Another example of a Brookside legend! ◇



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## A NOTE ON AFHA YARD WASTE PICK-UP

The AFHA Board has received complaints about residents putting their yard waste out early. Throughout the neighborhood some residents place lawn bags on the curb as early as Saturday even though Lawn Corps does not pick up until Tuesday.

Please remember that it is inappropriate to place your yard waste at the curb any earlier than the night before pick-up. The same rule applies to trash bags and recycling bins. The Board thanks all our residents for helping to keep the AFHA tidy. ♦



## WHY PAY THE SECURITY PORTION OF YOUR HOMEOWNER DUES? LOTS OF REASONS.

If you pay the extra portion of your homes association dues, you can request extra services from our security provider, Chesley Brown. Here are some of the extras you can request:

- Going out of town? You can ask Chesley Brown to perform extra checks on your residence. They will actually check your windows and doors!
- False alarm at your home? If you list Chesley Brown as the first responder to your system, you can avoid the costly fees charged by the city.
- Ever walk out the door only to find your car has a dead battery? If you pay the security fee, you can call Chesley Brown to jump your car.
- Chesley Brown has even reunited AFHA families with lost pets. How thankful those families must be that their security service was patrolling the neighborhood.

When you plan to go out of town or have an extra sensitive alarm system, remember: Chesley Brown only offers these extra services to residents whose names are on the service's list of residents who have paid the security portion of their dues. Chesley Brown helps keep us safe and secure. Don't be caught without them! ♦

## BLOCK CAPTAINS

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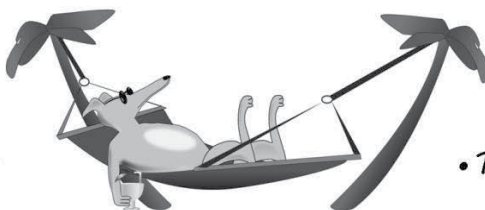
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### MEET MIKE JANTSCH

In this issue, the Board of Directors would like to thank Mike Jantsch, AFHA resident, for his service. In the past few months, Mike, a registered architect for 30 years, has generously donated his time to represent our homes association in KCMO zoning board review meetings. He is looking into the possibility of initiating an independent design review board within the AFHA to ensure that our beautiful subdivisions maintain their historic character as we continue into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Mike is also a past member of the AFHA Board; he served twice for a total of 10 years.

Mike graduated from Rockhurst High School in 1973, and he has lived in the Armour Fields Homes Association for 25 years. He and his wife, Beth Throne Jantsch, chair of the History/Government department of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, have been married for 28 years. Their daughter, Diana, a graduate of Creighton, is a nurse and their son, Alex, a KState alum, is a financial analyst. Mike is the third of ten in a family of eight boys and two girls.

Mike's architectural and interior design firm, Jantsch Architects, Inc. is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. A full-service firm, it does both commercial and residential design and specializes in historic renovations and conversions. Mike really loves old homes!

Mike is an active community member. He is a board member and current treasurer of the Historic Kansas

City Foundation, serves on the board of the River Market Community Association, and is a committee member of the Downtown Parking and Way-Finding Committee. Did I mention that Mike is also an AFHA Block Captain?

Mike is a great example of the volunteer spirit. For this reason, the board recognizes his service.  
Hats off to you, Mike! ◇



### A NEW YEAR AT SWECC

The KCMO School District has promised to return Southwest to a true early-college campus as of the 2012 school year. Board President Brian Hand and City Liaison John Murphy have spent countless hours reminding the KCMO of its responsibility to SWECC students. We need to continue to remind the district leadership and the school board that they owe every Southwest student a quality education, which can only be achieved if every student feels safe. ◇



### A BIT OF AFHA TRIVIA FUN

Whose handbags have often been featured in the sitcom Just Shoot Me as the favored purses of the former fashion model character Nina Van Horn, played by Wendie Malick?

Still don't know? Her brother-in-law is famous for saying "Buh-bye" as an obnoxiously snarky airline steward on Saturday Night Live.

*Still* don't know? Go to page 8. ♦

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Grant Luck, 457 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Terrace

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Robert & Candice Yagmin, 6543 Summit

If you haven't yet done so, please take a moment to introduce yourself and make our new residents feel at home. S.C. ♦





## SAFE AND SECURE

by Brian Hand, Chair, Safety & Security

Every quarter we include this column in the newsletter to inform neighbors of security issues in our great homes association. My intent is to cover as much as possible and provide tips to prevent our residents from being victims of the latest crime trends. With that said, there are always different types of crime so it is best to be proactive, look at many scenarios and maintain open lines of communication with your neighbors.

Our block captain program is a great tool to disseminate information and to properly vet information through security and the police department. In the last issue when we asked residents to consider what information to send out, our intent was to make sure that the information is relevant, current and correct. We in no way were suggesting that residents not report issues. We don't want residents to be alarmed about situations that happened years ago and be looking out for suspects that are no longer of concern. This takes away from awareness of current issues. Prior to sending out any notices about crimes and trends, we always check with the police or security to make sure tips are accurate.

In the past several months there have been several burglaries in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. During the course of these crimes, the criminals have been kicking doors open in broad daylight.

There are no 100% solutions to this situation, but a few tips that you can follow will help prevent these break-ins. Setting your alarm any time you leave is a good first step. Installing reinforcing hardware to your doors will make it more difficult to break in. Also, inform your neighbors if you are going to have people in to work on your home. In many situations neighbors may mistake a burglar for a worker doing some type of maintenance on your home.

Another trend to watch out for is the theft of wheels from vehicles. In these thefts the teams of criminals jack up a vehicle, leaving it on landscaping blocks. Many of these crimes can be prevented by making your vehicles inaccessible: put them in your garage or leave them inside a locked fence. Also, special locking lugnuts are available and should be used to make it more difficult to get to your vehicle.◇



## WHO YA GONNA CALL? CHESLEY BROWN!

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Don't forget: if you pay the optional security dues, you can even ask Chesley Brown to check your home while you're out of town. So if you notice a security issue in the AFHA, call:

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by Kelley Slagle Funk, Contributor

Continued from page 4.

Several piano students of Carlene Neihart, an award-winning AFHA resident, appeared in a piano recital at the Schmitt Music Store Recital Hall recently. The students were Bridgie Auckland, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Auckland), Elise McGhie, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McGhie), Daisy Oxler (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Oxler), Ann Chapman (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Chapman), Gary Whittaker (son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas C. Whitaker), Natalie Williams (daughter of Judge and Mrs. John Williams), and Parker Linscott (son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linscott).

The AFHA also saw many graduations this spring. Conor Burke graduated from Rockhurst High School and will

attend the University of Missouri –Columbia. Conor's parents are Christine and Jerry Burke of the 400 block of 67th Street. Eli Medina received an MBA from Rockhurst College while her sister, Kathleen, graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles. Their parents are George and Betsy from the 6500 block of Summit. Kevin Flanagan graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a dual degree in Biology and Philosophy. Kevin, son of Jim and Jan of the 600 block of 68th Terrace, was accepted as a PhD candidate in Molecular Biology at Washington University in St. Louis. Corbin Keech received a Masters of Science in Advanced Architecture Design from Columbia University, NYC. Logan Keech graduated

with a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Their parents are Camilla and John of the 6900 block of Valley Road.

The 4th of July was particularly loud with the dueling fireworks shows on Romany Road and 66th Terrace. Thank you to all who cleaned up after the various displays.

Finally, it is with sadness that we experienced the passing of two long-term residents, Jim Aylward Jr. and Jim Flanagan, in April.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to share your news with me. Please e-mail me with neighborhood news and random acts of kindness at [kellslagle@aol.com](mailto:kellslagle@aol.com). Have a lovely day! ◇



### AFHA PROPERTY DAMAGED DURING CAR CHASE

In May, the wall and iron fence at 70<sup>th</sup> and Wornall were hit by a driver fleeing KCMO police. Jane Aylward, Chair of Parks & Islands, filed a claim with the appropriate insurance to recoup the cost of repairs to the AFHA property which was damaged.

The chair position for the Parks and Islands Committee is very demanding. Each time AFHA property is damaged, Jane takes photos, has damaged greenery removed, gets bids for repairs, meets with and supervises masons, finds replacement greenery, schedules and meets with landscapers, and follows up with insurance companies. She is not paid for this time-consuming work. The next time you see Jane, please thank her for the excellent work she does to maintain the beauty of the AFHA and ensure our property values. Because she volunteers her time, your dues can be used for other necessary services. ◇

## BLOCK CAPTAIN NEWS

by Peggy LaPierre, Co-Chair, Block Captain Committee

Thank you to all the block captains who attended our meeting in June. Many block captains were able to provide great neighborhood feedback. Our next meeting will be from 2:00 to 3:00 before the Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will email you a reminder as the date approaches.

I am sad to say farewell to Jim Neihart, my dedicated co-chair who retired from the Board in June. Jim walked door to door to ensure that each block had an active captain and developed a grid to make sure the north and south

streets were taken care of. I'd also like to say "Welcome" to Rodd Staker, the newest member of the board and the new co-chair for block captains.

The block captain committee chairs are looking for a volunteer for the unfilled position in the 6900 block of Pennsylvania. If you are interested in being a block captain please get in touch with Rodd or me. Our contact information is on the last page of the newsletter. ♦

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### AFHA STATUARY: IT'S WORTH IT

If you admire the graceful statuary in these photos and situated throughout the AFHA, know that it's maintained through your dues. But statuary isn't the only thing your dues pay for. They also help us maintain parks, islands, sentry structures and street entries; a security service; our website; and so much more. ♦

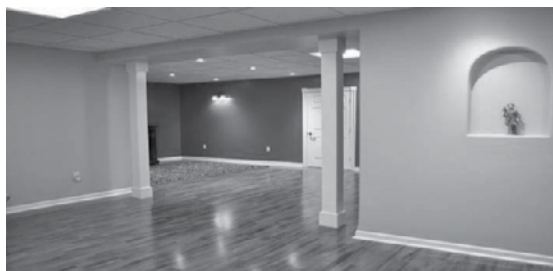


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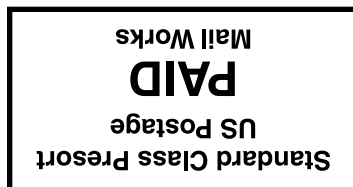
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