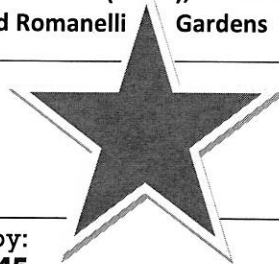




# The Armour Star

The Newsletter of the Armour Fields Homes Association (AFHA), including Homes in the Subdivisions of Armour Fields, Meyer Circle and Romanelli Gardens

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

2013

By Shelley Cetin  
Co-Chair, Special Events

Among the many benefits paid for by AFHA homeowners' dues are special events provided throughout the year. These events help us build community and maintain Armour Fields.

Here is a list of events currently slated for 2013. The list is not complete, but dates will be communicated to residents as the Board schedules them.

### AFHA Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, June 1

### AFHA Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 4:00

There will also be an Oktoberfest celebration and a Fall Lawn & Leaf Clean-Up later in the year so look for those dates in future newsletters and mailings from your block captains.

Take advantage of these opportunities to be part of the AFHA community! ♦

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Hank Van Arsdale  
President

AFHA put on a magnificent light show for the holidays. We had everything from airplanes and helicopters to buses, limos and cars passing by. I was constantly amazed with how many people would get out of their vehicles and walk a block or two while taking pictures. Great job everyone!

The AFHA Board addressed the issue of Walmart wanting to move into Waldo. On Monday, January 20th, the Armour Fields Homes Association Board of Directors (AFHA BOD) voted unanimously to oppose the proposed purchase of Bingham Middle School for development as a Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market and

wrote a letter to the City Council expressing the Board's opinion. A copy of the letter has been placed on our Facebook page. Hopefully our concerns, along with many others, will put an end to this proposal.

We will be addressing the KC Public Works Department about the traffic signal removal near Armour Fields. We hope the city will be swayed by our concerns since there have been accidents at these locations and many are worried that the next one will involve a child walking home from school.

A number of other important items are covered elsewhere in  
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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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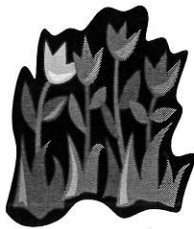
**Special Events** – the AFHA's Annual Meeting (June 9). Please add this important event to your calendars.

**Parks and islands** – Jane Aylward and that committee have made a number of changes to most of our parks and islands over the winter and we hope you all enjoy them.

If anyone has suggestions for improvements to Armour Fields, please contact one of our board members and let them know. We are looking at long-range plans so ideas will be appreciated.

Spring is here and everyone will be out socializing after a strange cool winter where hardy souls and dog walkers have been talking to one another. Enjoy the beautiful spring in beautiful Armour Fields. ◇

**SPRING IS  
NEARLY HERE!**



## FACEBOOK FAN?

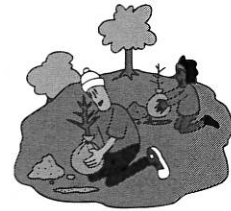
The AFHA is on Facebook! Find out what's going on. Search "Armour Fields" and "like" our page!

You can also find information about your homes association on the website of our umbrella association, the Homes Associations of Kansas City:

[www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org)

## BE GREEN! Help Your AFHA Community!

Many AFHA residents are proud to serve the planet through recycling, reusing cast-offs, carpooling, and showing responsibility. But you can also serve the planet at closer quarters, right here in the AFHA. Resident volunteers "pool" their



talents and skills to benefit our community. Your volunteer efforts mean the AFHA doesn't "waste" your dues, so call a board member today! ◇

## Your neighbor selling our neighborhood.



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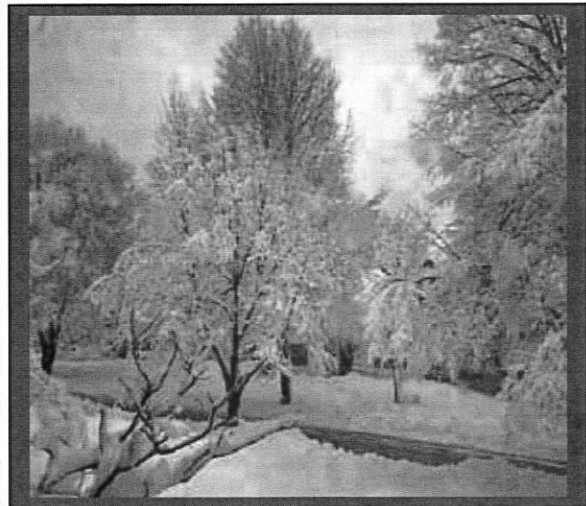
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An Armour Fields window view shows the extent of snowfall on February 26, 2013. Combined with amounts from a previous storm, snowfall at the nearby Plaza totaled twenty inches.

## AFHA LIGHTS UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by Claire Terrebonne, Co-Chair, Special Events

Armour Fields residents and blocks really stepped up their holiday decorations this season. The neighborhood saw scores of admiring visitors in limos, buses, and cars. Thank you, residents, for bearing with the traffic from these seasonal visitors to the AFHA.

Even pedestrians bore the chilly nights to view the displays. Each year proves more impressive than the last. This year was no exception, which made judging the decorating contest all the more difficult for the Board. So, after much

discussion and debate, the Board chose the following favorites:

Most Elaborate – 6965 Valley  
Most Elegant/Traditional –  
1020 West 70th Street  
Most Original – 642 West 70th  
Street

Best Theme – 601 West 70th  
Street

Best Block – 600 Block 69th  
Terrace

And too many honorable  
mentions to name!

Below are photos of the official  
winners of the AFHA Lighting

Contest, all identified by the  
official white and blue  
“Armour Fields Winner” sign.  
Each individual winner will  
receive a \$25 gift certificate  
and the best block will receive  
a \$75 gift certificate to use  
towards their next block party.

Congratulations to all the  
winners and many thanks to  
everyone who participated. It’s  
events like this that make  
Armour Fields so special. We  
can’t wait to see what our  
neighbors can do next year!

And the Winners Are . . .



6965 Valley  
Most Elaborate



600 Block of 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
Best Block



Most Elegant/Traditional  
1020 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street



Most Original  
642 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street

**The Board of Directors  
would like to thank all  
AFHA homeowners who  
gave our association  
such a festive holiday  
look by decorating their  
homes. Your creativity  
and care deserve  
applause.**

**Thank You!**



Best Theme  
601 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street

## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

Many AFHA residents gave us praise for the snow removal efforts this year. We thank you for letting us know. To be clear about the snow removal situation – you pay for this when you pay the AFHA voluntary dues. Snow removal is included in the optional Security fee. If you are not paying the optional fee, please consider it since we had to overspend our budget significantly this year. The budget we just passed for the coming year is very conservative while we try to make up for snow costs. Many new plantings and beautification projects this year may have to wait. ◇

## FOUNTAIN UPDATE

We apologize for not having our beautiful fountains running. AFHA had to delay masonry work on both because of the amount of money spent for snow removal this spring. Work will soon be completed under our new budget. Also, we were unable to start the fountains due to water problems. The 67th & Wornall fountain has a severe leak where the supply line connects to the meter, and we could not turn on the valve to the Romanelli Fountain. It may need to be replaced. Both repairs are waiting for the KCMO Water Department. Hopefully both fountains will be operating soon. ◇

## UNHAPPY ABOUT RACES? CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Many residents have complained to the AFHA Board about the ever-increasing number of races being run in Kansas City that always seem to go around or through our neighborhood. The KCMO answer is...we appreciate your concern and have raised the permit fee from \$50 to \$100, which is not much help our homeowners. While we know that some members participate in some of the runs, most do not, and those who do not run have difficulty getting into and

out of AFHA on Saturday mornings. Often the best way to encourage the City of Kansas City, Missouri to adopt a new viewpoint about an issue is for tax-paying voters to directly contact their representatives. If you're unhappy about our association being blocked in by spring racing events, pick up your phone and call City Council members. Don't limit your calls to the 6th District. Let all district reps know that:

- 1) your taxes support all of KCMO, not just Brookside
- 2) runners come from all around KCMO, not just Brookside
- 3) races block your access to local businesses, whose taxes also support the entire KCMO area
- 4) races disproportionately inconvenience a small portion of the tax-paying public – YOU – not the larger portion that enjoys our streets.
- 5) the races make it difficult for emergency personnel to access AFHA homes in case services are needed. If you can't get out, how quickly can EMS/Fire/Police get in?

Emphasize that the repeated practice of blocking AFHA streets – not the streets of other portions of KCMO – is punitive to our residents. Tell the representatives that you expect council members from all districts to listen to our concerns because your tax dollars support their districts. Call. Call often. Call again!

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## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS: JUNE 09, 2013

This year's annual meeting for the Armour Fields Homes Association will be held on Sunday, June 09, 2013. The purpose of the annual meeting is to hold annual elections and to bring together members of the association.

**Annual Election:** The bylaws of the Armour Fields Homes Association require that the annual meeting be held on a specific Sunday in June, in 2013, on June 09. This year, members will vote for five directors. Three new directors will be elected for three-year terms. Two directors will complete the unexpired terms of board members who were unable to complete their terms.

### Eligibility to Run for Director Positions:

Members who want to run for one of the officer positions must be in good standing. This

means that you must have paid all member dues owed by March 31, 2013 by May 15, 2013. To be a candidate, you must notify the association president by Saturday, June 1, 2013. See the back of the newsletter for contact information.

**Voting Requirements:** Only members in good standing can vote at the annual meeting. To be in good standing, members must have paid all dues in full. The voting rights of members who have not paid their dues will be suspended.

**Election Procedures:** Voting at the annual meeting is by ballot. To ensure eligibility, members must present a valid ID to vote. Each residence is permitted one vote, no matter how many residents live at an address. Members in good

standing can write in additional candidates on the day of the election.

**Voting by Proxy:** If a member cannot attend the annual meeting, bylaws allow voting by proxy. To vote by proxy, a member must submit a signed, addressed proxy to another AFHA member, who must then surrender it to vote on the absent resident's behalf. Go to [www.ha-kc.org](http://www.ha-kc.org) for complete bylaws and details.

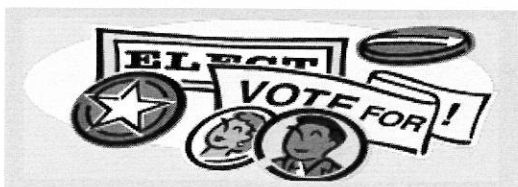
**Suspension of Voting Rights:** The voting rights of members who have not paid all dues owed will be suspended. ◇



### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

Five positions on the Armour Fields Homes Association Board of Directors will fall vacant this year. The positions will be filled during an election at the Annual Meeting in June. The Board invites AFHA residents to nominate themselves – or other candidates - to these positions.

Board Directors attend regular board meetings and fulfill the duties of their positions in their free time. If you would like to run for one of the open positions, contact the President, Hank VanArsdale not later than June 1, 2013.



### AFHA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 09, 2013

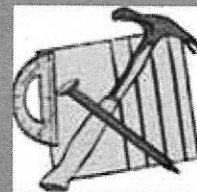
4:00 p.m.

Romanelli Island

(Block Captains meet at 3:30.)

-DRS-

- Carpentry
- Remodeling
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- Plumbing
- Tree trimming
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Contributed by Kelley Slagle Funk



Another year has passed and our neighborhood is as busy as ever. The white pre-Christmas snow we received created a festive mood as has the latest snowfall.

The holiday decorations invited camaraderie throughout the AFHA. Not ones to pass up a festive occasion, the ladies of Romany Road created holiday magic with a tour of holiday lights and a cookie exchange.

The neighbors on the 400 block of West 67th Terrace joined guests from the 600 block for their annual Progressive Christmas Party. Sally and Charley Cobb opened their home for heavy appetizers. Desserts were furnished by David and Mary Braddock and by Angela and Jimmy Bergner at the Bergners' home. The Braddocks added a humorous

touch with a contest about Kansas City's history. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Eli Medina, daughter of George and Betsy Medina of the 6500 block of Summit, has signed a professional volleyball contract with the Heart of America Havoc in the Premier Volleyball League. A professional, region-based indoor women's league sanctioned by USA Volleyball, the team is comprised of players currently living in Kansas and Western Missouri. Congratulations Eli!

Megan and Mark Oxler of the 600 block of 69th Terrace are thrilled with the new adventure their son will embark on in 2013. George Oxler graduates from St. Peter's in May, heading to Rockhurst High School, the fourth generation

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## THE ARMOUR FIELDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of the AFHA Board of Directors represent the following committees:

*Block Captains* – Rodd Staker  
*City Liaison* – John Murphy  
*Fountains* – Hank Van Arsdale  
*Parks & Islands* – Jane Aylward  
*President* – Hank Van Arsdale  
*Safety & Security* – Ron McMickle  
*Special Events &* – Claire  
*Secretary* – Terrebonne  
*Treasurer* – Joe Giammanco

Problem or question? Our contact information is on the last page. ◇



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## COME TO THE AFHA ANNUAL MEETING!

**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

The AFHA has only one business meeting each year, the Annual Meeting, whose date is calculated to comply with our bylaws. At the Annual Meeting, residents can meet neighbors, hear about current issues of importance, listen to candidates, and vote for new members on the Board of Directors. This is also your chance to speak up, so write the date on your calendar and plan to come. See you there!

## HELP YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN & HOMES ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATE

By Rodd Staker, Chair, Block Captains

There is a volunteer Block captain for each block in Armour Fields Homes Association (AFHA), which includes 788 homes. Block captains are important in the network of communications which keeps the AFHA community informed. Their responsibilities thus include forwarding communications from the AFHA Board of Directors to neighbors on their block.

Communications include, for example, the Armour Star (our homes association newsletter),

flyers about Association special events, information about community matters that may affect our neighborhood, and crime alerts. Block captains also provide feedback to the Board and convey information within their block. They also welcome neighbors when they move into their block, opening the line of communication with new residents.

**Please help your block captain by providing him or her with your email address.**  
If you don't have an email address, let your block captain

know that, too.

If you don't know who your block captain is, ask a neighbor on your block or contact me. My contact information is on the back page of every issue of the Armour Star newsletter. ◇

### AFHA Garage Sale

**Saturday, June 1**  
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### AFHA BOARD TERMS

Listed below are the names of the AFHA Board of Directors along with end dates of their terms.

- 2013 Jane Aylward, Joe Giammanco, and John Murphy
- 2014 Rodd Staker
- 2015 Ron McMickle, Claire Terrebonne, and Hank Van Arsdale

Five board positions will be open this year. Two will replace directors unable to complete their terms. Three positions are for full terms. If you are interested, see information in this edition of the Star. ◇

### ADVERTISING

The Armour Star reaches 788 homes and accepts advertisements at competitive rates. AFHA residents receive a 20% discount.



For information, contact a member of the Board of Directors. Contact information is listed on the last page of this issue of the Armour Star.

## COMMUNICATION UPDATES NEEDED FROM ALL AFHA RESIDENTS

By Rodd Staker, Chair, Block Captain Committee

The Board of Directors of the Armour Fields Homes Association is assembling a directory to provide quicker and more efficient communications with homeowners.

We are assembling an email list for the same purpose. Once an Armour Fields homeowner email list has been compiled, the Board can directly email homeowners announcements via a mass messaging system, thereby limiting block captains' responsibility to conveying information to those without email addresses. Our list will be for association use only and will not be sold or released to others.

If you don't have an email address, you can mail your name and address information to the AFHA, care of the Homes Associations of Kansas City (our umbrella organization) at the address on the cover of every Armour Star newsletter.

To ensure that you receive communications promptly, you may log on to the HA-KC.org website.

Once at this website, go to "Missouri Associations", click on "Armour Fields", then click on "Armour Fields email". You can enter your name, address, and email address for the AFHA's email list.

Thanks in advance for your help with communications in Armour Fields! ♦



### AFHA GARAGE SALE 2013

Saturday, June 01

**Need a reason to clean out the garage? Our sale is not far away, so start tagging!**



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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Oxler Hawklet!

The Maiaie family of the 400 block of 67th Street have kept busy this winter. Their son Adam is competing across the Midwest with Barstow's debate team, which won first place in a tournament in Omaha. Adam is also busy preparing for the Barstow spring play. Max Maiaie graduates from Rockhurst High School in the spring but is yet undecided on his college selection. Congratulations Adam and Max!

Robin and Rob Linscott of the 400 block of 67th Street also celebrate graduations. Their son Parker graduates from St Peter's in the spring and hopes to attend Rockhurst High School in the fall. Son Max graduates

from Rockhurst High School in the spring but has not yet decided on a college. Congratulations Linscott boys!

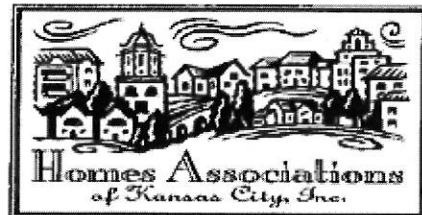
As spring arrives, keep your eyes out for Elizabeth Gignoux and Addison Funk's awesome lemonade and coffee stands at the corner of 67th Street and Pennsylvania. They will be busy raising money for local causes! Thank you to all the neighborhood kids who keep our families nourished with treats from their stands.

Resident Ann Hyde has developed an interest in feng shui and recently created a discussion group called "Becoming Your Own Professional Organizer." The group is learning to apply feng shui's principles to help organize busy lives. Members

share their progress in the meetings' friendly environment. Call Ann if you are interested.

Camilla and John Keech spent 2 weeks in Japan in October. Son Corbin enjoyed Japan's beautiful architecture and many museums. He recently relocated from Brooklyn, NY, to Chicago, where he joined the architecture firm Studio/Gang/Architects.

Finally, as we head into another year, I thank all of you who take the time to send me your news. Don't forget to send all news to [kellslagle@aol.com](mailto:kellslagle@aol.com). Happy spring to all! ♦



*Dogs in South KC give Pooches' Paradise 2 paws up!*

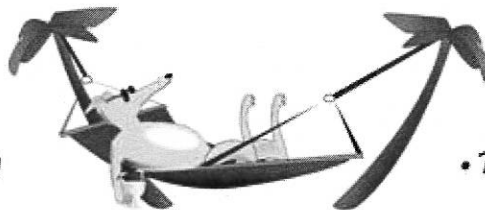
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Joe Giammanco, Armour Fields Resident

## SAFE and SECURE

by Ron McMickle  
Chair, Safety & Security

It was a relatively quiet holiday time in Armour Fields as far as crime statistics. Here is my review of reports submitted to KCMO police for the six-week period from 12/10/12 through 01/20/13.

**Total Metro Division Crime Reports:** 942

**Average per Week:** 157

**Incidents to Residents of Armour Fields:** One home burglary during this period. No new facts are in on this particular case but KCPD informs me that fingerprints have been sent to the crime lab and they are waiting for the analysis to be completed. An alert was submitted to our block

captains for distribution to Armour Fields residents immediately after this crime occurred.

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**Reminder:** To receive an email version of this newsletter and security notices as described above as well as special events notifications, sign up for this service at: <http://www.ha-kc.org/index.php/moassoc/42-armour-fields?layout=blog> Then click on the link to sign up for Armour Fields emails.

**Reporting Residential Crimes:** Armour Fields occupies about 1% of the Kansas City Police Metro

Division area. I normally report incidents occurring at Southwest High School, but our main interest is crimes occurring to our residents, homes and property. Again, applying due diligence, watching out for each other and being alert for suspicious activity cannot be overemphasized. Remember to report such activities immediately to 911 and Chesley Brown International, our security service, at 816-753-2945.

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**Credit Card Fraud:** A timely KC Star article recently warned residents to be on the alert for credit card fraud at gas pumps. The article cited a case at a gas station on State Line Road. No further facts were released. To protect yourself from fraud, the Star article suggested checking to see that security seals on the pump are in the proper place and being certain they have not been tampered with. To be totally safe from this type of credit card fraud attempt, pay inside the station.

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**Driving Safety:** The KCPD also released the following concerning vehicular fatalities in the Kansas City, Missouri area:

2011 fatalities - 66  
2012 fatalities - 72

**Fact -** Vehicular crashes are the number one cause of accidental death in the United States.

Here are some tips for surviving your drive:

- Always utilize your seat belt.

See "Safe & Secure," page 11.



## WELCOME HOME TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH

  
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## FINAL NOTES

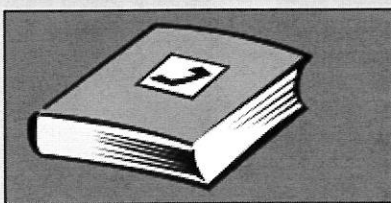
It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of Shelley Cetin, our newsletter editor and Special Events Co-Chair. She has been a very valuable part of the AFHA board and we shall miss her. We wish her the best.

This does leave the position of newsletter editor open. If anyone out there wishes to fill this position please let any of the AFHA Board know. While it is not a board position, the Armour Star is our most valuable communication tool and very necessary to our association. If you can help, please contact us.



## CALL FOR DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENTS

The AFHA is preparing to issue its directory, published every other year. The ads in the AFHA Directory pay for publishing costs, and many of the ads come from owners of local businesses. Would you like your ad to appear in the 2012 Directory? Contact Joe Giammanco for information. ◇

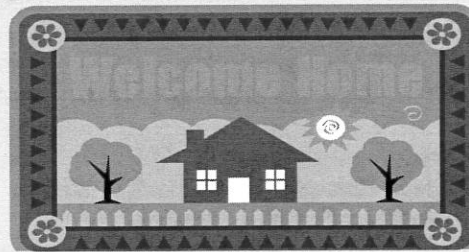


## WELCOME TO THE AFHA

### The AFHA welcomes our new neighbors!

- \* Troy & Wendy Burgess, 1009 W. 70<sup>th</sup> St.
- \* John Duerst, 1009 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Street
- \* Sarah Jackson, 6509 Valley Road
- \* Patrick & Katherine Joyce, 609 W. Dartmouth
- \* Zachary & Cortney Mendenhall, 441 W. 69th
- \* Catherine Singleton & John Breau, 616 Romany
- \* Jaden Windberg & Kristen Coment, 1002 W. 70th

Please take a moment to stop by and extend your greetings to our new residents!



## SAFE & SECURE

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- Resist the urge to drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Studies show that child safety seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers. Make sure you are following Missouri law pertaining to child restraints by visiting:

<http://www.modot.mo.gov/Safety/NewChildPassengerRestraintLaw.htm>.

- Avoid texting while driving. In Missouri, texting while driving is illegal for drivers 21 or under, but it's a distraction for drivers of any age. In 2008 alone, nearly 6000 people were killed and more than half a million injured in the U.S. in crashes caused by distracted driving, according to Department of Transportation officials.
- Slow down . . . speed is a frequent contributing factor to fatalities. ◇

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