



The Armour Star

The Newsletter of the Armour Fields Homes Association
Including homes in Armour Fields & Romanelli Gardens

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Upcoming Special Events

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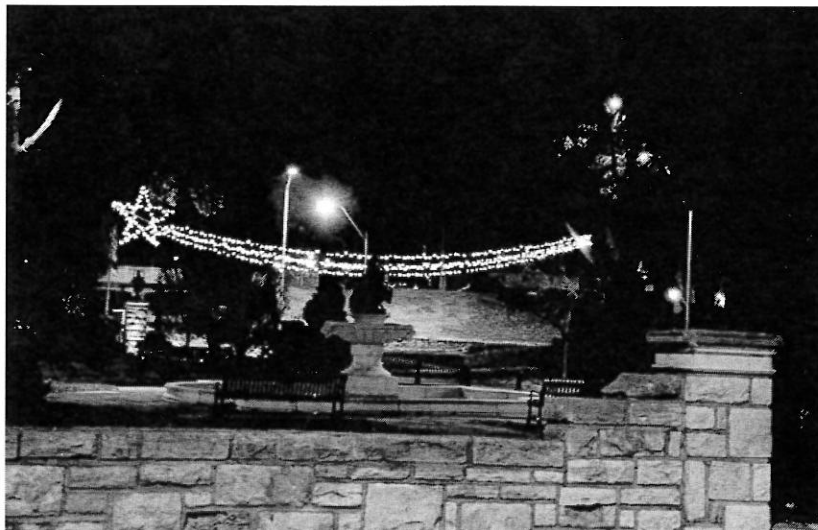
Reminders

Each homeowner is responsible for removing the leaves in the street in front of your property.

The homeowner is also responsible for removing the snow on your sidewalks. This is a KCMO statute.

Over the years everyone has observed how slow Kansas City removes snow on side streets so our homes association has contracted with a company to timely plow our streets. You are paying for this service as part of the **OPTIONAL SERVICES** item on your bill. If you are not already paying this please consider remitting the optional fees so we can continue this necessary service.

The contract calls for removal when more than 2 inches of snow falls, when you know this condition occurs please try to get all parked cars off the street so they can clean the entire street properly.



We hope you enjoyed the new Romanelli island decoration

Happy

New

Year

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners



Best Theme

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 year. All the limos knew where
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Safety and Security

by Craig McKim – Chair

As Safety and Security Chair for the Armour Fields Board of Directors I communicate with and receive crime reports from KCMO Police, Chesley Brown Security and others in surrounding neighborhoods. Allow me to share with you some problems I am seeing and some simple solutions.

The Problems:

Door to door solicitors. Some thieves may pose as door to door sales people because they know it can be considered a legitimate reason to get up close to your house. During a one week period early this fall there were at least five different groups or individuals that were reported going door to door in Armour Fields.

Crimes such as auto break-ins seem to have increased in recent months within Armour Fields. Often the cars are unlocked or have had something of value in plain sight.

Several times a week more brazen crimes such as auto thefts, armed robberies and home break-ins take place in neighborhoods and business districts that surrounding Armour Fields. These aren't just occurring several miles away but often just several blocks from the neighborhood.

Response times by the KCMO Police can be slow, even in emergency situations.

Some Solutions:

Don't encourage door to door solicitors by answering the door.

Don't leave anything of value in your car.

Don't leave blinds open to allow criminals to see items to target.

Don't leave garage doors open for extended periods of time.

Do be aware your surroundings

and others who are nearby.

Do lock your car and home at all times, even when you are home.

Do park your car in your driveway or garage if possible.

Do keep a radio or TV on when you are out of your home.

Do keep motion and other outdoor lights on at night.

Do call both KCMO Police and Chesley Brown Security in an emergency situation if possible.

Do report any and all suspicious activities.

While these suggestions are simple and are often repeated they bear being reiterated because when they are followed consistently the odds of you and others in your neighborhood being victims of crime will decrease.

The point of reporting any and all suspicious activity is VERY IMPORTANT. It is more difficult for the Police and Chesley Brown to solve and prevent crimes if they don't know they are occurring. Being aware crimes and suspicious activities that have occurred allows them to adjust patrol times and establish patterns for follow up. I encourage you to report all suspicious or criminal activity to Chesley Brown no matter how minor. That is what we pay them for and they are glad to respond.

While, the KCMO Police should be considered the first line of law enforcement and response, if possible during an emergency you should call Chesley Brown as well. I have observed that they can respond quicker since they are often in the neighborhood patrolling and they also patrol the nearby Brookside Shops and Waldo Business District.

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!

James & Katherine Aylward
1017 Arno Road

Matthew & Ashley Conwell
628 West 69th Terrace

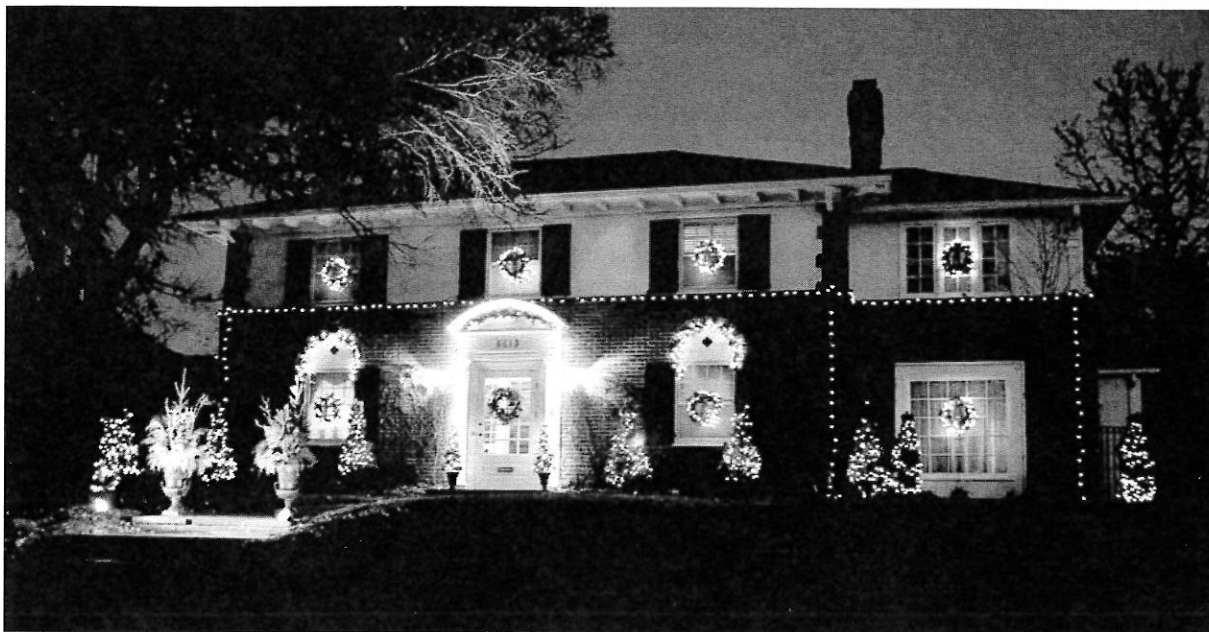
Michael & Anne Post
1001 West 66th Terrace

Andrew Ganss
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August & Debra Baanders
633 West 68th Terrace

For map showing the frequency and location of crimes in Kansas City please see the following link: <http://www.kcmo.org/police/Crime/Crime-Mapping/>

Just because you have not been a victim of crime or have not seen it occur does not mean that it never happens in our neighborhood. If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding safety and security in Armour Fields please let me know.



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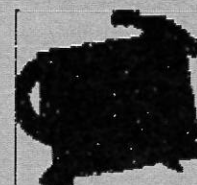
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Armour Fields Restoration Fund – John Murphy

Many of you have commented on the beauty of our neighborhood islands and the hard work that Jane Aylward does each and every month to keep them looking so beautiful. Many of you have also asked if there was a way to contribute financially to this effort and yes there is (see below).

The islands, and fountains in our neighborhood are all owned by the City of Kansas City but maintained by our Homes Association. The Homes Association receives absolutely **no** financial aid from our city government to maintain these assets. That means all repairs, all plumbing, all mowing, and all plantings, on those islands, are paid for by the association from dues collected from you. In addition, your dues also fund the snowplowing of our neighborhood streets. Again this is paid for by the Association not the city. Most residents contribute to the security fund as well, which keeps our streets safe. As you can see, the Association administers a village on a shoestring budget and does so extremely well.


Many of the structures on our islands are over 80 years old and are in desperate need of upgrades or need to be replaced. Many of the original walls were built without foundations and are in a precarious state.

The addition of irrigation equipment to the islands would keep the islands lush and green throughout the summer months. The addition of lighting would enhance the islands and provide added safety. All these investments add to the beauty of our neighborhood and positively contribute toward our home values. We are asking you, our neighbors, to consider making a contribution towards the maintenance of our neighborhood. If you have thoughts on what you would like to see done to an island please contact Jane Aylward, Hank Van Arsdale or any board member.

The Armour Fields Restoration Fund (The Fund), a 501(c)3, was created in 2006 as a vehicle to help raise charitable –tax deductible–donations not only to renovate and maintain the Romanelli Fountain, but to renovate and maintain all the islands and fountains of Armour Fields. This fund is eligible for corporate matching grants.

To Donate:

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Presidents Report by Hank Van Arsdale

The issue of street cars is posing an interesting challenge to AFHA. No one seems to be willing to publically stand up and say what many people are thinking: who and how will the expansion be funded, how much of the already scarce parking in Brookside will be removed, how will cars and street cars share Brookside Boulevard during rush hour, what about the already difficult problem with the jog to Wornall Rd. Can it be helped by adding street cars. One other parking issue sits, waiting in the background - If the street car proponents are correct in their assessment many of the suburban dwellers will drive to Brookside leaving their cars to go to

the Plaza or Crown Center, where will they park?

The AFHA Board of Directors has not endorsed the street car project; but we are attending the street car events, getting information and trying to get answers to our questions. If and when we make a decision, it will be an informed decision.

Facebook - AFHA does have a Facebook page that we use to distribute information that needs more immediate dispersal. For example, reminders of special trash pick-ups or keeping cars off the streets for better snow removal and lost dogs, etc.

You can like us on Facebook.com at

Armour Fields Homes Association to be included.

Note: you do have to log-in to check what is happening.

If you want to sign up for direct email of the Armour Star or direct security or event emails follow the following information: go the HA-KC website (www.ha-kc.org/index.php), then select Missouri Associations, then select Armour Fields. Then click on "Armour Fields Email Listing".

As always, if you have questions or concerns please contact any member of the AFHA board.

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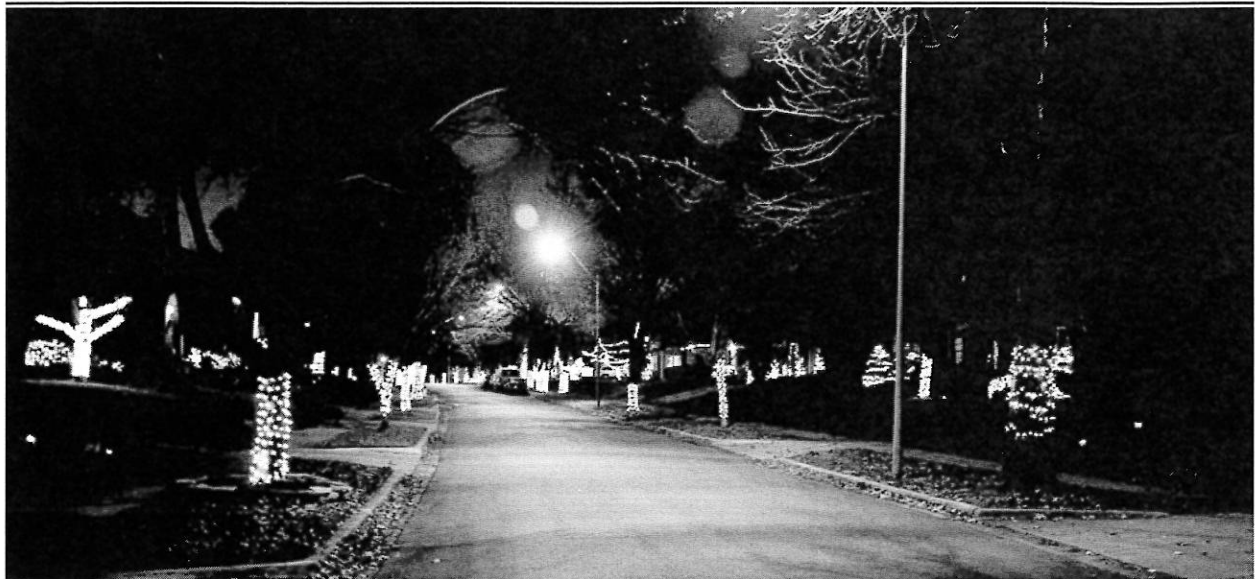
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Block Captains - Thanks

by Rodd Staker - Chair

Thank you to the 46 volunteer Block Captains who serve the 788 homes in Armour Fields. You are an important communications link between your Armour Fields Homes Association Board of Directors and your neighbors on your Block. Your welcoming of new neighbors adds to the wonderful sense of community we have in Armour Fields. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Board of Directors, by your neighbors, and by all who live in Armour Fields.

Homeowners who do not know who their Block Captain is should ask a neighbor or contact me. Also make sure your Block Captain has your current email address so he/she can easily communicate with you.

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