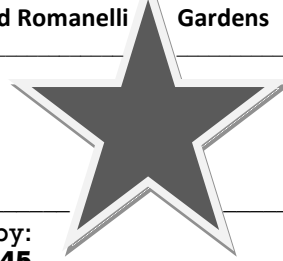


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OCTOBERFEST A GREAT SUCCESS!

Shelley Cetin Co-Chair, Special Events

This year's Octoberfest was a great success for the Armour Fields Homes Association. More than 350 AFHA residents turned out for the fall event, which continued long after the music stopped.

This year's event had a great mix of people. While children waited in line for pony rides from Cathy's Custom Parties and Ponies, college students chatted across tables and retirees enjoyed the delicious food and drink. Our DJ, Kurt, from Sound Extreme Entertainment, kept the party atmosphere going with his mix of German and popular music.

This year, we wanted to add more German flavor to the menu, and Joe Daly of KCK's Woodyard Bar-B-Que obliged. Joe's partner, Frank Schloegel, is an AFHA resident who has a

long history of service to the association. Thanks for the great food, Woodyard!

So many people turned out this year that Romanelli Park was full of rambunctious kids and their calmer parents. Kelley Slagle Funk took advantage of the occasion to wander among the crowds gathering news for her column, so don't miss page 4 to learn about what's going on with your AFHA neighbors.

As co-chairs for special events, Sarah Hancock and I had great fun planning this year's event, and we appreciated all of your kind comments. And yes, we will do our best to bring back the Bob's 47beer next fall! ♡



Great food and pony rides drew more than 350 people to the 2011 Octoberfest.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Brian Hand



We have had a great fall season here in the Armour Fields Homes Association, with some great events. It was great to meet up with many of you at the Octoberfest. A great time was had by all. Also, at the recent brush drop-off, many residents stopped by and took advantage of this new event. Yours truly was reminded by Betty Bauers of my wilder days as a rambunctious six-year-old here in Armour Fields. All of the events here in the neighborhood are a great chance to make new connections with neighbors and continue the sense of community with those we have known for many years.

In other news there are some issues that need all of our attention. First, there needs to be a serious discussion about the direction of education in Kansas City. We are directly affected by this as Southwest High School resides within our borders. The uncertainty has grown with the loss of accreditation for the district and the severing of ties by UMKC and the other SWECC partners. In the coming months we will have to be flexible as the course of the district changes and make sure our voices are heard with regards to decisions made by the school district and the state board.

The second issue I would like everyone to be aware of is redistricting. With the current map that the City Council passed, our neighborhood is going to be moved into the sixth district, along with other neighborhoods up to 59th street. This will effectively break the Brookside neighborhood into two different council districts. Several people called and wrote Councilwoman Jan

Marcason voicing their concerns, but she chose to vote to remove us from her district. There are other options that we are exploring with other neighborhood leaders and will keep you updated through the block captains and on the Armour Fields Homes Association Facebook page. ◇



Armour Fields residents enjoy food and a chance to visit with neighbors at the 2011 Octoberfest.

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AUTUMN SPECIAL EVENTS: LEAF AND BRUSH CLEAN-UP

By Sarah Hancock, Co-Chair, Special Events

Feeling blue as you gaze out your window and see only yellow and gold leaves covering your once beautiful green grass? Depressed that your garden has an over-abundance of fallen leaves, dead flowers, and overgrown shrubs? What about those bags full of leaves and brush rotting in your garage while you wait for Kansas City's winter leaf and brush pick-up?

Well, the City of Kansas City feels your pain (yes it's true) and has developed the Neighborhood Clean-up Assistance Program to help lift your spirits. Dumpsters are made available to recognized neighborhoods (April – October) so that residents have a handy place to discard unwanted leaves and brush. The cost is \$55 per dumpster, and the City supplements the balance of the actual \$300 cost.

The Armour Fields Homes Association Board of Directors tapped into this program in 2010. Three dumpsters were placed at 69th and Pennsylvania in April 2010 and again in October 2011. Both were very successful events, and we hope that even more residents will take advantage of the program in the future.

The guidelines are basically the same as for the City's Curbside Leaves and Brush Collection. The advantages of our collection are several: there is no limit per household; participants can collect the leaves and brush in plastic bags and empty them into the dumpsters; and branches do not need to be bundled. Grass clippings and logs are non-acceptable items.

The October 29th event had a steady stream of residents dumping unwanted debris. Many thanks to board members who were on site the day of the event. Brian Hand went the extra mile by gathering neighbors' yard waste in his truck and unloading it into the dumpsters. We had a new volunteer, Craig McKim, who assisted neighbors throughout the event. Thanks for lending a very helpful hand, Craig!

The dates for the 2012 Leaf and Brush Cleanup will be posted in the Armour Star and through your friendly Block Captain announcements. Don't miss next year's events!! You will be glad you didn't. ◇



Father and son John and Wesley Porter of W. 67th Terrace teamed up at the fall clean-up event.



Craig McKim shows his volunteer spirit as he assists another resident.



Residents cleared their property of a trailer full of branches and leaves, adding them to a dumpster.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by Kelley Slagle Funk, Contributor

What an amazing autumn we are enjoying here in Armour Fields! A giant thank you goes out to all of our neighbors who have taken the time to trim up the beautiful trees in our neighborhood and plant all of the lovely flowers we have all been enjoying all summer and fall. When I notice someone stopping to take a photo or just admire the amazing golden and red hues of our trees, I am so very grateful to live in such a beautiful area.

Another thank you goes out to the committee who worked so very hard for yet another successful Oktoberfest celebration! Sarah Hancock and Shelley Cetin worked very hard and Mother Nature brought us another gorgeous fall day.

Many at the Octoberfest had news to share with their neighbors. Cal Padgett of the 65th block of Summit is thrilled with the association's repair of the bricks on the southeast corner of Southwest High School. Ron McMickle of the 69th block of Edgevale worked tirelessly to have the median lines painted (and then repainted) at the busy intersection of Wornall and Edgevale and Wornall and 69th. Thank you Ron!

On a safety note, a local early bird suggested that all those fantastic early morning runners and walkers wear their light colors or lights and walk facing traffic so that they can be seen easily by cars on these dark autumn mornings. With the

school being open, many drivers may not be aware of the active habits of our residents!

There are also some welcome changes in a number of AFHA families. Craig and Daniella McKim are a newly married couple who enjoyed the beauty of our Romanelli Fountain when Craig proposed to Daniella there last spring. Congratulations to them both! Tom and Mary Deacy of the 65th block of Summit are thrilled to be the grandparents of Thomas Arlo, born in September. They also celebrated the marriage of their son Bennett last January. Hilary and Mike McCoy of the 1000 block of 69th Terrace welcome their daughter, Eleanor,

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66th Terr 600	Moirra Healy	612 W. 66th Terr	361-1870	moirahealy@hotmail.com
66th Terr 1000	Brian Finigan	1008 W. 66th Terr	210-0101	b.g.finigan@gmail.com
67th St. 400	Robin Maiale	426 W 67th St	444-0379	rmaiale@gmail.com
67th St. 600	Julie Herbig	628 W. 67th St.	(661)713-9732	julieherbig@yahoo.com
67th St. 800-1000	Sue Loudon	1008 W. 67th St.	822-9072	uecloudon@everestkc.net
67th Terr. 400	Kathy Achelpohl	431 W. 67th Terr	333-0588	kachelpohl@bnim.com
67th Terr. 400	Betty Bauers	434 W. 67th Terr	444-4353	bebauers@hotmail.com
67th Terr. 600	Jay Reed	631 W. 67th Terr	437-9608	jbr-486@kc.rr.com
67th Terr 800 - 1000	Therese Smith	1014 W 67th Terr		therese1014@kc.rr.com
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68th Terr. 400	Tim & Heather Freund	426 W. 68th Terr.	363-0992	heather_freund@americancentury.com
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68th Terr. 800-1000	Dan Devine	803 W. 68th Terr	363-6425	dan_devine@att.net
	Nancy McClure	1015 W. 68th Terr.	444-5097	
	Nancy Stern	820 W 68th Terr	333-6265	
69th St. 400	Shannon O'Boyle	428 W. 69th St.	361-6705	soboyle@kc.rr.com
69th St. 600	David Firman	625 West 69th St.	444-3246	dkfirman@everestkc.net
69th St. 800-1000	Justin & Ashley Dean	1015 W 69th St.	444-9243	justindean@kc.rr.com
69th Terr. 600	Molly Williams	641 W. 69th Terr.	333-3931	mollykwilliams@gmail.com
69th Terr. 800	Maria Ellis	801 W. 69th Terr.	363-0801	mariapittaellis@gmail.com
69th Terr. 1000	Dawn Christensen	1005 W. 69th Terr.	363-0834	81pony@att.net
70th St. 400	Paul Bennett	406 W. 70th St.	898-6969	PaulMBennett@gmail.com
70th St. 600	Mike Jantsch	655 W. 70th St.	363-6848	mjantsch@jaikc.com
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BLOCK CAPTAIN NEWS

The co-chairs of the Block Captain Committee, Peggy LaPierre and Rodd Staker, would like to thank all the block captains who took time from their busy schedules to attend the block captain meeting just before the Oktoberfest celebration. Lots of good ideas were discussed and new issues came to light for future discussion.

The 6900 block of Pennsylvania is still without a block captain – the only block in the entire association which isn't covered! If you have a little time to spare and want to represent your block, contact Peggy or Rodd about being a block captain. ♦

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MONEY MATTERS: Treasury Report

By Joe Giammanco, Treasurer

Understanding the Association's Billings and Expenditures

Armour Fields Homes Association (AFHA) is comprised of 788 homes. Each property covered by AFHA is responsible for a \$90 base assessment (Mandatory) and \$75 Security Charge (Optional). Members are billed annually on April 1st, with the option to pay half upon receipt and the remaining balance billed on October 1st. Our fiscal year runs April 1st to March 31st. The Base Assessment pays for administrative expenditures and expenditures that make Armour Fields a desirable location to live. These include items such as the association's insurance premiums, legal fees, Armour Star Newsletter, Annual meeting costs, community building events like Oktoberfest, member directories, postage, utilities, landscape maintenance, fountain preservation, and administration fees paid to the Homes Associations of Kansas City.

The security charge pays for safety and security related expenditures concerning the

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MONEY MATTERS

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association. By paying this charge, your monies fund Chesley Brown security patrols, removal of view-obstructing plant materials, and signage. In the winters when we receive an above-average amount of snow, the association uses money from the security fund to plow and salt the association's streets, thereby providing emergency vehicles a faster and safer route to our homes. While residents in associations surrounding Armour Fields navigate icy roads, Armour Fields residents are able to commute safely within the neighborhood on exposed blacktop.

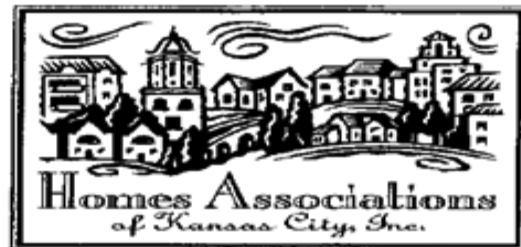
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- Are you aware that the City of Kansas City, Missouri does not provide for the maintenance of our parks, islands, or fountains? Your base assessment keeps our association beautiful by allowing us to perform the budgeted \$25,000 of basic maintenance, \$6,000 in deferred maintenance and \$5,000 in improvements for our parks, islands, and fountains. This year the parks and islands committee and the treasurer are working together to determine the total amount of existing deferred maintenance. The preliminary estimate is nearly \$30,000.

- Did you know you can improve your

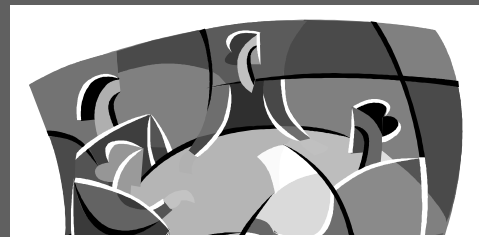
neighborhood through a tax-deductible gift? The AFHA has a fund with the City of Fountains Foundation. This fund allows the AFHA to make capital improvements on our parks and islands. It is critical that you specify that your gift is to be used for the Armour Fields Homes Association if you want Armour Fields to be able to access the funds to make improvements and/or cover deferred maintenance. If you would like to make a gift, please contact me at treasurer@armourfields.org for more information or send a check to:

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WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2012?

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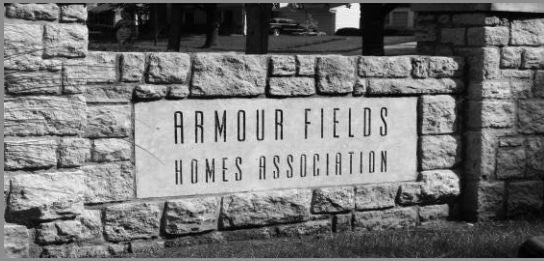
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**ANOTHER BROOKSIDER IN THE
NEWS!**

We all enjoyed the delicious food provided by the Woodyard Bar-B-Que at the Octoberfest. Co-owned by Joe Daly and Frank Schloegel, AFHA resident, the Woodyard was recently featured in a Wall Street Journal article about KC barbeque! The restaurant was given top billing among the eateries mentioned in the article.

The Schloegel family business (according to the Woodyard's website) started as a coal company, then moved to selling wood, and eventually morphed into the restaurant of today. If you'd like to read the article that put this little restaurant on the national barbeque map, copy this address into your browser:

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AFHA BOARD REQUESTS RESIDENTS' VIGILANCE

We're already experiencing cold weather, and some think that means no crime. (Criminals don't want to be out in the cold, right?) Unfortunately, that's not always true. Bags and packages left in full view in a car provide irresistible targets for determined thieves, so please read Brian Hand's Safe & Secure column (page 12) on how to protect your items after you shop.

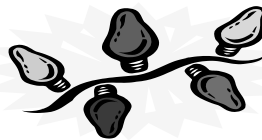
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HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Hurry, hurry, hurry! On December 16, the AFHA Board of Directors will judge holiday lighting displays, so get yours ready.

Contest categories are: Most Outstanding, Lights, Best Block, Most Elaborate, Most Original, and Best Theme. If your home is decorated, you're automatically entered. Signs will be posted in winners' yards and prizes awarded, so show the Plaza who's who and show your holiday spirit!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

by Kelley Slagle Funk, Contributor
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who is well cared for by big sister Liddy. Adelle Virginia is the latest addition to the Sallee family of Summit. Welcome Adelle! Candace and Robb Yagmin joined the energetic block of 6500 Summit. We wish them a warm welcome. Mark and Mitzi Foster, at 65th and Ward Parkway, are proud to announce their first grandchild, Brooke Ashley Rellihan. Unfortunately, Brooke arrived when her grandparents were visiting their daughter Stephanie, who is taking a break from swim and dive team while studying in Barcelona, Spain through Columbia University of NYC. However, all the family was able to attend Brooke's lovely baptism in August!

Thank you again to all of you who took the time to share your news, it is much appreciated! Enjoy a wonderful autumn in our spectacular neighborhood. ♦

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- Cold weather left your car battery dead? If you pay the security fee, Chesley Brown will jumpstart your car.
- Chesley Brown has even helped find lost pets! How thankful those families must be that their security service was patrolling the neighborhood.

Sound like a good deal? 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. Through these services and regular patrols, their service keeps us safe. Don't be caught without them! ♦

BLOCK CAPTAIN UPDATES

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Romany 600	Toby Turner	620 Romany	550-1036	tturner7696@gmail.com
Romany 800-1000	Pat Pierson	1019 Romany		patricialpierson@gmail.com
Pennsylvania 6500	Gail Clair	6522 Pennsylvania	444-8425	gclair@kc.rr.com
Pennsylvania 6700	Judy Hutchison	6758 Pennsylvania	363-4868	rpetchutch@aol.com
Pennsylvania 6800	Susan Dillard	w/ 400 Block W 68th Ter		
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	Molly Wier	6540 Summit	268-3696	jwier@kc.rr.com
Valley 6500	Jane Fee	6519 Valley Road	444-5492	ggharleyb@hotmail.com
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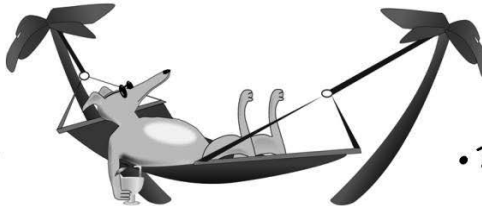
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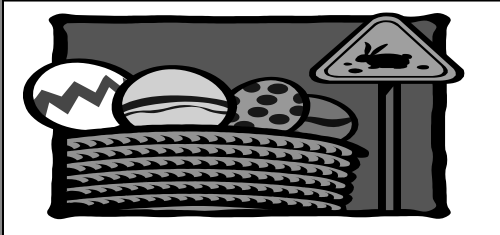
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It's winter, but the AFHA is already looking toward spring. We're working to convince the Easter Bunny to visit us, and your special events co-chairs are pretty persuasive. Look for information in the next Armour Star!



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Jane Glawe, 615 W. 67th Street

Craig Howell, 6840 Wornall Road

Jeffrey & Sarah McCoy, 804 W. 67th Terrace

James & Christine Sankpill, 800 W. 68th Terrace

Blaise & Kate Smith, 613 W. 70th Terrace

Mike & Lindsay Tiehen, 6915 Pennsylvania

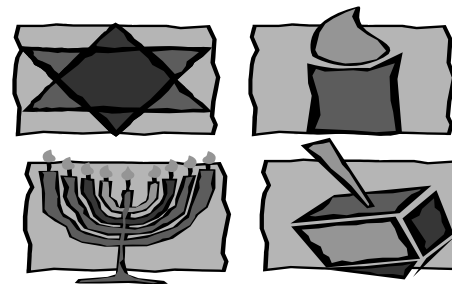
Jason & Nichole Young, 417 W. Dartmouth

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

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HAPPY HANUKKAH!



SAFE AND SECURE

by Brian Hand, Chair, Safety & Security

Here we are getting ready for another holiday season and with it come parties, vacations, gifts, visitors and more. Here are a few tips to stay safe and secure this holiday season:

Vacations – If you plan on going out of town for the holidays this year it is a good idea to call our security provider Chesley Brown before you go. They can provide special watches of your home at no charge for those who pay the non-mandatory security assessment, but they don't know to watch if you don't call. It is always good to have a trusted neighbor or two watching out for your home while you are away too! Be careful to not advertise specifics about your absence on social networking sites like facebook; this can be a treasure trove of information for would-be burglars.

Shop Safely – If you do a lot of shopping online, only shop at trusted sources and make sure you protect yourself from identity theft. Have specific delivery information when you can so your packages are left in inconspicuous places, many items are stolen right from people's front doors after delivery. When shopping locally, make sure you keep your packages hidden from view if you have to leave them in the car between errands, and always remove your items from the car when you get home.

No Invites – Don't invite

criminals into your home. Keep expensive items out of view from windows. Other invites include poorly lit entrances outside your house and places for criminals to hide. Finally, make sure that you wait until the morning of trash pickup to put out the boxes that big ticket items come in and make an attempt to hide the contents by turning the box inside out.

Travel Right – Make sure that you plan ahead. Know the route that you are going to take, and travel during daylight hours when possible. Have emergency contact information for the states you are driving through handy, to include the highway patrol and roadside assistance numbers at a minimum. Let a friend or family member know where you are going and when you will be getting there and provide them with the route if they don't know it. Finally, don't forget to have an emergency kit in your vehicle. ◇



WHO YA GONNA CALL? CHESLEY BROWN!

The AFHA uses the optional security fee many of you pay with your dues to pay for a private security service to keep us safe. If you've seen their white SUVs patrolling your street, you know that Chesley Brown International is doing a great job providing round-the-clock, random patrols of the AFHA. Their officers have assisted Kansas City, Missouri police officers apprehend crime suspects and are extra vigilant around Southwest.

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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For information, contact the editor, Shelley Cetin, at 816-588-2817 or email her at scetin@kckcc.edu. ◇

OCTOBERFEST 2011 MEMORIES



Residents Ron McMickle, Barbara Roche and Joe Giammanco (hiding) fill their plates with mouth-watering fare from the Woodyard Bar-B-Que.



DJ Kurt from Extreme Sound Entertainment kept the party lively with his terrific mix of German and popular music.



AFHA STATUARY: IT'S WORTH IT

If you admire the graceful beauty of the urns in these photos and situated throughout the AFHA, thank your dues, which are used to maintain our statuary. Just this year, several urns have been damaged and have either been repaired or are waiting for repairs or replacement. If you'd like to help offset the cost of such repairs, see "Money Matters" on page 7. ♦

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AFHA RESIDENTS, CITY LIAISON WORK FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT



A city contractor applies double yellow lines to 69th Street at Edgevale and Wornall in September.

The City of Kansas City responded this fall to requests by the AFHA to improve street safety in our neighborhood. For some time, the double yellow do-not-cross/two-way-traffic lines as well as the 18-inch white stop lines on the outbound-traffic side on 69th Street at Edgevale and Wornall had been missing. The absence of the traffic lines was a source of worry; the intersection was confusing to drivers unfamiliar with the proper flow of traffic at this entrance to the neighborhood, leaving open the potential for an accident. In fact, there had already been several close calls.

Concerned about the safety of drivers, AFHA resident Ron McMickle contacted Board President Brian Hand to see if something could be done and City Liaison John Murphy took on the task of communicating with the city.

Initially, John was told there was no money for repairs; however, the city generously reallocated money and a contractor applied the traffic lines on September 12.

The story doesn't stop there, though; a real-life mystery ensued. On September 25 portions of the lines disappeared. The contractor returned and reapplied the lines (at a cost to taxpayers of \$2,000). Then, on September 30, a vandal removed the lines on 69th Street and left them in a storm drain, which cost KCMO taxpayers another \$2000. After the second episode, the contractor reapplied the lines, using a procedure to make them much more difficult to remove and discourage further tampering. To date, no information about a perpetrator has been forthcoming, but neither has further damage to the traffic lines been reported, and the Great Intersection Mystery remains unsolved.

The AFHA Board of Directors would like to say "Thank you" to Ron McMickle and John Murphy for their willingness to take on this improvement project. As always, should you witness damage to any AFHA or city property within the AFHA, please call the KCMO Police Department and notify the Board of Directors.



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