



Country Club District Homes Association

Neighborhood News

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Welcome

by *Nina Hollabaugh, Secretary*

This neighborhood is very special to me. I have spent my entire adult life here, first on Huntington Road and now on 62nd Street. My husband, Marc and I have spent twenty eight years in this area raising two daughters, Sarah and Laura, making many wonderful friendships and creating countless memories.

These beautiful homes were built years before I came to this area and will be here years after I am gone. I truly believe that we are just temporary caretakers of one of the loveliest neighborhoods in the city. All of these older homes have charm and character, as well as challenges. Older wiring, clogged plumbing,

uneven floors and drafty windows, are just a few of the countless issues that demand attention and dollars. They require a lot of patience, time, energy and money to be properly maintained and updated...but I think they are worth it. I admire and appreciate the diversity of our homes, the lovely landscaping and bountiful trees, and everything that you do to help contribute to this district.

But a really great neighborhood is a collection of really great residents. If you visit any one of our blocks we have such a unique mixture of couples, singles, young families, and empty nesters, folks that have lived in or close to the area their

whole life or were fortunate enough to have found this jewel of a neighborhood on their own. I think it's important to make an effort to meet and get to know your neighbors. Block parties, progressive parties, welcoming new neighbors to the area or reintroducing yourself to someone you met years ago are helpful ways to nurture healthy and vibrant neighborhoods.

As the Secretary on the Board of the Country Club District Homes Association, my official responsibility is to record the minutes of our meetings and communicate these to the HACCD, the umbrella organization (cont. page 3)

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Security Alert Data Base Update



In our first newsletter we introduced the idea of a security alert data base in which members of the homes association could submit their email addresses and be automatically notified when a crime or suspicious activity in or close to our neighborhood occurred. As a result, several emails have gone out dealing with a robbery, vandalism, and suspicious vehicles in the area.

To date, many of you have asked to be on the list and we hope the emails have been helpful. For those who have not signed up but would like to it is never too late.

The addresses are intended to be used ONLY for quick notification of homes association members. They will NOT be used for solicitation purposes and will NOT be given out.

If you would like to be included in the Country Club District Homes Association Security Alert Data Base, please send your email address to: Mary.T.Edwards@sbcglobal.net Thank you in advance and keep your eyes open!

Emergency Preparedness Planning

The Kansas City Health Department will be hosting an "Emergency Preparedness Planning" session on March 29th from 10 AM to Noon at the Waldo Library located at 75th and Grand Street.

This meeting will help you learn what you need to have, and do, in the case of

a natural emergency (ice storm, tornado, etc) or other emergency situations.

Tips will also be given for how to deal with those in your neighborhood who may need special assistance during such situations.

For more information please

contact Health Department Ambassadors Frank and Joy Mulcahy at 816-361-4626 or jm778h@line.com.



Welcome New Neighbors



Peggy & Dale Kesl

5833 Ward Parkway

George Shadid

809 W. 57 Street

Courtney & Mark Sonnenberg

1001 West Meyer Blvd

Origin of the Country Club District

When J.C. Nichols began his Country Club District in 1905, the first parcel of land he developed was a 10 acre tract at 51st and Grand (a block south of the then Kansas City city limits.) The closest important landmark was the Kansas City Country Club near 51st and Wornall Road. We now call this Loose Park. From the first subdivision called Rockhill Place, the company developed south to Rockhill park and

Countryside on the land that was adjacent to the Country Club. Because of this, Nichols named his development the Country Club District.

The original shopping center for the Country Club District was built at 51st and Oak in 1912 because Kansas City merchants had refused to deliver goods to residents so far out in the country.

The Nichols Company employed George E. Kessler, one of the foremost landscape architects and city planners of the day, to establish a street plan for the entire Nichols development. Kessler proposed many of the city's parks and boulevards and strongly recommended a parkway through the Nichols development.

The Nichols company and

Hugh Ward, owner of the land through which the parkway would run, gave the ninety acres to the city that became Ward Parkway. It extended from Wornall Road to 53rd Street.

Now recognized as one of the greatest parkways in the world, Ward Parkway extends all the way to 92nd Street.

From: "A Scrapbook of the Country Club District"

Winter in the CCDHA



Although winter has been around an unusually long time this year, and we may be more than ready for spring, come July and August we may think back fondly on these wintry neighborhood scenes.

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which oversees the many homes associations in our area. I'm also responsible for organizing the Annual Meeting for all our members. I am also here to listen to any of your ideas or concerns and pass them along to our board, so please contact me or any of our board members with

suggestions or questions. Thanks for sharing this lovely neighborhood.

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Annual Meeting

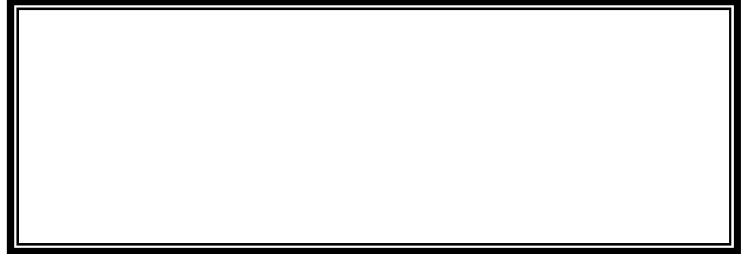
This year the Annual Meeting for all members of the Country Club District Homes Association is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd. It is usually held "under a tent" on the 61st Terrace island between Summit and Ward Parkway. We're just beginning to plan for this year's event and would welcome any new ideas, catering suggestions

or agenda items you might have. If you would like to help with the event please call or email Nina Hollabaugh. Get a group together from your block and join us....Hope to see you.

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USEFUL NUMBERS:



Action Center.....816-513-1313
for city services

Abandoned Vehicles.....816-784-4080
for getting a vehicle towed away

Animal Control.....816-513-9800
to report abuse or dogs running loose

Fire Safety.....816-513-9100
for non-emergency fire-related information

Gas Leak.....800-582-0000
evacuate first, then call for help outside the building

Home Weatherization.....816-513-3025
how a little bit of work can yield great savings on your energy bill

Illegal Dumping..... 816-513-9000
contacts an investigator at the Neighborhood Preservation Division

Police Non-Emergency.....816-234-5111
for information or questions not requiring an immediate help

Potholes.....816-513-1313
same number as Action Center

Power Line Down.....888-544-4852
never approach a down power line yourself, even if it is on your vehicle or property

Power Outage.....888-544-4852
report outages, flickering lights or other damage-related problems

Waste Management.....816-513-1313
bulky item pick-up, waste tire drop-off, leaves & brush, residential trash collection, weekly curbside recycling

Water Main Break.....816-513-0209