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# Neighborhood News

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## *Country Club District Homes Association*

### Urban Picnic

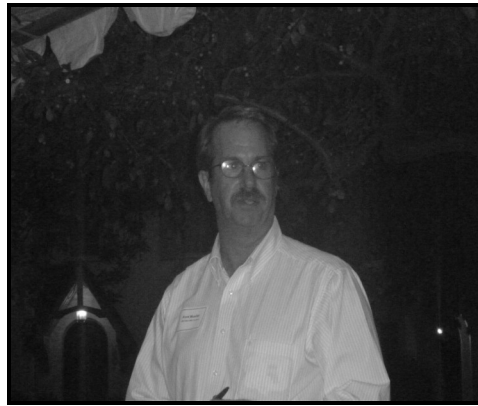
By Kent Mueller

This year the Annual Meeting/Picnic was in September rather than June. We wanted to try a different time of year as we look to increase attendance at our annual event. We probably gained a few who normally vacation in June, but we may have lost a few because school is in session in September. Please contact your board with your thoughts on how we can increase the attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Regardless of time of year, it appeared that “a good time was had by all.” Very special thanks goes to Nina Hollabaugh as she did yeoman’s work once again to put the evening together. When you see her out walking their dog, please let her know how we appreciate the big job she executes flawlessly. While I had thoroughly enjoyed bartending for the last several years, thanks go to Karyn and Andy Zaborny for helping out in that vital role. I learned early on that if you want to meet everyone, then you should be the bartender.

Please join your board in welcoming Brad Kroh as our newest board member. I have no doubt that he will make outstanding contributions to the neighborhood in his new position.

Unfortunately, for every new board member, there is one who leaves. We all



know and appreciate the contribution Chip Schmelzer has made over the decades. Everything from behind the scenes work of the board to the special care of Rooster Island to, well, just being Chip. And if Chip thinks I have taken him off my cell phone speed dial, he is sadly mistaken!

As always, please contact your board with any thoughts or concerns you may have.

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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

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With the economy showing signs of improvement, many are now shopping for those large expensive electronic items or jewelry they have had to put off purchasing.

Also with the holidays approaching and “spectacular sales” being promoted, many are now shopping and purchasing gifts for friends and family members.

But please remember, the criminals are “shopping” as well. Their “shopping” involves looking into vehicles to see if items of value are left in plain view or covered up, as well as “shopping” curbside recycling bins looking for those who have received new electronic items and other items of value.

Many are also cruising neighborhoods looking into windows for those who are showing off their monster screen TV by leaving curtains open or mounting on walls that can be viewed from the street.

This curbside “shopping” takes the guesswork out of breaking in as you have just told the world about that new electronic device inside. Look at it as if you have just posted a large neon sign to attract and tempt that criminal element.

Utilize neighborhood recycling centers to drop off packaging for electronics or items of value and have a plan on where to mount that TV so it cannot be viewed from the street.

Use blinds and curtains to restrict the view from the street.

With the growing popularity of purchasing items online, criminals are also “shopping” from porches and doorsteps. If you are ordering gifts, please ask for a tracking number from the shipping company so the package can be tracked. On its arrival date, please bring it inside ASAP or make arrangements to have a trusted friend, neighbor or family member pick up the package.

For more Holiday Safety Tips visit <http://www.kcmo.org/idc/groups/police/documents/police/holiday>

## Did You Know?

### Junk Mail

The average person receives 10.8 pieces of junk mail a week. Most of it goes in the trash or perhaps, is recycled. To help curb this waste, Kansas City offers a service that allows residents to opt out of receiving unwanted mail. Just go to <http://kkeb.catalogchoice.org> and set up an account. There you will be able to choose the types of junk mail you no longer wish to receive.

### KCMOMomentum.com T

The city of Kansas City launched a website to give you input on ways to improve our city. This new site serves as a virtual town hall meeting. Residents can contribute their ideas from the convenience of their home or office at any time of the day. Topics like the city budget, ways to improve Kansas City or helping direct the future of our city can be commented on. Residents can also add comments and “second” the ideas they like. The best ideas will be taken into consideration by the city.

### Trash Amnesty Week

Trash Amnesty Week is Tuesday, Dec 27 through Saturday, Dec 31. This means that residents may put out more than two bags of trash without using any trash tags. Please remember that trash will be delayed one day this week due to the Christmas holiday and one day the following week due to the New Year’s Day holiday.



## BIKE WALK KC

The mission of Bike Walk KC is to advocate for cyclists and pedestrian friendly facilities and policies. This is done by encouraging the funding of trails, bike lanes and sidewalks. Bike Walk KC is also a source for comprehensive bicycle education classes in underserved areas.

One goal is to implement programs like Safe Routes to School. In addition, they market the following outreach efforts: Bike Week, Car Free Challenge, and Walk to School

Day to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Other goals of Bike Walk KC are a state wide trail system, bicycle/walking friendly communities, as well as regional trail funding cooperation.

Bike Walk can be found in other communities and partners with local groups to “promote a healthy, safe and accessible outdoor experience for all in a vibrant, engaged community.”



*[www.BikeWalkKC.org](http://www.BikeWalkKC.org)*

## American Jazz Museum

Located in the 18th and Vine District in KCMO, the American Jazz Museum is the only museum in the world devoted exclusively to Jazz. The museum provides comprehensive community service by educating visitors and program participants regarding the historic and cultural relevance of jazz music and the arts. The primary purpose of

the American Jazz Museum is to offer fertile ground for jazz music to thrive by guaranteeing that the general public gets sustained exposure through performances and public programming. The American Jazz Museum, Gem Theatre and Blue Room are the cultural anchors of the district and serve to attract thousands of visitors

each year. In addition, the museum owns one of the largest collections of Jazz films in existence outside the Library of Congress.



## Kansas City In The Top 10

WOW! Our very own Kansas City is now in Frommer's list of top 10 destinations for 2012. In addition, Forbes has listed it among the best downtowns. What went right? Obviously the new and amazing Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts didn't hurt. Among the other impressive attractions are the National WWI

Museum, the Nelson-Atkins Museum, College Basketball Experience, KC Power and Light District, and the Arabia Museum. When you start to think about it, the list just goes on and on.

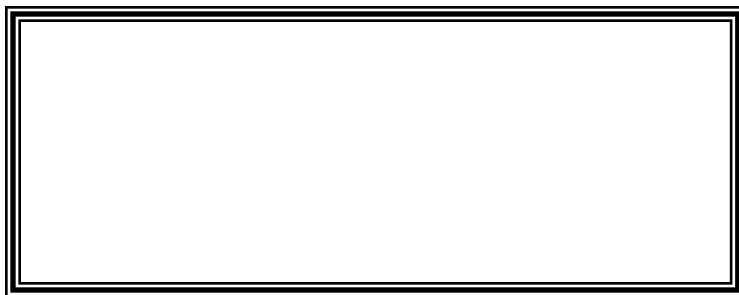
Here is the list of destinations with whom we share this honor: Bay of Fundy (Nova Scotia), Beirut, Chongqing

(China), Curacao, Fukuoka (Japan), Ghana, Girona (Spain), Greenwich and Yucatan Peninsula (Mexico).

I may need to add a few of these destinations to my bucket list!

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### ***WELCOME BRAD KROH***

Our newest board member, Brad Kroh, returned to Kansas City in 2006 after a 20 year absence. Brad and his wife, Jan-Marie, moved to the 800 block of 57th Terrace. The Kroh's have two daughters, Carolyn (5) and Claire (3). Brad works for M&I wealth management. We look forward to working with Brad!



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## **Too Cute!**



