
Neighborhood News

Country Club District Homes Association

CCDHA'S New President Kent Mueller

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For those of you who missed the 2010 Annual Meeting on the first of June, I would like to introduce myself to you as the new president of your homes association. With the outstanding help and support of your terrific board of directors, I will do my best to serve you as we enjoy our fine neighborhood.

As I thought about our homes association, I pondered the difference between an area and a neighborhood. It struck me that someone resides in an area of town, but we live in a neighborhood. I think the difference between residing and living is significant. You drive home for the single purpose of arriving if you reside at your house. However, if you live there, then your drive home takes you by beautifully shaded streets. You see flowers in the urns at the corner. You slow to appreciate the fountains. And, best of all, you wave to neighbors who, just like you, chose to live here, rather than to merely reside.

We are fortunate that we get to *live* and not *reside*. The foundation was laid almost a hundred years ago. The vision of J.C. Nichols is still alive and well today. The boulevards. The parks. The sculptures. The grass, bushes and the flowers. These amenities have attracted the neighbors that we all enjoy.

I did not grow up in Kansas City. It was my wife, Sharon, who introduced me to this neighborhood. Until Sharon



was in the third grade, she lived four homes away from where we live now. She and her family didn't move far that year, just a few blocks, still staying within our homes association. Sharon lived in that home until she left for college. We moved to our present home seventeen years ago, just in time for both of our sons to be born.

I have enjoyed meeting many of you and I look forward to meeting everyone else. This is your homes association. Please contact me any time for any reason. My home number is 816-333-0463 and my cell is 816-519-8385. Our email address is kandsmueller@hotmail.com.

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SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The city of Kansas City has developed a “Long Term Solid Waste Management Plan.” This plan was completed in the spring of 2008 and is being phased in gradually. This comprehensive 198 page plan is not only directed at residential waste management but commercial, construction and event waste management as well. You can access this plan at www.kcmo.org/trash.

In the mean time...here are the services available for curb side and drop off sites.

At your curb

- ♦ Weekly trash collection. Trash tags are required for each bag

over two. Tags cost \$1 each.

- ♦ KC Recycles -- once a week curb-side recycling
- ♦ Bulky item collection -- by appointment only. The collection is the first and last Friday of the month for us **but** you must call at least 48 hours in advance. There is **no charge** but the items must meet guidelines.
- ♦ Bulky Express -- is a fee based service but provides greater flexibility for pick-up.
- ♦ Leaf and brush collection — once in the spring and once in the fall.

At drop-off sites

- ♦ Recycling - Wednesday thru Satur-

day at three locations.

- ♦ Leaf and brush — Saturday at two locations.
- ♦ Tires—first Saturday of each month (March thru November.)
- ♦ Household hazardous waste—Thursday through Saturday. Must have an appointment.

Complete information about each of these programs can be found at www.kcmo.org/trash.



DID YOU KNOW?

Submitted by Kent Mueller'

The western boundary of our homes association is Ward Parkway. If you look on the median immediately south of Meyer Circle you will find two stone walls. These are known as the “Meyer Circle Gateway-Avenue of Trees”. Designed by Edward B. Delk, a Kansas City architect, the project was dedicated on Armistice Day (November 11) 1930. The gateway was designed to be the entrance to the “Avenue of Trees,” which were elm trees stretching from Meyer Circle to 75th Street. Each tree was a living memorial to the 440 men and 1 woman, all Kansas City residents, who gave their lives in “The World War.”

The walls contain four bronze plaques listing the honored war dead. The memorial was erected by the Kansas City chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution. Ten years later, on Armistice Day, 1940, the same chapters dedicated the 62 foot flagpole erected just to the south of the Gateway. So, on your next walk through our beautiful neighborhood, stop by the Meyer Circle Gateway. When you gaze south and imagine 441 stately elm trees, it is easy to thank a veteran for the freedoms we cherish.

Adapted from “Historic & Dedicatory Monuments of Kansas City,” published by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, February, 1987.



Meet Paul Uhlmann, Jr.

Eighty-nine years *young* Paul Uhlmann has the *distinction* of living in our homes association longer than any other resident. For the past 59 years, Paul has called 1011 Greenway Terrace home.

Walking through the Uhlmann home, it is easy to see why Paul has been there so long. Large, sun filled rooms with wonderful architectural details and an unusually large lot make this a home Paul hopes to never leave.

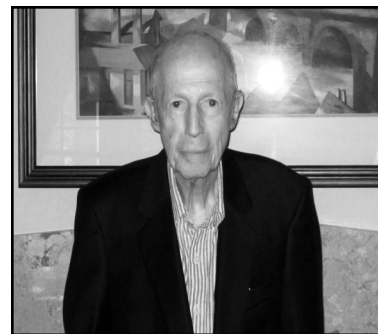
Recently, I had the pleasure of having lunch with Paul at one of his favorite restaurants, Aixois. There we

spent a couple of hours talking about the wonderful city we call home.

Living in the same home for so long, Paul has seen many changes but it was the sameness we dwelled on. While most of the homes on Paul's block have changed hands several times since he has been there, the beat goes on. Young families move in to raise their children in an atmosphere of neighborliness and stability. Social get-togethers are very common.

Another topic we discussed was how progressive J.C. Nichols had been in laying out the Country Club District. His emphasis on green

spaces, schools, sidewalks, trees, and interesting street lay-outs helped ensure the district's success. We both concluded that we are lucky to live in such a beautiful and vibrant community.



CRIMEREPORTS.COM



This is a great web site for those of you interested in following criminal activity in your neighborhood, city, county or state. Simply go to the site and sign up. You will be able to sort by type of crime, frequency of alerts (daily, weekly or monthly) and dis-

tance from home (half mile, mile, 5 miles, etc.)

The Analytics tab provides statistics and trends for criminal activity in the area. In addition, there is a crime prevention blog as well as a law enforcement blog.

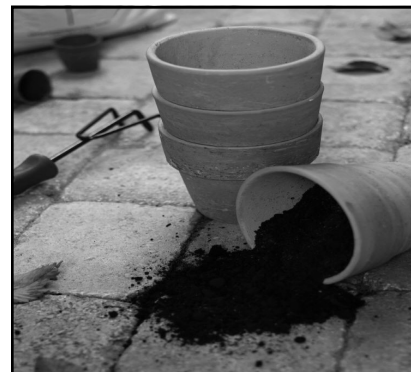
MASTER GARDENERS TO THE RESCUE

For those wanting advice on plantings for islands, entryways or a particularly difficult spot in your own backyard, help is just a phone call away. The Missouri Master Gardeners hot line is 816-833-8733.

These experienced and well trained gardeners will offer advice on plant choices, fertilizing, watering, prun-

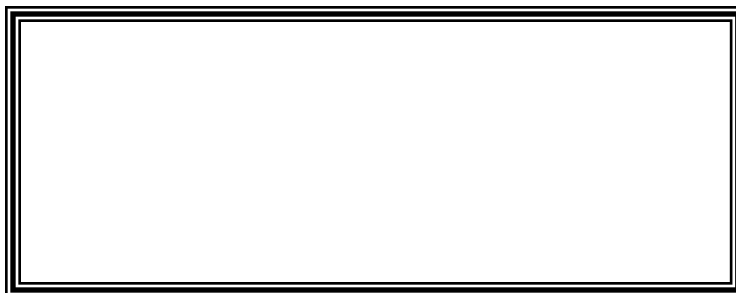
ing, pests, and other plant problems.

The Master Gardeners offer a variety of other services such as speakers bureaus, children's programs and garden tours. You can also contact them about providing expert volunteers to help you design and plant your islands, entryways and other public spaces in the neighborhood.



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