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# Neighborhood News

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## *Country Club District Homes Association*

### *Country Club Community Church Update*

*By John Clemmer*

The renovation project at Country Club Christian Church continues and significant progress is being made in its completion. There were three components of the project:

1. The restoration and repair of the church building including repair of the bell tower and the 125 finials and ornamental pieces.
2. The removal and replacement of the protective covers on all the stained glass windows.
3. The repair and modernization of the organ.

The masonry and structural repairs are almost complete. The cleaning is complete and the coating and sealing is almost done. The renovation and duplication of the finials and decorative pieces is about 80% finished. This work on the decorative pieces will not be finished until the spring. The large 16' finials on the bell tower will be put back in place and is one of the last tasks to be completed. Once this is done, the temporary equipment you now see on the tower will be removed.

The work on the stained glass windows is complete. The old covers that had discolored have been replaced by laminated glass. All 41 windows in the church and

chapel were updated.

The repair of the organ should now be complete. This included repairs to sections of organ pipe and wiring in the console. Once construction has been completed, the area east of the church, that is currently being used by construction crews, will revert to green space.

At the end of the construction phase there will be new sidewalks installed and landscaping done around the church. In addition, the church will be hosting a rededication ceremony in 2014. Everyone from the neighborhood is certainly invited to come to this event and further details will be forthcoming.

The congregation of Country Club Christian Church is excited about this 4 million dollar project and it's completion. We are certainly thankful for the patience and understanding the neighborhood has shown during this period. We believe the completed project will be simply stunning and add to the beauty and quality of life in the Country Club District.

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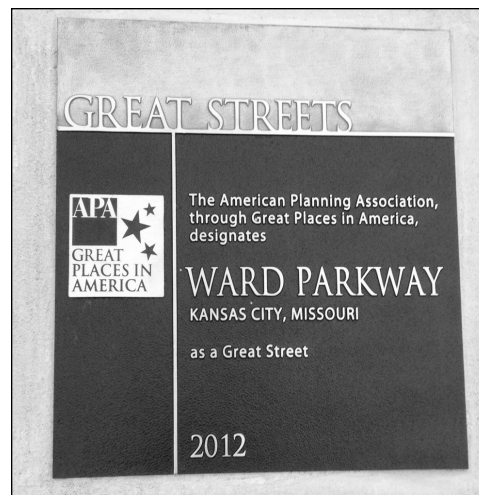
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## Great Streets 2012



The American Planning Association bestowed upon Kansas City a “Great Streets 2012” designation. The plaque was placed at the north end of the Mirror Pond (61st and Ward Parkway) in the last few months. The APA states that, “Ward Parkway is Kansas City’s eminent thoroughfare, a right-of-way that begins at Country Club Plaza and transitions to a grand boulevard of manicured lawns and gardens as it follows sweeping curves southward. A commitment by both citizens and city government to maintain the parkway has allowed it to remain one of the area’s most coveted addresses with historic homes, neighborhood parks, picturesque fountains, ornamental monuments, and rolling landscapes.”

### *E-Mail Updates*

It has been several years since the associations “Alert List” has been updated. During that time, many of you have changed your email address. I have been cleaning up my list as I get “undeliverable” or “mailbox full” notices sent back to me. If you did not get an email from me in the last two weeks, please let me know and I will add you back to our list. If you have never been on the list, but would like to be notified when news breaks in the neighborhood, please email me at:

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We seem to be in good company. Here is a list of the other “top ten” cities for 2012:

***Duval Street*** - Key West Florida

***Main Street*** - Bozeman, Montana

***Wall Street*** - Kingston, New York

***Fifth Avenue*** - New York, New York

***Broadway*** - Saratoga Springs, New York

***Shaker Boulevard*** - Cleveland, Shaker Heights & Beachwood, Ohio

***Grant Street*** - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

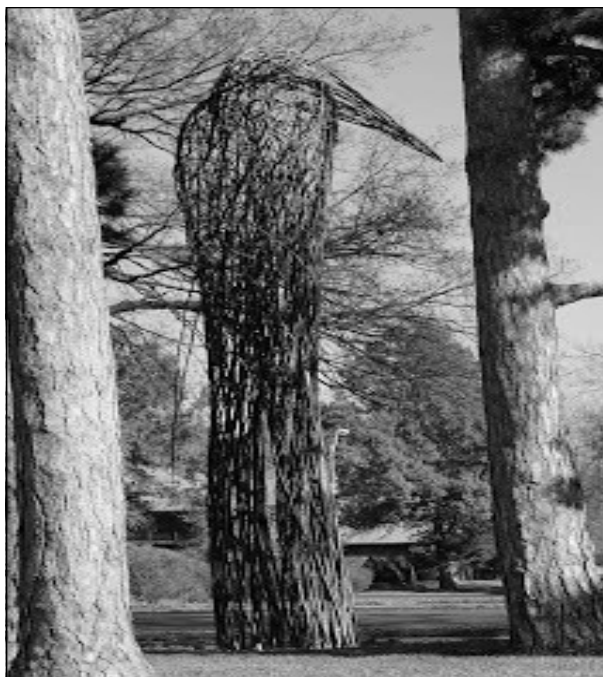
***Broad Street*** - Charleston, South Carolina

***Gay Street*** - Knoxville, Tennessee

### *‘Tis The Season*

Just as you are shopping for Christmas presents this time of year, be assured that criminals are shopping too! Here are some helpful tips that may keep you from being preyed upon this holiday season. Break down any big box that shows what you purchased prior to putting it at the curb. When shopping on line, make sure the site is reputable, ask for a tracking number and on the delivery date, take it inside ASAP. Do not leave packages in plain site in your car. Try not to mount your new monster TV screen in plain site for those cruising the neighborhood.

### ***Great Blue Heron***



Located at the corner of Ward Parkway & Huntington

### ***CCDHA Boundaries***

The Country Club District Homes association is composed of two and one third subdivisions. This poses some questions about where our exact borders are located. First of all, the three subdivisions involved are Country Club Ridge, Hampstead Gardens and part of Meyer Circle.

The west boundary of our homes association is the east side of Ward Parkway. The east boundary is the west side of Summit - Valley Road. Country Club Ridge's north boundary is the south side of 57th Street. Those on the north side of 57th Street are in Sunset Hills. The south boundary is the north side of 59th Street. Hampstead Gardens begins on the south side of 59th Street and continues to the north side of 63rd Street. Cross 63rd Street and you are in Meyer Circle. Although Meyer Circle extends beyond the north side of 65th street and west of Ward Parkway, the CCDHA boundary stops there.

### ***Kansas City Mom's Blog***

If you are looking for family friendly outings this Christmas season, check out [KansasCityMoms-Blog.com](http://KansasCityMoms-Blog.com). Here you will find everything from a Nutcracker Tea Party to The Polar Express Pajama Party at Union Station.

Not sure where to get your tree this year? No problem, there is a long list of both Missouri and Kansas Christmas Tree Farms. You can also find a link to Shop KC: fun local shopping for the holidays. The Kansas City Moms Blog Contributor Team is composed of about twelve moms who say, "We are a collaborative blog written by and for local moms who are passionate about parenting, community, and all things KC."

### ***All Boards Dinner***

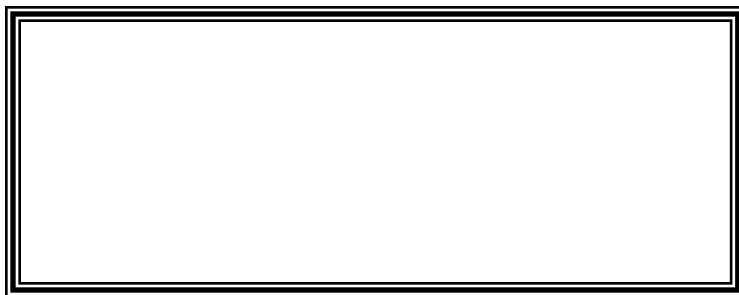
The 2013 All Boards Dinner was held at the Homestead Country Club. This is a once a year gathering of all HA-KC board members. This year's guest speaker was Michael Bushnell who gave a fascinating history of Kansas City through its postcards.



CCDHA board members Willie Luening, Hannah Fenley & President Nina Hollabaugh with Executive Director of the HA-KC, Clarence Foxworthy

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