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# Neighborhood News

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*Country Club District Homes Association*

## FOURTH OF JULY

By Jan-Marie Kroh

Founded by George and Wendy Powell in 1981 for their daughter, Jessica, what started as a small parade with a post parade celebration in their garage, has become a beloved neighborhood tradition. This year was one of the best attended in recent history. Two vintage cars and a Dixieland Jazz band led the way down 57th Terrace followed by a crowd of children on decorated bikes and wagons. The Parade ended just two blocks away on the island at 57th Terrace and Belleview. The post parade celebration included refreshments supplied by the neighbors, prizes for best decorated bikes and wagons and music. A surprise visit by the Kansas City Fire Department and an impromptu fire hydrant sprinkler, added a little excitement and a relief from the heat!

To all the neighbors who cherish this tradition, thank you for your continued support. This parade is so special to many of us. We will see you again next July 4th at 10:00 am at the corner of 57th Terrace and Pennsylvania.



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## WHEN MINUTES COUNT

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Everybody knows to call 9-1-1 in an emergency, but not everybody knows that there are specific steps a caller can take to hasten the arrival of much needed help. First-responders associations have offered some practical advice that may be useful in an emergency. And like everything else related to emergencies, it is better to learn now and apply later...or hopefully, never.

If the emergency is a fire, make sure that all people and pets are out of the house. Leave the door(s) to the house unlocked as you exit. Gather in the most obvious place in front of the house, but out of the street. The objective is to make yourselves and

your house as conspicuous as possible to a speeding fire truck. Maintain control of pets, either by using a leash or confining them in a neighbor's yard or garage.

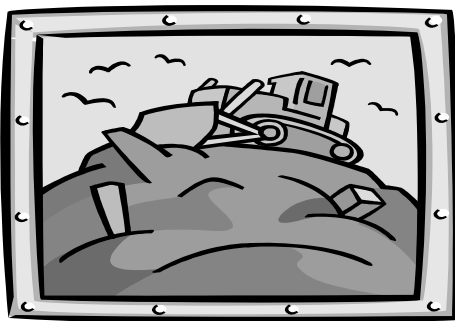
If it's a medical emergency, obviously caring for the patient is the first priority. But there are specific tasks that other ambulatory members of the household can do. If it's nighttime, make sure there are outside lights turned on. Also make sure that the front door or most obvious door of the house is unlocked and preferably ajar. If there are several people in the house at the time of the emergency, station one person at the door to blink the outside lights as a signal to the responders.

If it is a medical emergency, use the time before the ambulance arrives to gather important medical and insurance information about the patient in order to save precious minutes in the case of a life-threatening emergency. Compile a medical information sheet on every member of the family and keep the information in an obvious place.

It's always important that the address numbers on every house be lit, legible and clearly visible from the street. Take the time to check out the front of your home to make sure it can be found easily at night by any emergency vehicle.

## MY TRIP TO THE LEAF & BRUSH DROP-OFF SITE

Mary Edwards



We recently had a large branch fall out of a tree in our back yard. Although it was not large enough to call a tree service, it did take some time to cut it up. While pondering my options, I recalled seeing a leaf and brush pile at about I-470 and Raytown Road. After a few minutes on line, I

Found the City of Kansas City's Leaf and Brush Drop-Off Site.

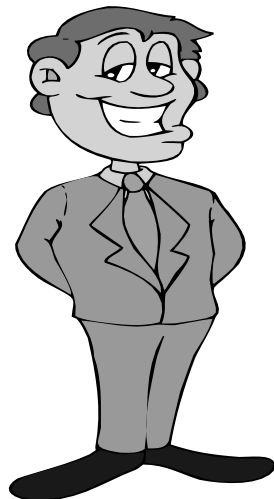
Sure enough, there was the answer to my problem; open Saturdays from 10-6, March 21st through October and 8-5 November through Jan 16th. Once I piled my bags of leaves and twigs plus a small stack of larger limbs into the car, I headed out to the site.

It turns out this is a very popular Saturday morning activity. Perhaps it was because of the storms rolling through our area of late or the fact that it is a free service. Upon my arrival, one of the on site staff asked for my proof of residency, then filled

out the necessary paperwork and I was ready to unload the car.

I backed my car as close to the debris pile as I could, opened my trunk and began adding to the huge piles already there. I was cautioned that I needed to tear my paper bags open before I threw them on the pile. That got me thinking, why don't I just empty the sacks and use them again? For that matter, next time I go, I will bring the refuse in large plastic bags, empty them and bring them home to reuse. Knowing this service is available and so easy to access, will make my fall and spring yard cleanups much easier.

## DOOR TO DOOR SALESPEOPLE



Recently, there have been several door to door salespeople selling a variety of things in our neighborhood. While it is probably a better idea to answer the door rather than to give the impression no one is at home (in case robbery is the real motive), most of the time, the salesman is an intrusion and someone we want to get rid of.

The city does require these salespeople to have a regular

business license (\$25) for door-to-door selling. If they cannot produce their license, they should be reported to the city. Try to get a good description of them and at least ask for their identification. If you have a posted no soliciting sign at the front door, they are not permitted to go to the door even if they do have a license.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency	911	Metro Patrol	234-5520
Police (non-emergency)	234-5111	Parks & Recreation	513-7500
KCMO Action Center	513-1313	Pothole hotline	513-9224
Animal control	513-9800	Street light repair	513-9595
Crime Stoppers	474-TIPS	Waldo Library	701-3625
Curb & sidewalk repair	513-7951	Plaza Library	701-3481
Drugs suspected	474-DRUG	Street Tree Trimming	513-9550
Mayor's office	513-3500		



## CCDHA's ANNUAL PICNIC

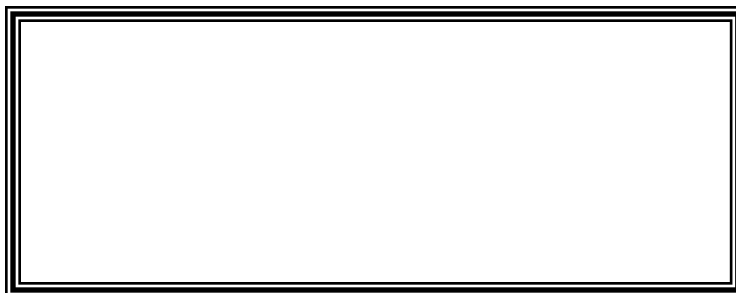
Our annual picnic will be held Wednesday, September 21st at the island on 61st Terrace between Ward Parkway and Summit. Drinks will begin at 6:00 PM and the Urban Picnic at 6:30 PM. Our annual meeting will immediately follow dinner. Look for an invitation in the next week or two.

We are also looking for volunteers to act as block captains to help organize attendance at this event (and maybe future events) and to organize individual block gatherings and rosters. Anyone interested can call Nina Hollabaugh at 816-333-5859 or email her at [nthollabaugh@gmail.com](mailto:nthollabaugh@gmail.com).

Please reach out to any new neighbors and encourage them to come. This is your chance to find out what is going on in *your* neighborhood.

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***“JAZZ IN THE ROSE GARDEN” Sunday, September 11th 4:30-6:30***

Bring friends, a blanket and a picnic to enjoy while listening to the cool tunes from Kansas City’s own Mike White Quartet. This free event is sponsored by the Kansas City Rose Society and will be held in the Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden in Loose Park. For more information please go to:

[www.kansascityrosesociety.org](http://www.kansascityrosesociety.org)



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