

Neighborhood News

Country Club District Homes Association

Brookside Watershed Area Storm & Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phase 3B

You have no doubt seen, and perhaps been inconvenienced, by lane and or street closures in and around the neighborhood. The Kansas City Water Services Department is, once again, repairing and constructing storm and sanitary sewer lines to alleviate storm flooding and sanitary sewer backups in our area. You should probably



get used to the idea of these guys being around for a while. The work that was started in May of this year is scheduled to conclude in May of 2015!

The Brookside Watershed Improvements Program includes a public investment of more than 30 million dollars to construct improvements to the storm drainage and sanitary sewer system in the Brookside Watershed. The program is being incorporated in five phases. The initial phase included local improvements that could be quickly implemented to provide some degree of improvements to the storm sewer system; these include cleaning and replacing catch basins, removing known interconnectors and repairing existing pipes. Other phases include design and construction of subsystems within the watershed and residential neighborhoods.

Work for all phases includes increasing the capacity of the storm water conveyance in addition to separation of the storm and sanitary flows. The project includes design and construction of approximately 7.5 miles of new storm sewer ranging in size from 15-inch diameter pipe to 12-foot by 10-foot box culvert.

Approximately 4.5 miles of new sanitary sewers will also be designed and constructed.

The largest phase of the project incorporates improvements to the Brookside interceptor, which conveys storm water from the watershed to Brush Creek. The existing Brookside interceptor follows Brookside Boulevard from approximately Meyer Boulevard to approximately 51st Terrace, at which point it turns eastward beneath the University of Missouri-Kansas City parking lot. The Brookside interceptor then turns north along Oak Street to the confluence of Brush Creek.

Information from Brookside Watershed Improvements Program—Burns & McDonnell

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The Weather Wreaks Havoc On Our Trees



After last years drought, several of the trees on the island at 59th Street and Ward Parkway had to be replanted.



This tree stopped traffic on busy Ward Parkway during rush hour.

Bryant School Update

No decision will be made until the end of the year regarding the fate of Bryant Elementary at Wornall Road and 57th Street. The Repurposing Committee feels that they need to wait until the School Board has completed its strategic master plan. It is thought that they may now have sold off more schools that they needed to and want to keep the remaining ones until they have concrete plans for the future of the district.

The Rockhill Tennis Club has dropped out of the bidding as it appears that the land can only be used for education or single family housing. Currently, there are three teams looking at the Bryant property. They are the only ones being considered at this time.

Academy Lafayette is interested in expanding and is looking at the building. A developer is looking at the land with the intent of demolishing the building

and building single family homes. The last team was originally interested in Border Star but the Repurposing Committee is looking at the feasibility of using the slightly smaller Bryant School instead. This alternative is to expand the current building or demolish the school and build a new one.



BikeWalkKC

BikeWalkKC's Executive Director Eric Rogers chairs the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Eric has been very busy promoting this initiative in various ways. You may have seen new "Bike Route" signs popping up in and around the metro area.

In addition, BikeWalkKC is teaming up with MainCor to present KC's first installment of Ciclovía, the international movement to create new space for people by temporarily closing streets to automobile traffic. For one day in September, Main Street in Midtown will be filled with people walking, biking, strolling, and enjoying live music, "parklets" and local food vendors.

The Education and Outreach Coordinator at BikeWalkKC is Maggie Priesmeyer. She is the lead educator for the ***Bicycle Lesson And Safety Training (BLAST)*** program. Blast is an innovative and

nationally recognized bicycle and traffic safety curriculum for fourth and fifth graders. Since its inception in the Spring of 2012, ***BLAST*** has reached more than 1,000 fourth and fifth graders in four school districts in the KC metro area.

Did you know that Missouri was recently named the country's Best Trails State? To commemorate this, BikeWalkKC recently joined Governor Jay Nixon to kick off a new celebration of the state's great outdoors. ***100Missouri Miles*** is a new challenge to get people outside and active this summer. Missourians across the state are signing up to record their walking, running, biking and even canoeing. Residents can log their time outside and compete with the Governor and First Lady, Georgeann Nixon.

As of now, the First Lady is beating the Governor!

Red Tailed Hawk



Many of us enjoyed the escapades of our newest winged friend. I took this while going to get my mail one morning. On another sighting he was swooping down the middle of Summit looking for dinner most likely. Sadly, however, the last sighting was at the fountain on Schmelzer Island where, with the help of many neighbors, he was captured and taken to Lakeside Nature Center, one very sick bird!

Jackson County Assessment Department

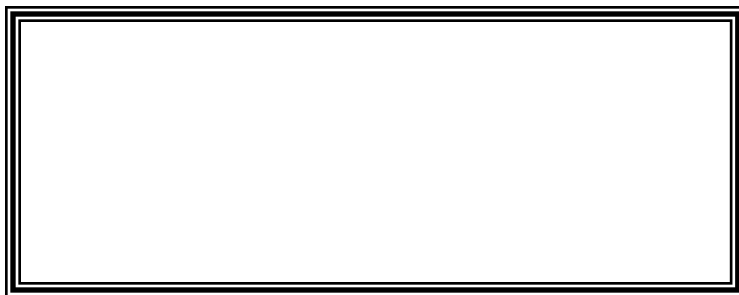
The Jackson County Assessment Department is currently finalizing values for the 2013 reassessment. As a result, the deadline for filing an informal appeal has been extended until Monday, July 22, 2013. In order to accommodate the public, hours will be extended from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for those looking to file an informal appeal. There are two ways to file, online at www.jacksongov.org/appeal or by calling 816-881-4601.

Save the Date!

The annual Country Club District Homes Association dinner will be held this year on September 10th. The location will be Schmelzer Island at Belleview between Huntington Road and 61st Street. More information will follow.

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