

Spring 2026

COUNTRY CLUB DISTRICT HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Dear Neighbors:

With Spring in full force, I'm reminded of what makes Country Club District so special. The character of our historic homes, the mature trees lining our streets, and the thoughtful landscaping throughout the neighborhood all come together to create a place we're proud to call home.

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood with such rich history and timeless charm. Each home tells a story, and collectively, they reflect a shared commitment to preserving the beauty and integrity of our surroundings. This is the result of homeowners who care deeply about their properties and the community as a whole.

With the change in season, it's a great time for all of us to take a fresh look at our homes and yards. Simple efforts like maintaining landscaping, keeping lawns trimmed, refreshing paint where needed, and tending to details can have a meaningful impact.

When each of us invests a little extra care, it elevates the entire neighborhood.

Preserving the character of our community is a shared responsibility. It not only enhances our daily experience but also helps protect property values and ensures that future generations can enjoy the same charm we do today.

Thank you for the pride you take in your homes and for contributing to the beauty of our neighborhood. Wishing you a wonderful spring season.

Best, Matt Dodge

CCDHA BOARD PRESIDENT

ADD MPS TO YOUR CONTACTS: 816-809-9600

Safety Committee Update

In response to resident feedback about crime in the district and ultimately the passage of a measure to engage a private security service, in February 2025, the Country Club District Homes Association engaged Metro Public Safety to provide private security patrols and response across the district. The Board also established a Safety and Security Committee to liaise with Metro Public Safety concerning resident feedback.

During the past year, residents have utilized the service 92 times, including reports of suspicious activity, trespassing and other disturbances, as well as assistance with jump starts, alarm checks, and vacation house watches.

so, are we safer? According to KCPD data, crime fell sharply in the Country Club District, from 25 reports in calendar year 2024 to 9 reports in calendar year 2025. Of the 9 reports in 2025, 3 pertained to theft from a motor vehicle (down from 6), two from motor vehicle theft (down from 10), two from vandalism/ destruction of property (down from 3), one from theft from building and one report classified as other. No burglaries or robberies were reported in 2025 (down from 3). This mirrors a decline in crime across the metro.

As a reminder, Metro Public Safety provides professionally trained, uniformed officers in marked vehicles who conduct patrols throughout the neighborhood three times day/night, seven days a week. Patrols are designed to maintain a visible presence and help deter, detect, and respond to potential concerns.

Contact Metro Public Safety dispatch for anything from non-emergency concerns to active situations at: 816-809-9600.

In the case of an emergency, always call 911 first.



Additional MPS Services (Free for Residents)

- Roadside Assistance: 24/7 jump starts and tire inflation within the neighborhood
- House Watch Program: Officers check your home nightly while you are out of town
- Gate/door lock up and Alarm response

To schedule, call 816-809-9600 or flag down an officer.

Reporting Incidents to the HOA Safety & Security Committee

After reaching out to emergency services or MPS, you may also notify the CCDHA Safety & Security Committee via email at info.ccdha@gmail.com. Please include helpful details like date/time of report, photos, videos, and any police report numbers.

Remember

- Always lock cars and remove any valuables.
- Lock your home windows and doors, turn on exterior lighting, and consider security cameras.
- Do not confront suspicious individuals—observe from a safe distance and report.
- Stay connected through our HOA communication channels. Share only verified information to avoid misinformation.

Reflecting on our past...

TAKE A DIP INTO THE PHOTO ARCHIVES

The Kansas City Star, in partnership with the Kansas City Public Library, has recently made the Star's historic photo archive available to the public featuring images published between roughly 1920 and 1999.

Through a searchable online database, residents can explore thousands of vintage photographs and moments connected to our very own Country Club District.

Board member, Chris Bannister, found these bucolic snapshots of "The Mirror Pool" from the summer of 1959. See how much (and how little) has changed.

Simply visit kcstarphotos.org to start browsing the archives.

READ MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT IN THE KC STAR:



In the Summer of 1959 kids enjoy the "Mirror Pool" at 61st Ter & Ward Parkway



Memory Lane

COUNTRY CLUB STREETCAR

This May the new Kansas City streetcar opened its Riverfront extension—marking a milestone in revitalization and connection of neighborhoods. Decades ago the famous Country Club streetcar line served as a connector for Kansas City businesses and residents.

Established by J.C. Nichols and partners, the Country Club line took its last run in 1957 but not before playing a major role in our neighborhood’s growth. Local historian and author LaDene Morton noted that when development of the passenger lines began in 1905 routes to and from Westport, the nearest commercial area, were rough and required fording Brush Creek in wagon or on foot. There were even fewer suitable roads for early automobiles.

Innovators recognized the need to connect affluent homeowners to downtown and reduce freight traffic.

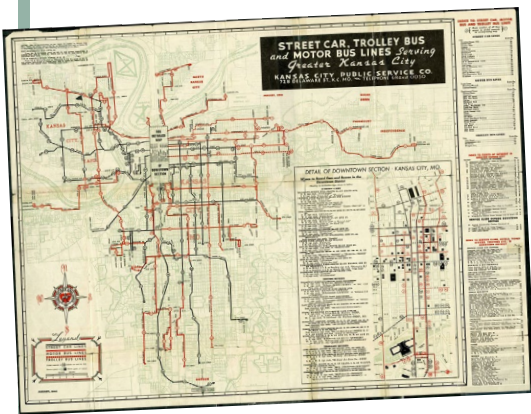
“(Nichols) used it to extend the attractiveness of the Country Club District to 63rd Street and beyond, as well as along Ward Parkway for a time,” Morton said. “In 1922, at one of the most prolific periods of development in the Country Club District and the city in general, the Metropolitan Street Railway Company reported what would be an all-time system-wide record of more than 135 million rider trips (paid fares) annually.”



At its River Market resting spot, an old Country Club streetcar has hosted both a donut shop and coffee cafe. Today you can order craft cocktails at “Car No. 551”

Read about the Country Club Line and local history at KCBackstories.com.

LaDene Morton has been a guest speaker for our homes association and has published several books about Kansas City neighborhoods.



Beautification Update

FROM KITZI DINGLEY

time to let go Do you have a tree on the easement in front of your house with supports and a bag around the trunk? If the tree was planted a year or more ago please remove the stakes and ties as well as the water bag since the tree no longer requires these supports.

many thanks Each spring we have neighbors who volunteer to plant and water the urns or care for the islands that grace our beautiful neighborhood. They are: Bev Elving, Ashley Beck, Lindsay Johnson, Susie Luening, Diane & Rob Wilmot, Nina Hollabaugh, Linda Taylor, Marianne Kilroy, Bethany & Eric Austin, Dave Casey, Matt Dodge & Family, Ann Abercrombie



stone work Many of you may have noticed that some of the urns and statuary around our homes association are in need of repair. Namely, the “Dove” urn at Greenway Terrace and Ward Pkwy, and the urns at Meyer Blvd and Valley Rd (left).

We will be contracting with a stone mason to repair/refurbish these pieces that enhance the islands in our neighborhood.



fyi CCDHA contracts with Heinen Lawn & Landscaping to perform the services on our shared greenspaces. If you see anything amiss, or would like to help with beautification, please email info.ccdha@gmail.com.



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**INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARADE**

**Saturday
July 4**

10:00 AM



**MCGEE ISLAND
57TH & BELLEVIEW**

Summer Social

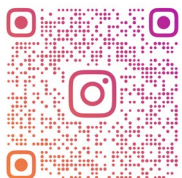


**5:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING
FOR RESIDENTS**

**5:30 PM
POTLUCK & FAMILY FUN**

**Sunday
Sept 13**

**ROOSTER ISLAND
60TH & BELLEVIEW**



Country Club District on Instagram

Follow us to get tips, city collection events,
and homes association info. Send us a
message via the app to submit a post.

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SINCE DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Epstein/Tajerian 58th Terrace
Sweeney/Zwicki Belleview