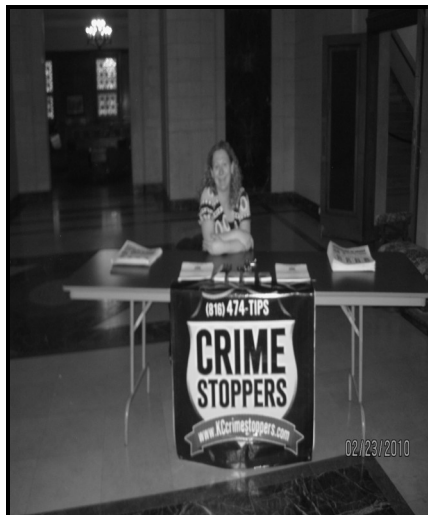


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KCPD PERSONAL SAFETY CLASS



Master Patrol Officer, James Schriever, from the Kansas City Missouri Police Department conducted a two hour seminar on self defense intended primarily for women. The venue was the Scottish Rite Temple, chosen to accommodate the more than 140 people in attendance. Valuable information was provided for both home security and personal protection. Due to the overwhelming requests, Officer Schriever will be conducting an additional class on March 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Central Patrol Division Community Room. The class will be restricted to 30 attendees and an RSVP is required. Please call 816-759-6313 if you are interested in attending.

Education, awareness, and prevention are crucial in keeping fear from controlling our community. The goal of the class is to arm citizens with practical information that may

be useful in avoiding bad situations or knowing what they should do to protect themselves should the situation arise.

Throughout the evening many practical suggestions were given to keep citizens safe: Social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter give too much information about where you are (or aren't). Landscape around the house should be trimmed to three feet tall while tree canopies should not be closer than six feet above the ground. Remove noise deadening mulch from around the house and replace it with rock or pebbles that make more noise when walked on. If you have a security system, consider getting a wireless panic button and make sure your system is monitored locally. Lighting is the single most cost effective deterrent to crime.

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Friends of the Fountains

Kansas City, Missouri has more operating fountains than any other city in the world except for Rome. The Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 47 publicly owned fountains. The Water Services Department provides the water and electricity to run the fountains.

Last spring, as Kansas City was facing a \$65 million shortfall, the Parks and Recreation Department had to make some difficult budget decisions. One was to cease operation of the city fountains. The Water Services Department assisted by underwriting the electricity expenses and using public funds to keep the fountains flowing.

Now businesses, organizations, and individuals throughout the city help support the operation, maintenance and promotion of the City of Fountains by donating to the ***Friends of the Fountains Fund***.

It costs \$168,000 per year just for electricity to energize the city's 47



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Publicly-owned fountains. Friends of the Fountains Fund pays some of the fountains' operating, maintenance and promotional expenses. The public can help underwrite the costs by making a donation to the fund. With assistance, the Parks and Recreation Department can ensure the retention of the city's flowing treasures.

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ROCK THE PARKWAY

The first ***Rock the Parkway*** 5k, 10K, and half marathon will be run March 27th. The course runs mostly down Ward Parkway beginning and ending at Burns & McDonald.

Those running the half marathon will be running right through Hampstead Gardens. Expect the first runners at about 7:50 as they cruise down

Ward Parkway to 57th Terrace. Runners then turn east to Bellevue continuing south to 61st Terrace. Here the course turns east one block to Summit where the runners will turn north and head to Loose Park. At 51st Street the course heads west to Sunset Lane before heading back to Ward Parkway and on to the finish.

Expect short traffic delays along the course that day. Wornall Road will be a better north/south route. Better yet, grab some coffee and come outside to cheer on the runners!



OPT OUT !

March is the month that our cell phone numbers will go public. That means that for the first time the cell phone companies will start releasing/selling phone numbers to telemarketing companies. If you don't act now to stop it, you will probably start receiving sales calls on your cell phone. If the mere intrusion isn't bad enough, depending on your calling plan, you may also be charged for the very

calls you never wanted in the first place.

It is up to you to opt out. Add your cell number to the Federal Trade Commission's National No Call List, call 888-382-1222. It takes only a minute and it blocks your number for five years. You must call from the cell phone that you want to have blocked. You can't call from your house phone or another cell phone.



This article has been taken from the HACCD Newsletter, but I thought it was worth re-printing as a reminder that you need to act now.

KC Spring Calendar

Take a look at these fun March events to look forward to after a VERY long winter!

7-14 Men's Big 12 Basketball Championship at The Sprint Center.

7-14 Women's Big 12 Basketball Championship at Municipal Auditorium.

12 Big 12 Daughter Date Night at

Municipal Auditorium.

14 Shen Yun at The Music Hall.

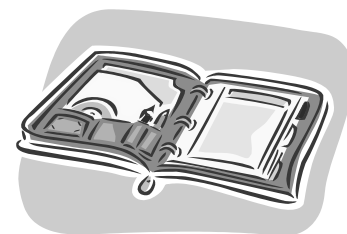
15-21 NAIA Division 1 at the Municipal Auditorium.

17 The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Broadway (33rd St. to 43rd St.) beginning at 11 A.M.

17-21 Disney On Ice: World of Fantasy at the Sprint Center.

19-21 1st and 2nd rounds of NCAA Tournament at The Sprint Center.

27 Rock The Parkway 5k, 10k, and half marathon. See article page 2.



KCPD Personal Safety Class (cont.)

Answering your door without knowing who is outside can result in personal contact with a criminal. Make sure your exterior doors are solid core and install a 180 degree door viewer. Women living alone may place men's boots or a large dog bowl on the porch. Use deadbolt style locks on exterior doors. Bolts should have a minimum throw of one inch. Strike plates should have screws

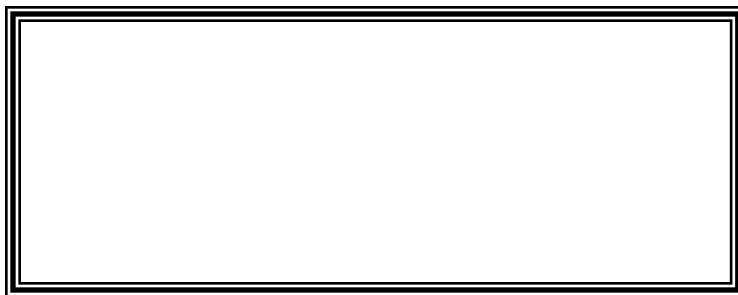
that are three inches or longer and attached to a solid door frame.

As part of the KCPD's crime prevention efforts, Officer Schriever stressed that he or one of his associates would be available to come to your home to discuss what you can do to deter criminals. To set up an appointment call 816-759-6313 or email James.Schriever@KCPD.ORG.

Two very informative handbooks were distributed to those attending the meeting. *Self Defense-Safety For Women* and *KCPD's Crime Prevention Handbook*. Both are about 30 pages in length. I have downloaded them into a pdf file and would be happy to email them to anyone who thinks they may be useful. My email address is Mary.T.Edwards@SBCGlobal.Net.

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