

# Neighborhood News

*Country Club District Homes Association*

## Dumpster Day!

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The first CCDHA Dumpster Day was a great success. Cars, trucks and wheel barrows full of household junk began to arrive about 8 AM. By noon, the dumpster was full to the brim.

Thanks to Country Club Christian Church for allowing us the use of their parking lot. It proved to be a good central location. Fortunately, we were gone before the bride and groom arrived for their wedding!

This ***Neighborhood Cleanup Assistance Program*** is part of the "Clean City Initiative." The program was established to plan and coordinate effective cleanup efforts with neighborhood associations, groups and organizations.

***NCAP*** partners with neighborhoods, city service departments, volunteer groups, and businesses interested in keeping Kansas City

neighborhoods clean and expanding neighborhood pride through organized cleanup of vacant lots, common-use areas, model blocks and other similar areas. Although we are fortunate to live in a well cared for neighborhood, the cleanup efforts have been noted by some urban core neighborhoods as a catalyst to reduce crime. The ***NCAP*** program operates from April thru October.

In an effort to expand it's effectiveness, our next Dumpster Day will incorporate an additional dumpster for electronic waste as well as an opportunity for Good Will to be on site to collect items that may be of value to them.



## The Guardian Of Ward Parkway



Even the Depression did not deter J.C. Nichols from continuing to beautify the Country Club District with outdoor statuary. In the spring of 1935, he purchased this imposing, one-ton bronze statue of an eagle with a 12-foot wing span, a Japanese piece that had stood for generations in the courtyard of a Shinto temple before being purchased by a New York art dealer. After buying the statue, J.C. had it placed on a base made of native stone and placed it where it sits today, in the median of Ward Parkway at 67th Street. Nichols then persuaded the Armour Fields Home Association to provide complementary landscaping.

Over the next few years, he placed a variety of garden statuary along the newly opened extension of Ward Parkway, Meyer Circle to Gregory. A 1935 company description noted that some 200 works of art had been set out to adorn the Country Club District.

Taken from *The J.C. Nichols Chronicle*

## Fall Calendar

**September 8th Fall Family Festival:** The Beanstalk Children's Garden Fall Family Festival is presented by the Kansas City Community Gardens 6917 Kensington, Kansas City, Mo 64132. This is in Swope Park, one block north of Gregory Blvd on Kensington Ave. Kids can enjoy face painting, games and prizes, making peanut butter, scavenger hunts, and horse rides. The festival is open 10am-3pm. For more information go to [kccg.org](http://kccg.org) or call 816-931-3877.

**September 16 Plaza 10K & 2 Mile Fun Run:** This event will take place in and around the Plaza beginning at 7:30am. This race is a benefit for Kids TLC. For more information go to [www.plaza10K.com](http://www.plaza10K.com).

**October 16 Gardner's Gathering:** Scott Ritter speaks on "A Year in the Life of the Linda Hall Grounds," Tuesday, October 16th at 6:30pm. The location will be Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway, KCMO. For more information call **Debbie Johnson** at 816-213-5280.

**October 20 Kansas City Marathon, Half Marathon & 5k.** This annual event begins at Crown Center at 7:05am. The 5K will be run in the Crown Center/Crossroads area. The Half Marathon will come south as far as the Plaza and the Marathon as far south as Meyer Boulevard. There will be street closures in our neighborhood. More route information will be sent via email to those signed up on our distribution list.

## Bryant School Repurposing Initiative

Kansas City Public Schools listed the Bryant site, with its brokerage team, Block Real Estate Services on August 8, 2012. Proposals are due to Block on October 12, 2012. During the listing period, Block will hold three open houses. Open house dates can be found on the Block website at [www.surpluskcschools.com](http://www.surpluskcschools.com) as well as the District's web site at [www.kcpublicschools.org/repurposing](http://www.kcpublicschools.org/repurposing).

Since the last public school meeting for Bryant, the District has been consulting with its title insurer and legal counsel about restrictive covenants that limit the allowable uses of portions of the Bryant property to school or single family residential.

All parties interested in submitting a proposal for the site will be advised of the covenants and will have access to the title commitment. At this time,

the district is not taking any action regarding the restrictive covenants, but awaits receipt of proposals for the site in which interested parties will be asked to explain if their proposal is restricted by the covenants and if so, what action, if any, they propose.

After the district reviews proposals, it will host a public meeting to 1) provide short-listed teams an opportunity to present their proposals to the community, and 2) solicit feedback from local stakeholders. The meeting date will be set after proposals are received and evaluated.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Levi at Block Real Estate Services at [mlevi@blockllc.com](mailto:mlevi@blockllc.com) or 816-932-5539.

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## Forum To Be Held At The Former Southwest High School

On Saturday, September 8th, from 2:00-3:30 a distinguished panel will meet to answer questions about the future of Southwest High School and the Kansas City Missouri School District as a whole. The four member panel will be comprised of:

**Dr. Stephen Green**, Superintendent of the Kansas City Missouri Public Schools.

**Joel Pelofsky**, former school board member and retired federal judge (Southwest High School graduate.)

**Arthur Benson**, former school board member and plaintiff's attorney in the Kansas City desegregation case.

**Larry Poisner**, a private businessman who has volunteered as a teacher in the Kansas City public schools and at Southwest High School for ten years

(also a Southwest High School graduate.)

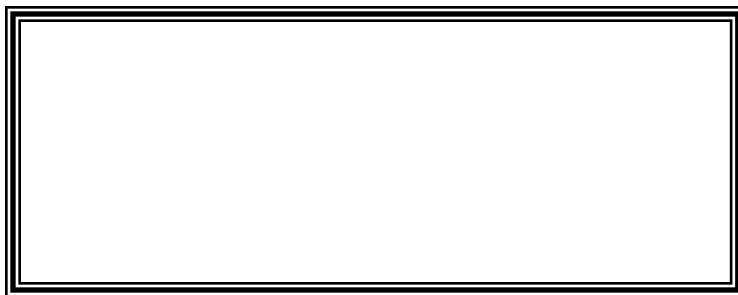
The moderator will be **Mark Wasserstrom**, a graduate of Southwest High School in 1967.

Whether you graduated from Southwest High School or just want to know what is going on at the school and in the district in general, this is an opportunity to have your questions answered. The panel discussion will take place in the SWHS auditorium. Please enter the school thru the front doors on Wornall Road at 65th Street.



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