

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Our "Mini Parks"

When our neighborhood was laid out nearly 100 years ago, considerable thought was given to aesthetics. The green spaces, statues, fountains and trees all contribute to the beauty of our neighborhood. It is, however, easy to overlook these spaces as we go through our everyday lives.

We have a total of ten "Mini Parks" within the Country Club District Homes Association and all of them require maintenance. Just recently, a car ran into an urn in the "Mini Park" located at the convergence of 58th Terrace and 58th Street at Ward Parkway. A base is the only thing remaining. Loose stones used in building the base where the urn rested were collected and are stored for rebuilding of the site when the weather permits. The urn could not be saved so it will need to be replaced.

In addition to this type of "Mini Park" expenditure, trees need to be pruned and mulched, grass cut, urns planted, and the fountain maintained. Money for this comes from your yearly homes association dues. As you walk, run, bike or drive through our beautiful neighborhood, take time to appreciate these areas and please do not hesitate letting someone on the board know if you see something in one of our "Mini Parks" that needs attention.



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ORGANIC GARDENING

Country Club United Methodist Church, on the corner of 57th Street and Wornall Road, has a Garden Ministry that grows food for hungry people in the urban core. Their mission is to provide free, organic, fresh vegetables to those who may otherwise not have access to this type of wholesome food.

If you would like to help with this beneficial program, there is need for assistance with basic maintenance and watering. Please call the church office at 816-444-1616 or Carole Mehl at 816-361-1829.

NEW KCMO WEB SITE

The City of Kansas City, MO., has launched a new website at www.KCMO.gov. This replaces their old web site, www.kcmo.org. The new site sports a streamlined, modern look with iconic rotating photos of Kansas City, but the biggest change is the new, custom GOOGLE search bar. The new KCMO.gov is an attempt to be more responsive to your needs. You can view it on your phone, your tablet or your desktop. The new site relies on what they call the "Open Data Catalog." Here you can search for everything from permits to potholes.

KCMO.gov is a work in progress. It will grow, change and add features over time. Their number one goal is to build a site that is responsive to citizen needs. With that in mind, there is a bar on each page that asks, "Is there anything wrong with this page?"

NIXLE KEEPS YOU IN THE KNOW

Nixle provides alerts, advisories, community messages, and local traffic information from our local police department and community agencies. *Alerts* include matters that could adversely affect life and property. *Advisories* are sent to specific geographic areas regarding: water main breaks, road closures, snow ordinances, etc. *Community* messages are neighborhood notifications such as: trash delays, city-sponsored events, back to school vaccination clinics, etc.

If you are interested in signing up for this service, visit the new KCMO web site @ www.kcmo.gov and GOOGLE Nixle.

APRIL LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP

On our regularly designated trash pick-up day, residents may place up to 20 bags or bundles of leaves and brush at the curb by 7 a.m. Sacks and bundles may not weigh over 40 pounds each. Use only paper lawn bags. No plastic bags! Bundles may not be more than 2 feet in diameter and 4 feet long. They must be tied with jute or twine not wire. If wet weather is forecast, please cover with clear plastic.

For those living north of 63rd Street, the pick-up is April 25th. Residences south of 63rd Street will have a May 2nd pick-up. Often, the actual pick-up will be a few days later than the scheduled pick-up due to the volume that is being picked up in the area.

For more information about the leaf and brush pick-up please call 816-531-1313 or 311 or www.kcwaterservices.org/leaf-brush/.



Simply put, Nextdoor was created to help keep neighborhoods connected. Some reasons for this might be: lost pets, lost kids, break-ins, community announcements, suspicious strangers soliciting door to door, etc. The CCDHA has signed up for this service.

In a way, Nextdoor duplicates the Security Alert notices I send from time to time. At this time it is not meant to be a replacement for that type of communication but rather an addition to it.

Here is how Nextdoor works: Before signing up, prospective users verify their home addresses. Verification is done by confirming a code that is either mailed or texted to the prospective user. Once you have your code, you create a username and password. Every neighbor must sign in using his or her real name. Once signed up, you can filter how much information you want to receive; everything from security alerts, classifieds, lost and found, to needing a babysitter, or wanting to recommend someone who did a good job for you. If you are not interested in getting all of these types of emails, you can filter what types you do want.

To date, we have approximately 17 CCDHA members signed up. In addition, there are 5-6 surrounding HOA's that are also participating. If you are interested in finding out more about Nextdoor, go to their web site nextdoor.com.

SPRING EVENTS

APRIL 27th	Trolly Run 75th & Wornall to Plaza
MAY 2-4	29th Brookside Art Annual
MAY 2nd	First Friday in the Crossroads
MAY 3rd	Corp. Challenge 5K -Ward Pkwy
MAY 3rd	Marble Day @ Moon Marble
MAY 4th	Sporting KC vs Columbus Crew
MAY 10th	NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
MAY 10th	Run Mom Run 51st & Main
MAY 7-10	Plein Air Fest - Penn Valley Park
MAY 26th	Amy Thompson Run - Loose Park
MAY 24th	Super Kids Save The World
MAY 25th	Jiggle Jam Family Music Fest
JUNE 7th	Hospital Hill Run - Crown Center

SECURITY ALERT EMAIL REMINDER

For those of you not receiving the "Security Alert" emails that come out from time to time, I want to let you know my new email address. It is [***mtejde@gmail.com***](mailto:mtejde@gmail.com). If you are new to our area and would like to be added to the list, just let me know. Those of you who may have been dropped off the list, please send me an email with your current email address and I will gladly put you back on the list.

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