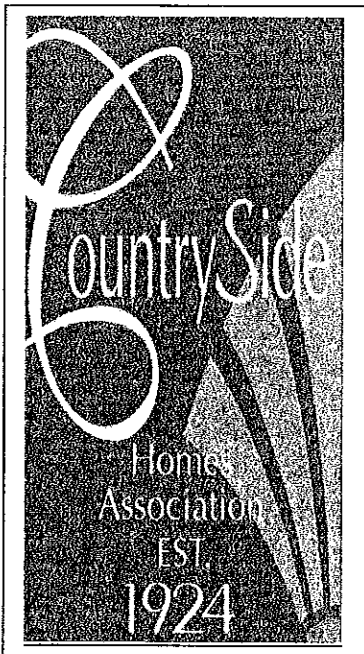


CountrySide Newsletter

September 2008



Notes from Our Neighborhood President

It's been four months since our 2008 Countryside annual meeting. Since that time, the board has been working to implement the two initiatives you voted for; adding a Security Patrol and expanding our beautification work. This edition of the newsletter will inform you of the progress that has been made to date,

as well as information about plans for the future.

Since there won't be another chance before then, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that November 4th is election day. As a concerned citizen, I hope you will get out and exercise your right to vote for the candidates of your choice.

Security Patrol Update

Four random 4 hour patrols are scheduled each week. KCPD Officer Brent Parsons, supervisor of the program, provides a monthly report on activity. A summary of results for June and July appears below:

- 30 traffic tickets were issued
- 3 residence checks were completed
- 17 car and 15 pedestrian checks were initiated
- 2 miscellaneous contacts were completed
- 19 calls for service were answered
- 38 city warrants were handled from arrests (23 of these were for a single person with multiple parking/traffic issues)
- 1 state/felony warrant was made with an arrest
- 12 intelligence reports were completed
- 1 of the arrests had a past criminal history of larceny (stealing) and burglary
- 1 party was occupying a vehicle wanted in a burglary in another area

- 1 car chase involved a stolen vehicle taken in a burglary from a nearby area
- 1 suspicious vehicle was found and surveillance was initiated by the property crimes unit.

The intention of these additional patrols is to identify Countryside as a neighborhood that is proactive in maintaining a safe and secure community. It is evident that a number of suspicious people and activities were challenged during this initial two month period. As residents, we need to act in partnership with the police department by reporting anything that doesn't look "right." Door to door solicitors frequently canvas our neighborhood; if you question the legitimacy of such a solicitor, please contact KCPD so that they may investigate. **The KCPD non-emergency number is 234-5111. If you require immediate assistance, call 911.** Our security patrol officers have noted that several of our blocks are very dark at night and that most burglaries are crimes of opportunity. Don't make it easy! Lights on, doors locked, valuables out of sight.

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KCPD Launches Online Crime Alerting and Mapping Service

The Kansas City Missouri Police Department has unveiled a FREE web-based crime alerting and mapping service to empower KCMO residents and businesses to take a stand against crime in their neighborhoods.

"CrimeReports" allows citizens to see what crimes have taken place where they live and work — simply by typing in an address or zip code! You can see crimes for any location within Kansas City, Missouri boundaries — for any period of time — on easy-to-read incident crime maps. You can also request automatic daily, weekly or monthly e-mail alerts when crimes occur near your home, office, local school, or any location in the city you choose. The service, located at www.crimereports.com, or directly from the department's Web site (www.kcpd.org), provides neighborhood crime data in near real-time and is now available.

an activity, please call Nadine Rodeghier @ 516-5299 or email @ nrodeghier@kc.rr.com.

Have fun while helping others

Rose Brooks Center has been selected this year to be the recipient of our community support during the Annual Picnic. Each year Rose Brooks Center's emergency shelter provides basic needs with support services for over 700 women and children who have fled domestic violence. The emergency hotline answers over 4,000 calls annually. Combined with outreach counseling and advocacy services in the courts, police departments, hospitals and schools Rose Brooks Center assists over 10,000 victims of domestic violence a year.

Please remember when you come to the Annual Picnic to bring new items to help the shelter residents. Rose Brooks is always in need of emergency care items since so many families arrive with very little of their own. Items such as: women and children's personal hygiene supplies, (e.g. toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) or school supplies, (e.g. backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.) and/or any monetary contribution you wish to give.

No gift is too small or too big.

Tracy Kelso with Rose Brooks Center and a Countryside resident will have a display and donation drop off location at the picnic to give you more information about this important work. Also, receipts for your tax deductible donation will also be available.


For more information on Rose Brooks Center you can call Tracy Kelso at (816) 523-5550 or check out the website at www.rosebrooks.org.

If you or anyone you know is suffering from the abuse of domestic violence call the Rose Brooks Center 24-hour crisis line at (816) 861-6100.

Dumpster Day – Neighborhood Clean-up

The second of our clean-up days is coming **Saturday, October 18th** from 8:00 AM until noon in the St. Teresa west parking lot. We will have two dumpsters, one for leaves and brush, the other for anything but hazardous waste, paint, or bags of

trash. Take advantage and clean out that garage or basement.



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City Leaf and Brush Pick-up

Kansas City has announced their leaf pick-up dates for 2008. For our area where trash is picked up on Friday, the dates will be November 7th and December 5th. For specifics on the pick-up please go to kcmo.org under Services.

Countryside HOA Committees

Our Home Owner's Association has begun forming committees to assist the board in getting a number of efforts moving along. Committees that are currently active are:

Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention

Chairperson: Kathy Arthur

Beautification

Chairperson: Kevin Yates

Welcome Baskets

Chairperson: MaryBeth LeCluse

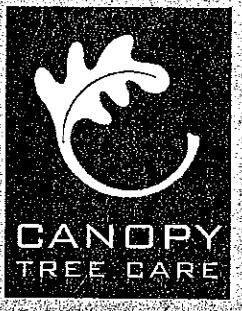
Annual Picnic

Chairperson: Nadine Rodeghier

If you would like to help with any of the above committees, or have an interest in starting one on a specific Countryside need, please call a member of the board or the Chairperson of the committee.

Countryside Movie Nite

Bring the family out for a night at the movies under the stars. On **September 12th at 7:45 PM**, we will be showing **Beetle Juice** in our park on 52nd and Brookside. Bring your chairs or blanket, cooler, snacks and the kids, relax and enjoy the movie and atmosphere with your neighbors.



Let's Talk About Your Trees.

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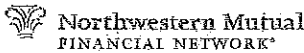
Countryside Tour of the Nelson

Deborah Emont Scott, chief curator of The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and Countryside resident, gave eight lucky neighbors a special tour of the Nelson Atkins Museum. The reason it was so special was the "behind the scenes" places we toured. It was amazing to see the care and thought put into the areas normal patrons will never see. From the receiving area where semi trailers can unload unseen to the neighbors, the various lab areas for care of the art, innovative storage, and the work shops where many of the displays are built, every square foot of the new building has been planned and executed to the max. Once done with those "hidden" areas, we toured the new wing. The wing was designed to be a showcase for the art rather than a statement for the architecture. The unique windows and shape of the rooms, walls, and ceilings all designed to provide the best possible space and light for the art. Truly a great place to visit and an enjoyable tour. Thank you Deborah.





Neighbor and Nelson-Atkins Chief Curator Deborah Emont Scott explains the unique challenges of installing "Fountain" by Noguchi in the Bloch Building before its opening last June. Water flows gently over two sculpted basalt stones, deepens their color and trickles into a bed of Japanese river rocks that

continues from inside the building to the outside without interruption. Deborah gave neighbors a behind-the-scene's tour of the museum's new building, designed by renowned architect Steven Holl.
(Photo by Mary Kay Van Buskirk Morrow)



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Developer seeks Neighborhood Input for 51st & Main

Opus Plans Lifestyle Complex near Countryside Homes Association

At the suggestion of Countryside neighbor Tom McGee, representatives from Minneapolis-based developer Opus Northwest, LLC visited our July board meeting to discuss a proposal they are making to purchase the (land) 2.2 acres located on the NW Corner at 51st and Main from DST and develop it.

They are also meeting with the South Plaza Homes Association. The 51st & Main site is located within South Plaza's boundaries.

Opus's intent is to build a mixed-use complex up to 7-8 stories high, comprised of 230-240 high-end rental apartments (studios to 3-bedrooms), offices, street-level retail and adequate parking.

The current owner of the property, DST, the

developer that built Kirkwood, believes that Opus is a very strong developer with excellent plans for the space. Opus said their intent is to build "green" with LEED certification as their goal, and also retain the character and culture of the neighborhood.

Opus explained that the condo market is soft right now but the rental market is underserved in our area. By building high-end apartments initially, they intend to convert them to condominiums over the next five years as the market improves.

Their desire is to continue to look for a food store to move into the majority of the first floor space though they do not have any interested parties at the moment.

In an effort to alleviate concerns regarding density, DST took action. In the original plans for the area, DST had zoning to build a second tower like the one on the corner of 49th and Main. They have rezoned the property so that can no longer be done, thus trading potential significant office space for the less dense apartment space.

The Board will continue to meet with Opus to represent the interests of the neighborhood as the project progresses. If you have an interest, take a walk by the property and picture a new seven or eight-story building on the site. The 51st Street side is where the 7-8 stories would be. The building would be designed as terraced floors so that each apartment would have a balcony or patio and view of the Plaza.

The project requires re-zoning and Opus might request Tax Increment Financing and/or tax abatement from the City. They plan to make a go/no decision by next spring.

If you have any comments or concerns you would like to convey to Opus, please email or call Terry Rodeghier.

Appointment scheduling required for bulky item pickup

The City of Kansas City, Mo., Public Works Department is notifying residents that starting Sept. 1 bulky item collections only will be available by making an appointment. There also will be a 15-item limit for appointments.

Residents can schedule an appointment by calling the 3-1-1 Action Center, a division of the City Manager's Office, at 311 or (816) 513-1313. Service related questions about a scheduled pickup should be directed to the 3-1-1 Action Center within 24 hours of the collection date.

Bulky items include refrigerators, stoves, freezers, dishwashers, dryers, sofas, desks, tables, doors, lawn mowers and carpet. The City does not consider an item as bulky if it can be accommodated by regular trash service. Bags, boxes, vacuum cleaners and small electric appliances and fans are not bulky items.

Residents with debris from remodeling and construction projects should contact a private solid waste company.

For a complete listing of the City's rules on bulky item collection or for information about regular trash, recycling and solid waste collection, visit www.kcmo.org/trash or call the 3-1-1 Action Center, (816) 513-1313 or 311.

Media inquiries about trash, recycling and solid waste services should be directed to Dennis Gagnon, public information officer for the Public Works Department, (816) 513-2659.

Neighborhood Update

Welcome New Neighbors

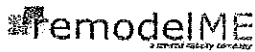
Our new neighbors since the previous newsletter are listed below:

July

William & Sara Murray	48 E 55 th St
Martin & Sandy Murphy	5544 Brookside
John & Jessica Peryam	40 W 53 rd Terr
John & Susan Hart	214 W. Concord

Holiday Light Judging

I know this is a bit early to start thinking about the holiday season. I just wanted to remind everyone that we will have our Annual Holiday House Lighting and Block Decorating judging in mid December. Deck out your house and get your block to do the same. Signs will be posted at the winning house and block after the judging, winning house receives a gift certificate and the block gets extra money towards a block party.



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City Campout

September 26-27

If you didn't get a family vacation this year, perhaps this could be a fun alternative to have a family adventure but close to home.

KCMO Parks & Recreation and the MO Dept. of Conservation, among others, are teaming up for the 3rd Annual W.O.W. program Wonders of Wildlife). Explore the wilds of Swope Park.

Day and night hikes, over night camping, food, music, archery, canoes, wall climbing, fishing, geosynching/map compass and more.

When: Friday night and Saturday - September 26-27

Friday - camp under the stars - food provided plus s'mores

Saturday - pick your adventure - breakfast and lunch provided

Where: Camp Lake of the Woods

Gear: Essential equipment will be provided as well as outdoor experts

Cost to a family of 6 - \$25.00 (1 adult - 5 children, 2 adults 4 children)

or \$10.00 per person (open to families with children 9 or older)

Families with children 5-8 can participate in the Junior WOW.

For more information go to www.mostateparks.com/wow.htm

CountrySide 2008/9 Agenda

September 12, Movie Night Under the Stars

September 13, Annual CountrySide Picnic and 100th Anniversary Celebration

October 18, Neighborhood Clean-up (dumpster day)

November 7, Winter Newsletter article deadline

December 13, Holiday lighting judging

April 11, Easter Egg Hunt

April 14, Annual CountrySide HOA meeting (@ Eggtc) Social hour begins at 6: PM

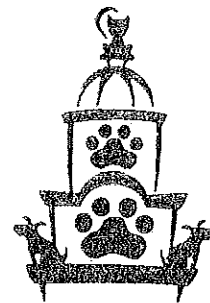
Spring Dumpster Day

(date to be determined)

May 15, Summer Newsletter article deadline

July 4th, Kid's bike parade

(time to be announced later)



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The Board meets on the second
Wednesday of each month at Minsky's
beginning at 7:PM. Please contact any
board member if you wish to attend so we
can put you on the agenda.

CountrySide Website Information

http://www.haccd.org/moassoc/Country_Side

Important Seasonal Phone Numbers

Power line Down	1(888) LIGHT-KC
Potholes	(816) 513-1313
Water Main Break	(816) 513-0209
Snow Removal	(816) 513-9364
Action Center	(816) 513-1313
Gas Leak	1(800) 582-0000

Advertise to your neighbors

We have begun taking ads for the
newsletter as well as the directory
which is being compiled. If you are
interested in advertising your business,
our newsletter reaches approximately
480 homes in the neighborhood. An
ad the size of a business card (2" x 3
/12") is \$10 per issue or \$35 for four
issues. Larger ads will cost multiples
of that rate. Directory prices will be
quoted upon request.

New Resident Information

Are you new to the neighborhood?
Are you unsure when trash, recycling
or bulky items are being picked up?
Are you not sure where to vote?
Would you like to know where the
closest community center is located?
All of these questions and more can be
answered simply by a click of a button.
Kansas City has a very helpful website
at www.kcmo.org under the Residents
section where many of your questions
can be answered. General Citizen
Services can also be reached by
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