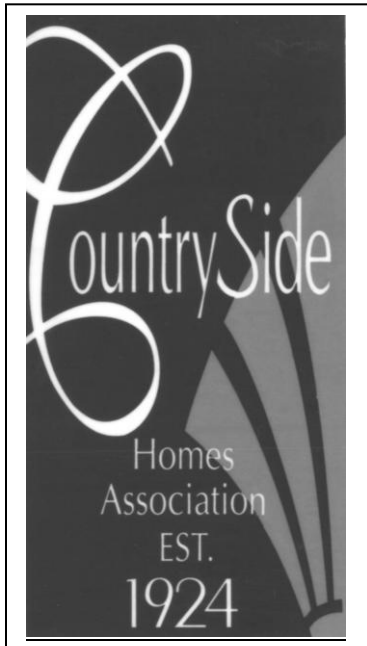


CountrySide Newsletter

July 2010



Notes from our Neighborhood President

Hi neighbors. It seems like summer has been here for months already with hot temperatures starting early. Quite uncharacteristically, things remain green as Mother Nature has provided a consistent and considerable amount of rain, more falling as I write this. Lawns are green and gardens are ahead of

schedule. Speaking of gardens, if you haven't been by the community garden at 51st and Main, take a look at what a little cooperation between land owners and interested gardeners can do. Perhaps we will continue to have the opportunity next year.

As is always the case, the neighborhood continues to be one of transition as some of our long time neighbors leave for other places, while new residents move in. We will miss those that depart but look forward to welcoming those moving in.

I hope you all had a happy 4th of July and enjoyed the fireworks from our surrounding communities between the rain drops. Please remember those in the Armed Forces who are serving or have served our country. They help to keep us free.

We had a great turnout at the May Dumpster Day filling all three dumpsters. Thanks to Jim Kraus, Mike O'Neill and Kyle Kelly for sponsoring them. Watch for the fall date and plan to clean out the house or garage.

Enjoy the summer and we hope to see you all at the annual picnic.



Annual Countryside Picnic

Saturday, September 18th, 3 to 7 PM

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Countryside Homeowners Association Picnic. The picnic will be in our park at 52nd and Brookside. Our grillers will be there serving up burgers, sausages and dogs while the many sides, deserts and drinks should fill you up. A band will play throughout the day, while kids will enjoy the moon bounce, tattoo artist, and more. Join your neighbors, meet new residents, and enjoy a day out in the sun.

We are looking for someone to organize and run games for children. If you are interested please call Nadine at 816-516-5299

Don't miss KCPD Metro Roll Call!!!

Wednesday, July 7th

7:30PM

Tighe Hall/Visitation Church



Captain Marckx, Sgt. Knueppel and the Metro Division officers assigned to our sector for Wednesday evening's shift will be present to demonstrate a pre-shift meeting and answer questions. This is an excellent opportunity to observe a roll call, meet some of the officers that protect Countryside and have an informal

conversation with officers about any ideas and concerns that you may have. All are welcome; plan to attend and spread the word!

interested in more information about the neighborhood watch program or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Kathy Arthur, 816-719-1687 or rarthur@kc.rr.com.

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Those present at the Countryside Annual Homes Association meeting overwhelmingly approved a measure to continue funding off duty patrols by KCPD officers. The intention of these additional patrols is to identify Countryside as a neighborhood that is proactive in maintaining a safe and secure community. As residents, we need to act in partnership with the police department by reporting anything that doesn't look "right." **The non emergency number is 234-5111. If you feel threatened in any way, call 911.** During the period March 1 through May 31st, officers

Welcome New Neighbors

Our new neighbors since the previous newsletter are listed below, so welcome to Countryside.

March

Michael & Katherine Miroslaw 5421 Baltimore

May

Colin Wood & Jamie Fronckewicz 5540 Central

June

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 James & Ashley Bland 5416 Main Street
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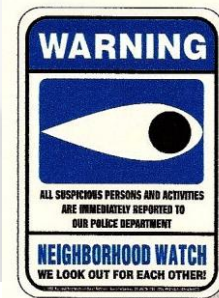
- arrested a burglary subject,
- detained a registered sex offender,
- stopped an auto theft subject on a car check,
- assisted in the apprehension and arrest of two robbery subjects,
- arrested three juveniles for drinking in the park,
- conducted 28 pedestrian checks,
- issued 41 tickets for traffic violations,
- responded to 59 calls for service,
- conducted 89 car checks,
- made four felony and eleven warrant arrests, and
- reminded Countryside residents **78 times** about open doors!

Countryside is becoming a "hard target." We enjoy a peaceful neighborhood because we watch out for each other and are proactive with our patrols and personal security. Keep up the good work by immediately reporting suspicious persons or activities to KCPD and to your block captain.

Countryside Neighborhood Watch

Over 300 Countryside residents support the Neighborhood Watch in an effort to foster a greater sense of responsibility for each other and for our neighborhood. An email database has been developed to keep residents informed about criminal activity in our area as well as to provide general neighborhood information. Countryside is proud to be known as an involved community where "we look out for each other." If you are

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Many months of planning have culminated in a beautiful new streetscape on 55th between Main and Wornall. 17 Japanese maple trees have replaced the locusts that struggled for so long under the powerlines. Countryside resident Ed Wolf, spearheaded the project which created a partnership among Kansas City Parks and Recreation, KCPL and the Countryside Homes Association. The Japanese maples will provide three seasons of color as well as shade to the sidewalks while not outgrowing the confines of their urban setting. Well done, Ed!

City Leaf and Yard Waste Pickup

I know it's early to start thinking of these things but the City will be coming around and take up to 17 paper bags of yard waste so take advantage and get that cleanup done.

If your trash day is	your dates are:
Monday	April 14
Tuesday	April 15
Wednesday	April 16
Thursday	April 17
Friday	April 18



Let's Talk About Your Trees.

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KCMO Council Okays Urban Garden Sales

COUNCIL TO REVIEW IMPACT IN SIX, EIGHTEEN MONTHS

By Mary Kay

In time, Kansas City, Missouri residents will see whether relaxed rules for urban gardeners will turn neighborhoods into competing fruit and vegetable stands; quiet gardens where neighbors work and share produce; or something in-between. After a two-month-long debate over the impact sales of produce from urban gardens would have on neighborhoods and home values, the Kansas City Council approved by a vote of 10-to-3 a new urban agriculture ordinance last Thursday that will

allow urban farmers to sell produce from home and community gardens.

Council members Cathy Jolly, Deb Herman, and Bill Skaggs opposed the legislation.

First introduced April 8 by council members John Sharp, Melba Curls, Bill Skaggs, Beth Gottstein, and Mayor Mark Funkhouser, the ordinance allows whole, uncut, fresh food and horticultural products to be sold from residential and vacant lot gardens between May 15 and October 15; community supported agriculture (CSA's), or co-ops, to operate by special-use permit; and paid workers and volunteers other than the homeowner to work in gardens.

In the extreme, opponents of the controversial changes to city laws fear commercial battlegrounds where merchants vie for attention with garish signs and tents, outside workers are brought in, traffic is jammed up, and strangers peruse neighborhoods looking for opportunities to steal things – or worse. Supporters believe neighborhood gardens will boost the urban core, provide jobs, encourage neighbors to connect, put vacant lots to good use, discourage illegal dumping, and allow all neighborhoods to have readily-accessible, affordable, healthy food, particularly in underserved neighborhoods.

Fourth District Councilwomen Beth Gottstein and Jan Marcuson voted in favor of the new Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

At a southland Mayor's Town Hall the night before the vote was taken, realtor Stacey Johnson-Cosby, who opposed the measure, predicted that people will move to Kansas if forced to live next to seven-day-a-week commercial farming operations.

Who will buy (homes) near that?" Johnson-Cosby asked Mayor Mark Funkhouser.

Surprised by the level of the controversy the ordinance has stirred up, Funkhouser said he has to weigh both sides of the issue.

"I care about your concerns," the Mayor said. "We already have a food desert, vacant lots, and unemployment. If I can find a way to fix that, I'm gonna try to do it."

An eleventh-hour amendment by Councilman Skaggs to essentially leave city gardening laws as-is, was defeated eight-to-five.

"We've created a monster here (with the new ordinance) that we didn't want to do," Skaggs said. "Nothing in this ordinance improves (gardening) except it allows me to sell produce at the end of my driveway."

Sixth District Councilwoman Cathy Jolly, who believes in healthy eating and feels other things can be done to promote access to good food, favored the Skaggs amendment.

"We all support community gardens," Jolly said.

"The Skaggs amendment does nothing to discourage gardening. It's simply about zoning. It only takes away sales. If we decide there are going to be sales, anybody can sell any time."

Sixth District Councilman John Sharp disagreed. Sharp, an author of the legislation, said the ordinance allows gardeners who have been operating outside the law, to continue their practices legally.

"We haven't had problems," Sharp said. "We wanted to make the practice legal... allow home gardeners to sell or donate food...allow fruits and vegetables to be eaten at the peak of perfection...and provide healthy food at a reasonable price."

Third District Councilwoman Sharon Sanders Brooks described a "food desert" in her district from which grocery stores have fled leaving only Walgreens and CVS's for her constituents who can't afford to travel out of their area to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

Sanders Brooks drew applause when she said the Skaggs amendment would deny people the opportunity to grow food mostly for their own families and perhaps supplement income until they can return to work.

A second last-minute amendment offered by Councilman Ford defined the term "row crops" to prevent them from being grown in residential front yards.

Councilmen Sharp and Ford have collaborated to craft ordinance wording that would overcome objections concerning tent, structure, and sign sizes; the storage of chemicals and pesticides; and the sale of other products such as salsas and even t-shirts, among other things.

The council plans to review the amendment at six and eighteen months and to make changes if necessary.

Commercial mayhem and falling property values or peaceful commerce in thriving neighborhoods?

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Trash pick-up delayed, City offices closed July 5 **no-tag period July 12-16**

Because the Independence Day holiday falls on a Sunday this year, the City of Kansas City, Mo., offices will be closed on Monday, July 5.

Curbside trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day.

The delay will begin with residents, who usually have Monday collection receiving service on Tuesday, July 6. The delay will conclude with residents who usually have Friday collection receiving service on Saturday, July 10.

Also, the period of July 12-16 is a "no-tag" period for trash collection in Kansas City, Mo. Excess Trash Tag requirements are not in place during a no-tag period.

As a part of regular weekly solid waste collection services, the city allows residents to place two trash bags and unlimited recycling curbside, for collection. Each additional trash bag, beyond the two-bag limit, requires an Excess Trash Tag to be attached to the bag.

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St. Teresa's new plans

St. Teresa's Academy has hosted several productive meetings with individual homeowners, the Homeowners Associations and a smaller committee representing the associations. St. Teresa's is now working to provide timely information and to address issues of concern raised by our neighbors.

St. Teresa's Academy will begin construction on a new fourth building on campus during the 2010-11 school year. The new chapel/classrooms will complete the quadrangle between the existing three buildings. In response to neighborhood feedback, this project will now include an additional thirty three parking spaces to help reduce the necessity for street-side parking. As the project takes shape, we will keep our neighbors informed of construction plans.

The school has asked the same engineering firm working on the new building to look at the space currently used for athletics and physical education. The Academy has decided not to pursue the vacation of Westover Road as it moves forward with these plans. We have adjusted the design so the new complex will fit in our existing athletic space on the north end of campus.

In conjunction with campus upkeep initiatives, the school recently completed renovation to its tennis courts and also added trash receptacles on the north end of campus. There are a number of general up-keep projects taking place on campus this summer, including painting, landscaping and light renovations. Recently, student-athletes from St. Teresa's Academy volunteered along-side area homeowners to help with the clean-up of Triangle Park.

St. Teresa's Academy has been a staple in the local community for more than 100 years, and will continue to work in partnership with our area homes associations to be a "good neighbor."

Sincerely,

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neighbors found three dogs with no information, even though two were wearing collars. In each case, an email was sent out to those subscribed to the neighborhood watch list. Two were quickly reunited with their grateful owners, but the other was picked up by animal control.

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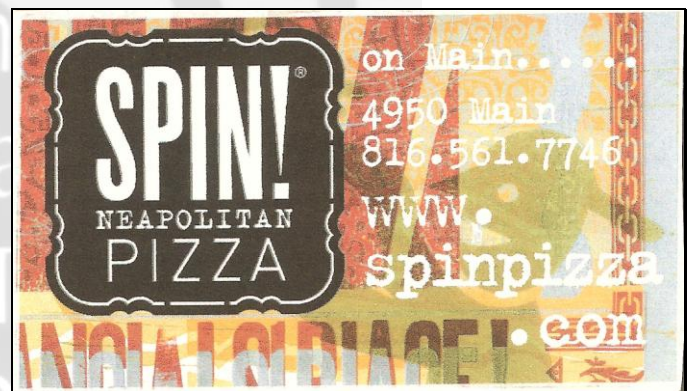
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Please be sure that your dog is wearing a collar **with your contact information**. In the event that he or she gets loose, the process of reuniting pet and owner will be much easier. In the past two weeks



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- electricity for our island at 52nd and Brookside
- a sign naming the park at 52nd and Brookside "CountrySide Park"
- assistance paying for the stonework proposed for the island at Westover and Wyandotte
- speed bumps on Main from 52nd to 55th (we hope to cut down on the high speed traffic)
- sidewalks on 55th from Westover to Wornall



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CountrySide HOA Applies for PIAC Grants

Once again our homes association has applied for several PIAC grants with the hope that the city will approve one or more for this or next year. The grants applied for are:

- new industrial strength lighting for the marker at 52nd and Wyandotte (we seem to have problems with the lights we currently have installing being damaged on a regular basis)
- new, decorative lighting for our park at 52nd and Brookside (similar to the lights you see in Brookside)
- a water fountain for our park at 52nd and Brookside

We hope to hear about our requests at the end of the summer to watch for news in following newsletters.

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CountrySide 2010 HOA Agenda

September 18, Annual CountrySide Picnic held at our park at 52nd and Brookside

October TBD, Fall Dumpster Day St Teresa's South parking lot, 8:AM until noon

December 13, Holiday lighting judging

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday before Easter at St Teresa's field, 55th & Main

April TBD, Annual CountrySide HOA meeting (@ Visitation Tighe Hall) Social hour begins at 6:PM

May TBD, Neighborhood Clean-up (dumpster day)

May TBD, CountrySide Garage Sale

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The Board meets on the first 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.ha-kc.org/moassoc/Country_Side

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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 phone providing a recorded message system, or individual questions can be answered by calling (816)-513-3490. CountrySide Home Owner's Association has a website at www.haccd.org/moassoc/CountrySide and is managed by the Homes Associations of the Country Club District that hosts a website at www.ha-kc.org or can be reached at (913) 385-2440 to attend to you individual needs.

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