

USPS's New Informed Delivery & Why You Should Enroll!

Informed Delivery is a free and optional notification feature that gives residential consumers the ability to digitally preview their letter-sized mail and manage their packages scheduled to arrive soon. It is recommended to subscribe to prevent someone else like a mail pirate from subscribing under your mailing address. A recent National news story showed how thieves could enroll your address under their own email, viewing what is in your daily mail and stealing once delivered. Once an email is linked to your mailing address, this prevents others from enrolling your address and helps prevent the would-be thief looking for credit card offers or checks. Protect yourself and enjoy previewing your daily mail before it is delivered for those important items.

Informed Delivery benefits the entire household by allowing users to view what is coming to their mailbox with a daily email before delivered. The United States Postal Service® (USPS) digitally images the front of letter-sized mail that runs through automated mail sorting equipment. Enrollment is quick and easy. <http://informedelivery.usps.com/>



Newcomer's Corner

Did you know? Greenway Fields is a part Brookside's *Buy Nothing* facebook group. The *Buy Nothing Project* is a worldwide movement, which offers members a way to connect with each other through giving, lending, sharing and expressing gratitude in a hyper-local setting. The group's goal is to encourage connections of real-life neighbors through a sharing network—offer anything for free or request anything to borrow or have. It's that simple! For more information, please check it out on Facebook—Buy Nothing Kansas City/Brookside/Morningside, MO

Did you know? KC provides one of the most cost-effective trash and recycling collection services in the nation. But not everything is covered yet. Although general recycling is included (you simply need to buy the bins), glass, yard waste and household compost are not included in your City pickup service. But you have options! Participation in the recycling program requires the use of an official recycling bin. This is required because it signals the truck to stop. If you want

to acquire a bin, a replacement bin or an additional bin, you may purchase a bin at the *Westlake Ace Hardware* or *Price Chopper*. For more information about city services: <http://kcmo.gov/neighborhoods/trash/>

Glass recycling is available through a free drop off program or a paid pickup service.

- * **Ripple Glass:** Free Drop-Off, Closest dumpster at Research Medical Center/Brookside Campus, 6675 Holmes Rd; other locations at www.rippleglass.com
- * **Glass Bandit:** curbside pickup www.glassbandit.com
- * **Atlas:** curbside pickup www.atlasglasskc.com
- * **Household Compost:** Compost Collective—curbside pickup www.compostcollectivekc.com
- * **Yard Waste:** the City offers fall and spring pickups for leaf/brush; details at www.kcmo.gov
- * **Compost Connection:** curbside pickup www.compostconnection.com
- * **Lawn Corps:** curbside pickup www.lawncoops.com
- * **City Service Requests:** 311 Action Center www.kcmo.gov/311

Introducing Our Newest Board Member

Leslie Cleaver-Wood moved from Oakland, California to Greenway Fields over the summer with her husband and 11-year-old son. Leslie has a history of community service having co-founded a community improvement association, and served as its President for 6 years, in their neighborhood in Oakland. The Group's accomplishments include working with city council to install public greening projects, facilitating park improvements, creating a dog park in an underused public space, partnering with the Police to facilitate Safety Workshops, hosting Earth Day events and volunteer neighborhood clean-ups, building community through social events, and more.

Professionally, Leslie was a

Gardening Educator at a public elementary school in Oakland. She developed a curriculum that focused on teaching social emotional skills and healthy eating through their edible schoolyard. The students grew, harvested and provided seasonal fruits and veggies for their own salad bar.

On the Board, Leslie will be assisting with communications, including emailed updates and facilitating the Greenway Fields Facebook Group. Leslie is often out and about the neighborhood walking her dog, Nickel (a wild and sweet, little ginger rescue pup), and loves meeting new neighbors. Please stop and say hello anytime! Feel free to email Leslie with any questions or suggestions at leslie.cleaverwood@greenwayfields.org



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Meyer Boulevard Lane Markings

Last September, a request was made to the City of Kansas City to add proper lane markings (one lane each direction), to West Meyer Blvd between Wornall Road and Ward Pkwy. As a bonus, we have requested the City to consider adding bike lane road markings. We encourage you to reach out to **Wes Minder** wes.minder@kcmo.org and **Bruce Johnson** bruce.johnson@kcmo.org from the City Planning Department to expedite this improvement in Greenway Fields!

Spring is Here

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Now that we're celebrating spring, the importance of brightly colored flowers is worth mentioning. The color attracts bees, birds, such as finches, and insects that will ensure your plants are healthy. This year, we will plant a tri-color of yellow, orange and red flowers in the Greenway Terrace and Meyer Boulevard Entryway and throughout the neighborhood parks. We will be using a variety of different flowers, but they will all be within the stated color range. In general, flowers for early spring include daffodils, jonquils, crocus, sweet peas, cornflower, begonias, supertunia, pansy, geraniums, impatiens, snapdragons, marigold and zinnias. As a green neighborhood, we are friendly to all flora and fauna. Spring is also a good time to plant trees and shrubs. At one time, in the early history of Greenway Fields, every house had a hedge. Usually it was either a privet hedge or boxwood. While we no longer have hedges at every house, they are a good adornment and they certainly add value to the home. As far as trees go, Spring is a very good time to plant trees. Trees do need consistent watering during the spring and summer months of 5–10 gallons of water per week. Spring is also a good time to prepare for summer. Your spring flowers should last until May or June and at this time you can focus on summer flowers such as sunflowers, gladiolas, hydrangea, marigolds, gaillardias, asters, astilbe, black-eyed susan, catmint, coreopsis, dahlias, daylilies, irises, lavender and peonies. One caveat is that a strategic use of marigold will ensure destructive insects don't attack your garden. Most important thing is just to enjoy the beauty of flowers and spring color (after we've had a dismal winter).



Security

2 incidents in 2019 in the Greenway Fields Neighborhood. On January 29th, in the 400 block of Greenway Terrace; an identity theft crime occurred at approximately 10 a.m. On February 3rd, in the 400 block of 62nd St.; items were stolen at about 6 p.m. The continued support of off duty patrols by the KCPD have proven to be very successful and resulted in very minimal crime in our neighborhood. Be vigilant and continue to lock all doors and vehicles 24/7!



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