

Greenway Fields

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President's Letter October 2009

As we approach our final newsletter of the year, I am very proud of our neighborhood. From the volunteers who help take care of our three islands, to the Block Captains who help keep communications current among neighbors, and to the advertisers who support our newsletter—thank you! We live in an extraordinary community.

Here are several updates as we close out

the year. Our petition for the Community Improvement District (CID) was presented to the City Council and the Mayor on October 15th. By unanimous vote, the petition was approved. This is very exciting for our neighborhood and thank you to the Board and neighborhood volunteers for all of your hard work. While the CID will be in effect for the remainder of this calendar year (2009), we missed the annual tax assessment that is mailed in late fall of 2009. Consequently, for 2010, all billings will be as they have been in previous years. In November 2010, the CID assessment will be a separate line item on your county bill for our 2011 calendar year.

The Leaf and Brush pick-up schedule for two free separate curbside pick-ups is Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 if Friday is your trash day, and Nov. 13 and Dec. 10 if Thursday is your trash day. For each pick-up date, the city will collect 20 bags of leaf and brush per household. Use paper bags, and the bags must be out by 7 a.m. the day of pick-up. Read the related article on the next page for more details.

If you would like to be more involved with your neighborhood association, you may want to become a Board Member. Please call me to learn more about the

GREENWAY FIELDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

JANUARY 9, 2010

8:30-10:30 AM

AT THE BROOKSIDER

BREAKFAST SERVED AT 9AM

SCHEDULED AGENDA POINTS

BOARD ELECTIONS

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Greenway Fields Annual Holiday Gathering



Sunday, December 6, 2009

5-7 p.m.



At the lovely home of

Linda Vogel

635 West Meyer Boulevard



RSVP by December 2

barbara.martin@greenwayfields.org
or call Barbara Martin at

(816) 333-4890

**Neighborhood
Lights
Contest
.....
Judging
on
Sunday,
December
13th**



commitment and/or to have your name added to the ballot. The deadline is December 31, and elections will be held at the Annual Meeting (January 9, 2010.)

The Holiday Party is Sunday, December 6th at Linda Vogel's residence, 635 W. Meyer Blvd., from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. We are appreciative to Linda Vogel for welcoming all us to her home. Please stop by and visit with neighbors and board members. We look forward to seeing you.

Gina Valentino

Gina

Monkey Island Mess

Let's face it, Greenway Fields is a dog friendly neighborhood...and we want to keep it that way! But sadly, in the last few months, some animal owners have been leaving pet waste behind at Monkey Island. Please be a good neighbor—clean up after your dogs and leave our islands and park beautiful for everyone to enjoy.



HOMES OF THE MONTH

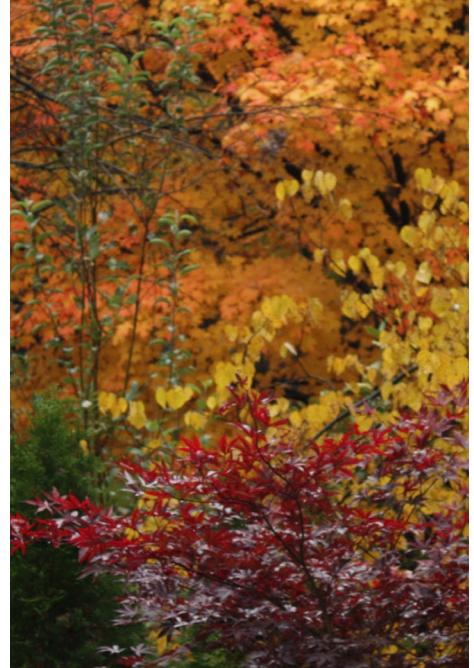


September
Dave Thompson
6413 Pennsylvania
.....

Facing Monkey Island,
Mr. Thompson's gingerbread
home is a gem
in the neighborhood.



October
Beth & Greg Patterson
449 W 62nd Terrace
.....
With a colorful curbside
garden, the Patterson's touch
makes their block sing



Fall Leaf and Brush Collection Begins

The City of Kansas City, Mo., Public Works Department's fall leaf and brush curbside collection is to begin with collections in our neighborhood as follows:

NORTH OF 63RD ST.
November 6 & December 4

SOUTH OF 63RD ST.
November 13 & December 10

Collection requirements:

- Paper sacks and small bundles of brush must be at the curb by 7 a.m.
- No plastic bags
- Only masking tape may be used to seal paper lawn sacks
- Brush must be bundled not exceeding 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter
- Use twine for bundles, no wire
- Sacks and bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds each
- No more than 20 sacks/bundles per residence
- No grass clippings, no trash
- If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic.

Residents may also use the City's two leaf and brush drop-off sites, which are open every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. through Jan. 15, 2007. The sites are at 4707 Deramus Ave., and south of Interstate 470 on Raytown Road.

For more information about the leaf and brush collection program, residents may call the 3-1-1 Action Center (City Manager's Office), (816) 513-1313 or 311.

No Soliciting! Revisited

While board members were going door-to-door to talk to neighbors about the CID, we noticed very few homes had a "No Solicitation" sign posted. Here is an excerpt of a previously published newsletter article to serve a reminder of the importance of a "No Solicitation" sign.

While many door-to-door representatives may be selling legitimate services, many are simply casing the neighborhood and its houses for future burglaries. Evidently one group, posing as cable company technicians, rang doorbells and announced to the homeowners "You'll see us in the neighborhood working in the backyards replacing cable lines. We just didn't want you to be alarmed if you saw a strange person in your neighbor's yard." That announcement proved to be an attempt to clear the way for a series of midday, back-door burglaries in the neighborhood.

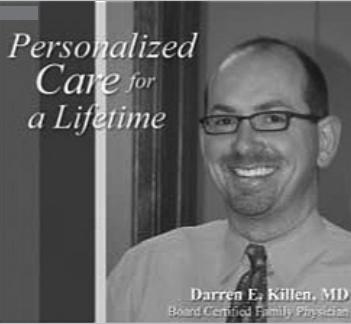
The best defense against these practices is a community of well-informed neighbors who report any and all suspicious offers or

activity to the police. If we, as organized homeowners, can keep the information about these scams flowing, we'll make our neighborhoods much less attractive to the scammers.

A suggestion from Sergeant Terry Finn was published in the HACCD newsletter. He recommended that people purchase a small 'No Soliciting' sign (his is 2 in x 8 in) and place it on their front door. The signs can be purchased at any hardware store. According to the ordinance [Kansas City Sec 50-8.5 (c 5)], the salesperson does not have to admit he/she saw the sign, they just have to solicit where a sign is posted, to be in violation. Sgt. Finn believes that if enough people post these signs, and are willing to prosecute violators, our neighborhood will be less desirable for such solicitations. Also, he keeps a copy of the ordinance handy. Some homes may want to alert the neighborhood children who participate in various fund-raising quests, to let the children know that they indeed are welcome.



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Sunday School.....9:30am

Additional Sunday Worship Services

Church of Faith International.....1:00pm
Hispanic Bible Fellows.....6:30pm

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ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, November 7
51st and Oak
Across from the UMKC
Admissions Office
9 am – 1 pm

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computer, television,
and other electronics.**

Open to the Public

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City Council Hearing for GFNCID

At the Greenway Fields Neighborhood Community Improvement District hearing on October 15, 2009, at City Hall, we heard many complimentary comments from Council Members and the Mayor. Before voting unanimously to pass the proposal, other council members spoke enthusiastically, noting that local communities are looking for “creative and positive tools” to answer the problem of collecting the dues which are needed to maintain and provide services to our neighborhoods.

Councilman John Sharp said he was amazed at how low our GFHA dues were set, and that the application of a CID to acquire necessary funds was likely to be an appealing solution for other neighborhoods in a similar situation to Greenway Fields.

Jan Marcason spoke to the principal of “fairness and equity” which should, but doesn’t always exist in the financial

support of a neighborhood, and which could be enabled by the GFNCID creation. She noted that the projected amount of less than \$11 a month was “remarkably affordable.” Jan also recognized our strong volunteer base to maintain the three islands including the park.

Councilwoman Cindy Circo mentioned how a CID was a wonderful way to keep rental property owners, absentee owners and foreclosed property owners paying their fair share for the upkeep of neighborhoods. She is hoping other neighborhoods will also look at the CID as a solution.

Mayor Funkhouser commented on the creative use of the CID tool to maintain neighborhoods and said that other homes associations could use this type of funding mechanism in the future.

Special thanks to our council members Jan Marcason and Beth Gottstein for sponsoring the CID.

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