

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Marathon Meeting

Saturday, December 5th at Country Club Christian Church, a meeting was held to discuss the Kansas City Marathon as it impacts our neighborhood. Representing the Kansas City Sports Commission was Sarah Dee, the event coordinator. In addition, David Steffano and Jenny Chronister attended as they issue the city's permit for the race.

In attendance were people from several surrounding homes associations. A wide variety of questions were fielded. Many people feel they are completely surrounded by the race course and find it difficult to get out if they need to. Others complained that the police and volunteers were not as helpful as they should have been. Still others thought that Sunday would be a better day for the race.

As a result of the dialog, several viable suggestions were made. It was suggested that course volunteers are assigned to the neighborhood in which they live. Their familiarity of the streets would facilitate better rerouting of those stuck inside the course. A course map should also be provided with a "gate" or two for easier access outside the course. Course monitor captions need to be on bicycles so that they can be more accessible if a situation arises that needs more than a cell phone call to handle it.

Although not every problem was solved, I think those in attendance felt that there was some headway and that the Kansas City Sports Commission wants to address neighborhood concerns as best they can. Thanks to Rev Joe Walker and Randy Irey of Country Club Christian Church for, once again, allowing us to use the church's facilities.



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Sarah Dee

Upcoming Spring Events

Scavenger Saturdays at the Kemper

Every third Saturday of the month there is a family scavenger hunt where children with adults follow clues on this “ART-astic” adventure.

Saturday Story Time at the Barn

Every third Saturday of the month at the John Wornall House a different historical theme will be explored through story telling, games and crafts. For kids ages 3-8. Time: 10am

Big 12 Men's Basketball Championships

March 9th - 12th at the Sprint Center

KC Big 12 Run

The course begins and ends in downtown KC. There are two courses to choose from, a 12k or 5k. Saturday, March 12th at 10am

Folly Kids Series

The Very Hungry Caterpillar & other Eric Carle favorites will be presented. March 10th

Time: 10am, 11:30am

Zootastic Learning Fest

Each second Saturday & Sunday your invited to the zoo to learn about the amazing world of animals. The topic for March 12th & 13th is all about birds. Time: 10am-3pm

44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The theme this year is *Blarney on Broadway*. The parade will head down Broadway from Linwood to 43rd Street. March 17th at 11am

HBA Greater KC Home Show

This 67 year tradition presented by the Home Builder's Association of KC will run from March 18-20 at Bartle Hall.

Paul Mesner Puppets

The Stinky Cheese Man will be presented March 18th - 26th. Performances will be at Mesner Puppet Studio 1006 E. Linwood Blvd.



Good Neighbor Reminders

Please make sure your dues are paid. The yearly notice was sent out at the first of the year but if you have misplaced it, you can contact the Country Club District Homes Association (ha-kc.org) to find out what you owe.

We are also trying to update contact information for our members. Notices are sent from time to time concerning HOA events or city activities that we think you should know about. If you have a new neighbor on your block, please let them know about this service.

Spring is a good time for work on or perhaps, an addition to, your home. If you are considering this, please refer to our neighborhood “Restrictions” which can be found on our website through ha-kc.org. Click on “Missouri Associations” and then “Country Club District” and scroll down to “Restrictions.” Select your block and you will find useful information to include: set-backs, free space required, pergola building lines, outbuildings, etc. These should be reviewed by you and your contractor. If you have any questions, please call the Homes Association of Kansas City offices at 913-385-2440.

Welcome To The CCDHA

Kara & Sam Gregrath
1007 West 59th Terrace

History of the Homes Association of the Country Club District

We in Kansas City are fortunate to have an established tradition of homes associations thanks to the vision and foresight of real estate developer J.C. Nichols. In 1905, when many builders were satisfied with a patchwork approach to residential development, the J.C. Nichols Company pioneered the concept of planned communities. These neighborhoods were not simply cookie-cutter tracts, but rather cohesive neighborhoods with distinctive homes, landscaped streets and boulevards, pedestrian parks, statuary, and fountains. By the 1920s, Kansas City had earned a national reputation as a residential show-place.

Mr. Nichols realized that construction was just the first step; a truly great neighborhood needs continuity as well. So to preserve the quality of the residential districts and to maintain property values, Mr. Nichols founded a network of homes associations. Through deed covenants, the Nichols Company required that homeowners belong to these homes associations.

The first true homeowners association was formed in Mission Hills in 1914. Since then, the area south of Brush Creek, originally known as the Country Club District, has expanded to include dozens of neighborhoods, each with its own homes association.

By the mid-1940s, it became apparent that these associations, while separate and distinct, shared certain objectives and administrative needs. So, once again, the J.C. Nichols Company sponsored the formation of the Homes Association of the Country Club District (HACCD), whose purpose was to consolidate administrative services.

Today the HACCD offices are located in Corinth. Those of us who serve on the various HOA boards all realize how valuable those who work there are to us. In many ways, they are the glue that holds us all together.

Country Club Christian Church

In the upcoming months, you will notice more work going on at CCCC. This time the work will be to the open space just east of the church. This was the area in which heavy equipment was stored during the exterior renovation. Plans have been drawn up for a park-like space in which dogwoods, shrubs and perennials will be planted.

Next to the sidewalk along 61st Street, a rain garden is planned just inside the fence. A doggy waste station will be made for pedestrians using the walk. In addition to another beautiful area in our neighborhood, this will provide needed added play space for those children who attend the pre-school at the church.

Emerald Ash Borer (update)

As many of you may recall, in 2013 we had an article in this newsletter concerning the EAB infestation in Kansas City. Today we are beginning to see many of those trees being cut down. The city took action in 2013 by tagging and treating those trees that appeared to be healthy. Those they deemed unhealthy will have to be eliminated to help prevent the spread of this disease. The city is only responsible for the treating or cutting down trees in the parkways. Those trees on personal property are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Kevin Lapointe, city forester for Kansas City, is a great resource if you are in doubt as to treatment or elimination of an ash tree you may have on your property. Discounts for treatment may be available if several neighbors go together. For more information you may reach Kevin at kevinlapointe@kcmo.org.

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