



The Armour Star

The Newsletter of the Armour Fields Homes Association
Including homes in Armour Fields & Romanelli Gardens

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AFHA Notes

Upcoming Special Events

**AFHA Easter Egg
Hunt**
March 26 11:00 am

(Tentative)
**KCMO Dumpster
Leaf, brush &
Trash**
May 7 8-noon

**All AFHA
Garage Sale**
Saturday June 4

Annual Meeting
June 12 4pm
Romanelli Island



The Holiday Lighting Contest was very difficult to judge this year. Most of the highly decorated blocks really raised their game and we had lots of seriously decorated first timers, making all awards hotly contested.

Congratulations to the winners!

A great idea came from the 800 - 1000 block of 69th Terrace - putting NO PARKING signs on the North side of the street. The 600 block followed suit making the traffic flow much better along both of these beautifully lighted blocks. I know the limos and buses appreciated those efforts.

The Armour Fields Easter Egg Hunt is a great event for kids. Get your children's pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. You should also be aware that the hunt only takes a few minutes so don't be late.

Dumpsters - The most appreciated event – save the date

Security – Package theft remains an issue. Stay alert and be careful. .

The AFHA board is once again working toward the establishment of exterior home guidelines, we will soon have open meetings for your thoughts and comments.

Over the years we have found two repeating problems which could be reduced with better understanding and communication with your neighbors.

First, spring rains can be very heavy and can cause expensive water damage for you and neighbors. Please make sure your gutters are draining onto your own property- any side gutters must drain to front of YOUR house or to back of YOUR house, not onto the neighbor's property this is a city code violation.

Second, fences: good communication with your neighbors is crucial. Don't expect a fence company to know where your property lines are, so always start with a pegged property survey.

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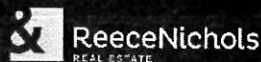
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Welcome to Our New Neighbors!

We welcome the following new neighbors to the Armour Fields Homes Association. Please take a few moments to welcome them to our neighborhood!



David & Katherine Anderson
1019 West 69th Street

Bruce Barrow
609 West 70th Terrace

Stephen & Jennifer Bessenbacher
1030 West 66th Terrace

Brian & Angela Boots
6735 Valley Road

Gregory Gagnon & Jessica Salley
820 West Gregory

Vince & Jessica Ismert
612 West 70th Terrac

Ethan & Molly Lange
660 Romany Road

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1010 West Gregory

James & Carla Liberda
724 West Gregory

Martin & Sarah Loring
812 West 67th Terrace

Brian & Angela Strohm
630 West 69th Street

Milton Yialouris
1018 West 70th Street

Lighting Contest Winners!



Best Block – 800-1000 W 69th Terrace



Most Original – 440 W 70th Terrace



Most Elaborate – 1004 W 69th Terrace

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Lighting Contest Winners



Best Theme – 1012 Romany Rd



Most Elegant – 67th Street

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Parks & Islands – Jane Aylward

Parks and Islands is slow this time of year, so here is info about the space between the sidewalk and curb, commonly called “the parking”.

The city has a right-of-way between the sidewalk and curb on your property, but the property belongs to you, not KCMO. On parks and islands, everything from the roots up belongs to Armour Fields, including statues, urns, fountains, all plantings. If someone walking his dog tells you he and his dog have a right to do whatever on your property or the parks and islands because it is a “right-of-way”, tell him only KCMO has very specific r-o-w privileges, not individuals.

The trees on the parking, however, do belong to the city. If the one on your lot has issues, either call 311 or go to kcmo.org, click on the 311 Center highlight, then click on the Report a problem online highlight, and map of the city will open. Left click on the magnifier tool (looks like a magnifying glass) and use it to scan down to our neighborhood, find your lot and click on it. Fill in and submit the form, and include a photo attachment showing the problem, if possible. 311 will acknowledge your submission and email you when the city action has been completed. They trim, limb up and remove trees at their discretion.


You can also use the 311 form to notify KCMO of other issues, even if they are not on your property.

If:

- the gumballs are piling up--they will send the street cleaner
- the storm drains are clogged--they will send a cleanout crew
- depressions are developing in the street or along the parking--this often indicates a water main or sewer leak. They will investigate and put the spot on their repair list, maybe even make it a priority
- a street sign is down--they replace these really fast
- water is bubbling up in the street--there will often be someone there by the time you are on the way back from running errands.
- a neighbor is draining his pool across your yard or into the street--even on a weekend, they will send someone out to ticket the homeowner

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Parks and Islands - Continued

-if someone puts an advertisement for a business or service on a utility pole--they will remove it

Other good-to-know city info:

-If a limb falls blocking the street--call 911 day or night, they will send a crew asap because it could block a fire truck/EMT crew.

-If someone puts an advertisement, event notice, real estate, political or service company "nuisance sign" on your parking or in your yard, pull it then call me at 816/520-0750 and I will drop off a designated KCMO bag so you can put it out with your trash on Thursday. Nuisance signs are never allowed on parks, parkways, islands, entry walls, the Trolley Trail or within 10' of the curb of any street, KCMO city ordinance 120312, section 48-47. If they want to put them on the house side of your sidewalk, they have to ask you first.

We planted lots of daffodils and tulips last fall and are planning to plant pansies in the urns as soon as they become available. We have ordered white dogwood trees for the beds in Ward Parkway Park, they should arrive in March or April. Armour Fields is beautiful in the spring, we try to make it more so every year.

Thank you for all your question, ideas and suggestions.

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2016: A Year to Stabilize AFHA Finances - Stu Bintner, Treasurer

The final financial figures for calendar 2015 are in, and the Armour Fields Homes Association is in stable financial condition. While there have been some deferred repairs to masonry and other areas, the financial status remains satisfactory—especially if the amount of snow removal remains low. This is particularly good news considering that most residence paid lower dues this year than last. This year the combined total for the base and (then) optional dues were combined and lowered from \$165 to \$155.

On another positive note, about ninety percent of the members have completed their dues payments though the end of the fiscal year, which ends on March 31. (Remember that fiscal year 2017 will begin for AFHA on April 1). **A note of gratitude is extended to those who are current on their obligation.** These funds are vital in maintaining the special nature of our area and its unique place in Kansas City. It is a great place to live, and you help make it so!

Those who have not paid the remainder of the current years dues are reminded to do so before the **end of March.**

If the dues remain unpaid voting privileges at the annual meeting will be revoked.

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