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Grand Landmark Restored

The restoration of the Meyer Columns is complete. The project is the result of two PIAC fund requests from the Neighborhood PIAC funds. The total cost of the project was over \$35,000. Larry Kilgore, Parks & Recreation, directed the project. We have enough money left to plan new landscaping in front of the columns and to place the Greenway Fields plaques on the columns to match those at 63rd and Greenway Terrace. Seven homes associations, the Wornall Baptist Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, The Brookside Merchants Association, and several generous homeowners provided the seed money that was truly instrumental in getting the funds. The columns, erected in the 1930's, are among the original neighborhood markers placed by JC Nichols during the development of the Brookside area. The wrought iron proved to be a huge challenge due to its fragile condition. Take time to enjoy their beauty this summer.



Kathie Allison stands beside the recently restored Meyer Columns with Larry Kilgore of Parks and Recreation.

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President's Letter May 2009

Be sure to attend the Annual GFHA Picnic at Strawn Park on June 7, and the July 4th Popsicle Parade. These are terrific events that take place at this time of year in our neighborhood. Please try to join us. You'll meet other wonderful neighbors and it's really are a lot of fun and a great way to feel part of your neighborhood.

As you are aware, your Board of Directors has been working diligently to prepare and distribute the proposal and petition for the GFNCID (Greenway Fields Neighborhood Community Improvement District.) There is widespread support and enthusiasm from our residents. Once a majority of signatures is collected, the petition will be submitted to the City. Thank you to those of you who've returned signed and notarized signature pages, or have been able to attend information or signing events. Thank you to Jack Dunbar and Jane Wolf, both notaries, for giving their time to this project, and to others who have offered to help as we move forward.

If you still need to return signature pages, please note the upcoming signing events listed on the calendar. Of course, you can get them notarized at a bank or the Brookside Neighborhood Office and then mail or drop them off to one of your board members.

Undecided? Please contact me, or another board member, should you like clarification about any aspect of the petition. Also, if you would like to host a Q&A event with some of your neighbors or a signing event, Board members and a notary will gladly attend. Give any one of us a call.

Lastly, we are indebted to past-president Kathie Allison for her tireless and persistent efforts to secure public funding for the restoration of the Meyer Boulevard Columns. They look wonderful!

All the best for 2009!
Gina Valentino

Annual Greenway Fields Picnic



Strawn Park
63rd Street and Valley Road
Sunday, June 7th, 2009
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Come one! Come all!
Fire engine visit

Inflatable 'bounce-and-slide' for U7's
Hamburgers, hotdogs & soft drinks provided
Plates, cups & utensils provided

What Can I bring?

Please bring either a side-dish or dessert to share
BYO wine/beer, chairs & picnic blankets

RSVP to barbara.martin@greenwayfields.org or call
Barbara Martin at 333-4890 by June 5th

Save the Date

Sunday, May 17th
CID Information & Signing Event
Notary Available 2-4pm
626 W. 62nd Street
Home of Brian & Flo Casey

Monday, May 18
CID Information & Signing Event
Notary Available 5-7pm
449 West 62nd Terrace
Home of Beth & Craig Patterson

Sunday, June 7th
Annual Picnic at Strawn Park
5-7 pm
Fire Truck Arrival at 6pm!

July 4th
Annual Popsicle Parade
10 am
Parade starts in front of
635 W Meyer Blvd
Home of Linda Vogel

August 29th
**Household Hazardous Waste
Collection Event**
Hale Cook School (73rd & Penn)
details in August newsletter

LETTERS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Dear Neighbors,

Having worked in economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and urban planning for over fifteen years, I have a strong understanding of CID, and other solutions used to improve city centers, communities, and residential neighborhoods throughout the country. I also worked for the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, have developed many city and neighborhood redevelopment plans, and helped analyze and initiate the CID for Westport, Downtown and the River Market. CID's are the most powerful public-private partnerships available today, and

(Letter continued from page 1) have successfully been used around the country. CID's can be a very good tool for financing maintenance, and improving services and amenities in areas that would like more benefits than the taxing jurisdiction is willing to, or can, provide. CID's improve security, neighborhood conditions, and consequently, property values. They allow property owners to collect funds from all residents, and to determine how the funds are spent in their area. In this case, it appears that the GFNCID wants to ensure that all who benefit from the additional services pay their fair share. The key to CID's is that they are self-governed and the board, elected by the property owners, decides how the assessment is allocated—not the City.

Frankly, I do not see any "cons" to a CID, only benefits. Empowerment at the grass roots (neighborhood) level will achieve the results we all desire living in the Brookside area; the days of waiting on the City to provide additional services are long gone.

Finally, I know Charles Renner, the attorney hired to form the GFNCID, and can attest that he is a "stand-up guy", definitely not one of the "old school" development attorneys that attempted to bleed this city dry over the past ten years with promises of arenas, stadiums, and aquariums.

Respectfully,
Kelley Hrabe
416 W. 62nd Street

Greenway Fields Security

Our security patrol is comprised of off-duty police riding in marked police cars, giving Greenway Fields a visible police presence. With the anticipated approval of the Greenway Fields Neighborhood Community Improvement District Petition, each residence in Greenway Fields would contribute \$4.00 (four dollars) a month for approximately 96 hours of dedicated patrol time, which is shared between the three homes associations of Greenway Fields, Romanelli West, and Stratford Gardens. The patrol varies by day, time and seasonality. As an insight from a prior schedule, 57% of the time was evening through overnight.

As in 2008, the security patrol will be invited as guests to the Greenway Fields



HOME OF THE MONTH
Carol & Barry Katzer
(with granddaughter, Chloe)
601 W. 61st Terrace
Their lovely porch is surrounded by a gorgeous springtime garden, featuring eye-catching azaleas and a huge, fragrant lilac.

Recycling Update

Our neighborhood strongly participates in the city's curbside recycling program, so it was very heartening to hear that weekly pickup of recyclables will continue. Deffenbaugh will pick-up an unlimited amount of recyclables from each home. In addition to the blue recycling bin we all have, homeowners can use their own containers, including trash barrels, should they have more materials than will fit in the blue bin. These containers need to be well marked with "RECYCLING" or the universal recycling symbol, and should be set out next to the blue bin.

Other good news is more items can now be added to our blue bins. The additional recyclables are: *Cardboard egg cartons, clean pizza boxes, shredded paper placed inside paper bags and labeled as shredded paper, and plastics #1 - #7.*

A list of all materials accepted in the city's recycling program is found at www.kcmo.org/trash.

Homes Association Picnic on June 7. Last year, you were able to visit with some of the patrol. In addition, Brent Parsons, the head of the patrol, addressed a gathering of the Board and Block Captains at Joe Groebel's home last May, which proved very informative. We are considering holding a security discussion evening, open to all residents, at some point in the future. Would you be interested in attending such an event, and what aspects you would like covered? Please let us know by emailing board@greenwayfields.org or calling a board member.

Widely reported in the news lately, a cadre of burglars responsible for many household burglaries in our area and adjoining neighborhoods was caught by the police.

No Call List for Cell Phones

While not a neighborhood issue, we want to pass along a tip that may help your peace of mind by protecting you from telemarketers. Earlier this year, cell phone numbers became publicly available to companies, so it may not be long before your dinner is interrupted by an unwanted call. The Federal "do not call list" has previously applied only to "land-line" telephones and has now been extended to cell phones. It takes only a minute to opt in and doing so blocks your number for five years. However, you must call from the cell phone number that you want to have blocked. To opt in, call the Federal Trade Commission's national No Call List, 888-382-1222.

Security Alarm Fee Increase

The Board of Police Commissioners recently approved a fee increase for alarm renewals. Alarm renewal fees are now \$40 per alarm beginning May 1, 2009. The increase will apply to both residential and business alarm users. The amount an alarm permit holder pays for a renewal fee at the end of their permit is based upon the number of false alarm calls that were made to the address. Residential users are still allowed two free alarms during their permit year; and will only be billed for up to three false alarms per permit year for a maximum of \$120. The fee for new alarm permits has not changed, it is still a \$45 one-time fee.

To minimize the number of false alarm dispatches, KCPD's Private Alarm Section urges all alarm users to ensure the reliability of their alarm systems by properly training everyone who uses the alarm and schedule routine maintenance of the system.

If any person should have a question pertaining to alarm permits or renewal fees they should call the Private Alarm Office at 889-1493, Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm, or check online at www.kcpd.org under the Alarm Permit section.

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