

Greenway Fields

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**Celebrating Our
Unique Community**

**HOME OF THE
MONTH June 2010**

**Bob & Valerie
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NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

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Save the Date



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010
Greenway Fields Annual
Holiday Gathering**

5-7 p.m.

**At the home
of Sam & Julie Meers
601 W. 63rd Street**

President's Letter, August 2010

June and July were not good months for many neighbors because of issues with the City's sewers/water mains. The damage incurred by residents was financial and emotional, and compounded by the multiple instances of water/sewer infiltration. The residents affected called 311 to report the problem. One resident had a sink hole, another neighbor with 12" of unrecognizable, smelly ick in the basement on 3 separate occasions. Initiated by residents, a meeting was scheduled for August 3rd with City Council persons and Water Department representatives. On a related note, check with your household insurance provider regarding coverage for sewer water damage/back-up drain damage.

The new school year is almost here and Southwest High School (located at the southeast corner of our Homes Association at 65th and Wornall) will be home to over 1,000 students this fall. There has been a flurry of preparation and a grass-roots volunteering of neighbors from surrounding homes associations, nearby merchants, churches, school board members, city officials and families of students. All have been working together to ensure a smooth and safe transition: from parking and transportation committees to mentoring and welcoming committees. There are over 100 volunteers. Personally, I am on two of the eight committees and I have been impressed with the level of commitment and willingness to get things done.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our Homes Association website is under construction. Board member Ryan Felton is

leading the committee. Our goal is to have the site launched by the end of the year and have real-time updates to the home page.

Our security patrol officers want to remind all of us to be a "harder target" for crime. This means keeping garage doors closed, porch lights on at night, installing motion detector lighting, trimming back hedges/shrubs around windows, and not leaving valuables in your car. I recently heard about an important crime stopping situation. Because a resident let his neighbors know that he was out of town, the attentive neighbors noticed suspicious persons at the house and called 911. Sure enough, a crime

was prevented. Be neighborly!

Please keep your Block Captain updated with your email and phone number(s). Block Captains serve an important role and they help keep all of us connected.

Enjoy the summer.

**Gina Valentino
(816) 444-5439**

Neighbor's Perspective: Recent Sewer Issues

As most of you know, this has been the summer to forget—a short Spring, a wet July, and extreme heat in August.

On the days of June 14, July 11, and July 19 Kansas City residents experienced heavy rains. Over twenty Greenway Fields residents also experienced raw sewage back-up in their basements. If you walk outside I'm sure you have noticed the City's Water Department trucks, as they have become a permanent fixture along Pennsylvania and Valley Streets.

After many complaints from Greenway Fields residents, a meeting was set-up with Kansas City Water Department, Jan Marcason and Beth Gottstein, our 4th District Council people and Greenway Fields residents. All parties involved were allowed to express their opinions and frustrations. Communication lines between the Water Department and Greenway Field residents have become more transparent and open. Our 4th District council people are keeping the Greenway Fields residents informed as to the City's plans for replacing the old tile sewer pipes in phase 3B.

We all realize that we are dealing with 80 year old pipes, but basic city services are also expected. More information will be forthcoming in upcoming newsletters.

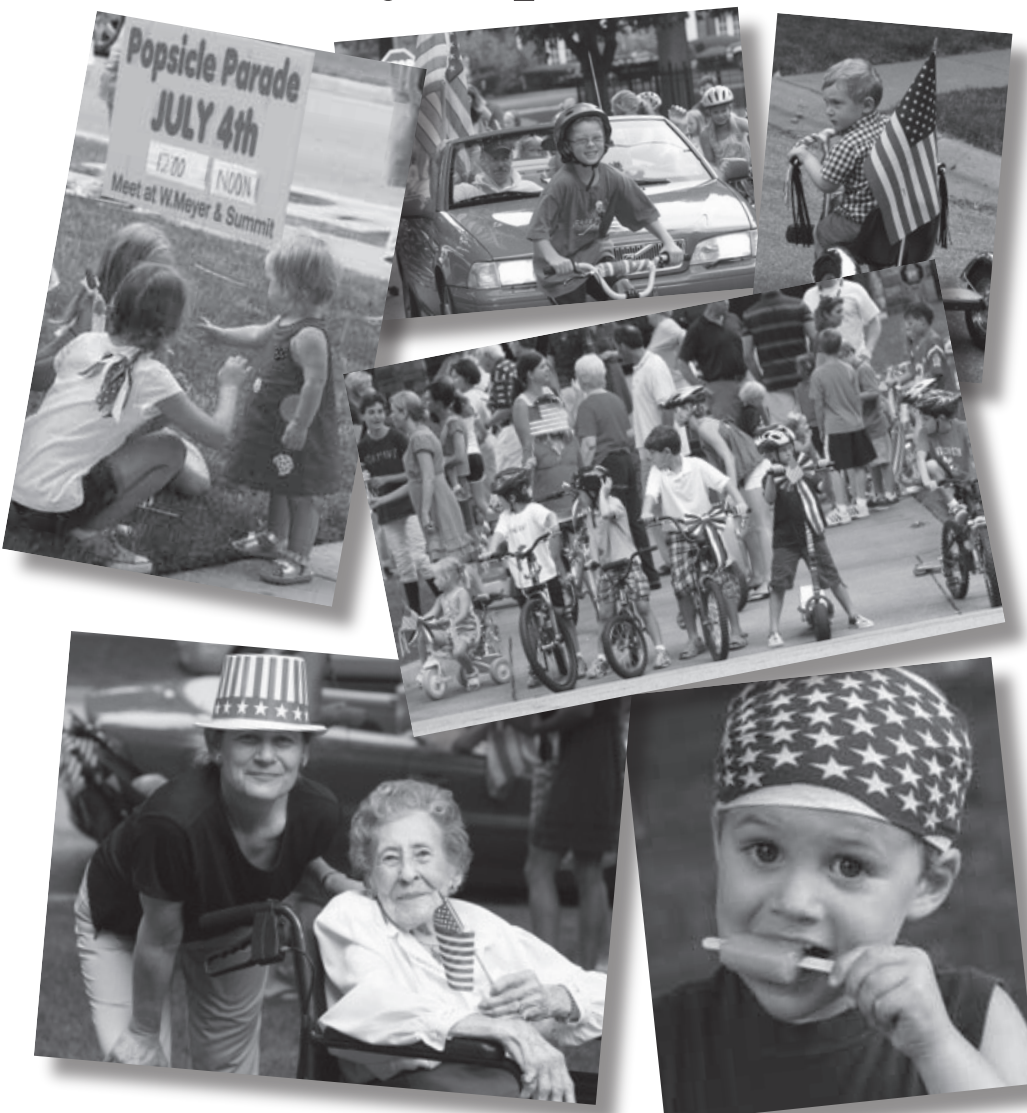
**Tom O'Connor, Block Captain for 600 block of Greenway Terrace
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NEIGHBORHOOD SCRAPBOOK

Summer Picnic



4th of July Popsicle Parade



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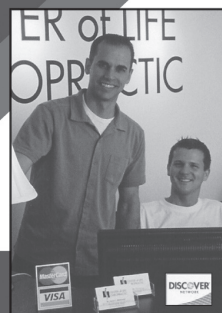
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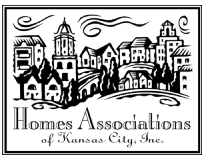
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HOMES OF THE MONTH July and August 2010

**Brian Hedgpeth & Clem Helmstetter 6430 Wornall Terrace
Al & Sandra Mauro 6415 Jefferson Street (right)**

If you are a future recipient, please call or email Wendy or Barbara with the news. We would like to keep track of the sign and photograph your home for the quarterly newsletter.

Contact Your Block Captain!

The best way to stay connected to important neighborhood issues is through your Block Captain. The Board had a meeting with Block Captains last week to provide updates, strengthen communication, and learn about concerns. If you don't know who your Block Captain is, ask board member Wendy Trainor.

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