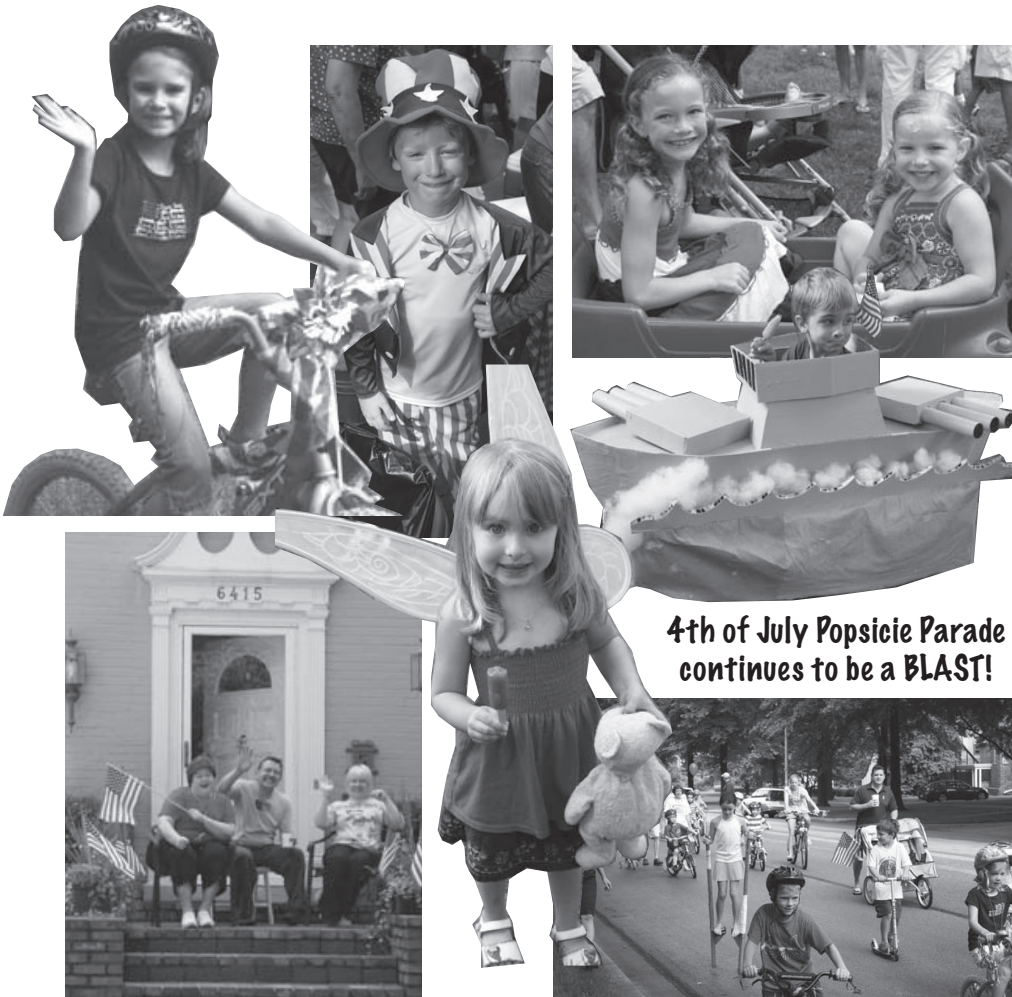


Greenway Fields

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4th of July Popsicle Parade continues to be a BLAST!

President's Letter Fall 2009

We've had a fun summer! The Annual Popsicle Parade, which has begun in front of Linda Vogel's home on the corner of Meyer and Summit for many years, proved as popular as ever. Linda worked with our local market, Cosentino's, for a donation of 350 popsicles. Our Greenway Fields Neighborhood also hosted the Annual Picnic at Strawn Park (corner of 63rd and Valley) complete with a bouncy jumper for kids (special thanks to neighbor Anne Kisner, and 'The Gag Bag' for providing this) and visits by the big fire truck as well as police officers who are part of our security patrol. The next neighborhood event will be the Holiday Party in early December.

The Community Improvement District (CID) petition has been submitted to the city. Nearly 60% signatures were gathered (statute is 51%) and the next step will be a hearing. The city will send out notices to residents about the hearing. Thank you for your support and if anyone has any questions about the CID, information is on the website. If you're in support of this important initiative and have not yet submitted your signature, or you are new to the neighborhood, please contact me or any other Board Member.

Enjoy the fall and hope to see you at the next neighborhood event.

Gina Valentino

Neighborhood Events



Neighbors' Holiday Party
Sunday, December 6th

4th Annual Lights Contest
Judging
Sunday, December 13th

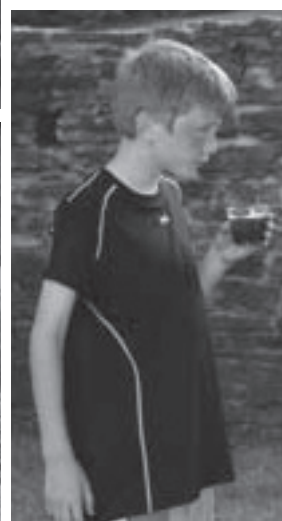
Annual GFHA
General Meeting
Saturday, January 9, 2010

HOME OF THE MONTH



Thomas Tupper
448 W. 61st Terrace

Long time Greenway Fields resident, Mr. Thomas Tupper of 448 west 61st Terrace, stands proudly by the sign which he was surprised to find one summer evening when mowing his lawn. Tom also has a wonderful patio garden to the rear of his house, of which he is particularly fond. Tom has lived in this home for over forty years.



Annual Picnic at Strawn Park

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A Tradition of Neighborhoods

The Greater Kansas City area has a proud tradition of neighborhoods and a strong network of homes associations to protect that legacy. Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC) is an alliance of 47 homeowners associations. HAKC includes associations on both sides of State Line.

Some people call homes associations the most representative and responsive

PODS Past Their Prime

PODS (Portable On-Demand Storage units) are driveway-sized metal boxes that are used mainly for load-it-yourself movers and for storage during renovation projects. Sometimes they store tools and equipment; sometimes they store the contents of the room under renovation, or attic overflow. Either way, they're set on the driveway or sometimes on the street in front of the house.

The problem seems to be that while PODS are meant to be temporary, some are over-staying their welcome in the neighborhood. According to neighbors' reports, some PODS have been left in place for well over a year.

It's a relatively new phenomenon

and most cities and towns in the metro area haven't yet included PODS in the local codes. A search of websites and a telephone survey of codes offices revealed that Leawood is the only municipality that has specific PODS restrictions. Leawood regulates the placement on PODS (off-street) and reinforces the temporary nature of POD storage by limiting the placement to no more than thirty days.

Other towns indicated that "the same rules that apply to dumpsters, apply to PODS," but that seems to be an assumption, not a regulation.

The growing popularity of PODS, their tendency to become just a little too convenient and the annoyance factor for

neighbors when PODS become semi-permanent fixtures, makes this a worthy issue for the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC).

On behalf of the homeowners, the HAKC staff has contacted all municipalities that include HAKC neighborhoods, expressing concern and asking for specific regulations.

If you notice a PODS unit that is staying too long in your neighborhood, please contact the HAKC office at (913) 385-2440. They will notify the homeowner about the complaint and send a copy of that letter to the city to reinforce HAKC's observation that prolonged PODS are becoming a nuisance.

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 form of democracy found in America today. Residents of a neighborhood freely elect neighbors to serve on the Board of Directors of the neighborhood. Numerous other owners or residents serve on committees or help with special tasks as they arise. Board members and committee members are volunteer leaders who meet regularly to discuss pertinent details about running their neighborhood.

Professionals at HAKC assist the unpaid volunteers that comprise homes association boards. HAKC is a not-for-profit entity that was created in 1944 to handle the full-time accounting and administrative requirements of member homes associations.

For over sixty years, Homes Associations of the Country Club District (HACCD) has provided management services for area home associations. In 2009, HACCD changed its name to Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC) to better reflect its involvement with homes associations throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

Effective June 1, 2009, the HAKC office has moved to Prairie Village, Kansas. Please note a new mailing address:

**Homes Associations
 of Kansas City**
 4200 Somerset Drive,
 Suite 216
 Prairie Village, KS 66208

If you have any questions please call (913) 385-2440.


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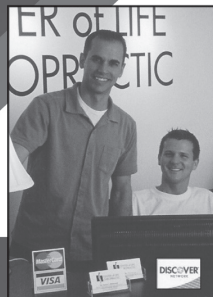
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August Security Update

As many of you may recall, our neighborhood experienced a crime spree earlier this year. Fortunately, the primary suspect was apprehended. A bond hearing at the end of May, which resulted in bail being denied, was attended by many local residents from Greenway Fields and adjacent homes associations. Several neighborhood leaders, including your GFHA President, Gina Valentino, were given the opportunity to voice their concerns about area crime and lenient treatment of these criminals. Since then, our neighborhood has seen a significant decrease in crime.

Officer Brent Parsons, head of our KCPD Security Patrol, has provided some further perspectives on local criminal activity. He met with the Metro Patrol Community Interaction Officer and both agree that the criminal element is moving east. They feel this is a direct result of the Metro Task Force, the officers working for neighborhood associations in a pro-active

patrol, and each of our individual efforts in our homes association.

Officer Parsons wants us to be vigilant in helping us become harder targets. He stresses that we must remove items in plain site, lock doors and keep garages closed.

Your Board encourages you to contact your block captain to ensure you are receiving updates, messages concerning our neighborhood and to feel connected with your block. Greenway Fields block captains are listed on the HAKC website, *see link below.*

www.ha-kc.org

> Missouri Associations

> Greenway Fields

> Board Roster (lower left menu)

Or send your details to any of the board members (*listed at right*) and we will pass them to your appropriate block captain.

One of the best, pro-active efforts is to be neighborly—talking with neighbors, helping with mail, newspapers and trash, and paying attention when dogs are barking. What would Andy Griffith do?

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