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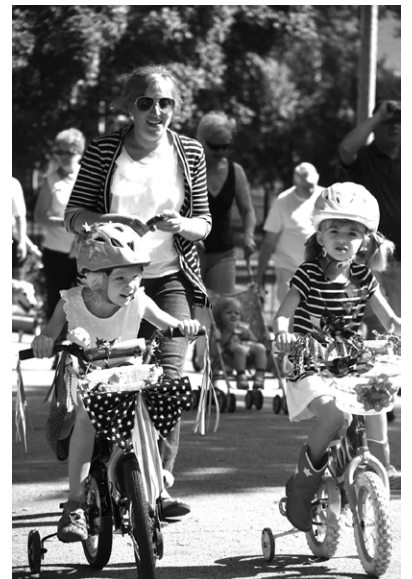
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GFHA Existing Tree Survey 2013

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President's Letter

The past few months in the neighborhood have been busy with the Tree Census, Brookside Art Fair, Neighborhood Yard Sale, and Annual Picnic featuring Jack Stack BBQ. It was good to see so many neighbors socializing and enjoying these events. The highlight of the summer was the Annual Popsicle Parade, which is a favorite for the kids from many neighboring homes associations. Although unable to attend this year for the first time, Elsie Morgan was honored as founder of this 60-year-old tradition. A very special thank you to Consentino's Brookside Market for providing the popsicles for everyone! Make sure to stop by and thank the market for their support when you shop.

Many residents have noticed the updated landscaping at the Meyer Columns which features drought tolerant planting and plants native to the region. Thank you to those neighbors who volunteered a few weekends to make this happen.

In addition, a major construction project by the City of KCMO—*Brookside Watershed Area Storm and Sanitary Sewer Improvements*—is underway throughout our neighborhood. One of the areas affected is on the northeast corner of Strawn Park, at Valley Road near 63rd Street. This project is scheduled to last through the end of October. I have spoken with the contractors directly and they will be replanting grass and restoring the park near the end of construction. To that note, our plans to update the mulch under the playset this year have been put on hold until the construction is complete so that dirt and dust does not end up in the new rubber mulch.

One last note, please see the article on the Tree Census inside. Since we were awarded PIAC funding the City Forestry Department will be pruning and planting trees this coming fall in the Greenway Fields neighborhood along the street easement. The article is a brief outline and our website will have the full details with a map, as well.

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Exceptional Home

To recognize houses in Greenway Fields that are particularly beautiful—due to their architecture and landscape design—the GFHA has created an Exceptional Home Award.

“Greenway Fields is a beautiful neighborhood, with tree-lined streets, spacious properties, and generous green space,” said Scott Kaiser, a member of the GFHA board. “Much of the richness and beauty of Greenway Fields comes from its houses—something we’d like to recognize with the Exceptional Home Award.”

The *Exceptional Home Award* replaces the *Home-of-the-Month Award*. Four times a year, the GFHA board will select a residence to receive the Exceptional Home award. A sign will be displayed in the yard and pictures of the house, including a picture from the 1940 tax survey, will be featured in the GFHA newsletter, website, and Facebook page.

For more information, check out www.greenwayfields.org/about/exceptional-homes



415 Meyer Blvd

Tree Census Report

A special thank you to all who came out in spite of the rain for the April 27th Arbor Day event. A block-by-block census of the number, size, and species of our Greenway Fields urban forest was completed. The census revealed that while our diversity of trees is excellent, the number of trees in our tree lawn (the space between the sidewalk and the curb) is low. In an older neighborhood such as ours, the expected number of trees per home is two or more, with a minimum of 15 feet between trees for an ideal tree canopy. Greenway Fields, with just over 340 homes, would ideally have a tree count of 650–700. Our census found 374 trees with an average planting distance of 37 feet.

Our neighborhood goal is to plant 200 new trees this November to restore tree density. Greenway Fields has received PIAC funding to cover the cost to the city of purchase and planting of these new trees. The tree committee of Greenway

Fields will provide the city with its recommendation for the types and locations of the new trees. A full report of the Tree Census as well as a visual of the results of the tree census is available now on our website at www.greenwayfields.org, which will allow you to see your block and its tree canopy today and the proposed plantings in the fall, as that information is available.

In addition, Greenway Fields Homes Association’s efforts to protect its ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer resulted in recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation, and donated treatment of the ash trees in our tree lawn from ArborJet and Urban Tree Specialists of Kansas City.

Again, thank you to all of you who have been active with the tree committee and/or came out to help with the tree census. Your efforts will result in a much healthier tree forest for our neighborhood.



Green Laundry

In Greenway Fields, we can pat ourselves on the back for naturally reducing our effect on the environment—we live in a community where we take advantage of existing infrastructure, connectivity, and walkability, and we have houses that can divide their built material impact on the environment by decades, not just years. But there is always a little more we can do—this Go Green blurb might inspire you to make a greener change.

Have you thought about switching to mostly cold water washing for your laundry? Research has found that using hot water for a load of laundry has the same environmental impact as driving nine miles in a car. While that might not seem like a lot, multiply that times the number of loads of laundry you do in a month, and it adds up quickly. Not only will washing the majority of your clothes in cold water save you money on energy bills, it will also be less harsh on your clothes—making them last longer.



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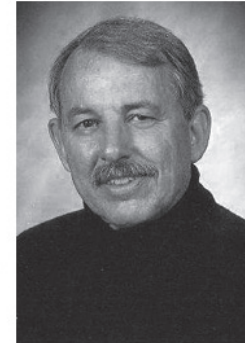
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