

Greenway Fields

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Most Elaborate: 400 West 63rd St



Best in Show: 409 West 62nd St



Most Classic: 641 West Meyer Blvd



Most Elegant: 644 West 61st Ter

President's Letter

Happy New Year, Neighbors! I hope you are all well and looking forward to this next year in Greenway Fields as much as I am. First, I would like to thank David Slawson and Lee Johnson for hosting 2014's annual holiday party. It was a rousing success, and we all enjoyed meeting new neighbors and catching up with old friends.

Our next event is the Greenway Fields Homes Association Annual meeting on Saturday, February 7th at **Charlie Hooper's Brookside Bar & Grille**. Complimentary breakfast starts at 8:30, and the meeting starts at 9:00. The Board will report on our efforts over the past year, present financial information, and hold elections to the Board. See the *Call for Volunteers* inside this newsletter to learn about being a part of the Board. The annual meeting is the place to gain a better understanding of how the Homes Association benefits you, as well as visit with your neighbors, so we hope you will attend. (Please RSVP for breakfast to: board@greenwayfields.org).

Our neighborhood looked beautiful during the holidays. Congratulations to all the winners of our annual holiday lighting contest, especially the 400 block of Pennsylvania who showed tremendous coordination in ordaining their tree-lined block with lights and wreaths. This neighborliness is what makes living in Greenway Fields such a pleasure.

Of course, the lights would have looked picturesque under blankets of snow, but I will be happy to report at the annual meeting that this year's light snowfall has been easy on the GFHA budget (knock on wood). I hope to see you all there!

Neil

Upcoming Events



GFHA Annual Meeting

Sat, Feb 7

Hot Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Meeting Begins at 9:00 AM

Charlie Hooper's Bar & Grille

12 W 63rd St



35th Annual Brookside

St. Patrick's Day

Warm Up Parade

Sat, Mar 14, 2-3 PM

Brookside Blvd & 63rd St

Bring your family and friends to

one of the largest St. Patrick's

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Holiday Light Awards

Many of the award winners are featured here throughout, but two that we could not include are:

Most Colorful

6411 Summit St

Best Block

6400 block of Pennsylvania Ave



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Won't You Be My Neighbor?

BY DAVID SLAWSON

Robert Frost said, "Good fences make good neighbors." As a community, we get along better with our neighbors when we have appropriate boundaries. Times have changed, but the need for good neighbors remains the same. How to be a good neighbor? Here are some suggestions you might not have thought of.

1. When you are out in the yard and people pass by, say hello. You might just make a new friend.
2. Keep the noise level at an appropriate volume. And when you're planning a party, let your neighbors know—and even better, consider inviting them.
3. Close your garage door.
4. Barking dogs kill even the best relationships. Don't let Fido ruin the neighborhood atmosphere.
5. Maintain your yard. Minimally, mow

it, trim the shrubs and pick up trash. If you have a neighbor who is good with plants, ask for advice on what types might work in your yard.

6. Be mindful when you install your security lights so they don't shine into your neighbor's window. A watchful and friendly neighbor is worth more than any security light you can buy.
7. Be a good driver in your neighborhood and make sure your children who are driving now do the same.
8. If you borrow something, return it.
9. Do a little something extra for a neighbor in need. If you own a snow blower and your neighbor doesn't, go ahead and clear the sidewalk next to you. If your neighbor has an injury or illness, offer to mow his lawn.

10. Volunteer to pick up the newspaper or store mail for your vacationing neighbor. You might even get a cool t-shirt from wherever they went!

11. Exchange cell phone numbers with your neighbors. You don't have to be best buds but it is nice to have a number for emergencies.

12. And most importantly, talk to your neighbor when there is an issue. The entire block shouldn't know about it, but your neighbor should. Keep it non-confrontational and give them an opportunity to apologize or explain. So, in a nutshell, let's all follow the Golden Rule. Treat your neighbors as you would like them to treat you. A peaceful neighborhood is a happy neighborhood. And who couldn't use a little more happiness today?



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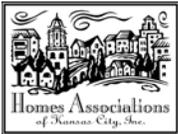


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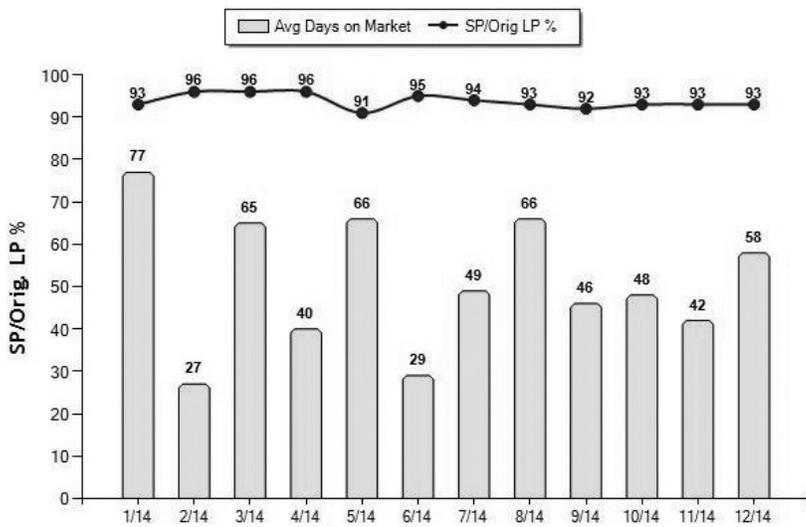
When you are looking for something new to do, remember that you can keep it local. **Brooksidekc.org** is the official site for Brookside Merchants and has a list of Brookside shops, restaurants, and services. While visiting the site, you can also click on “News” to see the latest issue of *The Link*, a publication for Waldo, Southtown and Brookside, printed by Research Medical Center, to see what is happening in our area.

BY JEANETTE LEPIQUE

You can once again satisfy your sweet tooth with **Baskin-Robbins 31 Ice Cream Store/Topsy’s**, which relocated to a newly renovated space at 101 W. 63rd Street, next door to **Brookside Party Warehouse**. When the big game is on, stay in the neighborhood and watch with your friends at your favorite place. **The Brooksider Bar & Grill** (6330 Brookside Plaza) has re-opened under new ownership.



Most Architectural: 6426 Washington St



64113 Home Sales: Avg Days on Market; Sales Price % of Original Listing Price

Where We Live

You may have seen the recent news stories that rank 64113 as one of the top 10 zip codes in which to live in the U.S. A real estate blog, www.movoto.com/blog rates zip codes higher if the median household income, rent, house worth and high school graduation rate are higher and the unemployment rate, average commute time, and families below the poverty rate are lower. Against more than 28,000 zip codes, we came in at #10. Pretty impressive!

The Brookside area has long been a desirable place to live. And Kansas City has made a better than average comeback from the devastating drop in home values experienced

BY NOLA DEVITT

nationwide. In 2014, KC’s average sales price of new and existing homes increased 5.2% compared to 2013 while the number of days it took to sell those homes dropped 3.6%. The chart above gives you an idea of how we fared last year in zip code 64113.

The record low interest rates that have lasted way longer than anyone expected are giving more buying power to home buyers. In the spring, along with the daffodils, we will see lots of homes popping up for sale. Be sure and welcome your new neighbors and keep in touch with your old neighbors. It is what makes Greenway Fields such a great place to live!

Board of Directors Call for Volunteers

As a resident of Greenway Fields, we hope you’ll consider serving as a Board Member for the Greenway Fields Homes Association. The Board is made up of 5–9 residents who volunteer their time and serve a 2 year term. The Board divides up responsibilities that include:

- * **Events**—social activity planning
- * **Newsletter**—happenings printed quarterly
- * **Block Captains**—dissemination of timely news
- * **Social Media**—website & facebook posting
- * **Financial**—coordination with accountant and administrator HAKC (Homes Association of KC)
- * **Security**—liaison to off duty police
- * **Special Projects**—e.g., streetscape tree installation grant; park rubber mulch replacment

Elections are held at the annual meeting on February 7th. If you’re interested in serving on the Board, please contact any of the current Board Members or email the board at board@greenwayfields.org to put your name on the ballot.



Most Festive: 6410 Summit St