

Greenway Fields

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New mulch and infant swing at Greenway Fields Park

President's Letter

Planning is under way for a fall festival that will be held in celebration of Greenway Fields Homes Association Centennial. This event will be at our neighborhood park located at (63rd & Valley) and should be a fun afternoon/evening with food, entertainment and festivities for all ages. Save the date on your calendar now—October 21, 2017 afternoon into evening. Please feel free to RSVP in advance to board@greenwayfields.org—subject line *Fall Festival—number attending*. We are anticipating a large turnout at this event.

A quick update on the Centennial book that Elizabeth Noble is producing...the book is headed to the publisher soon and will be available later this year for purchase. Keep an eye out for a future post on Facebook or emails from the board.

I am glad to report landscaping is looking good within the neighborhood and the recent improvements at entry of Greenway Ter at Wornall/63rd and the 400-block island of Greenway Ter, are complete. The first phase of landscape improvements at Monkey Island (62nd/Pennsylvania) is set to start in mid September. Approved by the board in May, the original stone columns (original entry to Wornall Manor) will be repaired, tuckpointed, sealed and new arbors will be placed across the archways over the sidewalks on both sides of Valley Rd just south of Monkey Island. The board worked quickly to accomplish many of the improvements from the residents' survey last year.

Park updates: June and July will be some busy months at our neighborhood park. The board recently approved expanding the mulch play box to add an additional infant swing, refreshing the rubber mulch, grading along the west wall, and new park benches should be set in July. A quick thank you to Wendy for power washing, and all residents David, Marty, Josh, Kyle, Kimberly & Ryan who provided water for recent projects at parks/islands. The board recently approved not to move the wing lion bench, and it will stay in its current location on this north side of the park. The board is looking at other improvements in this area for 2018. In June, the statues of Dianna & Bacchus will be removed and stored. KCMO Public works department will install a French drain to address the water leak we have seen at the park since 2013.

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Upcoming Events

✦ Popsicle Parade

Tue, Jul 4, 10 AM

635 W Meyer Blvd

50+ year tradition, whether you're a kid or just feel like one, ride your bike or walk in this short parade featuring KCFD's Big Red Firetruck.

✦✦ Brookside Farmers' Market

Every Sat, 8 AM–1 PM

Corner of 63rd & Wornall Rd

www.brooksidefarmersmarket.com

✦✦✦ Brookside Sidewalk Sale

Thur–Sun, Jul 9–12

✦✦✦✦ Heart of America Shakespeare Festival

Jun 13–July 2, 6 PM

Southmoreland Park

✦✦✦✦✦ Plaza Art Festival

Sep 22–24

✦✦✦✦✦✦ GFHA Centennial Celebration

Sat, Oct 21



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Grow Native! Missouri Plants

According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, the current mix of Missouri native plants has been here since the last Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago, and has evolved and adapted with our geology, climate and wildlife. Due to their natural deep root system, many native plants are drought tolerant and require little or no irrigation, (good news to those of us paying ever-increasing water bills!), fertilizer, or pesticides. Native plants create beauty and interest and furnish vital food and habitat for birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife species, as well as offer sustainable solutions for environmental landscape challenges. Well-established and maintained native-plant communities help resist invasive non-natives that threaten to choke out native wildlife habitat.

Incorporating and selecting native plants for your residential landscape is made easy by *Grow Native!* (www.grownative.org), a program of the Missouri Prairie Foundation (www.moprairie.org) that works to protect and restore prairies and native grasslands throughout the state. At *Grow Native!*, information and photos are available on more than 200 native plants and features a plant search option that allows users to find plants that meet



specific characteristics, as well as a list suppliers of plant products and services. Including native plants can be as simple as adding a plant or two to existing flower beds.

Visit the eight acre Anita Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, an urban oasis at 4750 Troost or the New Native Plant Gardens at Loose Park, to listen to the birds sing and see for yourself the beauty of Missouri Native plants. The next time you want to add something to your landscape, pass on the garden centers at big box stores and buy native plants. The birds, butterflies, and bees will thank you!



Monarch Butterfly on Swamp Milkweed

Centennial Book Inspiration

Greenway Fields resident for 35 years, Dr. Elizabeth Noble, explains what has inspired her Centennial book project, *One Hundred Year's Journey – The Greenway Fields Neighborhood* (available on or around July 4th and orders can be placed at the Popsicle Parade and at future events).

From the day I moved in, I was charmed and impressed by the obvious care taken to maintain these beautiful homes and the public spaces inside the neighborhood. My experience as a resident has given me a very personal and sincere appreciation for the kindness, the closeness and the generosity of my neighbors. These experiences,

in turn, led me to become more acquainted with the visionary real estate innovator, J.C. Nichols. He began with treeless fields and swampy stream beds, and from those he created beautiful neighborhoods and shopping districts. He created spaces for schools, churches and community parks. Even seemingly small things, like traffic islands, landscaping, public art and street design were introduced to enhance the residential quality. Perhaps most impressive of all is the sustainability of the neighborhood. Nichols always maintained he was building homes to last one hundred years, and now in 2017, we celebrate the Greenway Fields neighborhood's centenary.



Monkey Island landscape improvements

I've Always Wanted to see the Inside of that House

The first thing I always hear is, "I have always wanted to see the inside of that house." Anchoring the corner of 63rd and Wornall is a large stone home that is quickly approaching 100 years old. People use it as a landmark when giving directions and I've had multiple people come to the door wanting to know if the space over the garage was for rent. Now called, *The 400—A Brookside Bed & Breakfast* (www.airbnb.com), the house has seen some significant changes since 1920. Built by a brother and sister pair of physicians, it has served as a doctor's office, a dormitory, a traditional bed and breakfast and now an Airbnb destination.

The stone for the home was quarried near Joplin, MO. It's unclear if it was cut in blocks and then transported or slabbed and sized once it reached Kansas City. The limestone sweats and sometimes forms mini stalactites under the porch eaves, which is always a conversation starter. Originally built as a six bedroom two bath home, it now has three rentable suites with private bath, two dining rooms, multiple common areas and full living quarters on the lower level.



The 400 at 400 W 63rd St

Centennial Celebration

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
100th
Anniversary
LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • DRINKS • YARD GAMES
BOUNCE HOUSES • BALLOON TWISTERS • FUN
Saturday, October 21st

FROM 3-9PM AT GREENWAY FIELDS PARK

RSVP TO: board@greenwayfields.org

or text: 573-216-3360



Greenway Ter traffic circle landscape improvements

Landscape Improvements

1. Greenway/63rd St entry landscape has improved planting beds to give a more like mirror finish with use of liriope along 63rd St & Wornall. Grass was removed eliminating the need to mow 10 feet.
2. Meyer Blvd perennials have been replaced.
3. Greenway Fields Park added more perennials.
4. Grass was removed and numerous plants were added in the raised circle bed at 400 block of Greenway Ter.
5. Park west wall grading, reshape play ground box, mulch addition and new infant swing.



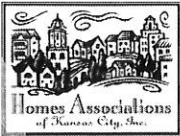
Greenway Ter entrance landscape improvements

KC Green Neighborhood

Greenway Fields is in the process of applying for an award through Kansas City Green Neighborhood Recognition Program in order to recognize our residents and their efforts to improve sustainability. Our neighborhood embraces sustainable practices and values green initiatives such as park cleanups and new tree plantings. A survey has been sent through email correspondence. Each survey is designed to help us understand the green habits of every Greenway Fields' resident. If you did not receive a survey and you'd like to complete

one to help our efforts, please email: board@greenwayfields.org so you can be added to our email database.





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