

# Greenway Fields

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Union Station during the holidays

## A Call to Service

**B**rookside is one of the most coveted neighborhoods in the country, and our Greenway Fields slice of it is especially charming and historical. If you value and appreciate this neighborhood and feel called to be of service to your community, consider running for a seat on the Greenway Fields Homes

Association Board of Directors. This coming year will be especially exciting due to the centennial of our neighborhood and the events being planned to celebrate. If you would like to learn more email [board@greenwayfields.org](mailto:board@greenwayfields.org) and a current board member will let you know how to take the next step.

## Meyer Circle Sea Horse Fountain Update

**T**he 2016 Fountain season has come to an end and fountains across the city have been put to bed for the winter. The temperatures may be dropping but efforts are warming up to make sure the beautiful Meyer Circle Sea Horse Fountain, which was idled in 2016 due to the need for extensive repairs, is operating in 2017. The results of the engineering analysis report commissioned by Kansas City Parks should be completed by early December and will be used to determine the scope and cost of needed repairs.

The maintenance and repair of the fountain is primarily the responsibility of the City of Kansas City, but the private sector also has a stake in the project. The non-profit City of Fountains Foundation has generously committed funds

toward the restoration. Additionally, in early November, representatives from neighboring HOA's in Kansas City and Mission Hills met to discuss an initiative to ensure that every effort is made to get the fountain operating sometime in 2017. This bi-state initiative will assist in the funding of repairs and restoration and, more importantly, establish an endowment that will secure funding for future maintenance and preservation. The proposed endowment will be privately managed by the City of Fountains Foundation with funds to be used solely for the Meyer Circle Sea Horse Fountain. Having a secure financial reserve will hopefully mean future generations will experience this beautiful Venetian fountain and statuary without lengthy interruptions.

## Upcoming Events



### Holiday Lighting Contest

Sat, Dec 17 » Judging

Winners announced on facebook and in GFHA Newsletter for:

**Best Block**

**Most Festive**

**Most Architectural**

**Most Classic**

**Most Colorful**

**Most Elaborate**

**Most Elegant**

**Most Original**

**Most Whimsical**



### GFHA Annual Meeting

Sat, Feb 11

Hot Breakfast » 8:30 AM

Meeting » 9:00-10:00 AM

Charlie Hooper's: 12 W 63rd St

## Notice

To ensure you don't miss important Greenway Fields information sign-up for emails by going to <http://www.greenwayfields.org/contact/> and click on Contact Us and then sign-up for our mailing list.

## Special Thanks!

Thank you to Gwen and Michael at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6401 Wornall Ter for supporting GFHA's Town Hall Meetings in September. We certainly appreciate their hard work and generosity in ensuring we had a convenient and lovely place to gather as neighbors.

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# Survey Says...

A huge *thank you* to the 58 residents who responded to the neighborhood survey gathering input for our centennial celebrations and improvements to the green spaces in our neighborhood. The Board will utilize this information to implement green space improvements and the Centennial Committee will use the feedback to guide the planning of the 2017 celebrations. The centennial planning is gathering speed quickly, so please email [board@greenwayfields.org](mailto:board@greenwayfields.org) if you are interested in getting involved with the planning and implementation of the celebrations.



Many street marker tiles are completely missing especially where the City has done storm drain work



Statue of Bacchus at Greenway Fields Park



Statue of Diana at Greenway Fields Park

| GFHA Survey Questions:   | Yes        | No         | Indifferent |
|--|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>1</b> The Centennial Planning Committee/GFHA Board should spend approximately \$3,000 on a Spring Break-fast Celebration, Centennial Kickoff and dedication. This would include live music, food and beverage.  | <b>44%</b> | <b>34%</b> | <b>22%</b>  |
| <b>2</b> The Centennial Planning Committee/GFHA Board should spend approximately \$500 to expand the existing popsicle parade on July 4 to purchase additional popsicles and/or entertainment.   | <b>51%</b> | <b>32%</b> | <b>17%</b>  |
| <b>3</b> The Centennial Planning Committee/GFHA Board should spend approximately \$5,000 for an Oktoberfest type event with music, food, children's activities and adult activities. Each home would receive a \$10 voucher to be used on food/drink/activities.                 | <b>64%</b> | <b>24%</b> | <b>12%</b>  |
| <b>4</b> The Centennial Planning Committee should plan a sit down Holiday Dinner with the cost of approximately \$50 per person (paid by the resident's attending) in addition to and separate from the free holiday wine social/hors d'oeuvres on the first Sunday of December. | <b>15%</b> | <b>53%</b> | <b>32%</b>  |
| <b>5</b> I would be interested in participating in other <i>free</i> holiday events like Christmas Caroling, Tree Lighting or Donation Drive for underprivileged children.   | <b>56%</b> | <b>25%</b> | <b>19%</b>  |
| <b>6</b> As the statues in Greenway Fields Park of Bacchus & Diana will have to be lifted out of the ground to solve the drainage issue, the statues should then be relocated to their original positions at the south end of the Park.  | <b>37%</b> | <b>21%</b> | <b>42%</b>  |
| <b>7</b> The statues should be returned to the north end of the Park.  | <b>23%</b> | <b>30%</b> | <b>47%</b>  |
| <b>8</b> As funds become available, the landscaping and hardscaping for the island at 62nd & Pennsylvania as proposed at the Residents Meeting should be implemented (see recent email from the Board for details).  | <b>67%</b> | <b>14%</b> | <b>19%</b>  |
| <b>9</b> GFHA, in conjunction with the City of KCMO, should replace or repair the blue and white street marker tiles within the boundaries of Greenway Fields.   | <b>81%</b> | <b>9%</b>  | <b>10%</b>  |

# From the Research Desk

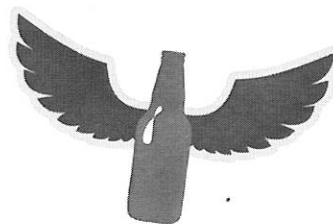
BY LADENE MORTON  
BOOK PROJECT MANAGER & AUTHOR

The research process behind the upcoming book on the Greenway Fields neighborhood has revealed a wealth of new perspectives on the neighborhood. The accompanying picture reminds us that what is today the Greenway Fields Neighborhood began life as two separate developments. The portion of the neighborhood north of 63rd Street was platted as the Wornall Manor subdivision. Originally part of the Wornall family properties, this area was platted by the C.H. Wornall Realty Company, then incorporated into the Nichols Company's Country Club District in 1916. While

housing development began in this area around then this section shows that in this particular corner at least, housing development was still in its fledgling stage. The Greenway Fields subdivision of the neighborhood, those blocks south of 63rd Street, was platted in 1917, the date which the neighborhood now uses to mark its beginnings. The two subdivisions, Greenway Fields and Wornall Manor, were combined into the Greenway Fields Homes Association when the Nichols Company incorporated the HOA in 1922. In turn, that became what is today the Greenway Fields Neighborhood Association.



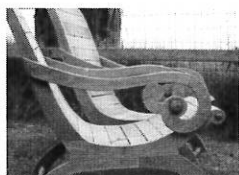
Wornall Manor looking SW from Pennsylvania at about 62nd St, April 1920



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## Recycle Your Glass

Please don't throw your bottles in the trash, recycle instead! Ripple Glass, a local Kansas City success story, has quadrupled its business since 2009 and is poised to continue to grow. You probably recognize their signature purple dump trucks since there are about 100 of them all around the metro area, and 200 smaller ones located around grocery and liquor stores. They are eager to take your old bottles, any color, any size! One of their largest customers turns the glass into fiberglass insulation. They would like to expand their business to other customers, and all they need is your waste. We in Greenway Fields are lucky to have easy access to a purple dump truck in Brookside near Mike's Liquor. Because this company thrives on our waste, we can do our part by simply taking our bottles to these dump trucks. Ripple Glass has a business model ready to expand with other waiting customers. Currently, they collect approximately 100 tons of glass per day. They want to increase that to 500 tons per day, and they have the equipment to do it immediately. Let's keep this local business growing!



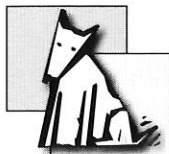
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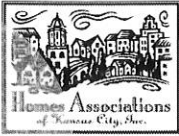
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