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#### **President's Letter**

he fall festival is coming up on October 21, 2017 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 and evening with food, entertainment and festivities for all ages. More details within the newsletter on the fall festival and the Greenway Fields 100-year book that was produced by Elizabeth Noble.

Thank you to everyone for all the recent comments to board on improvements this year. The board completed many items this year that include: landscaping improvements in four areas, park infant swing addition, play-set expanded and refreshed rubber mulch with liner, new park benches, doggy waste station, the many year city leak in the park resolved and dry with a French drain installed. Additionally, the original stone columns (original entry to Wornall Manor) were restored with arbors like original. Still more to happen this year will be fall seedings, Monkey Island landscape, and additional trees planted within the neighborhood.

Back in June, the statues of Dianna & Bacchus were removed to fix the leak at the park and have been in storage with ArtWorks KC. After many months of searching we have found a local artist that will clean, epoxy inject cracks, re-sculpt of faces and seal. The GFHA board has approved 50% payment out of the certificate of deposit that Greenway Fields holds. The Board is working on grants to secure the remaining 50% necessary for placement back into the park. The overall cost of this restoration effort is \$10k and will preserve these neighborhood treasures for years to come. The GFNCID (Greenway Fields Neighborhood Community Improvement District) board held a public meeting under MO Sunshine law to review our annual assessment going forward and approved an increase of \$160/year per home. A long-term maintenance plan was set forth for preventative cleaning and sealing for masonry features within Greenway Fields. One major expense that will be addressed next year is clean, tuckpoint, sealing of the 100-year stone wall at the park which is due for some general maintenance and preservation efforts including handrails along steps. This increase will bring dues to \$13.33 per month, paid annually on your Jackson County property tax bill each year and provides for landscaping, KCPD security patrol, snow

plowing, tree funds, newsletter and more.

In closing I want to remind everyone the holiday party this year will be December 3, 2017 from 5–7 PM. I would like to thank Mike Minor & Scott Tansey at 418 W Meyer Blvd, who have graciously opened their doors to host this fun event. Please RSVP to board@greenwayfields.org with number attending by November 28, 2017.

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# **Greenway Fields**

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**Upcoming Events** 

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**Brookside Farmers' Market** Sep-Oct: Sat 8 AM-1 PM Nov: Sat 9 AM-12 PM 63rd St & Wornall Rd www.brooksidefarmersmarket.com

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86th Annual Plaza Art Fair Sep 22-24 www.plazaartfair.com

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**Book Launch One Hundred Years' Journey** Sun, Sep 24, 2–5 PM Bella Napoli in Brookside

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**GFHA Centennial Celebration** Sat, Oct 21, 3–9 PM **Greenway Fields Park** 

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**88th Annual Plaza Lighting Ceremony** Fri, Nov 23, 5-7 PM

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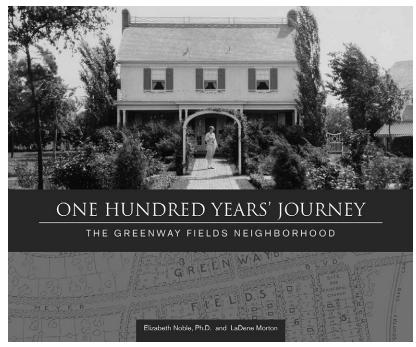
**GFHA Annual Holiday Party** Sun. Dec 3, 5–7 PM 418 W Meyer Blvd

Home of Mike Minor & Scott Tansey Please no children except infants RSVP to *board@greenwayfields.org* 

**Special Thanks!** Thank you to Jeanette LePique for her many years of dedication serving on the board of directors!

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One Hundred Years' Journey Book Cover

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

#### **ONE HUNDRED YEARS' JOURNEY**

#### THE GREENWAY FIELDS NEIGHBORHOOD

By Elizabeth Noble, Ph.D. & LaDene Morton

Sunday, September 24th, 2017

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

at Bella Napoli in Brookside

### **Uniting at Southwest**

team of local civic leaders and parents are proposing a public high school (and possibly a companion middle school) for the vacant Southwest High School facility. They are calling the campaign to make it happen, Uniting at Southwest.

You've probably seen their circular yard signs with the distinctive U popping up through the neighborhood. Over the past ten years or so a variety of top notch, public elementary/middle schools have sprung up in the city (Academie Lafayette, Hale Cook, Crossroads Academy... to name just a few). Now this growing base of charter and KCSPS families, along with many parochial school parents, want a great public high school for their children. They believe the vacant Southwest facility is an ideal location to create something remarkable.

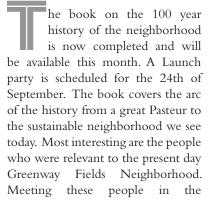
The Bloch, DeBruce, McDonnell and Stowers Foundations are funding research and development; and Mayor James is lending his education advisor to the effort.

They are proposing a *project-based* curriculum where, in addition to their studies, students undertake significant, real-world projects that build professional skills needed to thrive in the modern economy. They also envision a program that combines a strong base of students from the surrounding neighborhoods with students from across the KCPS footprint who want this unique style of education-an all together school. They believe that all this can be accomplished by creating a program that exists under the KCPS umbrella yet enjoys full, operational autonomy. This is a mixed model that is finding traction in other cities.

They need to demonstrate demand in order to create a kind of standing needed to open a dialogue with the school district. Since March 15, parents of some 1,700 children have indicated they would strongly consider sending their children to this school. Many alumni and other taxpayers are indicating their support as well. They plan to present these findings to KCPS along with a short prospectus this summer.

You can learn more and help make it happen by:

- \* Taking the 1-minute Support Survey
- at: unitingatsouthwest.org (even if you have no children) \* Picking up yard sign at *Bier Station* (120 E Gregory)
- \* Liking USW on Facebook to receive updates,
- \* Passing along this note to potential supporters.



**Journey of 100 Years** 

he book on the 100 year context of their contribution to the history of the neighborhood development provides insight into the quality of life we experience todav.

> The book is both pictorial and textual. The interviews provide wonderful insights into the GFHA.

> Reviewers have complemented the presentation of the journey from an idea, to a platted area to a fully developed residential community.





### **Centennial Celebration**

or the past one hundred years, Greenway Fields Neighborhood has been a beautiful oasis in the heart of Kansas City. Please join us in celebrating our neighborhood's hundredth year on Saturday, October neighborhood. 

In addition to the above mentioned activities, there will be yard games and you'll even be able to pick up a copy of the newly released book, One Hundred Years' Journey: The Greenway Fields Neighborhood. Kids, don't forget your bikes, trikes, or scooters for our track experience! A fire truck and police car have also been scheduled to make an appearance.

Have you RSVP'd? Mayor Sly James has been invited and so have you! Remember, the first 200 people to RSVP will get vouchers for the food trucks: Werner's Fine Sausages and The Waffler. Please RSVP to board@greenwayfields. org. Here is the current RSVP count of fellow neighbors: 129

Water and soda will be provided but please bring along a cooler of your favorite beverage. As we step into our neighborhood's second century, our hope is that we continue to be a community deeply rooted in a shared history where friends and family gather to relax and celebrate so join in on the fun! Thank you to the Brookside businesses who have agreed to sponsor our

Centennial Celebration:









#### **The Urban Forest**

BY BETH NOBLE. PHD he Greenway Fields Neighborhood has many unique features. One of the most frequently mentioned attributes are our tree lined streets. The neighborhood has over 50 species of trees, maple being the most common. We also have elm, ash, walnut and locust to name a few.

These trees benefit our neighborhood in many ways. The removal of pollutants such as carbon dioxide is remarkable. As a pedestrian community, the quality of air is important to joggers, bikers, walkers, and dogs who fill the promenades on a bright day. Many experts from realtors to arborists agree that mature trees can add significant value to a home including beneficial shade to reduce our energy consumption.

The urban forest does need maintenance and upkeep. The neighborhood ideally should report any lost trees due to storms or other events. In the upcoming year some of the currently missing trees can be replaced by the HOA and existing trees be trimmed and carefully maintained.

In this way, the urban forest will remain a value to the

CENTENNIAL EVENTS
Bounce Houses:
3:00-6:00 PM Balloon Twisters:
3:30–5:30 PM
<b>Ice Cream Truck:</b> 4:00-5:00 PM
Food Trucks:
5:00-8:00 PM Alpen Spielers Polka Band:
6:00-9:00 PM

#### **Security**

The incidents since June 30, 2017: two thefts and one domestic issue. Detective Brent Parsons and his staff continue to patrol the neighborhood at various times throughout each day. This is in addition to daily patrols from the KCPD Metro Division.

There is a new Community Interaction Office at the KCPD Metro Division, too. Mikki Cassidy is available for any issues and concerns you may have in the neighborhood. She can be reached at *michele.cassidy* (a)*kcpd.org* or (816) 581-0715