

Greenway Fields

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Popsicle Parade founder, Elsie Morgan, leads a long line of young marchers

President's Letter

It has been an especially nice summer here in Greenway Fields. Although the year started out dry, we are catching up on rain, which has really benefited all our new trees and lawns. Summer is also the perfect season for social gatherings and in Greenway Fields we've had our share of events such as the Neighborhood Yard Sale, Annual Picnic and the Popsicle Parade.

I had a wonderful time at the Annual Picnic and very much enjoyed getting to know both new and long time residents. Board members Jeanette LePique and David Slawson are to thank for the delicious Jack Stack barbecue and the wonderful atmosphere.

The Popsicle Parade, a tradition that has lasted over 50 years, was also a rousing success. We were thrilled that the founder of the event, Elsie Morgan, was able to attend along with her trusty chauffeur in his bright red convertible. Be sure and check out the photo. Kids came from all surrounding neighborhoods and had a great time celebrating the 4th. *Cosentino's Brookside Market again provided the ice and 300 popsicles, so please remember to thank them when you stop in.*

You may have noticed the addition of a toddler swing to Strawn Park. We definitely have one of the best neighborhood parks in Kansas City! On a final note, as we head on into the fall please remember to keep those trees watered, your porch lights on, and your doors locked. It is the little things that keep this neighborhood great.

Neil

Upcoming Events



Strutt With Your Mutt

Sunday, September 21

Kansas City's largest pet friendly

3K walk and 5K run and Wayside

Waif's signature fall fundraiser.

Last year over 1,500 dogs and
their humans strutted down

Brookside Boulevard and raised
over \$140,000 for the Waifs.

You can participate as an individual

or team, with or without a dog;

Strutt With Your Mutt is a
fun, family friendly event.

Day-of registration will open at 7
a.m. 5K Race without dogs will begin
at 8 a.m. 5K Race with dogs will
begin at 8:30 a.m. The traditional
Strutt (3K Walk) will begin at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact
Megan Harding at [mharding@](mailto:mharding@waysidewaifs.org)
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Brookside Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8AM-1PM

63rd St East of Wornall Rd



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Going Green ☀ Saving Water

BY CADY SEABAUGH

With all these wonderful spring and summer showers, it is easy to forget that water is a finite and valuable resource. There are some easy ways to reduce the amount of water you use (and save on your water bill). Here are some quick tips:

- Run your dishwasher only when it is full (skip the pre-rinse cycle, especially if you rinse off your dishes in the sink before putting them in the dishwasher).
- Wash clothes in cold water and wash only full loads.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth, shaving, or handling soap.
- Limit showers to 5–10 minutes.



Newly installed toddler swing in Strawn Park



Enjoy Your Vacation by Having a Safe & Secure Home

BY DAVID SLAWSON

Many of us employ some of the same basic tricks for securing our homes while on vacation: Leaving lights on timers, securing doors with additional enhancements, having your neighbor pick up your mail and newspaper. The following are some additional steps you can take to have a more secure home and an enjoyable vacation.

Think like a burglar. I know that sounds crazy, but if you think like a burglar you will find all sorts of new and different ways to secure your home. For example, burglars typically look for valuables like jewelry in the bedroom. Try putting them in the kitchen, the freezer, the Quaker Oats box, anywhere in the kitchen where it would be difficult to find them. Burglars typically have a limited amount of time so make them really work to find your valuables.

Watch your social media

posts. Hackers target individuals on Facebook and Twitter. Don't advertise that you're going on a three week tour of Europe. Don't announce that you will be visiting relatives out of state. Save posting your vacation pictures until *after* you get home.

The driveway. Ask your neighbor to park *his* car in *your* driveway.



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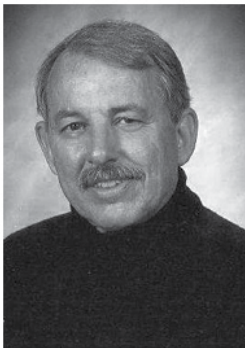
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Many burglars aren't familiar with your vehicle. If you don't have a willing neighbor, park your own car in the driveway if you can.

Monitor your home with your smartphone. A simple computer program like *iCam* and a couple of monitors can give you a view of your home while you're away. Other standalone cameras such as *Dropcam* operate on your home's Wi-Fi network to offer the same benefits. For less than \$200 you can have a system that works for you all the time, whether you're on vacation or not.

Do not change the positions of your drapes or blinds. We all are tempted, but if your house doesn't appear as it usually does, you again are advertising that you're not home.

Consider a free subscription to social media notification service, *Next Door* (<http://www.nextdoor.com>). It is a limited member social media targeted directly to your neighborhood. Residents post things like suspicious cars, door to door salespeople, and break-in information. They also post fun stuff like Garage Sales and Services offered. The best part is the KCMO Police Officers who patrol our area are also on this network. They offer you a chance to know who they are and provide a forum for your questions or concerns.

So go ahead, put your lights on a timer, but do more. Have a secure home and have fun!



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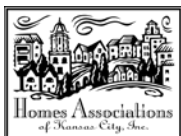


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