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Greenway Fields

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President's Letter

Warm welcome to all new residents that have recently moved into Greenway Fields neighborhood and now call it home. If you are new/existing and would like email updates the board sends out throughout the year, please send an email to board@greenwayfields.org with the subject line "MailChimp" and include your email addresses/home address and we will get you added to the list.

A quick winter reminder that GFHA pays for snowplow service when there is 2 or more inches of snow. We have not yet seen much snow recently, but if we do have 2 inches or more we ask residents to move their cars into a driveway or park on one side of the street. This helps our snowplow crews get our neighborhood streets cleaner.

Thanks to all residents that attended our 100-year Centennial celebration during the fall festival and those who attended the annual holiday party in December. We have had a great turnout at events this past year. Our next event—**GFHA Annual Meeting**—is Saturday February 10, 2018. As usual the event will be held at Charlie Hooper's in Brookside. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:30 AM, meeting 9–10 AM. No need to RSVP as we normally see around 70 residents at this event. Everyone is welcome and we hope you can attend the annual meeting.

A big thanks to all board members over the past year. Your resident volunteer board accomplished so much over the past year. A quick 2017 recap... Landscaping improvements/repairs—Meyer Column repairs, Greenway/63rd entryway, Monkey Island improvements including large autumn blaze maple, revamp of the 400 block Greenway traffic circle and stone columns repaired/sealed with new arbors installed (original entry to Wornall Manor along Valley Rd). Park—Expanded play-set, second infant swing added, new park benches, doggy waste station, city water leak addressed removing the swampy condition and statues removed for storage/repairs for placement in 2018. Storm drain—the long overdue repairs completed at Meyer/Wornall when the city replaced entire storm drain system as promised in Q3-17. Annual popsicle parade, Holiday party and the Centennial Celebration. The topping to a great year was the book that Elizabeth Noble published and the numerous volunteers that contributed to the *One Hundred Years' Journey*.

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Upcoming Events

GFHA Annual Meeting

Sat, Feb 11

Hot Breakfast » 8:30 AM
Meeting » 9:00–10:00 AM
Charlie Hooper's: 12 W 63rd St
Volunteer to serve—New Directors for the Board will be voted in at the annual meeting. Add your name to the ballot by emailing: board@greenwayfields.org

Brookside Farmers' Market

1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31
6675 Holmes Rd
www.brooksidefarmersmarket.com

38th Annual St. Patrick's Warm-Up Parade

Sat, Mar 10, 2 PM
www.brooksidekc.org

Brookside Art Annual 2018

Fri–Sun, May 4–6th
www.brooksidekc.org/art-annual



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Office Bicycle Commute

When I was a kid I was always fascinated with my bike. It took me everywhere I wanted to go during summer months away from school. Every ride was a mini-adventure. If I wasn't riding it I was taking it apart to see how everything worked. If something on the bike broke or needed an adjustment I could usually fix it. Fifty years later I'm still doing the same thing, but now I have a small fleet of bikes and ride year-round. Every ride is still thoroughly enjoyable. One thing I'm doing differently is outfitting my bikes to carry stuff. Whether it be hauling clothes, laptop and lunch to the office, bottles to the recycling bin near Home Depot, or food from a grocery store, I enjoy the benefits of cheap, efficient cargo transport, which is environmentally friendly and a great cardio workout.

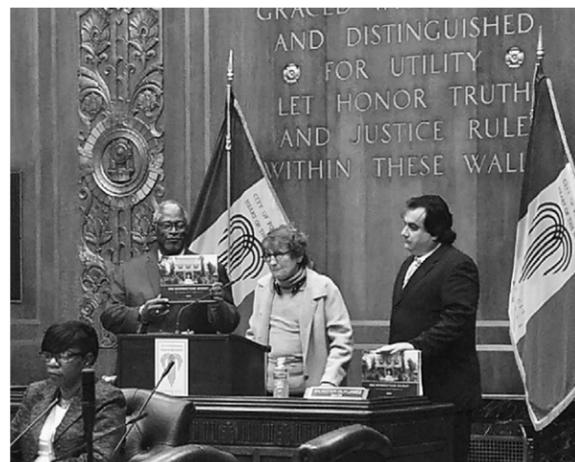
Here's what a typical week looks like for me. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday I work in the office at the Sprint Campus in Overland Park. The 11 mile office commute takes 45-50 minutes. Wednesday and Friday I work from home and get in an early morning 60 minute ride toward downtown. On these rides I can easily stop at a grocery store or Home Depot for any needed items. On the weekends I make an

BY BOB DEEG

effort to not use my truck unless the weather is bad or I'm hauling something heavy. To keep mud and rain off me and the bike I have a set of fenders mounted to the frame. To be visible to drivers in the dark I have a pair of red and white flashing lights mounted to the bike and another pair of lights mounted on my helmet. A neon yellow reflective vest helps drivers see me in the dark. One memorable weekend trip I hauled a 40 pound bag of dog food home from the Planter Store near the River Market tied to the rack over the rear wheel. On shopping trips with the tandem bike Patricia and I can haul a weeks worth of groceries home in 4 pannier bags. One of our favorite fun tandem bike trips is to haul our dog Penny in the 2 wheel kid carrier to Loose Park, or down to the Plaza on a coffee run.

Its 7:00 Monday morning, I've had some coffee, walked the dog, perused online news, chatted with my lovely wife about how lucky we are and now its time to put the mettle to the pedal and get on with my bike commute to the office. A quick check of the temp helps determine how many layers are needed to stay warm. Weather radar may be checked for rain. Water bottle is filled, clothes and laptop go in a small backpack and then into one

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Dr. Elizabeth Noble & Joseph Cherrito represented GFHA at City Hall

KC Green Neighborhood Recognition at City Council Chambers

Joseph Cherrito & Elizabeth Noble received the official resolution awarding Greenway Fields Homes Association the Gold Designation for the KC Green Neighborhood Program. Elizabeth Noble provided three copies of the book—*One Hundred Years' Journey: The Greenway Fields Neighborhood*—to the Mayor and the 6th District Councilmen. She also provided a very eloquent description of our neighborhood and the wonderful people that live in Greenway Fields. The entire Council was very complimentary of all of the work the neighborhood has completed over the years and hopes that other KC neighborhoods will use GFHA as a model for enhancements and livability.



Outstanding culinary delights by Chef Clem at the Holiday Party!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AWARDS



Most Architectural—6246 Valley Rd

Most Elegant—6422 Washington St

Most Elaborate—400 West 63rd

Most Colorful—409 West 62nd

Best Block—6400 Block of Pennsylvania Ave

Most Original—621 West 63rd St

Most Whimsical—427 West 62nd St

Most Festive—6411 Summit St

Honorable Mention—6400 Block of Summit St

pannier bag near the 3 spare tubes and tire wrench. Lunch and laptop cables go in the other pannier bag net to the portable air pump. Floor pump with its accurate gauge tops off the tire pressure if needed. Reflective vest goes on and the 4 lights all turned on. Hat and gloves are chosen from the 3 sets in the right pannier and off we go. I head south between Wornall and Ward Pkwy to 83rd St. West on 83rd St to Lee Blvd. South on Lee to just south of 435, where I work my way SW toward Sprint. I park the bike in my cube, check in at the fitness center showing my app recorded ride to get the 8-rides-per-month discount, get a steam-bath and shower and I'm ready for my day. A pair of dress shoes and electric razor are kept in a cabinet at my desk. When the roads are covered with ice or snow, I don't ride. When the temp gets near single digits, I use an insulated full face mask and ski gloves and keep repeating to myself, *this is fun...this is fun.*

Along with the obvious environmental, financial and fitness benefits of bike transport, there's one more side benefit called the

runner's high. The mild endorphin rush generated by the hard physical exercise makes my morning ride the best part of the day & the ride home the 2nd best part of the day. Brain produced endorphins are chemically similar to morphine, generating a natural feeling of euphoria depending on how hard the runner or biker works. So, when you see me out there churning and burning in low gear, hauling a load of stuff up a big hill, know that the experience is not as painful as it may seem. There's always gain after the pain!

Google Maps is a great resource for picking a good, safe bike route. Lee Blvd is my North/South route toward Overland Park. I like it because the road is wide, it has no ramps at 435 and a bike trail just south of the freeway gets me west and southwest toward the office. My favorite downtown route is north through the Plaza to Westport Rd, to south on Main St, which is very safe with the three lanes going each way. One new hazard downtown is the streetcar rails. I know of two bikers who went down hard after getting a tire trapped in the gap in the rail.

Green Neighborhood Resolution

BY BETH NOBLE, PHD

2017 is the Centennial year for Greenway Fields. As we end this year, we have been awarded the Green Neighbor award which recognizes environmental awareness and energy efficiency as well as sustainability. In addition, the restoration of the urban tree canopy provides our neighborhood with recognition of our ecology. The tree canopy provides energy efficiency by lowering the ambient temperature by five to ten degrees. It also provides improved air quality by removing pollutants. The additional benefit of this tree canopy is it provides new species of birds and other flora. The ecology of this neighborhood is maintained by birds of prey. These owls, hawks, and kestrels are protected species and provide unique benefits to the neighborhood by controlling rodents. So as we enter 2018, we can seek to improve our

neighborhood by maintaining the tree canopy, increasing our energy efficiency, and other environmental behaviors. We can also try to enjoy the natural environment of new bird species, butterflies, and aesthetics. The owl and hawk residence should be welcome as an environmental benefit. Future articles will focus on how to live with our new residents.



KC Green Neighborhood Recognition at KC Green Fair & KC Green Celebration

Greenway Fields was awarded the Gold Designation from the KC Green Neighborhood Program. Benjamin Williams accepted the award at the KC Green Fair on behalf of the Greenway Fields Neighborhood. Elizabeth Noble and Benjamin Williams also presented at the KC Green Celebration where they discussed how our neighborhood went about becoming a Green Neighborhood, the great initiatives that we are implementing, and the role that citizens and the city play in making Kansas City a sustainable city. She also gave an overview on the Greenway Fields Tree Survey that was completed by the GF Tree Committee.

Special Thanks!

Thank you to Sarah McCracken and Bob Deeg for years of dedication serving on the Board of Directors!

Thanks also to Mike Minor & Scott Tansey for hosting the Holiday Party. Close to 150 attended!

Security

5 incidents since October 1, 2017: theft in the 400 block of West 61st; 2 thefts in the 400 block of West 61 Ter; theft in the 6300 block of Pennsylvania Ave; theft in the 400 block of West Meyer Blvd. Please be vigilant during all times of the day since most of these crimes occurred during daylight hours. Contact either KCPD Interaction Officer Mikki Cassidy @ (816) 581-0715 or Detective Brent Parsons @ (816) 799-9528. They offer a house check/drive by for anyone that plans to be out of town or on a winter vacation.