



Romanelli West Homes Association

Newsletter

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Keeping Romanelli West Safe and Secure

Our investment in providing off-duty Kansas City police officers to patrol during peak crime hours continues to pay dividends. Looking back to 1999 and 2000, before the patrols were initiated, there were a total of 35 "incidents" in 1999, 43 in 2000. "Incidents" included larceny, home burglaries and auto theft. Since the patrols were started in 2004, we average between 2 and 6 incidents per annum.

In the last six months of 2012, one incident was reported. Four adjacent associations also use this service, which increases the effectiveness of the patrols. The \$45.00 amount included on your homes association assessment each year covers the cost of this service. Twelve cents a day is a small investment to make to help keep insurance costs reasonable and maintain our image as a safe and secure neighborhood.

Where is Romanelli West??

Romanelli West is where you live. This neighborhood runs from Gregory on the South to 64th Terrace on the North. The east boundary is Ward Parkway and west is State Line. The area includes 330 homes and the Homes Association was founded in 1946.

- Membership in the association goes with the title to your property. Annual dues must be paid in full before a property is sold. The Association's basic purpose is to maintain property values by encouraging residents to make their homes and yards as attractive as possible.
- While Arno Park is maintained by Kansas City Parks and Recreation, the islands and other common areas in our neighborhood are the responsibility of the association.
- With a mixture of ranch and multi-level houses and a variety of price ranges, our central location makes this neighborhood very desirable.
- Your board of directors meets about once a month to discuss what we can do to make the area safer and even more appealing. This includes hiring off-duty police officers to patrol our streets and taking care of public spaces. Your dues also pay for snow removal when deemed necessary.
- The three major expenses are security, landscaping the corners and maintaining the islands in our neighborhood, including the land just north of Arno Park on Ward Parkway. If any of our neighborhood's statuary is damaged or stolen, we also get that repaired or replaced.
- We also make people aware of city codes that pertain to home improvements.
- Each block has a block captain who is responsible for welcoming new neighbors and planning an annual block party.
- If you have any concerns about your neighbors or our neighborhood, please contact a board member.

Ward Parkway is honored

The American Planning Association has nominated Ward Parkway as one of 10 Great Streets for 2012. Ward Parkway was noted for its picturesque scenery, striking ornamentation, magnificent houses and many uses.

Your Romanelli West Board keeps an eye on the ornamentation at the corners of our streets and keeps the statues, planters and gardens up to snuff to make our neighborhood proud of Ward Parkway too.

And if you want to give W.P. a helping hand, please carry a plastic bag when you go for a walk and help pick up litter along the way. And it goes without saying that dog walkers should be cleaning up after their four-legged friends too. Thank YOU!

Be aware of Kansas City's Ordinances

Violations of city ordinances include:

- *Sect. 70-641, 70-642:* Leaving a vehicle on city streets for more than 48 hours (considered an abandoned vehicle and subject to towing and impoundment)
- *Sect. 14-30, 14-51:* Barking dogs that disturb neighbors (owner subject to fines of up to \$500 and potential imprisonment)
- *Sect. 14-19, 14-51:* Dog manure on public or private property
- *Section 27-10:* Requirements for fences and walls
- *Section 48-25* covers Litter, trash, refuse or rubbish on public or private property.
- *Section 88-305-09* The City of Kansas City has recently adopted regulations regarding installation of Solar Panels. These systems must comply with all applicable building and electrical codes. Solar energy systems are allowed on principal and accessory structures but they must comply with all applicable setback regulations.

For more information, contact John J. Brown
John.Brown@kcmo.org.

Your board has become familiar with all of the above, and you should too!

Board Members

	Term ends)	Position	Email
Rob St. Thomas	(2014)	<i>President</i>	rsaint@att.net
Ginzy Schafer	(2015)	<i>Treasurer</i>	Ginzy@me.com
Jake Becchina	(2014)	<i>Security j</i>	akebecchina@yahoo.com
Bruce Gelb	(2015)	<i>Infrastructure</i>	bruce@brucegelb.com
Diane Patrick	(2013)	<i>Secretary</i>	cdpatric@aol.com
Jim Weitzel	(2013)	<i>Website</i>	jim.weitzel@gmail.com

BLOCK CAPTAINS

64th Terrace	AJ Miller	678-8242	amiller16@kc.rr.com
65th Street	*open*		
66th Street	John Degen	361-7998	jdegen@finsvcs.com
66th Terrace	Barbara Holman	444-4019	bholman39@kc.rr.com
Wyoming, St. Line	Bill Svoboda	333-6768	bsvoboda@eventprosinc.com
67th Street	Cecilia Bruening	361-7575	cabruening@msn.com
67th Terrace	Pat Titterington	333-7566	ptitteringtondds@yahoo.com
68th Terrace	Michael & Kathryn Wheeler	361-4554	gocobra1@gmail.com
69th Street	*open*		
Arno	Tom Hall	363-1234	
	& Mary Giles-Hall		thall@kckcc.edu
69th Terrace	Jon Shaffer	361-5993	jon.shaffer@ergon.com
Romany Road	*open*		
70th Street	*open*		
70th Terrace	Ginzy Schafer	913-226-3710	ginzy@me.com
Gregory	Carol & Bill Witcraft	822-1347	cwitcraft@kc.rr.com

Interested in serving as block captain for one of the "open" blocks? Call or email **Ginzy Schafer** at 913-226-3710 or ginzy@me.com

Block Captains! Contact new neighbors, get phone numbers & email addresses, email to Jim Weitzel to keep our online directory up to date!

Your 6th District City Council Representatives

In-District: **John Sharp** 816-513-1617

- Assistant: Araceli Gallegos

Araceli.gallegos@kcmo.org

Committees: Legislative, Finance, governance & ethics & Public Safety & Emergency Services

At-Large: **Scott Taylor** 816-513-6523

- Assistant: Katrina Foster katrina.foster@kcmo.org

Committees: Small Business Regulation
Kansas City's website: www.kcmo.org

Street Light Out? Dead Tree along the street?

Email: 3-1-1.Call.Center@kcmo.org

(preferred)

or

CALL 3-1-1 (expect to wait on hold)

Have you heard of NIXLE?

This free service was launched in June by Kansas City to notify Kansas Citizens by text or email of up-to-the-minute information on water main breaks, snow ordinances, street closures and other critical issues specific to our neighborhood.

To register for FREE, just text your zip code to 888777, install the iPhone/iPad app or visit the online site at www.kcmo.org/nixle.

SIGN UP TODAY TO GET THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE ROMANELLI WEST WEB SITE

<http://www.romwest.org>

Neighborhood News ■ City News ■ Calendar of Events ■ Polls ■ New Residents

Up-to-date Neighborhood Directory ■ Recommended Services

Free classified ads ■ Links to useful sites ■ Archived Newsletters

Once you are signed up, you will receive occasional emails alerting you to security issues, upcoming events and calendar listings

Remembrance:

Former Romanelli West Board President

Ford Nelson, Jr., a former president of the Romanelli West Homes Association, died Nov. 14, 2012. He spent most of his life in the Kansas City area where he was very active in the community.

Ford served on the boards of many local organizations, including the Friends of the Zoo, Citizens Association of Kansas City, Rotary Club of Kansas City, The Nature Conservancy, KIPP School Board, Leawood Presbyterian Church and more.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Carolyn; their son, Tom; daughter-in-law Erin and their three children: Jack, Kate and Mallory.

See Something, Say Something

If you see unusual cars or persons on your block, call 9-1-1 and report it. Don't wait for someone else to make the call.

You may also call 9-1-1 to report street signals that are not working properly or water main breaks.

But start your conversation with that fact: "I am calling to report" (fill in the blank). That way they know it's not an emergency situation.