## HI EVERYONE!

This is your friendly Homes Association Reminder of upcoming dates and also a bit of information. Mark your calendars!

1 The Annual Meeting is at the Mission Hills Country Club on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. YOU MUST RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 TO HACCD AT 816 523 2440 as to how many are coming. We must have approximately 45 voting members to have a quorum to vote on matters to be taken up, including new board members to fill the spots of those vacating their spots on the board, our budget for the coming year and address any other matter that requires membership attention. Please come, mingle with your neighbors, and learn what's up (and what's not) in our area.

2. We originally had two openings for the coming year on our Board due to the expiration of terms of two individuals. We had two individuals step up and throw their hat in the ring to take those places; however, one of those persons has had to drop out due to time committments. Additionally, we had one resignation of a current Board Member (John Tso) who is moving to Kansas and who has a year left on his term. Mary Martin will be filling that position. However, we have just had another resignation from the Board of a current Board member due to time committments. There is one year left on that individual's term. We are urging Paul Mohr to fill that position but he needs a bit of encouragement from you our membership. Paul has been a wonderful voice on the Board for seeking compromise. Please urge him to fill the position being vacated. HOWEVER, that means we need to fill one more position and vote on it at the upcoming annual meeting. We will take nominations from the floor but would like to know of anyone who is interested so we may get their bio and distribute at the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to your community and enhance our environment. There is work to be done and it does require a time committment every month in terms of work and meeting four times a year. PLEASE THROW YOUR HAT IN THE RING!

3. At the Annual Meeting we will be updating directory information at a desk when you come in so that we may start working on the new Directory to be published in the spring of 2008 and distributed thereafter. We are still looking for some 40 plus email addresses from those who have not yet provided them to us. WE ARE PARTICULARLY SHORT ON EMAIL ADDRESSES ON 61ST STREET, 62ND STREET, 63RD STREET AND TERRACE AND WARD PARKWAY. Next year we will save approximately \$600 on printing and money on postage because of our email project. This will give us monies to fill in other areas that will require more money next year such as the snow plowing contract, increases for administrative costs passed on to us by HACCD, and island maintenance. It also means we don't have to ask for an increase in monies you pay us!

4. Our Homes Association in conjunction with several adjacent Homes Associations on both sides of Ward Parkway will be having a "community garage sale" on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2 between 9 and 4. Advertisements will be placed in the local newspapers, as well as the Star and signs will be placed along the blocks having persons who are holding garage sales. Please advise Colleen Kennedy if you intend on having a garage sale so that we can be sure your block has a street sign on both State Line Road and Ward Parkway. You may reach her at <u>kennedyKCMO@aol.com</u> or 816 822-7447 This is an opportunity to do some spring cleaning, meet your neighbors, and have some fun. Also, it is an opportunity to perhaps reach out to our elderly neighbors who may need help reducing their "clutter" but need help in doing so. If there is someone on your block that fits that category--which we will all reach someday by the grace of god--lets see if we can get some neighbors together and help them "declutter"!

5. Finally, Anita Dixon's home has again been honored by the Kansas City Master Gardeners' Tour and her garden will be on display June 15 and 16 from 9 am to 4:30 p.m. at 1244 West 60th Terrace. This

means some congestion on that street and adjoining streets. Please keep this in mind that weekend and try to park in your driveways rather than on the street so that visitors can get access to the Home. This is an opportunity to show off our neighborhood to those thinking of moving here and we have several lovely homes on the market.

4. Dues statements will be going out in June and we ask everyone to promptly provide us with your dues so that we may meet budget obligations. We continue to be in arrears over \$4,500 for past due dues, most of which are less than a year.

5. GOOD NEWS--AND BAD NEWS! The good news is our homes are going up somewhat substantially in value and have for the last two years. The bad news is that Jackson County has taken notice and our new assessments, for many of us, is up substantially. If you have an issue with your assessment, please read it carefully as to the time limit you have to appeal. If you have further questions about it, call HACCD at 816 523 2440. If you wish to appeal, you need to have comps in your area, which you might be surprised to find are just as high as your home!

This notice will NOT be mailed out so please print it out and share it with your neighbors who perhaps don't have email at home! We need email addresses for the following:

| Ward Parkway:       | Abend Lynn, Murphy, Nyakatura, Middlecamp, Hagood & Lewis                        |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Huntington:         | Cole/Ruisch                                                                      |
| Sixty First Street: | Kenny, Upjohn                                                                    |
| 61st Ter.:          | Fuentes, Moody, Powers/Frank, Verble, Tostevin, Deckert, Potter, MDaniel, Goede, |
|                     | Bricker, Lambert, Reid                                                           |
| 62nd St:            | Fogel, Shaughnessy, Jones, LEWIS, Miller, Knopke, Finlay, James, Koon            |
| 63rd St:            | Hubbell, Schweitzer, Tranin, Sunderman, Bedfort, Van Zon, Monteleone, Lehaney,   |
|                     | Threatt, O'Neill                                                                 |

We also have the following permanent handdeliveries:

| Ward Parkway | King                        |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| State line   | White                       |
| Stratford    | Steele                      |
| 59th St      | Knopke                      |
| 61st Ter     | Adam                        |
| 62nd St      | Kilker                      |
| 63rd Ter     | Giffin, Grossman and Muther |
| 64th St      | Matthews                    |
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If block captains could print this off and handdeliver to those we don't have email addresses for or which are permanent handeliveries, it would be appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Meeting.

Your Board!