

Stratford Gardens Newsletter

Greetings to all!

Your Board has been busy!

Look for your invitation to the Christmas/Holiday Party soon! It will be on Friday, December 13, 2013, at the home of Laurie and Chip Ingram from 7 – 9 pm.

Fall yard cleanup and leaf drop off: The City of Kansas City offers **free** drop off of yard waste for KCMO residents on Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm at three (3) locations. For more information, visit:
<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/PublicWorks/LeafandBrushDrop-OffSites/>

The City was in our neighborhood this week cleaning the main lines, and removing debris from under the manholes that cause blockage in the system. **Removing leaves and debris from our yards and curbs in a timely manner is a necessity and will help avoid backups in homes.**

Island Update: Some dead trees and stumps were removed on the island at 63rd and State Line.

We are looking into several new projects for the spring including replacing trees, planting new shrubs and flowers, as well as lighting to some islands.

Snow Removal – Bring it on! We are ready with a snow removal contract in place.

New Street Sign - The replacement street sign for Huntington/60th Terr. island was initiated on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. It's been assigned Case ID 2013154055, and as of today its status is still "open." To view the status of this or other "311" cases, you can go to <https://data.kcmo.org/311/Open-311-Cases/txik-ccii>.

Capital Improvements – We are in the process of taking bids for tuck pointing for our brick structures on 64th Street and 63rd Terrace as well as some mortar work on the island at Huntington and 61st Street.

Treasurer's Report - Dues collections are pretty much in line, but we have some stragglers. Some residents are very, very delinquent. Liens have been placed on the homes and dues will be collected when the homes are sold. Today, we have 13 people on the delinquent list with a few new names. To those of you who have not paid your dues, please clear this obligation so as to avoid a lien on your house.

Security: As you know, Stratford Gardens pays off duty police officers to patrol our area at various times during the day/night. They are here for eight shifts per week for 4 hours at a time. Our latest report from the coordinator, Officer Parsons, shows activity for October, 2013 and here are the highlights:

Pedestrian Checks	14	Car checks	2
Traffic Violations	26	Open doors	0
Traffic Tickets	18	Calls for service	19
Residence Checks	34		

Congratulations on no open doors! Let's keep our cars and doors locked!

January through October, 2013, we have had 4 Felony Arrests and 9 Warrant Arrests. For all of 2012, we had 5 Felony Arrests and 24 Warrant Arrests.

To read the minutes from our Board Meetings, go to:
<http://ha-kc.org/data/minutes/SGAnnMtgMinutes20130530.pdf>

Are you interested in joining our Board to help make your neighborhood better?
If so, please contact sgkcmo@gmail.com

Your board members are as follows:

President - Raphael Suarez
Vice President/Secretary – Charles Arthur
Treasurer – Greg Koehler
Communications – Maggie Shine
Robert Flynn – Social

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