

STRATFORD GARDENS

Newsletter

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Welcome New Neighbors!

Fred and Kristie Wolferman
1256 W 62 St

Brooke Runnion and Brett Weinstein
1241 W 62 St

Grace and Andrew Lee
1210 W 63 ST

Jo Warmund and Michael Wee
1263 Stratford Rd

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined us at another fabulous Stratford Gardens Holiday Party! We had about 80 neighbors in attendance, and can't thank our hosts **Tom Suther** and **Kevin Bryant** enough for graciously opening their home to us. Thank you also to **Megan Whitman** for a great job planning the event!

We have many exciting things to share in this newsletter, including an upcoming neighborhood social, a new Yard of the Month program and continued progress on our neighborhood islands. So be sure to read all the way through! As always, we welcome your comments and inputs at stratfordgardenshomesassn@gmail.com.

INTRODUCING STRATFORD GARDENS YARD OF THE MONTH!

The Board is planning a new "Yard of the Month" program to celebrate how beautiful Stratford Gardens is, and to showcase the many yards that contribute to our wonderful residential environment. The program will start this year and continue from April to October.

Neighbors will soon receive a written description of the program with additional details. We look forward to receiving any comments throughout the year so that we can continue to improve the program while providing a fun outlet to promote neighborhood enhancements.

KEEP OUT THE RAIN

Keep Out the Rain began operating in our neighborhood last fall. The program is voluntary, and designed to help property owners fix improper plumbing connections that contribute to the overflow of diluted sewage into our environment and backups into homes. If anyone is still interested in taking advantage of this program, please call the Water Dept directly or visit www.kcwaterservices.org/rain

MEYER CIRCLE FOUNTAIN

As you received notice in the mail, a local organization is continuing to raise funds to get the Meyer Circle Sea Horse Fountain up and running again. Our homes association has donated \$100 to the cause. If you would like to contribute, visit KCFountains.com/sponsor-a-fountain. On the PayPal form, click *Indicate Fountain* and write "Meyer Circle Sea Horse Fountain."

SAVE THE DATE!

May 4: Annual Membership Meeting at the Carriage Club

Please join us to review our neighborhood affairs live and pick up your directory. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. This year we will have two openings for new board members and hope to have many volunteers in attendance.

March 30, 6-8 pm: Neighborhood Social

Join us at the home of **Gordon Kelley and Mary Martin**, 1228 W 61st Street. Bring a bottle of wine and/or appetizer to share. *Interested in hosting a future event? Let us know at malloryengler@gmail.com.*

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ISLANDS UPDATE

Electricity was installed on the 63rd St. island in December. We have two spotlights highlighting the fountain, and once spring arrives, we will refurbish the fountain to be functional again. New landscaping and additional lighting will be added as well. When we installed electricity, we also replaced the old sprinkler system which ran on a "battery pack" and was inefficient.

A very special thanks to **Robby and Laurie Robinson** (at the corner of 62nd St.) who were so patient and gracious throughout the project. Every possible utility line runs through their property, and numerous "holes" had to be dug on their lawn, plus, a square of sidewalk had to be removed and replaced due to a gas line. Again, many thanks. As Laurie stated, it's great to see the fountain lit up!

Thanks to all of our neighbors for their support and patience with this project, and a huge shout out to our board member Mary Martin who has championed this work and jumped through many hoops to get us this far. One more island to light up!

SAFETY & CRIME UPDATE

In a neighborhood that is historically not used to any crime, we have had several incidents recently, including one attempted home invasion and a burglary. Fortunately no one was harmed. Otherwise, the majority of thefts have occurred in cars and out buildings. In each instance our police department contact, Kelly Eckert, has been notified.

Please remember to lock your homes and cars. Our neighborhood continues to be monitored by an off-duty police officer, and we ask that our neighbors remain vigilant for any suspicious activity, calling the police if warranted.

ADVERTISE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY!

The board is excited to introduce the opportunity for our neighborhood business owners to advertise in the next round of Neighborhood Directories. The ads are only open to Stratford Gardens Homes Association members, and cost \$50 for a half page and \$100 for a full page ad. The proceeds for the business ads will offset the costs of printing and distributing the directories.

If you would like to partake in this opportunity, please provide a copy ready ad *no later than March 15* to **Brenda Lubeck**. Space is limited. Additional questions may also be directed to Brenda at brendalubeck@kansascityhomes.com.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS/ROAD CLOSURES

April 30: Trolley Run

June 3: Hospital Hill Run

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