STRATFORD GARDENS

MAY 2018

Welcome New Neighbors!

Gregory and Susan Lewis 1225 West 62 nd Street

Ed and Kristin Havens 1237 West 59 th Street

Aimee Brown 1201 West 61 st Street

Karen Austin 1211 Stratford Road

Crosby and Jill Gernon 1255 West 63 rd Street

James and Frances Erlacker 1353 Huntington Road

Jack and Abigail Hyde 1223 West 62 nd Street

Matthew and Lindsay Smith 1200 Huntington Road

> James Heryer 1232 West 63 rd Street

STRATFORD GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us at Carriage Club 5301 State Line Road

Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm Business Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

PLEASE SUBMIT AN RSVP

to HA-KC at 913-385-2440 or psteele@ha-kc.org

ISLANDS UPDATE

Board member **Mary Martin** continues to lead the charge on the beautiful updates to our neighborhood grounds and sculptures. We are currently working with the city to use PIAC funding to continue to make updates. Once approved, we will begin by replacing the missing urns on Ward Parkway and then address the island on 60th Terrace.

ASH TREE UPDATE

The following update is from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Program: We are treating about 3,200 trees in year 1 and 2,400 in year 2. A door hanger will be left at the time of treatment (between June and August). The 5,000 ash trees that are no longer being treated will be scheduled for removal over the next 3 years based on condition. Door hangers are left at least two weeks in advance to let residents know an ash tree(s) will be removed. Trees that are dead should be reported to 311.

Each ash tree removed will be replaced by the end of the next planting season, if there is a location that meets Forestry's planting specifications. A variety of trees with no known problems will be planted. Residents will not have a choice of tree. Only trees of the proper mature size between the street curb and sidewalk will be planted. Tree lawns less than 5' will not be planted. Door hangers will be left at least 2 weeks prior to planting. Residents must call 311 and submit a "DO NOT PLANT" request if they do not want a replacement tree. After a tree has been planted such requests cannot be honored. If residents would like to purchase their own tree and plant it, they must obtain a free tree PERMIT by contacting 311 (dial 311, email 3-1-1.Call.Center@kcmo.org, or visit kcmo.gov/311) to give the City a record that a tree has been planted at an address. For questions, visit the City's website at www.kcmo.org/eab or the state website at www.eab.missouri.edu and the national website at www.emeraldashborer.info

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Want to help lead our beautiful neighborhood? We are actively seeking several new board members to join the Stratford Gardens board. Please email board president Tom Suther at tomsuther@locatekc.com for more information. We will be voting in new members at the annual meeting on May 10th.

Did you receive this newsletter via snail mail? We need your email! Please send it to President Tom Suther at stratfordgardenshomesassn@gmail.com and let's save on postage and paper.