

Greenway Fields

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President's Letter

I am very proud of our neighborhood; to the volunteers who help make our events successful, the Block Captains who help keep communications current, and to the advertisers who support our newsletters—thank you!

The request for feedback about the idea for curbside vacuuming of leaves received an overwhelmingly positive response from residents. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide the service this year. Finding a company with a crew and vacuum led me to Benjamin Lawn & Landscape. The cost was \$19/house, and while that was an excellent discount (regularly \$45/house), it was substantially higher than the quote we had gotten two years ago, and we do not have the money in the budget. We will ask for your feedback again before we submit the 2013 budget (the 2012 budget has already been approved with the City).

If you would like to be more involved with your neighborhood association, you may want to become a Board Member. Please call me to learn more about the commitment and/or to have your name added to the ballot. Elections are held at the Annual Meeting (Feb 2012).

Our Greenway Fields website is live (greenwayfields.org) and we're continuing to add content. We'd like the website to be a helpful resource for our neighborhood. If you're interested in being part of the committee, contact Ryan Felton (ryan.felton@greenwayfields.org).

The Holiday Party is Sunday, December 4th at 635 W. Meyer Blvd., at the home of Marianne Roos and David Bland from 5pm–7pm. Marianne & David are new neighbors and have happily agreed to host this year. The Holiday Party is casual and fun—another great opportunity to visit with neighbors and board members. We provide refreshments, beverages and name tags...just bring *you!*

Gina

Upcoming Events



Brookside Christmas Tree Lighting

Thur., Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m.

Join Brookside merchants and neighbors for live music and cocoa as the neighborhood tree is lit.



Holiday Party

Sun., Dec. 4, 5–7 p.m. 635 W. Meyer Blvd.

Home of Marianne Roos & David Bland
No children please except babies-in-arms.

Please RSVP by 11/30 to

Clem Helmstetter at

clem.helmstetter@greenwayfields.org



Annual Holiday Lighting Contest

Judging the night of Mon., Dec. 19

Lights, wreaths, snowmen...

it's time to channel your inner Clark Griswold! Winners will be chosen in the categories of Most Original, Most Colorful, Best Block and Best of Show.



Leaf & Brush Pick-Up

North of 63rd. St.: Nov. 12 & Dec. 9

South of 63rd. St.: Nov. 17 & Dec. 15

See inside for more about
lawn waste disposal.



No-limit Trash Pick-up

Dec. 25–Jan. 1

The regular two-bag limit for garbage collection is lifted during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. You may place additional bags on the curb without buying a tag for them, which ordinarily costs \$2 per bag. Please note that this does not apply to bulky trash items; you still must schedule a pick-up with the city to dispose of these items. See inside for more about lawn waste disposal.

Homes of the Month

Celebrating our beautiful neighborhood



October
608 61st Terrace
Maureen Conklin



November
6434 Wornall Terrace
Candice Loupee

If you find the Home of the Month sign in your yard, please contact Jennifer Martin at jennifer.martin@greenwayfields.org so she can include a photo in the next edition of the newsletter. If your home is named Home of the Month, you get to choose next month's winner. Take a look around the neighborhood and at the end of the month, place the sign in a yard that you think deserves recognition.

Clean-Up: Lawn Waste, Bulky Trash & Hazardous Waste

Here are some details as to what the City will and will not accept when it picks up lawn waste:

- Sacks and bundles should be curbside by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection.
- No more than 20 sacks and/or bundles per household.
- Sacks and bundles must not weigh more than 40 pounds each
- Use only paper lawn debris sacks. No plastic bags.
- If you seal sacks, use masking tape only; do not use plastic or duct tape.
- No grass clippings. No trash.
- All branches must be bundled. Branches must not be more than 3 inches in diameter.
- Bundles of branches must not be more than 2 feet in diameter and not more than 4 feet long.
- Use twine or jute rope to tie bundles; do not use wire or plastic tape.
- If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic.

If you are interested in scheduling a bulky trash pick-up, you may do so by calling 311; you may also schedule a pick-up online on the City's website at kcmo.org. The Department of Public Works' section of this website provides guidelines concerning what the City will and will not pick up.

The City also operates a Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site at 4707 Deramus Ave., which is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. This center accepts paint, automotive fuels and household batteries; for a complete list of what is accepted, see the City website at www.kcmo.org. The midtown Home Depot store does recycle compact fluorescent light bulbs; there is a receptacle near the returns area. Please note that the store does not accept larger fluorescent tube light bulbs.

Redistricting

You may have heard that Kansas City is in the midst of re-drawing the City Council district boundaries. Our Greenway Fields neighborhood is currently located in the 4th District, and we are represented by Councilwoman Jan Marcason as well as At-Large Councilman Jim Glover. The southern boundary of the 4th District is currently 79th Street, but under the proposed new plan, this southern boundary will shift to 59th Street, resulting in our moving to the 6th District.

In order to find out how this move will affect our neighborhood, Greenway Fields past-president Katie Allison and I, along with neighbor Marsha Ramsey, recently met with our Councilpersons Jan and Jim to talk about redistricting.

The redistricting legally must happen because, since the last Census, 70,000 people have moved out of the city center and now reside either

north of the river, or farther south. The districts must be re-drawn to reflect these shifts in Kansas City's population distribution.

What I learned from the meeting is that we will be a part of an all-residential district whose businesses are mostly neighborhood owned (versus The Plaza and Briarcliff). Also, our PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee) money opportunity may increase since we will no longer be competing with initiatives at Crossroads, The Plaza, West Bottoms, etc.

The other good news is that the current Councilman in the 6th District is John Sharp. He is known for being a strong advocate for residents. I had a meeting with a current 6th District HOA last week and one of the topics was redistricting. With redistricting, they move to the 5th District; they were sad because they are losing John Sharp and they spoke very highly of him.

I had been concerned about being split from the Plaza and more of the central-city areas, but our meeting reassured me that we will have a great deal in common with the other areas represented by the 6th District. The City's website, www.kcmo.org, has more information about redistricting, including maps, if you would like to find out more about this issue. I wanted you to know what I learned.
by Gina Valentino

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