

Greenway Fields

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Upcoming Events



Google Fiber Pre-Registration Ends

September 9

fiber.google.com



2nd Crestwood Neighborhood Block Party

September 16

55th St between Oak St

& Brookside Blvd

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Bounce houses, balloon artist, sidewalk chalk and food trucks will be on hand. All are invited!

President's Letter

Once again the 4th of July Annual Popsicle Parade had a great turnout from many neighboring home associations. The parade was lead by 90+ years young Elsie Morgan, who started this annual tradition. A special thank you to Cosentino's Brookside Market for providing the popsicles for everyone! Make sure to stop by and thank the market for their support when you shop. Additionally, the annual picnic was held in June and was fun as always. Take a glance at the summer event pictures in this newsletter.

In June, the City Council was talking of sweeping changes to all CIDs (Community Improvement Districts). A hearing was held to obtain feedback from the community. There was a large turnout, and Gina Valentino of Greenway Fields made sure we were represented. One of the proposed changes that was of particular concern to us would have made it mandatory for each CID to apply for renewal every 15 years. This would place an undue financial burden on our volunteer homes association. At the time our CID was approved, City Council members publicly stated that more neighborhoods should follow the lead of Greenway Fields to self-fund their neighborhoods. We would like to ensure that all homes associations past and future can easily and readily become self-funded and financially independent with the CID tool. The City Council has not announced when a final review of CID changes will occur. We will keep you posted.

It's August, so that means back to school for the kids. While most kids are sad to see summer ending, many parents might enjoy the extra free time. Keep an extra close eye out for kids biking and walking in the neighborhood to and from school. Also pay attention and watch the slower speeds in school zones.

I would like to thank two recent Board members for their contributions and for providing a helping hand in making our neighborhood great. Terry Wolf and Adam England have both stepped down from the Board; they will be missed. If you see them, please express thanks for their volunteer time and efforts while on the Board.

In closing, the Board would like to thank our block captains who help build strong ties within the neighborhood and act as immediate points of contact for information and issues affecting us. If you are unsure who your block captain is, see the back page or contact Julie Nelson Meers at julie.nelsonmeers@greenwayfields.org. Also, friend us on our Greenway Fields Homes Association Facebook Page as another way to stay updated.

Enjoy the summer,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clem".



Home of the Month

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September
Charlotte Rinehart
430 W Meyer Blvd

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.



Google Fiber

Google Fiber has been generating a great deal of buzz in Kansas City this summer. Google issued a challenge to Kansas City neighborhoods (*fiberhoods* in Google-speak): if 10% of the homes in a given area pre-register for their fiber optic network by Sept. 9, Google will bring their high-speed internet service to that neighborhood. Further, the neighborhood with the highest rate of pre-registration will be the first neighborhood to receive the service. This is an ingenious marketing ploy that incites residents to rally their neighbors. It has been remarkably effective: Greenway Fields has held the #1 spot among Kansas City neighborhoods for the last couple of weeks; as of press time, 33% of the homes in our neighborhood have pre-registered. If we maintain this spot, Greenway Fields could get considerable local and even national media attention.

Fiber-to-the-home technology has been around for a few years, but now Google is building what many other telecom providers have not. Google Fiber will be different from other fiber-to-the-home networks because Google plans to build a dedicated strand of fiber optic cable to your house (for those who pre-register) which will tie directly to the internet backbone. The technical term for this type of build is called *active ethernet* and allows for speeds up to one gigabit up/down. The other, more traditional, method, which most telecom providers build, uses GPON (Gigabit Passive Optical Network), which means that one dedicated fiber to the internet is shared by 32 subscribers. This method does not allow for super-fast speeds but is more common as it is less costly to build.

There has been a rumor that Google TV will not carry ESPN. Google Fiber staff advised they are still working with network providers to complete the TV offering lineup. If you want the full experience of what is possible, visit the Google Fiber Space at 43rd and State Line Rd. for yourself.

If you have not signed up and would like to by September 9th visit: fiber.google.com



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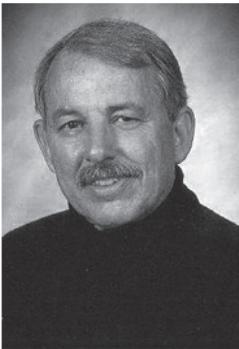
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