

# Greenway Fields

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## President's Letter

The trick-or-treaters ringing our doorbells recently were a reminder that fall is in full swing. This is certainly one of my favorite times of year. Of course, we all have to deal with the drudgeries of leaves and snow, but the holidays give us a chance to spend time with our families and friends who we may not see often enough. I am excited for the change of season, and especially excited for the upcoming events in Greenway Fields.

The Annual Holiday Party is always a wonderful event and I encourage you to join us. This year it will be held on **Sunday, December 14, from 5–7 p.m.** at the home of our friend and fellow GFHA Board Member, David Slawson at 400 West 63rd Street. It will be a great opportunity to share holiday cheer with our neighbors and friends. Please RSVP to [board@greenfields.org](mailto:board@greenfields.org) by December 6th.

This year we are encouraging voting in our Facebook Group for our annual Holiday Lighting Contest, where awards will be given in several different categories. See the *Upcoming Events* column to the right for details. I am sure that in a neighborhood as spirited as ours the winners will be very difficult to choose.

In other news, our newly planted trees that did not make it through their first summer will be replaced by KC Parks & Forestry. Please continue to keep these new trees watered even during the winter and we will all enjoy the beauty of our renewed urban forest in the spring.

With the shorter daylight hours let's remember our porch light policy and be even more aware of runners, walkers and bikers during the daily commute. Do not hesitate to call in anything suspicious during the holiday months. Crime prevention is a priority and an involved neighborhood alongside our randomly-scheduled security patrol using off duty KCMO Police officers keeps our neighborhood safe.

One last note—residents will see a \$2 increase in the GFNCID annual assessment by Jackson County on your tax bill. The additional funding will add to the budget for landscaping, snow plowing, etc. and supplement our major maintenance reserve fund.

Have a safe and memorable holiday season!

Neil

## Upcoming Events



### GFHA Annual Holiday Party

Sun, Dec 14, 5–7 PM

400 W 63rd St

Home of Lee Johnson

& David Slawson

No children except babies-in-arms

RSVP by Dec 6 to

[board@greenwayfields.org](mailto:board@greenwayfields.org)



### Small Business Saturday

A shopping holiday held

on the Saturday after

Thanksgiving during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

First observed in 2010, it

is a counterpart to Black

Friday and Cyber Monday,

which feature big box retail and e-commerce stores respectively.

Show your support for

our local businesses.



### Holly Jolly Shopping Crawl

Sat, Nov 29

Featuring 30 Waldo shops

and businesses



### Holiday Lighting Contest

Vote for your favorites by Dec 14 on

our Facebook Group or email

[board@greenwayfields.org](mailto:board@greenwayfields.org)

in the following categories:

**Most Colorful**

**Most Elaborate**

**Most Whimsical**

**Most Classic**

**Most Architectural**

**Most Elegant**

**Most Original**

**Best Block**

**Best of Show**



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Boulevard Brewing Company



Vaile Mansion

## About Town

**E**xciting things are happening near the intersection of 63rd and Oak Streets.

**Heirloom Bakery & Hearth** is renovating the former service station at 401 E 63rd Street into a home-style, community-oriented eatery, opening late this year.

**Season+Square Tasteful Goods** at 6208 Oak Street is branching out and planning a Spring 2015 opening of a locally-sourced Italian restaurant to be named **Plate**, next door to their current shop.

In Brookside, **Avenue's Bistro's** lounge expansion Cove is opening November 17th.



Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

# 12 Free or Inexpensive Things to do in Kansas City

It's almost the most wonderful time of the year! Holiday after holiday, often with a house full of out-of-town company. What to do? You want your guests to have fun, but you also don't want to break the bank. It is the holidays after all!

What's better than fun and free or fun and cheap? Below is a list of completely free or inexpensively priced things to do in Kansas City. The best part is they're easy to find (meaning your guests can go on their own) freeing up your time for holiday cooking, decorating, etc. Enjoy and Happy Holidays!

**Country Club Plaza Lighting Celebration**—Thanksgiving night. Hang out with a few thousand happy campers and enjoy free music, a hot drink, and of course the lights! *Admission: \$0*

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art**—4825 Oak Street. You'll know you're in the right place when you see the larger-than-life shuttlecocks on the lawn and currently some impressive tipis. The extensive permanent collection is free for viewing; however, there is a charge to see the current exhibition of *The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth & Sky*. *Admission: \$0 or \$8 adults*

**Boulevard Brewing Company**—2501 Southwest Boulevard. Tour the brewery and enjoy free samples. Any age is welcome but bring your identification if you want to sample the beer. Tours fill quickly. *Admission: \$0*

**Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art**—4525 Oak Street. The Museum stimulates dialogue, fosters an understanding and appreciation of modern and contemporary art, and to presents significant works of art as educational resources. *Admission: \$0*

**National World War I Museum**—The Liberty Memorial, 100 West 26th Street. One of the foremost American museums dedicated to the First World War. It's not a real flame on top, but a very impressive look alike. It's lights and steam. Who would have guessed? *Admission: \$6 youth 6-17; \$12 students & seniors; \$14 adults; military discount available.*

**The Money Museum**—Federal Reserve. Adjacent to the WWI Museum. Provides guided tours and an explanation of our currency system through interpretive and interactive displays. *A billion dollar experience. Admission: \$0*

**Union Station**—30 West Pershing Road. While you're at the Liberty Memorial, jump across the street to Union Station. See the grand dame of the Midwest and let your mind picture Kansas City at its turn of the century glory! Included are Science City (admission charge), Harvey House Restaurant, and many other free and nominal charge attractions. *Admission: \$0*

**Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**—1616 East 19th Street. Honoring the tradition of Kansas City baseball and intertwining athletics, racism and civil rights. *Admission: \$6 youth 5-12; \$10 adults.*

**Harry S. Truman Museum**—500 Highway 24. A trip to Kansas City (actually Independence) isn't complete without getting a glimpse of our famous President. Whether it's the Museum, Harry S. Truman Historic Site (his home) or the Truman Library, all of these attractions are reasonably-priced. *Admission: \$3 youth 6-15; \$8 adults.*

**Vaile Mansion**—A few blocks from the Truman home, experience the beautiful Vaile Mansion. A gothic period home, steeped with great stories of love, lust, insanity and maybe even a ghost or two. Hours vary so you might want to call ahead. *Admission: \$2 youth; \$6 adults*

**Weston Bend State Park**—Weston, MO is about a 45 minute drive from our neighborhood and well worth the drive. The park is located in the bluffs overlooking the scenic Missouri River. A photographer's inspiration especially after a new snow. Accommodates biking and hiking.

**Outdoor Ice Skating**—Crown Center, 2425 Grand Boulevard. Kansas City's only public, outdoor ice skating rink is open for its 42nd season of great fun! *Admission: \$6/person; \$3 skate rental [www.crowncenter.com](http://www.crowncenter.com)*



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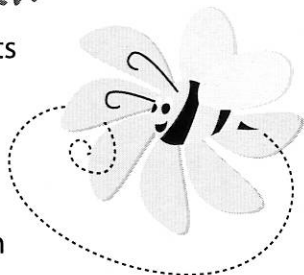
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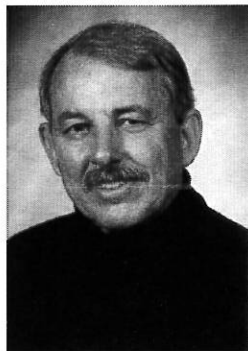
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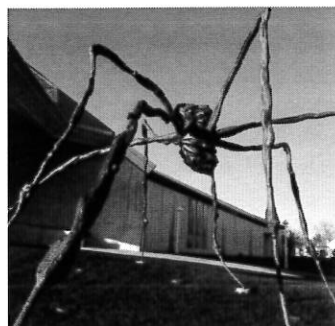
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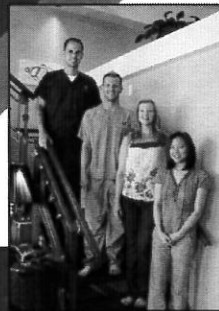


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