

Greenway Fields

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Spring has officially arrived!

President's Letter

It's that most wonderful time of the year again and I don't mean Christmas! If you're like me, you have probably already tramped around the yard to see your tulips and daffodils in bloom. Spring has officially arrived! Spring, the time of year when everything starts again. A yearly *do over* if you will. As you look around, there are a lot of new starts. With the mild winter, construction crews got a jump on installing new traffic signals on 63rd and also on Meyer. The GFHA Board had its own new start a couple of weeks ago at the annual meeting; election of board members, discussion about pertinent neighborhood topics and a great breakfast from the staff at Charlie Hoopers. My President's message at the meeting was one of change. In the midst of the newness for our area, we are also beginning our *look back* as we prepare for the Greenway Fields Centennial Celebration in 2017. The inaugural committee for the Centennial Celebration is being chaired by Elizabeth Noble and myself. There is still time to volunteer for a committee position and we would love your help! We plan to make our 100th year celebration something to remember and are already seeking photos, news articles, and historical anecdotes to fill a publication. If you have anything, please let me know. With the herald of spring, remember that change is not only inevitable but required for growth. Since nothing remains the same, embrace the change! Enjoy your spring! The *other* most wonderful time of the year!

David Jensen

Upcoming Events



Neighborhood Yard Sale

Fri & Sat,

May 20-21, 8 AM-4 PM

Clear out your closets, basement, and attic and join your neighbors.



Neighborhood Picnic

Sun, Jun 12, 5-7 PM

Strawn Park

We will provide BBQ, water, lemonade and utensils. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Popsicle Parade

Mon, Jul 4, 10 AM

635 W Meyer Blvd

50+ year tradition, whether you're a kid or just feel like one, ride your bike or walk in this short parade.



Holiday Lighting

Contest Winners:

Architectural: 6418 Washington St

Colorful: 6218 Pennsylvania Ave

Classic: 414 W Meyer Blvd

Original: 627 W 61st Ter

Elaborate: 409 W 62nd St

Festive: 6411 Summit St

Best Block: 6400 Washington St

Elegant: 400 W 63rd St

Thanks to everyone for decorating!

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www.greenwayfields.org

Clear Your Closet

As warm weather looms it's time to switch out your winter clothes and I am happy to share a few helpful tips to make this process easier. With these tips I have transformed my clothes closet into a peaceful space, of which I am the gatekeeper:

- 1. Do I love it?** I vow to only allow items I really love to stay in my closet...sure this leaves me with fewer items, but I love them all and I don't miss the stuff that I rarely or never wore. Most people report that they actually only wear a handful of the clothes in their closets.
- 2. Does it fit?** Many of us are familiar with the dark side of this experience....if my jeans are too small, I let them go. If I lose that last 5 pounds, I will be happy to celebrate

BY NIKKI CRAWFORD, PH.D with a new pair.

3. Does it match several other things? I do love the long top/dress thingy, but can't figure out what to wear with it, so it never gets out of my closet. I will give this item away and someone else may be able to figure it out, and look fabulous!

4. Is it in good repair? Not likely that I will get the broken zipper fixed, since I have not done so in the past 6 months. I don't need to feel guilty every time I see that zipper.

5. Have I worn it? If I haven't worn an item in the past season, I let it go. There are plenty of people out there who may love it and benefit from it. Unworn items are not doing any good hanging in my closet.

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Easy Spring Security Tips

BY TOM O'CONNOR

Spring break is here and for some of us that means a trip out of town. Think twice before you paste your vacation pictures on Facebook in real time. Depending upon how public you are on Facebook, you might wait until you get home to let people know no one's home.

You will have a lot of door-to-door sales people this spring, talking to them is your choice, but not in your home or doorway. Why would you invite a stranger into your house to look around? Instead, answer through the door so anyone knocking will know someone's home. And if you want to talk, step outside and close your door behind you.

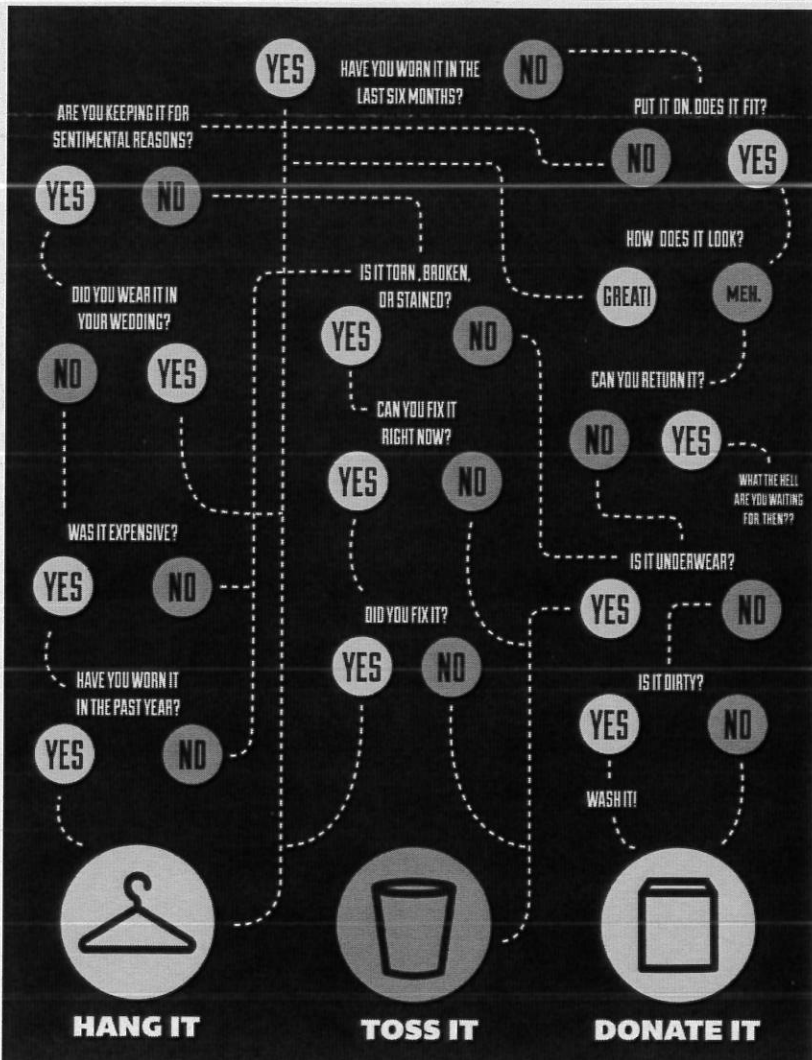
If you have an old alarm system and it is monitored by a landline, it's time to consider upgrading your alarm system. All new systems these days are monitored by cell towers, which gives you a lot more flexibility in setting your alarm and being notified.

Spring is a great time to trim the bushes around the front of your house, especially if the bushes are higher than your windows. This eliminates hiding places for someone wanting to enter your home through a window.

Consider Z-wave technology (wireless communications specifically for home automation) which allows you to schedule when your lights turn on and off, even when you are on vacation.

If you have just moved into the neighborhood, have your home and garage locks changed and please don't hide a key outside. Introduce yourself to your neighbors and check out www.greenwayfields.org and the Greenway Fields Facebook Group as well.

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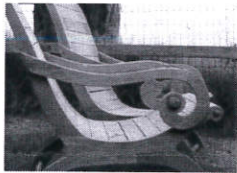


Spring Bulbs

As spring flowering bulbs go through the flowering process, keep three care tips in mind:

1. If practical, remove spent flowers with a scissors or a hand pruner. This allows the plant to conserve its energy for bloom the next year rather than using it to produce seed.
2. Allow foliage to die naturally — it is needed to manufacture food that will be stored in the bulb and used for next year's flowers.
3. Don't fertilize. The roots of these plants start to shut down after flowering. Fertilizer applied at this time is wasted. Instead, fertilize during the fall at the time bulbs are normally planted and again in the spring when new growth pokes out of the ground.

www.mggkc.org/care-for-spring-flowering-bulbs/



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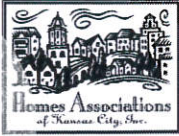
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