

Greenway Fields

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President's Letter

To begin, the new paver patio addition at the winged lion bench and the original statues of Diana & Bacchus donated by J.C. Nichols nearly 100 years ago have been restored. Cracks in both statues have been filled with epoxy, Diana has a new nose, and both will now have a permanent mounting behind the bench in Greenway Fields Park at 63rd/Valley. The restoration and preservation were a high-ranking priority by residents and we are glad to have this year long process complete. Additionally, we have great news to report that the City has funded the Greenway Fields PIAC request submitted in 2017 by Elizabeth Noble to restore the blue street name tiles at 78 location that are missing or damaged. PIAC has been generous to our neighborhood over many years and a big thank you to voters for recently renewing the 20-year sales tax that allows public improvement projects like this. This is a great way to end our Centennial year for Greenway Fields Homes Association.

Thank you to the more than 60 residents who turned out for the Greenway Fields Homes Association annual meeting in February, breakfast was delicious as usual, and we thank Charlie Hooper's for hosting us. I can report that our neighborhood financials are strong, and the budget is on track. A quick thank you to previous board members for their voluntary service and we welcome the new board members in place that will accomplish our long-term maintenance plan to prevent costly repairs.

I am glad to report the spring cleanup of leaves, new mulch, turf fertilization, and mowing is underway to give that polished look we all expect in our neighborhood. Last fall we completed landscape updates with a walking path at Monkey Island (62nd/Pennsylvania). The board has ordered the two new park benches (like those installed last fall at the park). We anticipate the new benches to be installed at Monkey Island in early June for neighbors to meet and chat.

In closing, I want to remind everyone with warmer weather we have many regular walkers please pull forward in your driveway to avoid blocking the sidewalk. This is beneficial to walkers and the disabled within our neighborhood. Also, we had some recent reports of missed trash pickups, if you notice your trash or other bag service is not picked up on your designated day please call 311 or your collection service within 24 hours. If it is missed, please pull bags back from curb till the following week, as city code allows bags to be placed at the curb 24 hours before any scheduled pickup.

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Upcoming Events



Brookside Farmers' Market

Saturdays, 8 AM–1 PM

63rd St & Wornall Rd

www.brooksidefarmersmarket.com



Brookside Art Annual 2018

Fri–Sun, May 4–6th

www.brooksidekc.org/art-annual



Tri-Neighborhood Yard Sale

Sat, May 12, Dawn to Dusk

Armour Hills (65th St–Gregory

Blvd & Wornall Rd–Oak St)

Greenway Fields: (61st St–65th
St & Wornall Rd–Valley/Summit)

Oak Meyer Gardens: (63rd St–
69th St & Oak St–Holmes Rd)



GFHA Annual Picnic

Sat, Jun 2, 5–7 PM

6300 Valley Rd

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More details on next page



Popsicle Parade

Wed, 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
featuring KCFD's Big Red Firetruck.



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Scimeca's gilled Italian sausages

2018 Greenway Fields Annual Picnic

Join your neighbors on Sat, June 2, 2018 from 5–7 PM for our Annual Picnic held at the Greenway Fields Park located at 6300 Valley Rd.

Complimentary grilled Scimeca's special blend Italian sausages will be served hotdogs for the little ones. Residents are asked to bring a side dish to share.

If your last name begins with:

A–G: Potato side dish

H–P: Vegetable side

Q–Z: Dessert side

Water and ice are provided, but bring along your own favorite beverage and a folding chair or two.

We are excited to have **Jay Eudaly**, a Brookside guitar legend, as our special guest performing from 6–7 PM. Kindly submit your favorite guitar song when you RSVP on the link found below. We are compiling a set-list for the evening. To learn more about Jay Eudaly, check out his website at: www.masterguitar.com

Neighbors are encouraged to RSVP by Sunday, May 20th, 2018. Don't forget to provide a song request! If the weather is inclement, we will send out an email with postponement details. Hope you and yours can make it for a fun evening!



Entertainment by guitarist Jay Eudaly

New Board Member Biographies

Catherine Hamelin

Born in Kansas City at the old St. Mary's Hospital at 29th & Main St. where the Federal Reserve Building now stands, I have spent a great deal of my life living in the Brookside area. Graduated from Southwest High School in 1968 (my class is celebrating its 50th Reunion this year), I went to college on the East Coast and returned to the Midwest to work as a regional planner in several locations. After this career, I returned to the Kansas City area and became a real estate broker specializing in land sales in Smithville. My favorite activity is travel. Last year, at this time, I was traveling in Japan to view the cherry blossom season—one of my best trips ever!

After spending so much of my life in the Brookside area, I thought it was time to give back by volunteering to serve on the Board. My chief interest is security. If there is not security, there is not a solid foundation upon which to build a community. It is a high honor to serve and I hope to contribute as much as I can.

Ben Williams

Ben Williams and Laura Masterson moved into the neighborhood the summer of 2015 with their two labradoodles, Sully and Francey. Ex-founder, lawyer, and serial student, Ben Williams teaches a variety of entrepreneurship courses at UMKC. He gets students involved outside the classroom through #OneDayKC, Entrepreneurial Scholars and Interns Program, and Enactus—an 80+ strong cross-campus group of UMKC students that are improving their community through entrepreneurial action (www.umkcenactus.org). Ben also supports other community organizations such as Cornerstones of Care and Goodwill in a variety of capacities.

Heidi Dixon White

I grew up in north central Pennsylvania and attended college in Maine before moving to Bloomington, Indiana for graduate school where I met my husband, Frank. We lived in Colorado and Michigan before returning to

the Indianapolis area where we spent ~20 yrs. I have lots of interests and hobbies including all things culinary and pretty much anything outdoors. Job changes brought us to Columbia, MO in 2010 and then to KC in 2016 where I am currently employed as a scientist with SynTech Research, an agricultural contract research laboratory in Stilwell, KS. This is the first time we have chosen to live in the city rather than a surrounding small town and Brookside has turned out to be the perfect choice! I love the neighborhood with its friendly small-town feel, walkability, and ease of access to the amenities of the city. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board to better engage with the workings of the neighborhood. My driving interest in being involved is simply to contribute in whatever way I can to help maintain the secure, comfortable, friendly atmosphere of the Greenway Fields community. I look forward to getting to know more of my neighbors!

Scott Tansey

Scott Tansey grew up in Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from St. John's Jesuit high school and went on to Drake University where he graduated with a business degree in Marketing. Scott's true love was meteorology so he returned to school and obtained a masters degree in meteorology at the University of Missouri. He worked for the National Weather Service (NOAA) for over 30 years and retired in 2012. This gives him more time to play tennis, travel and do some volunteer work. Scott has lived in the Brookside area 30 years and really loves it.



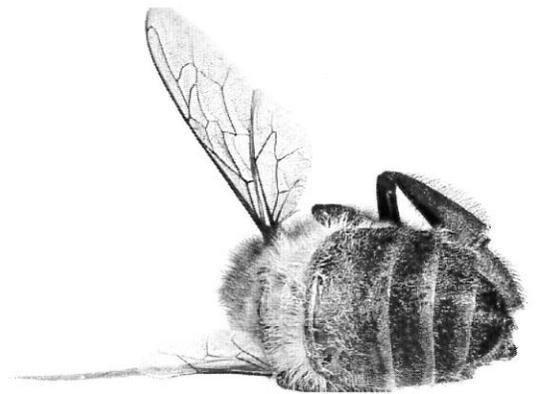


Bobby & Adam from Soil Service planting Green Mountain Sugar Maples

Neonicotinoids

BY BETH NOBLE, PHD

This year we are going to continue the Centennial celebration. Landscaping has been set for Spring and the flora should be beautiful this year. The PIAC grant for blue tiles appears to have been approved. This means there will be new blue non-slip tiles on every corner and intersection. They are set to be installed sometime after October of this year. We're continuing to plant trees, and the urban forest, which was envisioned in 2013, will now be completed. This will continue to add to the quality of life for Greenway Fields. The best news for Greenway Fields is that our parks will be more beautiful and hospitable. We expect to have the statues restored for the June 2nd picnic. Most importantly, Greenway Fields will continue to be a welcoming community both physically and aesthetically. As a green neighborhood, we will also be a role model for other homeowners' associations. We continue to ask for your input on the landscaping. Also, please continue to enjoy all of the birds and birds of prey that have come to call our neighborhood home. This is the best sign of a strong ecology. A number of species of birds have begun to occupy our neighborhood. If you see a new species of birds, please share this with the HOA as we'd like to share this information with the whole neighborhood. Finally, when you're planting flowers, please think of the bees and other insects and avoid planting flowers that have neonicotinoids. The neonicotinoids kill bees and other valuable insects which is the main food source for birds.



10 Steps to a Safer Home!

The first step in preventing a burglary at your home is to reduce opportunities. Increasing your awareness of home safety procedures is a great starting point. Many people only worry about nighttime security but, most burglaries actually occur during daylight hours when most people are at work, school, or running errands. It's important to take precautions during the day, at night, and any time you leave the house to ensure your home stays secure. Consider the following burglary prevention tips:

1. Keep all doors, windows, and gates locked and secured. An open door, window or gate is an open invitation for burglars. Burglars are quick to spot weak locks that can be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three-inch screws. All windows should have window locks. Check to ensure windows are actually locked and not just closed.
2. Always lock the door that leads to your residence from an attached garage. Don't rely on automatic garage door opener for security.
3. Using timers on lights, radios and TV's gives the appearance that someone is home. This has been known to help deter criminals from entering a residence.
4. Be mindful of posting on social media that you are going out of town. You never know who is monitoring your information.
5. Get to know your "5". Select five trustworthy neighbors' who can look

over look after your home while you are away. I suggest three people across from you and one on either side or behind you.

6. Do not allow mail to stack up in the mailbox. Burglars have been known to monitor mail before committing a burglary. Have one of your "5" collect your mail while you are away or request the postal service to hold your mail. You can request such by following the link: <https://m.usps.com/m/HoldMail>
7. Keep shrubbery trimmed and away from entrances and walkways. Large decorative hedges may be beautiful, but they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only a minute to break in through a window or door.
8. Keep the perimeter of your home well lit. Installing low voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders as well as highlight a house.
9. Consider purchasing a doorbell camera system. A good doorbell camera system, positioned correctly, will alert you to someone being at your home. This technology has assisted law enforcement agencies across the nation in the apprehension of burglary suspects.
10. Become involved in your local neighborhood watch group. If your neighborhood currently doesn't have a neighborhood watch program, talk with a few neighbors about starting one. Reach out to your local police department in the municipality you reside in for assistance.

Security

Incidents since February 1, 2018 to April 15th, 2018. The neighborhood has been very vigilant and continues to keep watch on their block for any suspicious activity. The addition of security cameras and porch lights illuminated, throughout the night, have been a major deterrent according to KCPD. The new lead KCPD Patrol Officer, for our area, is Sebastien Hanriot. He can be reached at sebastien.hanriot@kcpd.org. The KCPD Interaction Officer is Mikki Cassidy. 816.581.0715. They will offer a house check/drive by for anyone that plans to be traveling during the summer months, too! Remember, do NOT hesitate to call 911.

