



Postal Carrier of 28 Years Retiring

Melanie Kumpf has been a letter carrier in this area for over 28 years. Her route involved delivering to over 250 households and walking 7.5 miles a day in rain, snow, or sun. She has become a customer favorite as well. Over the years many complimentary letters have been written to the Postmaster about her dedication.

She has kept a watchful eye on the neighborhood and helped the police solve several property crimes. She has found packages that were misdelivered by UPS and returned them to the rightful owners. In fact, one was a christening dress nearly 18 years ago. Now that infant is in college and the family remains grateful to this day. It was not unusual for her to take time during her lunch hour

and assist some of the elderly, with grocery needs, when they couldn't get to the store. She is credited with saving several dogs by stopping traffic and getting the pets back to their rightful owners, too.

She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, children, granddaughters, traveling to exciting places like Churchill Downs to see the Kentucky Derby, and working in her vegetable garden in Lee's Summit, MO. Her last day to carry mail will be on Saturday, September 29th. She says, "she will miss all of her great customers!" Her e-mail is melaniekumpf@yahoo.com. On behalf of the Greenway Fields Homes Association, we thank her for the wonderful service and wish her all the best in her next chapter of life!



GFHA neighborhood postal carrier Melanie Kumpf is retiring after 28 years



KCFD turns fire hydrant into delightful shower

Popsicle Parade 2018

The 4th of July Popsicle Parade was quite festive this year. Sam Copeland and Max Levy from UMKC played patriotic tunes with their brass instruments. The front yard of Dan & Sarah Newman served as the meeting spot for the 200+ neighbors that attended. They were very gracious to provide colorful signage and a pop-up tent for the musicians, too.

The parade route was altered this year and traveled down Pennsylvania Ave. It then headed west on 65th before turning back north on Valley to Meyer Blvd. Next year the route will trek down Washington Street to 65th then back on Valley.

After the longest 7 minute parade ever popsicles were handed out, over 400 of them! They were provided courtesy of our neighborhood grocer, *Cosentino's Market*.

Our first responders from the KCFD, arrived with their big red fire-truck. They provided relief from the heat, with a water canopy from the fire hydrant for the youngsters. Thanks to all that attended this generations' long tradition in Greenway Fields!

Annual Picnic Weathers Power Outage

This year the Greenway Fields Annual Picnic was held on Saturday, June 2nd. The night before the event, the neighborhood experienced severe storms and many were without power for several days. Fortunately, the storms cooled off temperatures and the weather was near perfect for this evening gathering. Cosentino's Market provided many of the items complimentary and Scimeca's Italian *special blend* sausage was the featured food entree. Neighbors brought many delicious sides items of potatoes, vegetables, and desserts.

The added bonus was the exceptional music provided by Jay EuDaly, a well-known Kansas City guitar artist. Unfortunately, Jay needed a source to power his amplifier

Autumn Thoughts on Gardening

Now that we're through summer and through the ravages of the Japanese beetle there are some things we can do in the autumn and spring to prevent the next infestation. Japanese beetles have ravaged large trees and have left them brown and looking very desolate. These trees are not dead and just need a little extra nutrition over the winter. Over the winter, if you can provide plant nutrition, such as fertilizer and extra water this would assist the tree to recover from the Japanese beetle attack. To prevent this, plant geraniums next spring and add bird feeders wherever possible. This will assist in keeping beetle infestation to a minimum. These beetles are repelled by geraniums. All young trees should also receive extra fertilizer and water over the winter. To cheer up your garden for the winter, be sure to get chrysanthemums and other fall foliage. The best fall gardening tip I can provide is to do a good fall clean up. The most important thing is to enjoy the garden in the fall as you do in the spring and summer.



GFHA Park wall gets clean!

Security

Reminder:

1. Keep car doors locked when parked outside.
2. Keep home doors and windows locked.
3. Call 911 to report suspicious activities.

and the entire area, around the block, was without power. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Kurt Knapstein, he secured the last generator at Bledsoe's and the nothing was interrupted. Jay played requests for over 2 hours and received numerous ovations. In fact, several are planning to pursue guitar lessons at Jay's Master Guitar School.

Overall, this was a wonderful gathering of over 80+ neighbors in our community. The enhancements in the park with new grass, statues and walls refurbished, and new benches; made this an ideal setting for this annual event. Thanks to all that contributed and attended, too!

WE LISTENED!

82% of respondents in the recent survey were in favor of replacing the blue tiles on the street corners. The tile project is complete. Make your opinion count and look closely at the survey.

