

# Greenway Fields

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Board members, left, lead a successful Hazardous Household Waste drop-off day in Greenway Fields. Young Popsicle parade cyclist, right, gets in the spirit.

our neighborhoods. Establishing more efficient lines of communication amongst residents arose as a common theme. Hopefully, Greenway Fields Homes Association will be addressing this as we continue to work toward establishing our Block Captain program. We now have volunteers to act as Captains for all but the



## President's Letter

**Y**our Board is working diligently to help our neighborhood—from maintenance and improvements, to fun social events everyone can enjoy.

We are currently reviewing our Homes Association's restrictions. It appears the annual dues have not increased since 1917! It seems unrealistic to expect the services and maintenance we need with this outdated dues structure. Read the related article in this newsletter for more information.

Complaints about fireworks were rampant this year. Yes, you should call the police if you feel it is warranted (non-emergency number is 816-234-5111) and next year we will also request increased security patrol.

The security patrol is active during the day and later evening hours. The goal is to keep eyes on our neighborhood when most of us cannot. We are using marked patrol cars and many residents say they've seen the cars and appreciate their presence.

Working to solve neighborhood issues, Council Members Jan Marcason and Beth Gottstein recently held a meeting with neighborhood presidents. They wanted to hear about the issues of importance in

400 block of 61<sup>st</sup> Terrace. Please call one of your board members if you can help. Their names and numbers are listed on the back of each newsletter. If you have not yet heard from your block captain, you should be doing so in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Annual Picnic and the Popsicle Parade. These always prove to be two of our most enjoyable events. There was also enthusiastic participation in the Hazardous Waste Recycling Event. Thanks to all the Board members who gave their time and energy on the day, especially JT Forristal for arranging use of a trailer from the "As It Was" remodeling company. We filled it to capacity...almost 2 tons! A similar recycling event is being held at Hale Cook School (73<sup>rd</sup> & Pennsylvania) on September 8, 2007 from 8am until 11am.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood and it has been great to meet so many of you at these neighborhood events. Please refer to the adjacent 'Save the Date' calendar for upcoming events.

*Gina*

—Gina Valentino

## Save the Date

**September 8**

Household and Hazardous  
Waste Event  
at Hale Cook School  
8am-11am

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**December 9**

Annual Christmas Party

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**December 16**

Judging of 2nd Annual  
Greenway Fields Holiday  
Lights Contest

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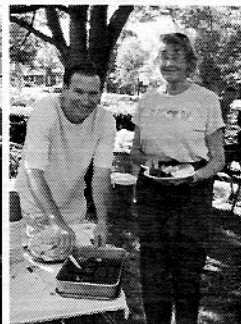
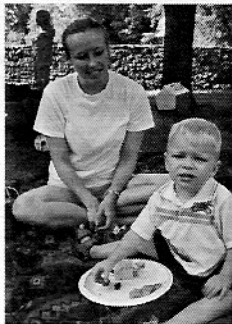
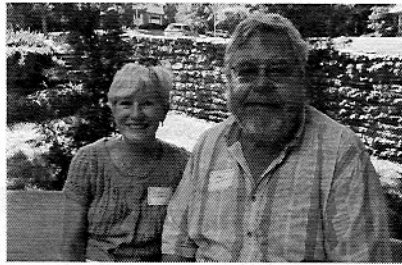
**January 10**

Annual Meeting

### TRASH PICKUP

Bulk trash will be picked up in September and November for Greenway Fields. Bulky item must be put out by 7am on the 29<sup>th</sup> of these months (or the first business day following a weekend). Unlimited trash removal follows the Christmas holiday.

# Greenway Fields Annual Picnic



## Amendments to Restrictions and Home Dues Considered

The Board is considering amending Greenway Fields' restrictions (the rules governing how residences may or may not be used). The restrictions, which have never been amended, were enacted in 1917. Amendments can only be made once every 25 years, and the current 25-year period ends May 1, 2017. A contract indicating agreement to amend by the majority of Greenway Fields' homeowners must be filed with Jackson County by May 1, 2012.

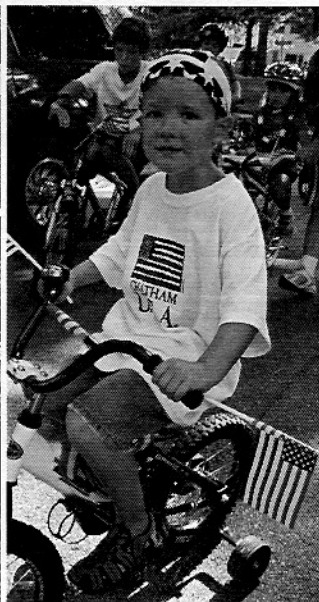
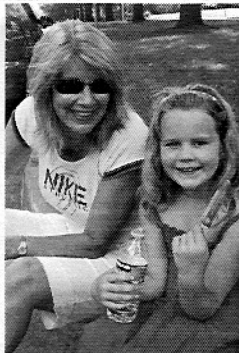
The Board realizes we are 5 years from submitting paperwork. Because the opportunity to amend the restrictions happens so rarely, we wanted to make you aware of the timeline for changing the amendments and to see if you have suggestions for changes. The current restrictions are available at [www.haccd.org](http://www.haccd.org). Click on Missouri Associations, then Greenway Fields and By Laws.

There are several changes the Board is considering. By way of example, one of those changes involves the deletion of any reference to home ownership based on race. Other restrictions are outdated or otherwise need to be revisited.

The Board is also considering increasing dues to cover general operating costs and maintenance. Home association dues have not been increased since Greenway Fields was founded in 1917. In fact, use of the term "mill," which equals 1/10 of one cent, can still be found in the restrictions.

Updates will be available in future newsletters and mailings, as well as at neighborhood meetings such as the next AGM scheduled January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 4th of July Popscicle Parade



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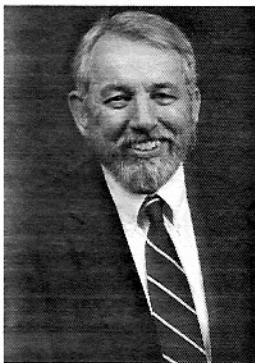
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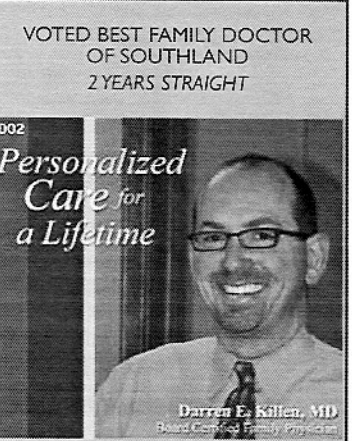
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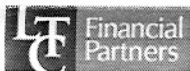
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**People in our Neighborhood**

**Jeff and Laura Beith**

Creative artists Jeff and  
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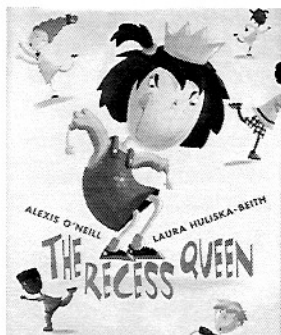
Jeff is co-owner of an  
animation company titled  
"Bazillion Pictures" (www.  
bazillionpictures.com). Laura  
is a free-lance illustrator. She

has made her studio at home  
in their newly renovated and  
"very cool" attic space.

Laura has illustrated a few  
children's books you may  
have seen: **The Ten Little  
Lady Bugs** by Melanie Gerth,  
**The Recess Queen** by Alexis

O'Neill, **Bubble Gum, Bubble  
Gum** by Lisa Wheeler and  
**The Goodnight Train** by June  
Sobel.

Jeff and Laura's three dogs  
are most helpful managing  
the couple's day to day  
business activities.



## 'Home of the Month' Summer Standouts

Neighbors continue to honor neighbors with Home of the Month recognition

### JUNE

644W. 61<sup>st</sup> Terr.,  
home of Mrs.  
Virginia Watson

### JULY

6444 Summit

### AUGUST

452 W. 63<sup>rd</sup> St.,  
home of  
Mr. Mel Snitz



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