

# Greenway Fields

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## President's Letter

I would like to invite you to join the festive cheer at the **Annual Holiday Party** from 5-7 PM on Sunday, December 9. Again, Linda Vogel has graciously offered her home at 635 W. Meyer Blvd. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres are provided. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and greeting new neighbors. See the enclosed invitation and please RSVP to the HACCD (Homes Associations of the Country Club District) offices at 816-523-2440 by 12/6/07.

The **Annual General Meeting** for our association will be held in the large meeting room at the Church at Brookside, located at the corner of Meyer Blvd and Wornall, on Thursday, January 10, 2008 starting at 7 PM. General elections will be held. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board, please contact Gina at 816-444-5439. We will be reviewing the fiscal budgets and proposing a special assessment to keep pace with expenses. Remember, assessments have been the same since 1923!

Through the tireless work of resident and past GFHA President, Katie Allison, a fund has been established to renovate and preserve the brick columns at the corners of Meyer Boulevard at Wornall. Katie's efforts were highlighted by Tony Rizzo in the Kansas City Star on October 10. The columns have fallen into severe disrepair, and it would be a shame to tear them down. Current estimates range up to \$90,000 for the mortar and iron work. To donate to the **Meyer Columns Restoration Fund**, send contributions

to The Homes Association of the Country Club District (HACCD) at 222 W. Gregory Blvd., KC MO 64114.

Katie's attention is not limited to the Meyer Blvd columns. The donation from Charles Rootes for the Greenway Fields plaques (see photo left) showcased at the corner of Wornall and Greenway Terrace was initiated by Katie. Our most sincere thanks to Charlie Rootes for the donation and to Bob Lewis of B & M Construction for donating the installation services (816-424-1335).

A special recognition to all of our Board Members: Wendy, Joe, Barbara, Mike, Aaron, and JT, who gave their time, talent and commitment to our neighborhood association during 2007.

Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season.

*Gina*

—Gina Valentino

## Save the Date

December 9  
Annual Holiday Party  
5-7 PM

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December 16  
Judging of 2nd Annual  
Greenway Fields Holiday  
Lights Contest

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January 10  
Annual GFHA General  
Meeting 7PM

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Remember that the 29th of  
November is our bulky trash  
pickup date and that there  
will be unlimited trash  
removal on the week of  
December 25th.



## Fall Pick-me-up

As you may be aware, the City offers **free Fall leaf and brush collection** on set dates. If you live south of 63rd Street, your pickup dates are November 29 and December 20. If you live north of 63rd Street your pickup dates are November 17 and December 14.

Please use the following guidelines for curbside pickup:

- Sacks of leaves and bundles of brush should be curbside by 7 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection.
- No more than 20 sacks and/or bundles per household.

- Sacks and bundles must not weigh more than 40 pounds each.
- Use only paper lawn debris sacks. No plastic bags.
- If you seal sacks, use masking tape only; do not use plastic or duct tape.
- No grass clippings or trash.
- All branches must be bundled. Branches must not be more than 3 inches in diameter and not more than 4 feet long.

- Bundles of branches must not be more than 2 feet in diameter and not more than 4 feet long.
- Use twine or jute rope to tie bundles; do not use wire or plastic tape.
- If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic.
- Backyard composting will be accepted.
- Grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste can be composted in your yard. The University of Missouri Extension Service offers online information on backyard composting

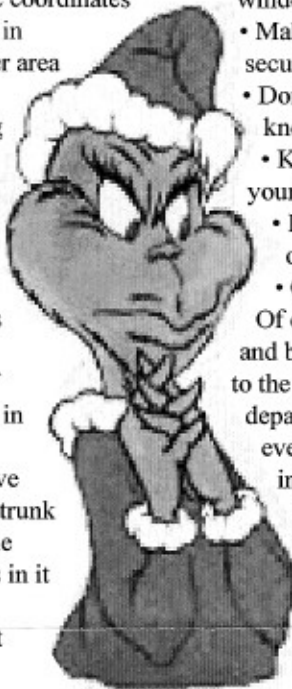
More information can be found at [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org). Click on 'site directory' and go to 'Leaf and brush Curbside Collection'.

# Holiday Security Tips from KCPD

By Mike McAdam, Security Committee Chair

**A**s the holidays approach it makes sense to review a few simple rules that will protect you and your loved ones from either property loss or, worse yet, personal injury due to uninvited criminal guests. Kansas City Police Officer Brent Parsons is the security liaison to our homes association. He coordinates our off-duty officer patrol in Greenway Fields and other area neighborhoods. Officer Parsons has the following suggestions which will improve your chances for a crime free holiday season.

- Always lock your vehicle with the windows rolled up
- Don't leave anything of value inside your vehicle in plain sight
- Items that you must leave should be locked in your trunk
- Never leave your vehicle unoccupied with the keys in it – even to warm your car
- If you have an anti-theft device....use it!



- Make sure your license plates are properly secured
- Park in well lit areas, even if you don't plan to stay after dark
- Don't leave garage doors open, even for just a few minutes
- Keep gifts and packages away from windows
- Make sure all windows and doors are secure and locked
- Don't answer your door without knowing who's there
- Keep lights on inside and outside your home
- Be a good neighbor—watch out for one another
- Call 911 in case of emergency

Of course it always helps to stay alert and be sure to report suspicious behavior to the police. The Kansas City Police department now releases and updates every week on Thursdays, crime information so that you can track online any reported crimes in our neighborhood. Go to

**Stay Alert! Don't let a Grinch spoil your holiday season!**

## Holiday Lights

The judging for the 2nd Annual Holiday Lighting Contest will be December 16th. The categories are Most Original, Most Colorful, Most elaborate, Best Block and Best Of Show. Do take advantage of the good weather to get your holiday decorations out and up!

<http://crime.kansascity.com/>, a link to the Kansas City Star's webpage to look at the **Kansas City Crime Map**. You can then check criminal activity over a period of days or weeks by each category, such as car theft or burglary for any neighborhood in the city. The more you know about criminal behavior the better your chances to prevent it and avoid it from harming you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Mikediv210@aol.com](mailto:Mikediv210@aol.com). Happy Holidays!

## KC Water Dept.'s Phase 3 Project

After inquiries were made regarding the Water Department's plans for Greenway Fields, the following information was emailed to our homes association:

**C**urrent plans for the Phase 3 project (for funding reasons) are to split the original Phase 3 project into at least two phases.

Phase 3A, the first phase, is planned to be bid this fall with construction likely to start early 2008. In the area of Greenway Fields Homes Association, the project will include storm sewer and catch basin replacement on Pennsylvania from the south end of the Phase 2- Huntington Relief Sewer Project to just south of 62nd Street. Work will also include storm sewer replacement (including catch basins) and water line replacement along 62nd Street from Pennsylvania to Summit and storm sewer and catch basin replacements on Summit between 61st Terrace and 62nd Street. Phase 3A also contains work that is not in the Greenway Fields Area along

Huntington Road and on Pennsylvania immediately north of Huntington.

In the area of Greenway Fields Homes Association, the remainder of Phase 3 will include storm sewer and catch basin replacement along Valley Road from 62nd Street to 65th Street, along Pennsylvania from 62nd Street to Greenway Terrace,



along Wornall Road from Meyer to 65th Street, along Meyer from about a half block west of Valley to Brookside Boulevard, and along 65th Street from Wornall Terrace to Wornall Road, storm work on 63rd Street from Valley to Summit. Additionally, Pennsylvania from Meyer Blvd to 65th Street and Jefferson Street from Meyer to 65th Street include trenchless storm

sewer rehabilitation called pipe reaming that will include excavation and backfill of pits at either end of the work in addition to catch basin replacement. 65th Street from Washington to approximately Wornall Terrace will receive cured-in-place pipe lining which is also a trenchless technology, but the area will also have catch basin replacements. Miscellaneous water line relocations resulting from the storm sewer work will also occur in various areas of the project. Phase 3 work also occurs in other areas not in the Greenway Fields Area; Phase 3 is generally encompassed by Ward Parkway to the west, 58th Terrace to the north, Wornall Road to the east, with the Greenway Fields Area being the south limits. At the intersections, curb inlets might go around the corner slightly from the streets, including Greenway Terrace where we are adding a couple of fairly large inlets on Greenway Terrace. The schedule for the remainder of Phase 3 is yet to be determined pending availability of funding.

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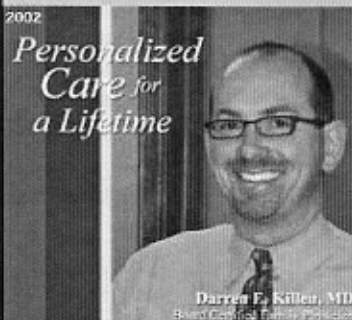
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**Home of the Month**

- September**  
600 W. 63rd St.  
Valerie and Vern Stilwell
- October**  
601 W 63rd St Sam and Julie Meers
- November**  
6223 Valley  
Margot Tillitson







## Scary Neighbors

In a recent Kansas City Star article, writer Tony Rizzo said that "If there is a more elaborate and creative non-commercial Halloween exhibit in Kansas City than the Januarys' front yard, I haven't seen it."

Our neighbors John and Amy January live on 61st Street, with their three children Jack, Joey and Molly Kate. Their front

yard has become a popular 'haunt' for Halloween spook-seekers who find an arrangement of decrepit tombstones, frightful figures and a menacing gargoyle perched above the front door. The ghost story of the fictional Sweeney family and their demise is heard over the FM radio signal playing in the background.

Over the past 7 years the January's have

developed this wonderful neighborhood attraction, adding something new each year, with most of the display being hand-made. Perhaps this creativity comes as no surprise once we learn that John is a creative director at marketing firm Sullivan, Higdon and Sink, and Amy is a former art director. Take a look at [www.sweeney-familyhorror.blogspot.com](http://www.sweeney-familyhorror.blogspot.com) for some more interesting details about the January family and their Halloween story.

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*You're Invited!*



*Greenway Fields Annual  
Holiday Party*



*Join your neighbors for refreshments,  
hors d'oeuvres & holiday cheer*

*Sunday, December 9, 2007*

*5-7 pm*



*At the home of  
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