

Greenway Fields

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2007 GREENWAY FIELDS BOARD
Front row from left, Barbara Martin and Gina Valentino. Middle row, Wendy Trainor, Sally Sallee, and Aaron House. Back row, JT Forristal and Joe Groebl. Absent from photo was Mike McAdam.

President's Letter

New Board Ready to Serve

You will see familiar neighbors on your Greenway Fields Homes Association Board: Joe Groebl, Wendy Trainor, JT Forristal, Barbara Martin, Mike McAdam, Sally Sallee and Aaron House. Our outgoing president, Katie Allison, brought together a highly talented, go get 'em group to serve our Association. Katie leaves the Board poised for success. (We know we have big shoes to fill!) Thank you Katie for all of your dedication and commitment.

With so many of the neighborhood projects nearing completion, it's exciting to have the opportunity to enjoy the parks and welcome the many compliments living in Brookside brings. Taking pride in our community is clearly a reflection of how we want to live. What attracted each of us to this area of town must be maintained through a collective commitment from each and every one of us...personally and financially. The \$20 a year per household park maintenance

fee should be a welcomed contribution to help ensure a clean, safe, well-kept neighborhood.

When we ignore our obligation to each other, we risk losing the small-town, "Mayberry" feel we have. Whether we take advantage of it or not, we certainly like the idea of walking to the local shops or enjoying a stroll down tree-lined streets. It's wonderful that kids can ride their bikes around the neighborhood and people wave to each other as they pass by. Kind gestures like shoveling snow for the folks next door or reminding the new neighbor about bulky trash pickup are ways we confirm our commitment to the community—to each other.

Your Greenway Fields Homes Association Board will focus on communication, involvement, and the promotion of being neighborly. Get ready. Expect to be Included!

Gina

—Gina Valentino, Board President

Save the Date

May 18th & 19th
Greenway Fields
Neighborhood Garage Sale

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June 3rd

Annual Picnic
5-7pm at Strawn Park

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July 4th

Annual 'Popsicle Parade'

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December 9th

Annual Christmas Party

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January 10, 2008

Annual General Meeting

BULK TRASH

Bulky item trash removal happens on the 29th of each odd month starting in January. Unlimited trash removal follows the July 4th and December 25th holidays.

Security Update

the later months of 2006 saw a dramatic increase in property crimes in our neighborhood. Day-time patrols were added to the security service schedule. This, when combined with the increased resources from Metro Patrol, led to several arrests and the problem being brought under control. Officer Parsons says we must remain vigilant by securing our homes, closing garage doors during the day and keeping valuables out of sight.



Holiday Gathering

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Linda Vogel for our annual holiday party.



Progress on Our Parks



It was our hope that we would welcome the New Year with the completion of our parks project. We have made progress, but we are not done.

Greenway Fields has four common areas that we have the responsibility to maintain. In addition, our association oversees the entrance to Greenway Terrace at 63rd Street. Over the last four years we have spent approximately

\$55,000 to update these areas.

I am proud of the work that has been completed and excited about the planting that will be done this spring. Your board of directors spent many hours planning for final phase of the project. As a board we decided that it was necessary to contract a maintenance company to care for the islands, in order that your investment is protected. Audrie Seeley, our landscaper, informed us that it will take two to three years for the new plantings to be set.



New Years Resolutions

Provocative thoughts from your departing Board President—Kathie Allison

**Be a good neighbor.
Be friendly. Be helpful.**

**If you walk your dog—
pick up afterwards.**

**If you have a cat—use a
litter box, not your neighbor's
garden.**

**If you have a garage—
park in it.**

**If you have a sidewalk—
shovel it when it snows.**

**If your neighbor is elderly—
check on them.**

**If you have a concern—
talk with your neighbor first.**

**If your dog barks—
quiet it.**

**If your kids play in the park—
remind them to leave it clean.**

**If you have trees—
rake the leaves in the fall,
particularly the sweet gums.**

**If someone moves onto your
block—welcome them.**

**We sometimes forget that
we are a small part of a big
world. These are some of the
issues I have dealt with in my
years as your President. All
of them are so easy to solve—
it takes thinking of the other
person first. Thank you for
the opportunity to serve you.**

With this in mind, we sought a three year assessment for parks maintenance from the membership at the annual meeting. It passed unanimously. With approximately 25% paid members for the 2007 billing, we have had only two complaints. That tells me, you agree with our thoughts.

Thank you, one and all. Current Park Project board members are Aaron House and Joe Groehl. I will serve as a liaison until the we are finished planting this spring.—Kathie Allison



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Brookside Church to Refocus on Community

Iconic church reshapes and renovates to better meet neighborhood needs.

The Wornall Road Baptist Church has been part of the Brookside Community from the earliest days of Brookside. This grand old church has seen many changes in Brookside; she has undergone many changes as well. Today, we are beginning a process to completely “renovate” our church’s ministry. We are, in every sense of the word, planting a new church in a gracious old building, and meeting the needs of today’s family.

While we are well-rooted in our heritage, our focus is *totally* on the future. We are committed to becoming a church that is all about loving God & embracing His Word and loving people, and engaging the world.

Since April 2006, we have been on a thrilling journey of renewal at our church. We have seen our attendance more than double. In the process, we

have painted and carpeted the education building and our offices, and we have completely remodeled our fellowship hall. In November, we began the process of completely updating of our landscaping. We plan to have the landscaping complete before the end of this summer. Our master plan calls for new trees, shrubs, signs and exterior lighting. We will also be painting all the exterior trim including our steeple. We have an agreement with the Brookside Business Association allowing them to use portions of our north parking lot in return for snow removal and maintenance.

We will always remain the Wornall Road Baptist Church, but as we expand to include numerous additional ministries in our building, we refer to ourselves as “The Church@ Brookside.”

At the Church@Brookside, we enjoy a partnership with four “daughter” churches. All of these churches are Baptist and all, like Wornall Road, are part of the Blue River—Kansas City Baptist Association. These churches are: Urban Impact Church which features children’s ministry, and meets in the fellowship hall Saturdays

at 6:00 P.M.; The Church of Faith which meets in the worship center from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sundays, and offers a children’s ministry during that time as well as worship in the great tradition of the African American Church; The Lao Community Baptist Church which conducts a worship service in Laotian at 10:45 Sundays in the prayer chapel including an adult Sunday School in Laotian at 9:45, and whose youth share in the English Sunday School Classes and pre-school care; and lastly, a Hispanic Bible Fellowship that gathers on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. and which we hope to see grow into a church in the near future.

Our Church is pleased to have the Light House Ministry based at the Church facility. This state-licensed organization services women age twelve and older who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

The fellowship hall renovation has new carpet, paint, fixtures, sound system, and video projection. We would love to share this room and any of our facility with our Greenway Fields neighbors. If you need a place for a family reunion or gathering, give us a call as we would be happy to share our home with you!

Learn more about our ministries at our website, www.wornallroad.org.

BKS Mothers' Association

Long-time parent organization introduces families and fosters community connection.

As a new parent in August of 2005, I found myself looking to connect with other parents who were experiencing the same joys and hardships that I was. I found that connection through the Brookside Mothers' Association.

The Brookside Mothers' Association was formed in the mid-80's by a small

group of moms who decided to create an informal network of parents and children in the Brookside area. Today, BMA has almost 200 members from the entire Kansas City area. The group includes parents and their children from birth through preschool.

Weekly playgroups are the backbone of our organization. Playgroups allow members and their children to meet and socialize with other children of similar age. Members volunteer to host playgroup in their home or at a park. The host provides a child safe environment to play and interact with others. Many friendships are formed as parents and children meet each week.

BMA also has a wide variety of fun and educational weekly activities for children as well as parent's only events. Family events include a Valentine's Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Picnic and Halloween Party.

Volunteer opportunities allow members to give back to their community. BMA's local charity is The Children's Place, which offers services for abused and neglected children and their families. We also support other BMA families by providing meals in times of need.

Brookside Mothers' Association's purpose is to enable parents and children to acquaint themselves with others so they may foster friendships and fellowships within our community. We are a diverse group of parents that come together with the common goal of raising happy and healthy families.

If you or anyone you know is interested in BMA please visit our website at www.brooksidemothers.org.

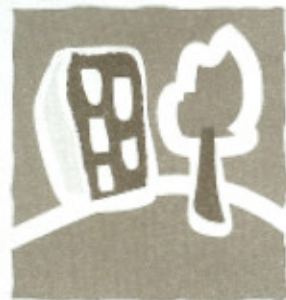
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—Kelly Groehl, Membership Co-Chair for Brookside Mothers' Association

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The place is the UMKC Community Recycling Center at 4745 Forest (one block east of 48th & Troost). Items are accepted Wednesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.bridgingthegap.org or call 816-561-1090.

To find out about new materials accepted at the recycling center, send a request to materials@bridgingthegap.org

To recycle tires and yard waste, call 816-513-1313 or visit www.kcmo.org. Household hazardous waste, such as car batteries, automotive fluids, house paint or pesticides need special care. Make an appointment by calling 816-784-2080.

It takes every single one of us caring enough to make a difference.



Best Of Show

Holiday Lights Shining Success

The winners of the First Annual Holiday Lighting Contest were:

Most Original
Rose Dorlac/James Bevin
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Best Of Show
Marsha Ramsey
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Block Captain Project Begins

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the GFHA Board is looking to establish a network of **Block Captains**. It is anticipated that this will help us to quickly pass along important information. For example, during the weeks of increased burglary in our area last November, it would have allowed us to inform our Greenway neighbors of this problem. Several of your neighbors have volunteered to be this liaison to his/her block and the Greenway Board. They are as follows:

- Valley Road and Pennsylvania Ave (6200's):** David Thompson
- Greenway Terrace (400's):**



- Jennifer Forristal**
Greenway Terrace (600's): Tom O'Connor
 - W. Meyer Blvd (400 & 500's):** Kathleen Stubbers
 - W. Meyer Blvd (600's):** Bob McClellan
 - Wornall Terrace & Wornall Rd (6400's):** Matthew Johnson
 - Washington Ave:** Lesley Reller
 - Pennsylvania Ave (6400's):** Angelo Cusumano
 - Summit and Valley Road (6400's):** Rose Dorlac
 - 61st St (south 400's & 600's):** Cathy Stephens
 - 62nd Terrace:** Karen Grover Pierce
- We are still eager to find volunteers for the blocks which are not mentioned above. If you would like to be the Block Captain on your street, please contact Wendy Trainor (822-9424).

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