

Greenway Fields

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Save the Date

May 18th & 19th
Greenway Fields
Neighborhood Garage Sale

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June 3rd
Annual Picnic
5-7 pm at Strawn Park

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June 9th
Hazardous Waste Pickup

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July 4th
Annual 'Popsicle Parade'
10 am

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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.

President's Letter

Around the Neighborhood

As we head into summer, you will find various happenings within the Greenway Fields Homes Association. Please refer to the "Save The Date" list on this page and read the newsletter articles to learn about the different events in which you and your family are encouraged to participate.

With the upcoming **Neighborhood Garage Sale**, and the **Hazardous Waste Pick-up Event** three weeks later, you have a great opportunity for Spring Cleaning. The **Annual Picnic** is

also just around the corner, and we would love to see some new faces and welcome new neighbors at Strawn Park when we fire up the grill. That long standing local tradition, the **Popsicle Parade**, is another great way to get outside and enjoy your beautiful neighborhood and friendly neighbors.

Our parks and islands are experiencing regular maintenance and beautification. These common areas represent all of us, and this pride reflects throughout our neighborhood.

Get outdoors. Say hello, and wave as you go by. See you at the next event.

Gina —Gina Valentino

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Planned



As a voluntary service to the residents of Greenway Fields Homes Association, on Saturday, June 9, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at Monkey Island (62nd at Pennsylvania), your

homes association will have volunteers available to collect household hazardous waste items. The volunteers will then

transport the waste to Kansas City's hazardous waste center located north of the river. This is a great way to safely rid your home of unwanted items.

If possible, bring your waste products in a cardboard box. Do not bring them in a plastic bag nor lidded bin, due to the risk of explosion.

The following is a list of **acceptable items** to bring to the collection—paint cans, florescent light tubes, household batteries, old mercury thermometers, car batteries, household cleaners, pesticides, car fluids (in one gallon containers—no fifty gallon drums), beauty supplies (shampoos, oils, aerosol cans), expired medication, propane cylinders used for camping. For a complete list of acceptable items, please visit www.kemo.org.

If the glass/plastic container containing pesticides/cleaners is leaking, please enclose in a see-through ziplock bag.

The following items cannot be accepted—**no** radioactive waste will be collected, such as old/non-working smoke detectors. **No** explosives will be collected (bullets, gunpowder, fireworks etc.). **No** biohazards will be collected (diabetic needles, etc.). **No** business waste.



Kathie Allison (left) proudly shows off her sign to new president Gina Valentino



Monkey Island

Landscaping & Rebuilding

Strawn Park and other green spaces get continued attention

Now that spring has sprung, we have the final plantings completed for our park projects at Strawn Park, Monkey Island and the Greenway Terrace Island (middle of the 400 block). The adjacent photos illustrate our progress, however, to get a real appreciation take a walk and perhaps enjoy sitting for a while at one of the park benches. In addition to all the new landscaping, the following work has been carried out:

Strawn Park: Renovation of the south point of the park.

Monkey Island: Building a stone wall, landscaping and curbs.

Greenway Terrace Island: Building a stone wall and all landscaping.

The work to date totals \$11,434. Thank you for your support with regards to these necessary improvements.

Some of you may have recently noticed some damage to the shrubs and low stone wall on the Greenway/Pennsylvania Circle. This was the result of a car being driven up onto the island. The driver has agreed to pay for the costs associated with fixing the stone work and replacing destroyed shrubs.

While it has been a few years since the last accident at this intersection, it comes as a timely reminder to take care when driving through our neighborhood. Many of us drive these streets every day, sometimes on 'auto-pilot', and it is easy to disregard stop signs and go just a little too fast down our 25mph roads. Remember that neighbors and their children are no match for your vehicle. **Please drive with consideration and care.**

The renovation of the entry to Greenway Terrace is delayed until late summer due to the city installing new sidewalks and curbs, including new catch basins (KDCO Water Dept.) In addition, we are working with our neighbors at Wornall Road Baptist Church to coordinate their landscape renovation of their parking area with our planting at the 63rd entrance of Greenway. We have received a very generous donation from a former resident to help with that area. Stay tuned for news of these changes.



Circle at Greenway & Penn.



In April, the Wornall Road Baptist Church held an Easter Egg Hunt at Strawn Park. Despite the chilly temperatures, several neighborhood children enjoyed searching through the garden and around the rock walls.

Southwest HS Planetarium is Open



Did you know that we have a planetarium in our backyard? Southwest High School (6512 Wornall Road) has a planetarium that continues to run programs and is open to the public. Learn about the solar system while visiting this neighborhood gem!

SPRING SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

May 9 & 16 at 7-8PM
May 19 at 10-11 AM
(*Uncle Al's Star Finder*)
June 13 & 27 at 7-8PM
June 23 at 10-11 AM

(Reasons For The Seasons)
Upcoming summer programs will be held on select Wednesday and Saturday mornings. These programs will be called the 'Family Astronomy Series' and will be based on the types of lab lessons science students do at the Planetarium. The entrance is on the south side of the high school. Check out www.planetarium.currentsky.com to keep abreast of additional programs and times.



Which of the Greenway Fields events do you think is the most popular? Did you guess? It's the **Annual Popsicle Parade**, of course! This colorful neighborhood tradition has now been taking place for over 50 years. Everyone dresses in red, white and blue with bikes, scooters and strollers decorated with streamers and balloons. The parade assembles at **635 Meyer Boulevard**. This will be the 5th summer that our neighbor Linda Vogel has personally hosted the event from her home. Upon purchasing this home, Linda was informed that hosting the parade was written into the contract. Luckily for us, this was a tradition she was happy to accept!

We look forward to seeing the usual large crowd of all ages on **Wednesday, July 4th at 10am**. Please encourage your neighbors and those who've not taken part before to attend.

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Block Captain Project Progressing

We now have volunteers acting as Block Captains for many of our Greenway Fields streets.

We are, however, still seeking volunteers for the following blocks:

61st Terrace (400 & 600 block)

62nd Street (400 & 600 block)

62nd Terrace (600 block)

63rd Street (600 block)

Jefferson Avenue

Please contact Wendy Trainor

at 822-9424 if you would like more information.

Meanwhile, residents of the other streets should be hearing from their respective Block Captains in the near future.

Block Captains are the GFHA Board's communication team should we need to contact residents urgently.

We look forward to the Block Captain project helping in the development of our sense of community.

Greenway Fields Annual Picnic



One of the most enjoyable activities sponsored by your Homes Association is the Annual Picnic. It is a wonderful opportunity for us all to meet and visit

with our Greenway Fields neighbors. This year, the picnic will be held on Sunday, June 3 from 5-7PM at Strawn Park (63rd and Valley) and all Greenway residents are invited to attend. RSVP is required in

order to plan for meat and drinks which are provided by the Homes Association. Please call the HACCD (Homes Associations of the Country Club District) Office at 523-2440 to let us know how many people from your family will be joining us.

Each household is asked to bring a side dish or dessert serves 8-10 people. Remember to bring plates, utensils and lawn chairs or picnic blanket for your family. We are anticipating a visit from a KC Fire Department firetruck...if they are not otherwise engaged! We look forward to your company!

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