

# Greenway Fields

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NEW STONE BENCH & LANDSCAPING AT STRAWN PARK

## President's Letter / Kathie Allison

**T**ime speeds along and there is much to report to you from Greenway Fields. We have accomplished a great deal in this past year. One year ago, the Board of Directors made a commitment to update our park islands and restore them to their top form. There were two reasons for this decision. The islands had become an eye sore and the play equipment was unsafe. Our islands reflect how we think about our neighborhood.

First on the agenda was a house-to-house canvass for voluntary pledges to support removal of the dangerous play equipment and bench at the 63<sup>rd</sup> and Valley Road park (Strawn Park). We received a two year commitment of \$ 6,992.00 for each year. In addition,

we asked our adjacent neighbors along Ward Parkway for their help. We received a two year commitment of \$ 4,484.00 from them. Our first year revenues totaled \$11,477.00. In July of this year, the second year pledge will be collected.

Next, we requested a one year assessment from all Greenway Field Homeowners to complete the renovation of all the park islands at the annual meeting in January. This motion passed. To date, we have received \$12,900.00 from 215 of the 340 homeowners in our association. The budget for the project is highlighted in the issue. The 63<sup>rd</sup> and Valley Road project is almost complete. The restoration of the wall is scheduled to begin within the month. The number of families using the park is up and children can be seen there daily. I personally enjoy just sitting on the new bench.

Finally, we submitted a request for P.I.A.C. funding from the city to help with the curb replacement at the 62<sup>nd</sup> and Valley Park (Monkey Island). I have been notified by Jim Rowland's office that we have been approved for this request. Look for activity around the park either this fall or early next spring. Then we will update the landscaping of that area. The city is funding the entire curb replacement project.

These activities have fostered a new

Grab your flag, bring your family, wear your colors and join the parade!



## 4th of July

## POPSICLE PARADE

MONDAY July 4, 2005  
10 a.m.

635 Meyer Boulevard  
(start, finish & popsicles)

\*Please bring a  
non-perishable item for a  
food pantry donation

sense of enthusiasm among our homeowners. We had a cooperative work crew at the Greenway Terrace Island and at the Greenway Terrace Roundabout during the spring planning season. A wonderful article by Beth Noble describes the efforts of the 400 Block of Greenway Terrace in their beautification project. The results of all this activity will be shared with you in this issue of the newsletter.

I want to publicly thank all members of our Board for their outstanding support of these huge projects. Your Board has been responsible for watering all the new plantings at Strawn Park, each taking a week at a time. Norma Harper and Ed Gorsuch have graciously allowed us the use of their  
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### BUDGET UPDATE

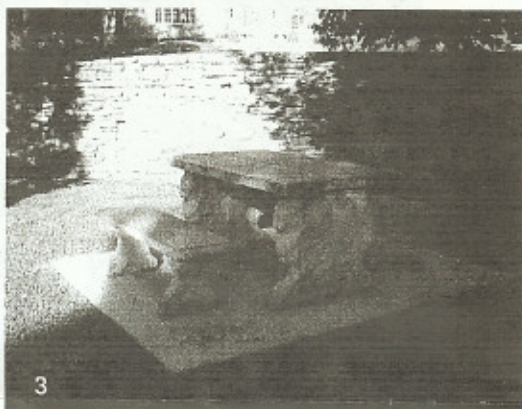
Renovation pledge for 2004	\$6,992
Ward Pkwy. pledge 2004	\$4,485
2005 assessments to date	\$12,900
	\$24,377
Expenses to date	\$32,446
Scheduled add. expenses:	
Stone wall at Strawn Park	\$4,500
Landscaping at Monkey Island	\$3,000
Pledges for 2005 due in July	\$11,770
Reserve Funds to be used	\$3,368



# Summer Progress



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1) GREATLY APPRECIATED NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT AT RENOVATED STRAWN PARK. 2) A QUIET PLACE TO SIT--STRAWN PARK. 3) RELOCATED STONE PICNIC TABLE ON NEW CEMENT FOUNDATION AT STRAWN PARK. 4) SPRING PLANTINGS AT GREENWAY TERR./PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDABOUT. 5) RELOCATED STONE SCULPTURE AT STRAWN PARK. 6) LANDSCAPING AT MONKEY ISLAND WITH NEW CURBS ON THE WAY. 7) STONE WALL TO BE TUCK POINTED THIS SUMMER. 8. DAFFODILS IN BLOOM AT GREENWAY TERRACE CIRCLE.



## crime statistics

Greenway Fields Association Crime Statistics as May 2005

Crime	APR	MAY	Diff
Homicide	0	0	NA
Rape	0	0	NA
Robbery	0	1	+1
Assault	0	2	+2
Burglary	0	0	NA
Larceny	3	2	-1
Auto Theft	0	1	+1
Arson	0	0	NA
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>+3</b>

For the first time in close to a year, there was an auto theft in the homes association. The police report notes the key was left in the car. We all tend to become complacent or get in a hurry—just the perfect time for a thief to strike.

There was also a severe assault on 60th Terrace. A woman returning home about 9:30 p.m. noticed a car with two males inside at the end of her block. She didn't recognize them. She pulled into her drive and the two males followed her—attempting to rob her. She put up a fight and in return was seriously assaulted with a weapon.

These were isolated incidents, but it is just another reminder to report suspicious activity and to always keep your eyes open.

## Greenway Circle Project



**T**he Greenway Terrace Circle (400 block of Greenway Terrace) project was initiated to create two perennial gardens—one shade and one sun on the island circle. The project consulted with and employed both neighbors and a landscape designer from Soil Service nursery.

The neighbors provided the effort to plant over 100 plants. A systematic effort of digging, preparing the soil, planting and filling the plant holes. This effort took almost twenty persons and five hours of joyous effort. One neighbor, Laura, baked blueberry muffins and Denis provided chilled water for all.

The project was complex in that it required a monitoring of sunlight to measure the dimension of the shade area. The shade area turned out to be almost 40% of the entire circle.

The circle now has barberry bushes to create a border around the junipers and to separate the sun and shade areas. The sun garden has day lilies and euonymus to contrast with the barberry. The shade area has hostas, ground cover and shade plantings. The effect has been well received by all.

The circle now has a perennial base of plantings to which annuals may be added each year—just as value and beauty have been added to our neighborhood.—Beth Noble

## ANNUAL PICNIC

**SUNDAY**  
**October 9, 2005**  
**4-7 p.m.**  
**Strawn Park**

at Valley Road & 63rd Street

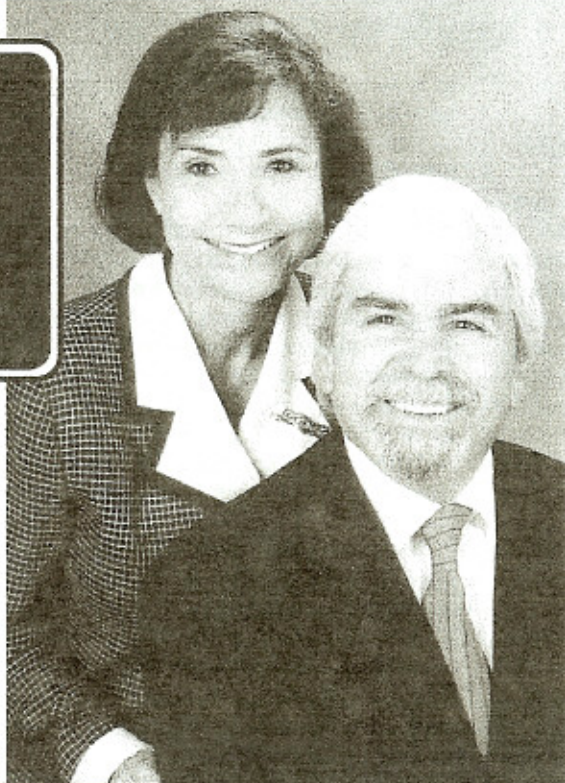
More news about this event will be coming in our next newsletter. Please note that this is a bye week for the Kansas City Chiefs—so it will not conflict with football!

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## Call for Greenway Fields Handyman/ Contractor List

**F**rom time to time, property owners in Greenway Fields have home remodeling, maintenance and home repair requirements. Every homeowner has a "To Do List" but does not always have the time or in some cases the skill sets to get them completed. Therefore, in an effort to provide homeowners with a list of professional, dependable personnel who specialize in a variety of home repair services, we thought it would be nice to share the names of anyone with whom you have had a successful experience.

If you would like to pass along the names and telephone numbers of individuals and or companies along with their area of expertise, we would be glad to publish this information in our next newsletter.

For publication, information can

be sent via email to  
egorsuch@kc.rr.com

Thank you in advance for any helpful information you may be able to provide.

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hose to supply the water. We must ensure that the sod and plants survive this first summer. I would love any volunteer who would like to get in the watering rotation, please contact me at (816) 361-6378.

If you haven't contributed to the project, I ask you to stop and think about your decision. Your Board has demonstrated wise use of your money and has produced wonderful results in a timely manner. We need YOU. We need your help.

Thank you for supporting the Homes Association. Have a safe and happy summer while enjoying our beautiful neighborhood.

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