

# Greenway Fields

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Board Member, Norma Harper congratulates Mrs. and Judge O'Leary.

## Home of the Month

We are revitalizing the "Home of the Month" distinction. This is a nice way to acknowledge and appreciate the pride and care we have in our neighborhood. The first recipient for 2006 is Judge and Mrs. O'Leary at 6442 Valley Road. Here's how the program works. This distinction is a "pass along" recognition whereby the homeowner with the Home of

the Month sign on their lawn is responsible to recognize the next recipient by placing the sign on the next recipient's lawn. In a few weeks, Judge O'Leary will take the sign and place it on the lawn of a household in our neighborhood who he feels deserves this distinction. Will you wake up and find the sign on your lawn? Wait and see!

## Water Improvement Plan Begins Summer 2006



**Our streets will be affected!**

From the KCMO Water Service Department, the Brookside Watershed Improvement Plan is a 5-phase, \$30 million dollar public investment to improve the storm drainage and sanitary sewer systems. In the Brookside neighborhood, including our Greenway Fields neighborhood, improvements will be made as part of Phase 3.

You may have seen all of the work on Huntington Street. All of this work to move, update and replace storm drains was part of Phase 2. Our neighborhood is next and we will have the catch basins replaced, and existing storm drains and sanitary sewer pipes redone. The timeline is Summer 2006 through Spring 2008. To learn more about it, read the bulletin included with your water bill or visit the Web site, [kcmo.org](http://kcmo.org); click Departments, click Water Services, click Brookside Improvements at the top.

## Save the Date

Put the following Greenway Fields dates on your 2006 calendar now!

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual Picnic

5-7pm at Strawn Park

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July 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual Patriotic Parade for our Neighborhood

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July 13<sup>th</sup>

Unlimited Trash Pick-Up!

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October 7<sup>th</sup>

Greenway Fields

Neighborhood Garage Sale

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Annual Meeting and

Holiday Party

4-6pm



Thanks to Kansas City, MONKEY ISLAND curbing is complete. Landscaping will be our next project...stay tuned.

# Community Involvement in Education

## Neighborhood alliance seeks support

**T**he Southwest Community Alliance, Inc. (SWCA) originated in the summer of 2005 when interested individuals met to discuss concern regarding the KCMO School District's plans to utilize the vacant school building located at 6512 Wornall Rd. (formerly Southwest High School). With concerns about the District's plans, this group sought to be included in the planning process for District services in our area to ensure that any changes would meet the needs of our specific community. Today, plans to re-open SW have been temporarily placed on hold as the School Board completes its search for a new superintendent and plans its budget for the 2006-2007 school year. Additionally, a recent grant from The Kauffman Foundation, specifically focused on math, science and technology skills, has been awarded to the District to be used to create a resource center at the Southwest building to serve District-wide needs. The SWCA continues to build influence in affecting the decisions of the District as it relates to the services offered in our specific community.

### The SWCA Vision:

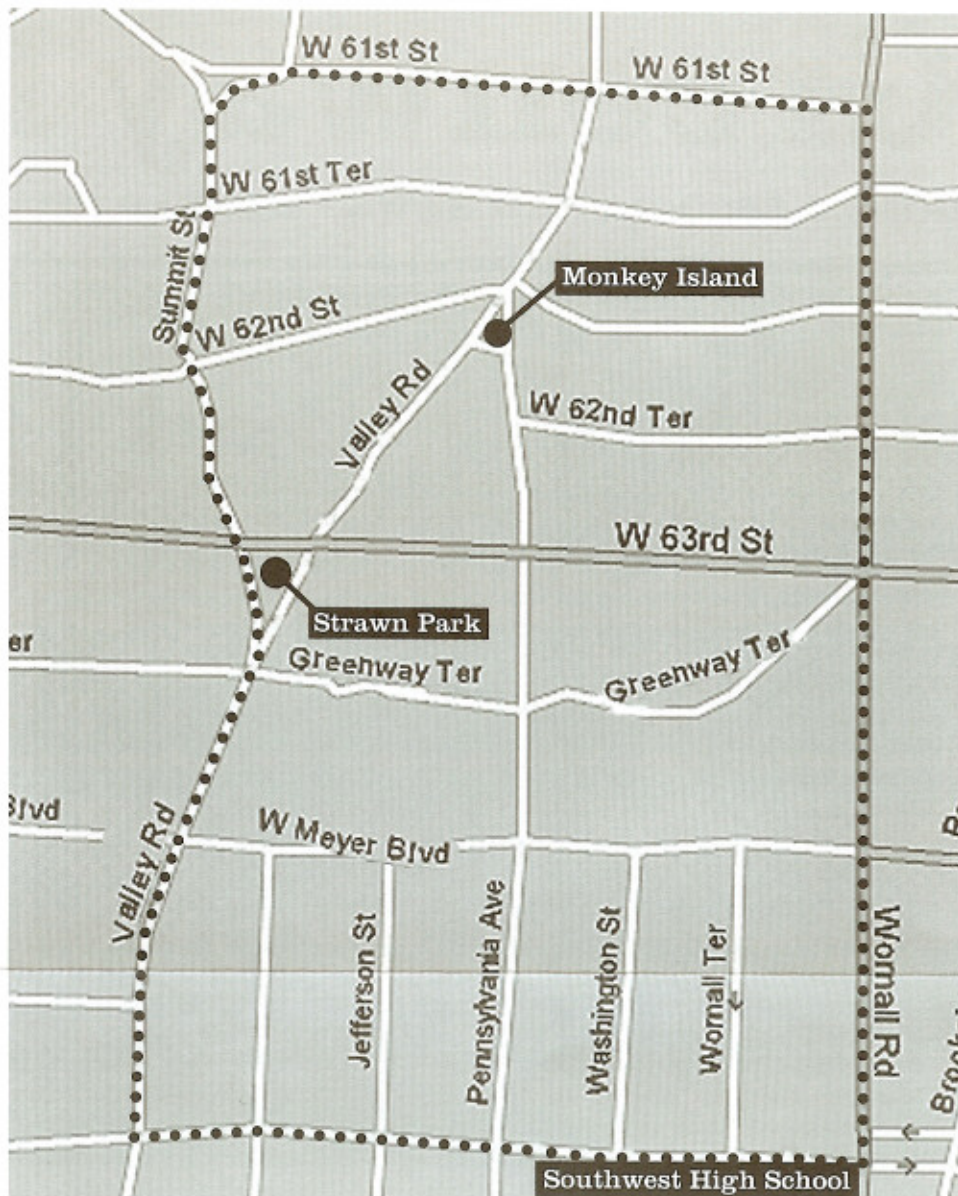
To support high quality public education and diversity within the student population as critical components of the quality of life we enjoy in our neighborhoods.

### The SWCA Purpose:

To influence change in the quality of service provided by the KCMO School District to families located in our geographic area (generally defined as the southern corridor between State Line and Troost), ultimately providing a high-quality public education alternative for parents in our neighborhoods who would otherwise not use the District services or remove their students from the District after their primary education.

### The SWCA Short-Term Goals:

1. Foster community involvement with the



## Our Neighborhood Map

Here are the boundaries of Greenway Fields Neighborhood Association. From 61<sup>st</sup> Street to 65<sup>th</sup> Street and Valley and Summit to Wornall (dotted lines). Shown is Monkey Island (island at the intersection of 62<sup>nd</sup>/Valley/Pennsylvania) and Strawn Park (intersection of 63<sup>rd</sup>/Summit/Valley).

specific purpose to

2. Create a high-quality district secondary school in our neighborhood, which will
3. Capture and retain students who would otherwise explore alternative education or move away from our neighborhoods.

### The SWCA Objectives to Achieve Goals:

1. Develop and maintain a formal relationship with the KCMO School District administration to provide an efficient mechanism for communication and support in pursuit of goals.
2. Develop broad Southwest neighborhood

- support for the KCMO School District and a secondary school in our neighborhood by showing that such a school will promote significant retention of current students and the acquisition of new students to the district.
3. Develop significant community support for the KCMO School District and a new secondary school beyond the Southwest neighborhood to raise awareness and funding in support of our goals and objectives.
4. Support KCMO School District board members, candidates, administrators and programs which promote open public participation in the continuing development of a

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quality public school system for all KCMO residents.

While the SWCA goal is to make change for our neighborhoods, its success depends heavily upon its ability to generate support. As with any effort to make significant change to a public practice or process, influence on a governing body is necessary. This influence is almost exclusively gained through "power" at the polls and in the press. For the SWCA to have influence and make change, it needs your support. Please visit the SWCA website and register your support. In return for registering your email address, the SWCA will update you periodically on SWCA and District activities, which will help to empower your future decisions at the polls. Please visit the SWCA website for more information and to register for ongoing updates—[www.southwestcommunityalliance.org](http://www.southwestcommunityalliance.org)—or just have your name added to our email distribution list by sending your email address to [melissa@2md.com](mailto:melissa@2md.com).

**Katie Allison**

## President's Letter

### COMMITMENT

My message this newsletter is short and sweet. Your Board of Directors is committed to expanding the number of volunteers we have in our home's association. We NEED you in three different ways:

#### [1] BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN...

All you need to provide is an email address or phone number. Occasionally, you will need to get the word out and most importantly, be our eyes and ears regarding how things are going on your block. Associations that have block captains report greater participation in activities.

#### [2] VOLUNTEER FOR THE SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY ALLIANCE (SWCA)...

Read the article about the SWCA. Several homes associations are putting a great

effort together to have significant and valid input with the planning phase for the school building at 65th and Wornall Road. Please consider your talents and join one of the small groups.

#### [3] VOLUNTEER FOR THE GREENWAY FIELDS BOARD...

Due to relocation, we have an opening on our board. Vinny Schiavone is moving. He was a new member and the term is December through 2007.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We hope to double the participation at events. Mark your calendars and join the fun. Page one has all the details.

#### APPLAUSE, PLEASE

We found our "HOME of the MONTH" sign and have instituted the accolades. The first awardees are pictured in this issue. Give the O'Leary's a pat on the back. This award will travel monthly, and if you are lucky, maybe you will be featured in our next issue!!!!

Have a great start to your spring and summer.

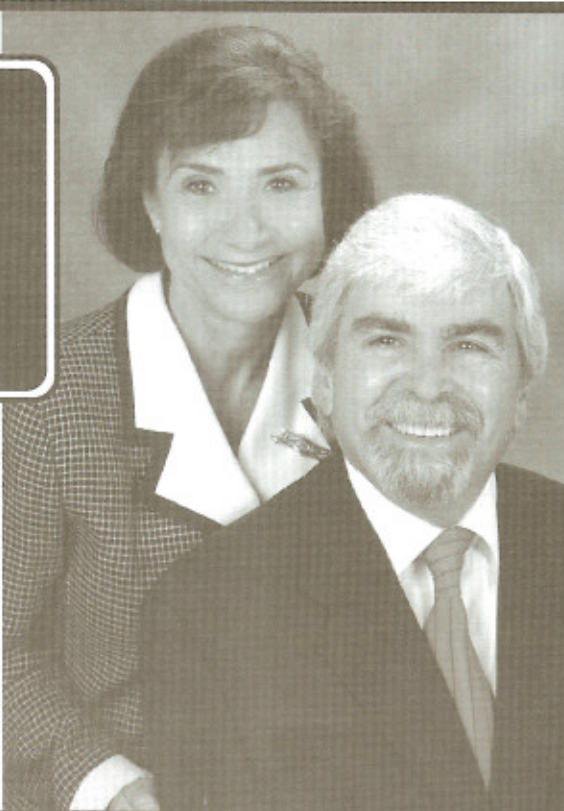
Katie Allison, President

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## Become a Block Captain

Each block in our Greenway Fields Neighborhood Association needs a Block Captain. The Block Captain is the liaison to his/her block and the Greenway Fields Board. For example, if the Board knows your street will be affected with construction of the sewer project, a Board member will call the Block Captain. The Block Captain will alert the neighbors of the block.

If you would like to be the Block Captain on your street, contact any of the Board Members for information.

## Do You Have Your Alarm Permit?



An ordinance from Kansas City Police Department requires an Alarm Permit—even if you move into a residence with an existing alarm/home security system. The permit is \$45 and is filed with the Private Alarm Section. At the end of the permit year, renewal fees are assessed by the number of false alarms. The form is available online at [www.kcpd.org](http://www.kcpd.org) and click Alarm Permits. If you have questions, call 816-889-1493.



## Free Bulk Pick-up

Every other month on the 29<sup>th</sup> is Bulk Pick-Up; January, March, May, July, September, November. Have your bulky items at the curb by 7am and not in the driveway nor obstructed by parked cars. Items accepted are refrigerators, air conditioning units, disassembled swing sets, rugs, furniture, storm windows and glass panes (please use masking tape and place a big "x" across the glass to prevent injury). For a more complete list, visit [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org).

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