



# ROCK HILL GARDENS

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ROCKHILL GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Garden Tour 2006

From time to time, RGNA sponsors a garden tour and it's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. We are looking for three or four residents who are willing to open their gardens to RGNA residents. The gardens can be large or small, mature or in some phase of development. The host gardener would provide some information on their garden design, such as what they did and why. The tour would be open to RGNA residents only, on one Sunday afternoon for a few hours. It would probably be in June, but we'll let the hosts select the date.

If you'd like to share your garden and meet some neighbors, this is your chance. Call Liz Quackenbush, 63-4751, to volunteer your garden. Call by May 12 and provide your name and phone number.

## Master Gardener Hotline

The Master Gardeners of the Greater Kansas City, Mo, Area Hotline is now open. This free gardening information service is open March 1 through October 31, Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM. You may call the hotline with your questions about plants, grass, trees, and shrubs. Call 816-833-8733.



## Join RGNA

Rockhill Gardens Neighborhood Association is a voluntary organization. The dues are \$25 for one year and the membership year is June 1, 2006, through May 31, 2007. This past year, the Association provided residents with home improvement grants, a Christmas tree pickup, tree planting grants, monthly newsletter and telephone directory, along with social activities such as the progressive dinner and all-neighborhood block party.

Annual dues notices will be sent out in late may. These notices come from our umbrella administrative organization, HACCD (Homes Associations of the Country Club District), which handles our billing and general accounting. All checks are payable to Rockhill Gardens, so there is less confusion about where your payments are going.



## New Voting Procedure

Starting in August 2006, KCMO residents will no longer be using punch card voting systems. The Kansas City Election Board is switching to optical scan and touch screen voting systems. The optical scan systems will use a paper ballot that is read and double checked for any inconsistencies, like voting both Yes and No on a ballot proposal, or voting for more than one candidate for an office.

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## Hospital Name Change

Baptist-Lutheran Medical Center has been renamed **Research Medical Center Brookside Campus**. This renaming is part of the restructuring that closed the inpatient services at the hospital.

The emergency room at 6601 Rockhill Road is still open 24/7. For RGNA residents, this is the closest location for emergency services. Contact them at 816-276-7380 or visit their web site at <http://www.researchbrookside.com>

## The Discovery Center

If you are looking for something interesting and educational to do with the kids or for yourself, don't forget to check out The Discovery Center. The Center is the urban campus for the Missouri Department of Conservation and is located at 4750 Troost. They offer exhibits and free walk-in or pre-register sessions on a variety of topics. In June, there are several sessions on Missouri snakes, including one session with 4 live snakes. There will also be a class on wildflower photography.

Once again, the Center will be offering several free day camps this summer for upper elementary school age and middle school age kids. One is Outdoor Skills Camp and one is Lewis & Clark Discovery Camp. Space is limited so act fast if you are interested. Call Kathie May at 816-759-7305 x2241 or email [Kathleen.May@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Kathleen.May@mdc.mo.gov)

The Discovery Newsletter with class and camp info is available at the library. You can call 816-759-7300 or visit their web site at <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/kcmetro/discovery/>

## Crossroads First Fridays Shuttle

The Metro is making it easier for you to get around in the Crossroads Art District on First Fridays so you can eat at the great restaurants and visit the galleries and shops. The First Fridays Shuttle started in April. It runs every 15 minutes from 7 PM until midnight. Patrons pay \$1 when they board and receive a boarding pass good for the evening. You can board at any Metro or Max stop along the route or flag down the Shuttle driver. The Shuttle route covers a large area. Look for the route map on Metro fliers at locations where bus schedules are available (like the library). Visit the Metro web site, <http://kcata.org>, or call the Regional Call Center, 816-221-0660, for information.

## NASA Images at Linda Hall Library

Linda Hall Library, 5104 Cherry, has opened a 15-seat theatre showing views from NASA's space telescopes. The program, called ViewSpace, offers high-resolution images, movies & animations, interpretive captions, and evocative space music. Each segment lasts from 5 to 15 minutes with at least an hour before the program loops. This allows people to watch for a few minutes or for an extended time. The program is updated daily.



ViewSpace is open during normal library hours, which are 9am to 8:30pm Monday, 9am to 5pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10am to 4pm Saturday. You can contact the library at 816-363-4600 or on the web at <http://www.lindahall.org>. For more information about ViewSpace, see NASA's website at <http://hubblesource.stsci.edu/exhibits/self-update/viewspace>

## New in the Neighborhood?

Have you recently moved into Rockhill Gardens, or do you know of new neighbors across the street or down the block? Let us know, and we'll stop by to officially say hello and drop off a welcome basket. Just call Nancy Powell, 363-0539 or Holly Benson, 444-5349 with your name, phone number, and address and they'll get you welcomed in neighborly style.



### Chris's Pet Sitting Service

363-8643

5<sup>th</sup> Year in Business

The Dog Days of Summer will be here soon and is your pet laying the guilt trip on you already about being cooped up inside all day when it is nice out?? If you want to make your pet happy – we're the answer for you! We will walk and/or play with your pet while you are at work or on vacation. Come home to a happy pet! Don't have a cat or dog? That's ok, we love all pets! We've sat for fish, turtles, geckos, guinea pigs and hamsters. No critter too small or slimy.

**Pet Services include:**

Fresh food & water provided daily  
Dog walking  
Cats entertained  
Litter trays cleaned daily

**Price also includes:**

House plants watered  
Paper and mail picked up  
Garbage taken to curb

### Also we'll Poop Scoop your backyard!

The kids want to play! Having company over? Call us and we'll clean the yard so you won't have to!!

**Prices:**

Daily walk/playtime \$2.00/day  
Out of town - \$5.00 per day up to 3 pets  
\$5.00 poop pickup (once a week).

## BLANDO MOWING AND SPRING YARD CLEANUP!

One Time or all summer!

10 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE  
100% SATISFACTION  
GUARANTEED

FAST AND COURTEOUS, WE  
LIVE AROUND THE CORNER.  
ROCKHILL GARDENS  
RESIDENT FOR 15 YRS

JUST MOW ..... \$25.00  
CORNER LOTS ..... \$30.00  
TRIM OR WEEDEAT ....add \$5.00  
CATCH CLIPPINGS .....add \$5.00

PLEASE CALL ME 444-3407  
OR E-MAIL ME  
[TCMDSG@AOL.COM](mailto:TCMDSG@AOL.COM)



## 2006 Crime Statistics

Courtesy of the Metro Patrol, compiled by Liz Quackenbush

Location	Crime	Date	Time
<b>January</b>			
400 71 Terr	Larceny	1/18 Wed	8 AM
400 72 St	Larceny	1/06 Fri	10 PM
<b>February</b>			
7300 Campbell	Larceny	2/13 Mon	11 AM
7400 Campbell	Arson	2/20 Mon	5 AM
400 Gregory	Homicide	2/12 Sun	11 PM
7300 Harrison	Larceny	2/06 Mon	5 PM
7400 Harrison	Larceny	2/23 Thurs	4 PM
7400 Harrison	Auto Theft	2/26 Sun	1 AM
600 74 Terr	Larceny	2/12 Sun	10 PM

Note: Kansas City Police Department statistics provide locations by block only.

Year-To-Date 2006	
As of February	
Burglary	0
Auto Theft	1
Larceny	6
Armed Robbery	0
Attempted Burglary	0
Attempted Auto Theft	0
Attempted Larceny	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Homicide	1
Arson	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

### Important Dates:

**April 30: Bulky Item Pickup**, have items to the curb by 7am.

**May 10: RGNA Board meeting**, 7-8pm Waldo Branch Library. All RGNA members are welcome.

**June 1: RGNA Membership Due**, Time to renew your RGNA membership – only \$25.

#### Peaks:

Days	Sun, Mon, 3 incidents each
Streets	74 Harrison, 1 incident
Times	10 PM, 2 incidents

### RGNA Board Contacts:

President	Steve Heisdorffer	523-3533
Communications	open	
Newsletter	John Cigas	363-7178
Crime Prevention	Patrick Tuohey	268-1296
Events:		
Block Party	Andrea Geis	333-5808
Progressive Dinner	Karen Tannen	361-5312
Garden Tour	Liz Quackenbush	363-4751
Finance	Vicki Morris	822-8388
Marketing	open	
Membership	Nancy Powell	363-0539
	Holly Benson	444-5349
Property Management	Martin Tennant	444-5349
Public Affairs & Devpt	John Cigas	363-7178
Special Needs &		
Babysitting Coop liason	Sarah Blasi	361-9856
Webmaster	Todd Cribb	

### Useful Numbers:

Emergency	911
Non-emergency	234-5111
KCMO Action Center	513-1313
Animal control	513-9800
Crime Stoppers	474-TIPS
Curb and sidewalk repair	513-7951
Drugs suspected	474-DRUG
Mayor Kay Barnes	513-3500
Metro Patrol (ongoing issues)	234-5520
Parks & Recreation	513-7500
Pothole hotline	513-9224
Street light repair	513-9595
Waldo Area Business Association	523-5553
Waldo Branch library	701-3625

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