

# Kenilworth Homes Association

September 2005 Newsletter

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## Kenilworth Fire

Friday, August 5 a fire at 4003 W 92nd Terr resulted in almost total loss of property. Our thoughts go out to the Donnelly family during this difficult time. In addition we would like to thank all the neighbors and friends that assisted, or continue to assist, this family in an effort to help restore normalcy after such a tragedy.

In the aftermath of a fire there are lots of questions and much concern as to the cause of the fire and measures that can be taken to help prevent similar circumstances. It goes without saying that Consolidated Fire District No. 2 did a superb job not only responding quickly to the call, but also being pro-active in their efforts to answer questions that Kenilworth residents had. On Thursday, August 11 a meeting was held at the Fire Station at 90th Roe to review FD procedures and specific response to the August 5 fire. Neighbors living close to 4003 W 92nd Terr and three members of the Kenilworth Homes Association attended.

Chris Andrews, Public Education Specialist, led a presentation addressing the efforts made by the crew to respond, their procedures once on location, safety items that home owners should be aware of when a fire is occurring near their home, and the probable cause of this event. According to the Fire Department the cause was an electrical short in the KCP&L service entrance cable at the electric box (meter box) attached to the back of the house. The presentation was clear that the problem originated in the service line; they were not casting blame on anyone, but simply identified where the fire began.

## Areas of Concern

Due to the nature of the ground in and around the Kenilworth subdivision many of our homes settle throughout the years in a way that could put strain on electrical service lines coming into the house. In addition installations where electric service conduit comes up thru a patio concrete slab may create adverse conditions. If the concrete slab has settled and/or separated from back of house it could pull the conduit out of the electric service box or pull the box away from or off the back of the house.

## Preventive Steps

Each homeowner should look at their electric service box attached to back of their house and:

1. *Observe if it is secure, firmly attached to the back of the house (not pulled away).*
2. *Observe the conduit under the box (pipe containing the electric service wires) to see if it is attached to the electric service box (not separated from it).*

If either circumstance is observed it is suggested that the homeowner notify KCP&L 816-471-5275 and advise them that you live in the Kenilworth sub-division of Prairie Village where on August 5 a fire occurred at 4003 W 92nd Terr., as result of electrical short in the service entrance cable, and you have observed the above condition at your house and would like to have it checked out.

If you are not able to make the suggested observations please call a licensed electrician or KCP&L to come out and do it for you. If you call KCP&L and they tell you it will be a \$35 charge, ask to talk to a supervisor.

*PLEASE NOTE: Some homes do not have their electric meter in a metal box attached to the back of the house, it is located in an enclosure on the easement at the back of their lot. In this case the entrance cable enters the back of the house inside a metal housing. The same observations described above can be made for this installation.*

## Free Fire Safety Inspection

A Fire Safety Inspection will be performed by the Fire Department Fire Inspector at the request of a homeowner to review fire safety standards within your home and to assist you and your family with a suggested evacuation plan. This inspection does not involve electric wiring inspection but would identify particular fire hazards, check smoke detectors and identify an evacuation procedure in the event of a fire. If interested contact: Todd Kerkhoff or Chris Andrews at the Fire Department 913-432-1105 Ext. 408 or 432 respectively.

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## Annual Kenilworth Family Picnic

Mark your calendars Sept 24 for the annual Kenilworth Family Picnic. Bring your household down to socialize, meet new neighbors, and have some really good food! Once again it will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection 9100 Mission Road from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock, rain or shine.

BBQ will be provided, as well as, Hot Dogs, soft-drinks, and cookies for dessert. Weather permitting we will have a hay-ride, face-painting, and Rock wall slide for the kids. Please join us, it's always a good time!

## July 4th Parade a Success!

Monday, July 4th Kenilworth celebrated Independence Day in style. Despite the threat of inclement weather residents of all ages walked and rode down our streets with spectacular fanfare! Police were on hand for a special escort, as were refreshments and moon walk following the parade. This year we'd like to extend our appreciation to Sharon Weaver for taking the baton from Melissa Schlader our previous coordinator. Thanks ladies!

## Welcome Neighbor

Welcome to all new residents, we're glad to have you!

*Clayton & Laura Berry, 9116 Alhambra*  
*Neil & Elizabeth Barnett, 9305 Alhambra*  
*Charles & Laura Hammond, 9121 Catalina*  
*Tyler & Jill Peters, 9108 Fontana*  
*Lawrence & Nancy Dollar, 4112 West 91st Street*  
*Marty L. Sauls, 4403 West 92nd Terrace*  
*Todd & Donna Beikmann, 4207 West 92nd Terrace*  
*Karen Gage & Jeffrey Cameron, 4303 West 92nd Terrace*  
*Patrick Orscheln, 3901 West 93rd Street*  
*Anne Jackson, 3904 West 93rd Street*  
*Brian & Leslie Smith, 4409 West 93rd Street*  
*Shiela & Eli Salibi, 4306 West 95th Street*  
*Dan Thompson, 5321 West 96th Terrace*  
*Michael & Lynda Ohlde, 5411 West 96th Terrace*

Please accept our apologies if we have missed anyone, or if any of this information is incorrect. To correct any errors or omissions, please contact HACCD director, John Sheets, at (816) 523-2440.

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