Greenway Fields

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President's Letter

The 4th of July Annual Popsicle Parade was once again a popular neighborhood tradition. Councilwoman Jan Marcason stopped by and of course, the parade was led by 90+ years young, Elsie Morgan, who started this annual tradition. A special thank you to Cosentino's Market for providing the 350 popsicles for our youngsters!

Our Greenway Fields **Facebook Page** is ready for you to Friend! And the GreenwayFields.org website is live. If you are interested in helping with website content, contact board member Ryan Felton.

This past month our surrounding neighborhoods have collectively experienced car ransacking. Our security patrol officers want to remind all of us to be a *harder target* for crime. This means keeping garage doors closed, porch lights on at night, installing motion detector lighting, trimming back hedges/shrubs around windows, and not leaving valuables in your car.

You received a letter reminding you that your Homes Association Dues were already collected through the Greenway Fields Neighborhood Community Improvement District (GFNCID) assessment included in your Jackson County Real Property tax bill—you will not receive separate invoicing from the Homes Association. Because of the GFNCID, each homeowner was assessed \$127.50 for 2011 which included your Homes Association Dues.

Please keep your Block Captain updated with your email and phone number(s). Block Captains serve an important role and they help keep all of us connected. Enjoy the summer,



Save the Date



Greenway Fields Garage Sale

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1, 8:00–12:00

Clean out your attics, basements and closets! The GFHA will put signs up around the neighborhood and will place ads in the Star letting people know there are bargains and treasures to be had in Greenway Fields.



Nourished by Neighbors Saturday, October 22, 6:30

The inaugural Nourished by Neighbors dinner took place in June and was enjoyed by all. Come join us in October to share food and conversation with Greenway Fields neighbors. See the article inside that explains the dinners further.



Home of the Month

Celebrating our beautiful neighborhood



July Brian & Flo Casey 626 W 62nd Street

If you find the Home of the Month sign in your yard, please contact Jennifer Martin at jennifer.martin@ greenwayfields.org so she can include a photo in the next edition of the newsletter. If your home is named Home of the Month, you get to choose next month's winner. Take a look around the neighborhood and at the end of the month, place the sign in a yard that you think deserves recognition.

Leaf Removal: Your Feedback Wanted

 ${
m T}$ he GFHA Board would like to hear your thoughts about a possible neighborhood-wide leaf removal day. The cost of this service would be funded through the GFHA and it would be a one-day event, to be held on a Saturday in late fall. Homeowners would be asked to rake their leaves to the curb, and a truck would come along and vacuum the leaves up. The cost for this event would be approximately \$1,500, which works out to less than \$4.50 per household. Not only would the leaf removal help homeowners tidy their yards, it would also keep leaves out of the storm drains and catch basins, which in turn will help alleviate future sewer problems for all of us. We also envision that this could be a day of community involvement, with neighbors helping each other get their leaves to the curb. This leaf removal would be in addition to the two yard waste pickups that the City provides each fall. We would like to hear what you think about this idea. Please e-mail board@greenwayfields. org to let us know if you think this would be a worthwhile undertaking for our neighborhood.

Nourished by Neighbors

Nourished By Neighbors is an opportunity to share in the energetics of local, seasonal foods prepared with love and enjoyed in the company of neighbors. It is also a dinner party with an element of surprise: a master list of hosts and guests from within the Greenway Fields Homes Association will be coordinated by one neighbor and distributed a day or two before the dinner.

The first *Nourished By Neighbors* dinner was held in June 2011 and neighbors in the Greenway Fields Homes Association created dishes that complemented the season.

Neighbors who participated have since said:

"I loved the *Nourished by Neighbors* dinner because it gave me an opportunity to meet and get to know neighbors I'd not previously known. I know our neighborhood is a great one, but with a hectic career, it's often hard to find opportunities to meet other neighbors. I've been telling all the folks I do know from the neighborhood about it and encouraging them to sign up next time. It is so very Brookside!" – J.

"Simply a terrific evening and I'm looking forward to the

next NBN dinner! When I was telling my friends how enjoyable the evening was, they said the concept is cool and they plan to participate next time." - G.

"Nourished by Neighbors is a delightful mix of suspense and comfort. We got better acquainted with neighbors we already knew and established a connection with neighbors we had never met.

It was interesting to see how each dish complemented the others with the result being a perfect union of flavors. A glass of wine, good conversation and a lovely meal, what could be better?" - K.

The next *Nourished By Neighbors* will take place on Saturday, October 22 and in conjunction with Food Day. Hosts prepare the main entree for the group and each guest will be assigned a side dish, dessert, or beverage to bring for everyone.

For additional details and to sign up to participate, visit www.nourishedbyneighbors. com. Please sign up no later than October 19; when you sign up, please indicate if you would like to be a host or a guest. We look forward to dining with you soon!



Landscaping & Rain Gardens

 ${f T}$ he recent blistering heat and low rainfall levels have made us all acutely aware how dependent much of our landscaping is on frequent watering. The Mid-America Regional Council has a grant program in place to encourage neighborhoods to turn common landscaped areas into rain gardens. Rain gardens use drainage and native species to filter rainwater into the ground; this prevents runoff which can cause erosion, overwhelm our aging sewers, and flood urban streams. An added bonus is that native species require much less watering than non-native species. The GFHA is considering applying for a grant for 2012 so that we can add rain gardens to such common areas as the traffic circle at the intersection of Greenway Terrace and Pennsylvania and Monkey Island, at the confluence of Pennsylvania, Valley and 62nd Streets, and in front of the Meyer Columns. Have you added a rain garden or planted native species? If so, we would love to hear about your experiences. Please contact us at board@greenwayfields.org to share what you've learned.

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