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President's Letter

 arm welcome to all new residents that have recently moved into Greenway Fields neighborhood and now call it home. If you are new/existing and would like email updates the board sends throughout the year, please visit our website at www.greenwayfields.org. In the top right under *Contact Us* you can sign up for *MailChimp* messages throughout the year. We do not share your information and we have a non-solicitation policy within Greenway Fields.

A big thanks to all board members over the past year. Your resident volunteer board accomplished so much over the past year. A quick 2018 recap... Landscaping improvements/repairs at Monkey Island that included the addition of park benches. A special thanks to David & Kim for watering Monkey Island plants/trees annually. Greenway Fields Park at Valley/63rd saw dramatic changes with the cleaning/seal of the 100-year stone wall, addition of the paver patio around the winged lion bench, urn planters, and the long-awaited restoration and permanent placement of the historic statues of Dianna & Bacchus on solid foundations overlooking the bench. These statues were a gift from J.C. Nichols to Greenway Fields 100 years ago. A special thanks to Josh & Kyle again for water use at the park. In response to resident request and through PIAC funding (sales tax dollars) GFHA was able to restore the historic blue street names tiles in sidewalks. Special thank you to GFHA board member Beth Noble for coordinating with the city in this effort.

Events of the year included the annual meeting with breakfast at Charlie Hooper's, the long-standing traditional July 4th Popsicle parade—a big thanks to Dan and Family for hosting this annual flash parade and to Brookside Cosentino's market for the popsicles. The annual picnic switched back to a grill out format with grill master Board member Joe Cheritto. A new addition to the picnic was live acoustic guitar music enjoyed by residents on a nice evening at the park. Closing out the year was the annual Holiday party a casual and relaxing gathering of neighbors in early Dec. We would like to thank Mike & Scott on Meyer Blvd, who graciously opened their doors again this year to host this event. If you missed these events in 2018, we hope you can join us in 2019.

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Upcoming Events



GFHA Annual Meeting

Sat, Feb 9

Hot Breakfast » 8:30 AM

Meeting » 9:00–10:00 AM

Charlie Hooper's: 12 W 63rd St

Volunteer to serve—New Directors

for the Board will be voted in at the

annual meeting. Add your name to

the ballot by emailing.

board@greenwayfields.org

Please RSVP by Feb 2



Brookside Farmers' Market

1/5, 2/2 & 3/2; 9–12 noon

6675 Holmes Rd

www.brooksidefarmersmarket.com



39th Annual St. Patrick's

Warm-Up Parade

Sat, Mar 16, 2 PM

www.brooksidekc.org



Brookside Art Annual 2019

Fri–Sun, May 3–5th

www.brooksidekc.org/art-annual

Join our facebook group



www.greenwayfields.org



Most Colorful Holiday Lighting Award—6411 Summit St

Greenway Fields Snow Policy

A quick winter reminder that GFHA pays for snowplow service when there are two or more inches of snow. Residents should park vehicles off-street when snow depth is anticipated to exceed two inches. Parking cars off-street greatly helps our contracted snow plow vendor to better remove snow and obtain the clear streets we come accustomed to in Greenway Fields. If a vehicle must park on-street, the following parking practice that mirrors KCMO Snow Ordinance is requested:

- ★ **North/south** running streets: park on west side of the street.
- ★ **East/west** running streets: park on north side of the street.

Resident concerns with snow removal should be directed via email

to: board@greenwayfields.org. Please avoid posting on social media sites as your volunteer board members *do not monitor these unofficial sites for our neighborhood*. We ask that you allow 24 hours after snow has stopped falling before reporting any concerns to the email above. This allows snow removal crews adequate time to complete multiple passes within Greenway Fields.

As a reminder snow removal from sidewalks along your property is your responsibility per city code. If you don't like walking on snow and ice, your neighbors probably don't either. Please be respectful and try to keep your sidewalk clear as many of our residents do walk daily even in winter.



How to Make Your BKS Leaves Decompose Faster

Leaf compost, better known as leaf mold, supplies a soil amendment that improves soil texture, helps retain moisture, and provides a welcome environment for worms and beneficial soil microbes. Even better, it's a free resource if you have deciduous trees that drop a lot of fall leaves. Leaves usually take 6–12 months to break down into compost on their own because they don't contain the nitrogen necessary to speed the composting process. You can shorten that time to a few months if you build and tend your leaf compost pile properly.

Spread the dry leaves out in a 1–2 inch thick layer. Mow over them with a lawn mower to shred the leaves. Collect the shredded leaves in the lawn mower bag or rake them into a pile after shredding. Smaller pieces of leaves break down more quickly. Place the pile of leaves in a partially shaded, out-of-the-way area of your yard. Make the pile at least 3 feet square and about 3 feet tall. Alternatively, place the leaves in a compost bin of this size. Mist the leaves with water until they are damp. Mix the leaves with a garden fork so the pile is moistened evenly throughout. Continue to water the pile so it doesn't dry out, because dry leaves compost very slowly. Squeeze a handful of leaves to verify moisture. If a few droplets of water squeeze out, the leaves don't require water. Cover the pile with a tarp to help conserve the moisture during dry periods. Remove the tarp only when turning or adding more moisture to the pile.

Turn the leaf pile every two to three weeks with a garden fork, moving the leaves in the interior of the pile to the outside of the pile. Frequent turning speeds up composting by keeping the moisture evenly distributed, providing aeration, and helping all the leaves break down at an equal speed.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING AWARDS



- Most Architectural**—6233 Summit St
- Most Elegant**—6425 Summit St
- Most Elaborate**—6410 Summit St
- Most Colorful**—6411 Summit St
- Best Block**—6400 Block of Summit St
- Most Original**—431 West 61st St
- Most Whimsical**—6208 Valley Rd
- Most Festive**—439 West 63rd St
- Honorable Mention**—63rd St Block of Wornall to Greenway Fields Park

Annual Meeting of Residents

Save the date for our annual meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Charlie Hooper's: 12 West 63rd St, KCMO 64113. If you plan to attend breakfast, please RSVP to board@greenwayfields.org with number attending by 2/2/19 so we can reserve with Charlie Hooper's. Your volunteer board welcomes everyone to this meeting as a great way to meet new neighbors or find out more about the neighborhood if you are a newer resident. As usual breakfast buffet starts at 8:30 AM with the meeting following at 9:00 AM, ending by 10:00 AM. If you would like to serve on the volunteer neighborhood board or have questions, please reach out to the board via email if you would like to be listed on the election ballot.



Most Elaborate Holiday Lighting Award—6410 Summit St

Crosswalk & Lane Markings

Earlier this Fall, a request was made to the City of Kansas City for a crosswalk at the intersection of W Meyer Blvd/Valley Rd. A study was conducted that entailed counting the number of pedestrians per hour over a period of several days. The threshold was 15 pedestrians per hour in order to be considered. The results were tabulated to be short of the requirement and will not be implemented by the City. Another study is currently being considered to add proper lane markings (one lane-each direction), to West Meyer Blvd between Wornall and Ward Pkwy. As a bonus, we have requested the City consider adding bike lane road markings. We encourage you to reach out to Wes Minder wes.minder@kcmo.org at the City Planning Department, to express your support for this project.



Most Whimsical Holiday Lighting Award—6208 Valley Rd

Autumn Thoughts on Gardening

BY BETH NOBLE, PHD

The Winter Solstice will start December 21st which represents the shortest day and longest night of the year. However, this also represents and is celebrated as the beginning of a new year, and the joy of the spring to come. In January, we will gain one minute of daylight per day, in February we gain two minutes of daylight per day and March three minutes of daylight per day. One of the things we can do during this winter period is to plan for the spring. In February, whether there's snow or not, crocuses and snow drops will appear; these are harbingers of the spring. Early in April and May we begin to have daffodils, tulips, jonquils and an array of other spring flowers. In celebration of the Solstice, one thing we can do is fill our homes with narcissus. In Greek Mythology, Narcissus fell in love with his own reflection, fell into a river, and drown at that same moment the Narcissus plant sprouted on the river's edge, this plant represents the spirit of renewal, much like the Winter Solstice. My hope is that this article will help you enjoy the Winter Solstice and look forward to Spring.



Security

4 incidents since September 1, 2018: theft 6500 block of Wornall Ter, theft 500 block of West Meyer Blvd, a property crime at West Meyer Blvd/Washington, and breaking/entering in the 600 block of West 61st Ter.

Please be vigilant during all times of the days since most of these crimes occurred during daylight hours. DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911. Contact either KCPD Interaction Officer Miki Cassidy michele.cassidy@kcpd.org or KCPD Sgt. Sebastien Hanriot sebastien.hanriot@kcpd.org for a house check/drive by if planning to be out of town for the holidays or on a winter vacation.