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Homes Associations
of the Country Club District
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CURRENT RESIDENT OR

Treasurer's Report

Dues...just another polished version of the word *tax*. Unlike most taxes, where immediate benefit is at times hard to see, dues directly impact our neighborhood. Our volunteer board is committed to making spending decisions that improve our quality of life and positively impact property values. The 2008 billing was sent in January. Usually dues trickle in for months, but budgets are tight, so paying on time does make a difference. Please take a few minutes to send in your payment if you haven't already done so.

Our 2008 budget is \$19,450. Our projected major expenses (Grounds Maintenance: \$6,500; Snow Removal: \$4,000; Social Activities/Meetings/Events/Newsletter: \$3,450; HACCD Administration: \$3,500 and Misc. expenses: \$1,500) leave little room for error or waste. These numbers do not include security which is now billed on an as needed basis. Security's projected annual expense is \$14,000.

This is the second year of our three year project to rehabilitate the islands and entry ways of Greenway Fields. All funds appropriated will be used and we will complete

the special projects on budget (which is projected to be \$22,650). The new looks are designed to be both attractive and functional. We hope you enjoy the improvements.

Snow continues to plague us. Prior to 2006, we enjoyed five years of mild weather and benefited by that financially. Now, slim reserves have been tapped. Each time we plow, it costs \$360 and each chemical treatment costs \$440. This is an important service which we will continue to provide.

Security has also been an area of increased spending. We pay about \$1,000 per month for this service, though costs have been higher recently as we temporarily increased patrols, following some problems with crime. (Please read the Security Update). We rely on the advice the KCMO Police Department crime lab and other police contacts to make decisions on how much security is necessary. I think we can all agree it's critical to maintain the reputation that our neighborhood will be aggressive on crime.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about the budgeting for our Association. It is my pleasure to serve

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Greenway Fields

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President's Letter

The Annual Meeting in January accomplished two important tasks: reviewing the annual budget and electing the Board. You will see familiar neighbors on your Greenway Fields Homes Association Board: Joe Groehl, Wendy Trainor, JT Forristal, Barbara Martin, Mike McAdam, and Aaron House.

Back in the 1920s the association bylaws and agreement clearly stated that homeowner dues cannot increase (there is a provision to change the agreement every 25 years, and we'll write a different article about it at a later date.) Established in the 1920s, the current average annual payment, per household, is \$8. If you multiply the \$8 by the 343 homes, the annual assessment income of \$2,744 doesn't pay for much. This year at the Annual Meeting, we reviewed the actual costs (from snow removal to island maintenance) and proposed the 2008 budget. The budget unanimously passed and the extra dues of approximately \$7 per

month, per household, was agreed upon. You received a letter outlining the decision with your annual statement in February.

What attracted each of us to this area of town must be preserved through a collective commitment from each and every one of us...personally and financially. Taking pride in our community is clearly a reflection of how we want

to live. The extra dues per household help ensure a clean, well-kept and maintained neighborhood.

Speaking of safety, we have increased the Security Patrol in our neighborhood.

Thank you for calling or emailing your Block Captains and Board Members with concerns. And anytime you see suspicious behavior, call 911 immediately. Don't ever think you are 'bothering' the police.

Your Greenway Fields Homes Association Board will focus on communication, involvement, and the promotion of being neighborly. Get ready. Expect to be Included!

Gina —Gina Valentino

Congratulations Holiday Lighting Contest Winners!

Thank you to all those who decorated their homes and yards for the holidays.

The winners are:

Most Original

Albert P. Mauro, 6415 Jefferson;

Best of Show Tom and

Janet Greaves Family, 413 62nd Street;

Most Colorful Martin Fanning &

Family, 414 W. Meyer Blvd.;

Most Elaborate Dan &

Michelle Family, 6440 Summit;

Best Block 6400 block of Pennsylvania.

Special thanks to Brian Hedgepeth for making the certificates for the winners. Next year, we will post the winners as



soon as possible on the web page for Greenway Fields Homes Association which can be accessed through the HACCD (Homes Associations of the Country Club District) website at www.haccd.org so that you can drive through the neighborhood to see the winning entries prior to their being dismantled.

Save the Date

March 15th
Annual Brookside
St. Patrick's Warm-Up Parade,
2 p.m.

March 31st
Bulky item pickup

May 2-4
Brookside Art Fair

May 16 & 17
Greenway Fields Garage Sale

June 8
Annual Picnic at Strawn Park

June 21
Hazardous Waste
Drop-off Event

July 4th
Annual Popsicle
Parade

Remember that bulky
item pickup is scheduled for the
29th of each odd numbered month
unless the 29th falls on a weekend
or holiday, in which case it will
be the following business day.
Unlimited trash removal follows
the July 4th holiday.

Homes Association of the Country Club District



Details about our Homes Association and other Associations around us, including a calendar of events, can be found at www.haccd.org. Go to **Missouri Associations** and then **Greenway Fields** to read our newsletters and get other information. One day, we hope to provide a link to our own web page here. We would love to hear from anyone interested in helping us to start such a page.

Security Update

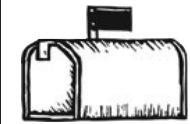
Recent news of a nearby car jacking, burglary and other theft related crimes have caused considerable concern amongst neighbors. The GFHA Board has decided to temporarily increase our security patrols at this time, with more patrol time being added in the evening when these crimes seem to be occurring. While we feel that it is important to maintain a police presence in our area (our current security patrol is manned by off-duty police officers driving marked police cars) we are reminded by PO Parsons that when a crime occurs in our neighborhood it is almost always a ‘crime of opportunity’. Thieves take advantage of an open window, unlocked door, or garage left open. Usually items have been left where easily seen from a window or door, or a car has been left running to warm-up on a winters’ morning.

It is important to use common sense to avoid becoming a victim of crime. Far too often we fall into these complacent behaviors that can attract a criminal element. Police and security personnel continue to stress the importance of making ourselves and our neighborhood a ‘hard target’ for would-be criminals. Lock vehicles and homes, and do not leave valuables in plain sight. Never leave your vehicle unoccupied with the keys in it, and make sure your license plates are properly secured. Don’t leave garage doors open. If you have an alarm system...set it. Use security lighting outside your home and park in well lit areas when possible. Don’t

answer your door without knowing who’s there. Take steps to make your home appear occupied even when you are away.

Of course it always helps to stay alert and be sure to report any crimes or suspicious behavior to the police. You can go to www.kansascity.com, the Star’s webpage and look for the link to the crime map to check criminal activity for any neighborhood in the city. This is a good opportunity to remind you to pass along your contact details to your respective block captain if you have not done so already. Or you can send an email to Greenwayfields@hotmail.com giving your name, address and phone number. We will pass this to your block captain (listed below) and forward you occasional emails regarding security issues or important neighborhood announcements. If you have any further questions about security issues, please contact Mike McAdam at Mikediv210@aol.com.

Put it on Hold



Going out of town? The Postal Service will hold your mail and you can have your newspaper delivery temporarily suspended. For mail, just go to: <https://dunsapp.usps.gov/HoldMail.jsp> and for the Kansas City Star, go to <https://customer care.kcstar.com/> Then find the link to Vacation Stops and Starts.

2008 GREENWAY FIELDS BLOCK CAPTAINS LIST

61st Street	(400 & 600 block)	Cathy Stephens	361-2385
61st Terrace	(400 block)	*voluteer needed	822-9424
61st Terrace	(600 block)	Bob Deeg	926-1045
62nd Street	(400 block)	Jim & Susan Whitney	444-5150
62nd Street	(600 block)	Peggy Gardela	444-2518
62nd Terrace	(400 block)	Karen Grover	523-6951
Valley Road and Pennsylvania		David Thompson	333-2282
63rd Street	(400 block)	Vlado Gjorgioski	210-0921
63rd Street	(600 block)	Maureen Vogel	523-5956
Greenway Ter (400 block)		Jennifer Forristal	507-0345
Greenway Ter (600 block)		Tom O’Connor	363-2926
W. Meyer Blvd (400 & 500 block)		Bob McClellan	361-1499
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Wornall Ter (& 6400s Wornall)		Matthew Johnson	536-5753
Washington Avenue		Lesley Reller (Patrick)	523-5225
Pennsylvania Avenue		Angelo Cusuman	333-3903
Jefferson Avenue		Pat Bement	444-0805
Summit Ave (& 6400s of Valley)		Rose Dorlac	363-8131

CITY ACTION NUMBERS

Downed Power Line
1(888) LIGHT-KC

Water Main Break
(816) 513-0209

Gas Leak
1(800) 582-0000

City Manager Action Center
311

The 3-1-1 Action Center is your central point of contact for City services. If you need information or have questions about the City, need to request a City service or report a problem with City services, contact the Action Center by dialing 311. You can also visit the www.kcmo.org for City news, events calendars, information and services.



If you go to www.kcmo.org/water you can click on ‘Brookside Improvements’ to get information about the Brookside Watershed Improvement Program.

Homes of the Month



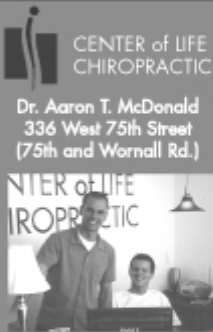
Congratulations to the following recipients:
JANUARY: Joanne and Ron Heap at 401 W. 62nd St.
FEBRUARY: (above) Devin Thorla and Aaron McDonald at 448 W. 62nd St.
Thanks for keeping our neighborhood beautiful!

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Recycling Center



The Midtown Recycling Center has closed. A new location is being sought. Currently, the nearest location to Greenway Fields is in the parking lot of the former Wal-mart Supercenter on Hillcrest Road across from Bannister Mall



Go to
www.bridgingthegap.org
for recycling guidelines.