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ROCKHILL GARDENS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Neighborhood News

Annual Meeting Wrap-up

We would like to thank Councilman McManus and Councilman Taylor for speaking about the upcoming Bond issue vote. For more information (in case you have lost the multitude of flyers in the mail), visit www.progresskc.com

Year in Review Highlights

- 60+ households participated in two “Dumpster Day” neighborhood clean up events
- 950+ lbs of items were donated to Goodwill of Kansas City during the clean-up events
- 150+ residents attended the June Block Party
- 60+ residents shared in the Progressive Dinner.

Elections

There are a few changes to announce for the RGNA board.

- Kyle Burnfin is the new Crime Awareness Chair
- Kelsey Sprick is the new Membership Chair
- Maleika Robinson is the new Co-Chair for Communications.
- The remaining board members were re-elected to their current posts

A big thank you to the outgoing board members Blake and Beth Loveless and Laura Hermansen for their work on the board.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a few more volunteers to help deliver newsletters. Please email president@rockhillgardens.org if you are interested

April Crime Awareness

Let me start by introducing myself to the group. My name is Kyle Burnfin and I live in the heart of Rockhill Gardens. I moved here last summer and from day one, felt the need to enhance crime prevention efforts. I will do my best to provide information, feedback, and support, regarding the neighborhood as a whole. In addition, drill in and provide support for individual incidents, interactions, etc.

DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT POLICE AT 911 (EMERGENCY NUMBER) when you feel like 'perhaps' you should. Err on the side of caution. If you are on the fence--make the call. There is an undercurrent in the area that the police are spread thin, and may have better things to do than to be bothered with your issue. I assure you, after talking to many officers in my time here--none of them feel this way. Resources have been relocated in our patrol area but this does not necessarily mean that there is less staffing (*as per my conversation with a police captain*). While it may be appropriate to post to Nextdoor or Facebook, the most immediate action needs to be picking up the phone and dialing 911.

I would like you to know that I am here to listen to your issues and concerns, and address them the best that I can. Feel free to reach out to me via email or even by phone, 816.729.9209. I am not a substitute for calling the police, of course. If you have an emergency, **call 911**.

As I walked the neighborhood handing out information about the vote/annual meeting, I noticed a lot of things that need to be addressed. I heard a lot of stories of how 'back in the day' folks sat out in chairs in the front yard and the overwhelming feeling is that they no longer do (*yes I know many of you do, but many made it clear that they no longer do for various reasons*). I think that we can all agree that we can do a better job to watch out for one another and make this great neighborhood an even better place.

VOTE

Tuesday April 4th is the vote on the bond issue. There are three separate questions for the bond issue.

- Question 1 – Yes/No for \$600 million in bonds for sidewalks, roads and bridges
- Question 2 – Yes/No for \$150 million in bonds for flood control projects
- Question 3 – Yes/NO for \$50 million in bonds for a new Animal Shelter and ADA improvements.

2 Additional Questions will also be on the ballot

- Question 4 – a 1/8% sales tax increase for a period of 10 years for economic projects from 9th St to Gregory and Paseo to Indiana Ave.
- Question 5 – Limit punishment for marijuana possession under 35 grams to \$25, eliminate jail for possession of marijuana and remove marijuana from prohibition against drug paraphernalia.

[Go to kceb.org](http://kceb.org) for official ballot language and voting locations.

Our sponsor, the ER of Brookside at 6601 Rockhill Road, is undergoing a renovation and expansion from 11 rooms to 20 rooms.



The renovation includes innovative technology in every room to further expedite the already really fast service. Also, congratulations to the ER of Brookside for receiving an overall patient satisfaction scores in the top 20% of all emergency rooms nationally.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, April 12th: RGNA Monthly Meeting, Research Medical Brookside Campus, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10th: RGNA Monthly Meeting, Research Medical Brookside Campus, 7 p.m.

Spring Clean-up – AKA “Dumpster Day” – TBD

(Look for announcement on the RGNA Facebook page and in the next newsletter)

Board Members

Useful Numbers

email contacts are @rockhillgardens.org				
President	Evan Zarchan	president@	Emergency	911
Communications	Katie Carr Maleika Robinson	newsletter@	Police (non-emergency)	234-5111
Crime Prevention	Kyle Burnfin	crimeprevention@ 816.729.9209	KCMO Action Center	513-1313
Events	Stephanie Simms	events@	Animal control	513-9800
Finance	Heather Boege	finance@	Crime Stoppers	474-TIPS
Marketing	Emily Paquin	marketing@	Curb and sidewalk repair	513-7951
Membership	Kelsey Sprick	membership@	Drugs suspected	474-DRUG
Property Management	Sean Ackerson	propertymanagement@	Mayor Sly James	513-3500
Public Affairs & Devel.	John Cigas	publicaffairs&devel@	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