



ROCK HILL GARDENS

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SCHOOL & SPECIAL ELECTION

TUES. APRIL 5TH

There is a citywide election coming up on April 5th. From the sample ballot, there is an election for a Board of Trustees member for the Metropolitan Community College, and three questions the City is posing.

- **Questions:**

- The City is looking for approval to request up to \$750 million in bonds for sewer capital improvement projects. More information can be found at <http://www.kcwater.us/about-us/sewer-bond-authorization>. The improvements are needed to comply with federal mandates for the sewer system. Part of the response from KC Water is that the improvements need to be done regardless, and having access to bond financing provides lower cost and ability to spread the cost out over longer periods of time.
- The 2nd question has to do with re-authorizing a tax levy for ambulance, emergency and public health services.
- The 3rd question is about removing a parcel of land north of the river from the parks department (generally located on the west side of Searcy Creek parkway between 210 Highway and approximately Northeast 36th Street).

Sample Ballot and polling location can be found at www.kceb.org

CHALKHILL GARDENS

APRIL 23-24TH

- This year we are going with a theme for the neighborhood. Join us and create your best "Kansas City" inspired chalk design!
- Get out and see what all of our amazing neighbors have put on show!
- Post your creation on the RGNA Facebook page, and 3 participants will be randomly selected for prizes!



Keep an eye on the RGNA Facebook page for more details!

RGNA Annual Meeting Recap

We were lucky to have Dr. Caroline Davies, Director Environmental Studies Program and Associate Professor at UMKC speak about sustainability efforts we can do as homeowners in RGNA. Some tips she shared:

- Reduce heat and increase CO2 sequestration by planting trees
- Build soil health by organic lawn care, moss yards, gardening and composting
- Mulch leaves and leave on yard, compost leaves, or donate to a community garden
- Grow food and support local farms by participating in a CSA (many available at Brookside Farmers Market)
- Collect rain in rain barrels to water your lawn and garden and reduce run off by using pervious driveways and patios
- Insulating around foundation and in attic will often provide more energy savings than replacing windows

Resources:

- KC Regional Climate Action plan www.kcmetroclimateplan.org
- KC Climate Protection & Resiliency www.playbook.KCMO.gov

We also reviewed the past year of RGNA activities and held board elections. We welcomed Sam Leyden as our new Marketing Chair and all other board members were re-elected.

Upcoming Dates

April 5th - Citywide Election/Ballot Initiative

April 13th - RGNA Board Meeting 7pm

April 23rd-24th - Chalkhill Gardens

May 11th - RGNA Board Meeting 7pm

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