



Neighbors

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Handy Information

Area code 816 unless specified

EMERGENCIES 911
49/63 office & CAN... 333-4963
 City website ... www.kcmo.org

- Abandoned cars 311
- Animal Control 311
- Fire Dept non-emerg.. 513-1700
- Gas leak 800-582-0000
- Landlord-tenant issue 311
- Power line down ... 888-544-4852
- Property code violations 311
 Steven King, inspector... 590-2226
- Street light out/damaged..... 311
- Street repair..... 311
 or after hours 513-0431
- Traffic signals/signs 311
- Utility assistance 211
- Water/Sewer break 311
- Weatherization funds... 822-7703x219
- Weeds on vacant prop..... 311
- 48h before you dig... 800-DIG-RITE

Police and crime info:

- Community police 719-8199
 Aaron Shillcutt, Chris DeFreece
- KCPD non-emergency. 234-5000
- Report a crime tip..... 474-TIPS
- Complaint about police 889-6640

Trash:

- Trash/bulky/recycling 311
- Report illegal dumping 311
- Hazardous waste 311

General Meeting, 28 Aug 2007

What's Congress Up To?

Ever wish those politicians in Washington would listen to *you*?

Our August general meeting is an opportunity for you to talk with Ms Kimiko Gilmore, an aide to US Senator **Claire McCaskill**. Ms Gilmore will talk about what's going on in Washington that could affect our neighborhood, and you will have a chance to communicate your concerns to Sen. McCaskill by way of Ms Gilmore.

The meeting will start off with crime and safety reports from our CAN team. Please join us **Tuesday, August 28, at 7:30 pm** at the **Rockhurst Community Center, 54th & Troost**.

Remember that if you have special concerns about crime, noise, property conditions, and neighborhood safety, you can **visit with the CAN team at 6:30 pm** before the general meeting.

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME TUE AUG 7, 6-8 PM - 57TH & FOREST

*** Do you hold the key to solving a notorious 49/63 cold case? ***

On June 26, 1992, in the Troostwood neighborhood of 49/63, Mark Anthony Davis's life was ended in a drive-by shooting. Fifteen years later, his killers are still unidentified, and his mother is still waiting for justice. *Someone knows who killed him. At this year's Night Out, hear from the police and his mother about this crime—and if you know anything, please tell them. Let's solve it!*

Night Out also features lots of good information, activities for kids, and a picnic meal of hotdogs, chips, and soda. Check out the flier inside your newsletter.

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Fri Aug 3 - Fri Aug 10 - Fri Aug 17 - Fri Aug 24 - Fri Aug 31 - Sat Sep 8 -
 Fri Sep 14 - Fri Sep 21 - Fri Sep 28

Bulky items: Tue Aug 28, Wed Oct 28 (S of 54th & E of Troost, also on Mon Sep 30)



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**Got
news?**

Call **333-4963** or send it to *news@4963.org*.

Issue	Deadline	Delivered
Jun	Jun 1	Jun 21
Jul/Aug	Jul 13	Aug 2
Sep	Aug 31	Sep 20

From the President:

What Is the 49/63 Coalition?

I was recently asked "What is the 49/63 Coalition and what does it do?" It was a good reminder to me that not everyone knows this. So, for those readers who aren't sure what 49/63 is, here is a brief synopsis.

49/63 is a neighborhood association maintained by residents for the purpose of improving our neighborhood. The following are some examples of what 49/63 does:

- **Programs:** 49/63 plans and hosts neighborhood activities like lawnmower clinics, volunteer appreciation events, business promotions and community service events.
- **Communication:** 49/63 functions as a contact point for information to flow from or to neighborhood residents, businesses and property owners. Information like what day is bulky trash picked up, who to call if a street light is out and what is going on in the area.
- **Problem solving:** Think there are drugs being sold on your block? 49/63 can help you figure that out and work on stopping it.
- **Advocacy:** 49/63 works with the city to bring programs and services to our neighborhood and defends them at budget hearings
- **Resources:** Grant funding, volunteers and speakers for meetings are examples of resources we bring to our neighborhood.

All this activity is managed by the 49/63 board, a group of fifteen people who live, work or own property in the area and are elected by the neighborhood.

That's my attempt to address the question about what 49/63 is and does. Tune in next month for the answer to the next question:

Who are these people?

*— Renee Neades, President
49/63 Neighborhood Coalition*

👉 **49/63 Coalition Board Election—Tue Sep 25** 👈

From Your COMBAT Coordinator and CAN Center

They Could Have Been Stopped

*H*ere's a 49/63 crime *non*-prevention horror story: Recently, a van backed up to the front door of a house whose occupants were on vacation. The men in the van quickly forced the door open, and methodically loaded a quantity of furniture, electronics, and other valuables into the van.

A neighbor saw this activity and asked the men what they were doing. They told her that they were workmen doing something for the homeowner — and the neighbor took them at their word.

Much later, when the unfortunate vacationers returned and the neighbor discovered that

the men in the van had been thieves, she could not recall any details other than the color of the van.

This crime did not need to happen!

Here's what you need to do if you see any such activity at a neighbor's house: CALL 911. Let the police ask the questions. Do not challenge the individuals yourself. Think about it: If they're up to no good, are they going to tell you?

The police have the means to identify and immediately arrest criminals posing as contractors—and to protect themselves if the perpetrators become belligerent.

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Replacing Stolen License Tabs

You can now replace year tabs stolen from Missouri vehicle license plates for only a small fee, up to twice in one year. Here's how:

First, get a **Form 1576** from the Missouri Dept. of Revenue. You cannot download the form from their website, but you can request that it be mailed to you.

Go to www.dor.mo.gov, click on *Motor Vehicles* on the left, then under the *Re-*

newing Your Plates heading, click on *Tab Theft*. Near the bottom of that page, under *Tabs already stolen?*, click *request online*. Fill out the top part of the request, and find *Application for Replacement Plates or Tabs* about 8th from the top of the *Forms* list.

Alternatively, you can pick up the form at any motor vehicle license office. *The form must be notarized*. The only charge is a \$3.50 processing fee.

Remember that tabs can go in the *center* of most plates, where they are harder to steal.

News & Announcements

Discovery Center Family Fun

Looking for fun activities for your whole family on Saturdays? Check out these activities offered by the **Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center**, at 4750 Troost Avenue just north of Brush Creek!

Most of these events do not require any registration — all you have to do is show up. The exceptions, as well as age limits, are noted in the list below. Register by calling **759-7300**, Mon-Sat 8 am-5 pm.

Aug 4, 10 am-2 pm: Learn how to **build a simple canoe** out of plywood and a few other common items.



Aug 4, 10 am-3 pm: Learn the basics of **Dutch oven cooking**.

Aug 11, 9 am-3 pm: Discover butterflies, dragonflies, and other insects at the **Insect-o-Rama** workshop.



Aug 18, 9-11 am or 1-3 pm: Build **insect display boxes** to show off the unusual insects you can collect in Missouri. *Age 10 and up; reservation required by Aug 3.*

Aug 18, 10 am-3 pm: **Leaf printing** using block inks, tree leaves, and an etching press; identify some Missouri trees.

Aug 25, 9 am-4 pm: **Hiking in Missouri**—learn about some of Missouri's hundreds of miles of scenic hiking trails; get maps and tips on hiking gear.



Aug 25, 9 am-3 pm: **Growing Paper**—reuse

paper to grow plant seedlings.

Sep 1, 9 am start: **Bike ride along Brush Creek**, 5 miles total, then meet back at the Center for refreshments. All ages welcome, but *you must have a bike helmet*.

Sep 1, noon-3 pm: **Brush Creek history** with a model of the Creek in Nature's Aquarium. Look back 200 years, see the effects of a simulated thunderstorm, and predict the Creek's future.

To learn more about Discovery Center activities, you can get to the **Center's website** by Googling **discovery troost**.

Pet Rabies/Microchip Clinic

Spay and Neuter Kansas City will host a low-cost rabies/microchip clinic to help low-income pet owners. The clinic takes place **Sat Aug 4, 9-11 am, at 3710 Main St.**

Rabies vaccinations are only \$10, and implantable microchip identification chips are also only \$10. The law requires that all pets have a current rabies vaccination *and* a current KCMO license. Pet licenses will be available at the clinic.

Spaying or neutering your pet doesn't just reduce the pet overpopulation; it has many health benefits for your pet. For more information on this clinic or other times and places to have your pet spayed or neutered, visit www.snkc.net or call **353-0940**.

Spay and Neuter Kansas City is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Volunteer opportunities are available, and donations can be mailed to PO Box 410303, KC, MO 64141.

Calendar

RUCC— Rockhurst Community Center, 5401 Troost

TYG— Troostwood Youth Garden, 52nd & Paseo

CB— Coffee Break, 5400 Troost



Every Sat: **Troostwood Garden Market**, 10 am-4 pm, TYG

August

Saturdays: See Discovery Center article, p 3

4th (Sat): **Troost Plateau meeting**, 9 am, RUCC

4th (Sat): **Troostwood meeting**, 10 am, CB

7th (Tue): **Night Out Against Crime picnic**, 6-8 pm, Friendship Park

8th (Wed): **49/63 Board meeting**, 7:30 pm, RUCC

28th (Tue): **Bulky pickup**

28th (Tue): **49/63 CAN Public Meeting**, 6:30 pm, RUCC

28th (Tue): **49/63 General Meeting**, 7:30 pm, RUCC. **Guest: Kimiko Gilmore of Sen. McCaskill's staff**

September

8th (Sat): **Troost Plateau meeting**, 9 am, RUCC

8th (Sat) (tentative): **Troostwood meeting**, 10 am, CB

12th (Wed): **49/63 Board meeting**, 7:30 pm, RUCC

25th (Tue): **49/63 CAN Public Meeting**, 6:30 pm, RUCC

25th (Tue): **49/63 General Meeting and Board Election**, 7:30 pm, RUCC

30th (Mon): **Bulky pickup S of 54th & E of Troost**

Please Deliver By August 2, 2007

Rockhurst Greeks Lend a Helping Hand



Participating fraternities included Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Delta Gamma. Sororities involved were Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Theta Phi Alpha, and Delta Xi Phi.

Saturday, July 14 was a busy day for many members of Rockhurst University's eight fraternities and sororities. Many of their members pitched in to do some badly needed exterior work on the home of a 49/63 resident, and helped out with the Troostwood Garden.

Other fraternity and sorority volunteers passed out crime prevention fliers on several nearby blocks.

