

## CITADEL CENTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

## DANIEL MORGAN BOONE PARK

KC Water's Smart Sewer program is addressing issues with overflow from the City's sewer systems. DMB Park is being renovated and Citadel will be impacted

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## HOA BOARD REPORT

The Citadel HOA Board Members are here to help keep our neighborhood great. Meet our new and existing Board Members that are here to serve you during 2024.

## HOMEOWNER TIPS

Homeowners can maintain their homes by performing regular inspections, addressing repairs promptly, and keeping up with routine maintenance tasks.

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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We're preparing Citadel Neighborhood events for 2024! Please complete this quick **2-minute Event Ideas survey** to help with planning.

To use the QR Code, please open your camera on your cell phone and point it at the "Scan Me" image. The survey will open on your phone so you can complete it. Alternatively, please email us at <u>citadelcenterhoa@gmail.com</u> with your ideas for future Citadel events. Examples include indoor potluck or summer BBQ.

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## **DANIEL MORGAN BOONE PARK UPDATE** PRELIMINARY COMPLETION IN 2024

The Smart Sewer Program, initiated by the City of Kansas City to address sewer system overflows, includes the Daniel Morgan Boone Park Green Infrastructure Project, which was presented at the public meeting on September 26, 2023.

The goal of the project is to cut down on the amount of overflow of the sewers every year by using green infrastructure and new technology.

The park's preferred plan is to use green infrastructure, such as stormwater collection systems and other green elements throughout the watershed. The public has shared concerns about drainage, funding, odor, maintenance, historical considerations, and safety.

KC Water will be assisted by its program manager, Burns & McDonnell, and its design professional team led by Black & Veatch to complete the work.

For further details, homeowners can visit <u>www.kcsmartsewer.us/projects/dmb</u> or contact the Smart Sewer Staff at 816-601-0137 or alex@parsonkc.com; schylon@parsonkc.com

#### **Project Links:**

- Download the project fact sheet
- Download the June 8, 2023 presentation
- Download the September 27, 2023 presentation

## PROJECT BOUNDARIES

- North: 55th Street
- South: Gregory Boulevard
  - East: Bruce R Watkins Drive
  - West: Morningstar Drive

### SMART SEWER PROGRAM GOALS:

85% capture of wet weather flow by 2040 through:

- Cost-effectively integrating 480 greened acres
- Embracing technological innovations
- Using advanced intelligent data-driven decision support platforms
- Realizing increased levels of protection of public health and the environment



## **HOA BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **Officers**:

Ayanna Bridges, President Eboni Shelby, Vice President Evelyn Harden, Treasurer Kimberly Paige, Recording Secretary (non-voting) Rachel Addington, Corresponding Secretary

Esther Gillmore, Member Rochelle Slaughter, Member Jennifer Boyd, Member Linda Manlove-Braxton, Member Leah Banks, Member Evelyn Hedge-Perkins, Member

#### **Block Captains**

Marvin Rodgers, 59th. Terr. Jennifer Boyd, 61st. Terr. & 60th Terr. Judith Boyd, Michigan Ave. Donna Buckles-Neal, 60th St. Sharon Butler, 61st Terr. & 60th Terr. Candace Cheatem, Woodland Ave. Carl Cooper, 61st Terr. & Euclid Ave. Charles Harris, Blue Hills & Highland Ave. Mrs. Pat Jones-Macklin Brooklyn Ave. Gary Maltbia, 61St. Jesse Overton, Michigan Ave. Zackary Shelby, 59th Terr. Rochelle Slaughter, 59th Terr. Ralph & Lynn Watson, E. 60th Terr. James Maddox (emeritus), 59th Terr.

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Please welcome our new board members:

- Linda Manlove-Braxton
- Jennifer Boyd
- Leah Banks
- Evelyn Hedge-Perkins

#### Serving another term:

• Esther Gillmore

Thank you to Marvin Rodgers, Lynn Watson, and Christle Reed for your service to our neighborhood.

## **STAY UP-TO-DATE!**

Have you heard the latest news from your HOA? The Citadel Center HOA sends important information and community happenings by email, phone, and social media. **If you haven't heard from us lately, please email us at <u>citadelcenterhoa@gmail.com</u> to be <b>added to our email and phone lists.** You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram @CitadelCenterKC.



## **CITADEL HOA COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### ARCHITECTURAL

Evelyn Hedge

Always submit an Architectural Request Form when making exterior changes to your home. Most requests have a 30-day turn around time. Engage with your neighbors and work to maintain the beauty of Citadel.

#### **BYLAWS**

Judy Boyd

A revised version of the bylaws is in the works. They will be first viewed by the board and then sent for a legal review. There should be a final draft for resident review by the April Quarterly meeting.

### FINANCE

Evelyn Harden

Assessments were mailed out. Everyone has until April 30, 2024. If you are behind and need assistance with making payment arrangements, please call or email at: 816-822-7778 or citadelcenterhoa@gmail.com.

## **TASK FORCE**

Leah Banks

The Task Force continues to work with Charter Landing Apartments to help improve the living conditions. Concerns about Charter Landing, Citadel Center, etc...should be filed with 3-1-1.

## **BLOCK CAPTAINS**

Jennifer Boyd

Staying vigilant by locking doors and windows and investing in a security camera and/or an alarm system can improve safety.

Please call 911 to report any crime.

## **CULTURAL**

Esther Gillmore

The Cultural Committee encourages residents to forward their ideas for events they'd like the Committee to consider later this year.

### LANDSCAPE

Esther Gillmore and Evelyn Harden

Most of the landscaping services in 2023 were done by the Committee and residents from the Association.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Evelyn Harden

The Winter 2023/20234 snow removal contract has been signed. FYI, if there is snow, this company will not plow streets if the city clears the roads first or if multiple consecutive days of snow are expected. Please make sure to remove your car(s) from the street. The service will come within 24 hours of snowfall that is more than 2 inches.

# TREE PLANTING IN KC

You may have noticed new trees popping up in our neighborhood! Trees are being planted across the city as part of the Parks and Recreation, Forestry Division Tree Replacement Program. They are planting new trees where trees had previously been removed (and there is still plenty of space for them to grow).

The Kansas City Council approved a \$1 million budget to add 10,000 trees throughout the city over the next 3 years (starting in the fall of 2023). The Forestry Division's goal is to plant a tree for each tree that has been removed from the city's right-of-way, which is between the street curb and sidewalk. The trees that have been planted are the right type so that they don't grow too large for their space.



Did you know that trees add value to our community? **Citizens are encouraged to plant trees on private property, too. The city is providing free trees to residents who are interested**. To join the waiting list for the Spring of 2024, please visit www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/departments/neighborhood-services/free-trees. There is an online form that can be completed to be notified when they are available.

Each year, thousands of trees are lost in our communities due to age, inspections, disease, storms, and construction.

A few benefits of trees include:

- Increasing property value
- Reducing stormwater runoff
- Decreasing energy use and air population



## **HOMEOWNERS SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS**

Keep your home comfortable and enjoy the springtime with these inside and outside maintenance tips for around the home.

#### Inside:

- Open windows occasionally to let in fresh air and reduce indoor pollutants.
- Install or repair window screens to keep insects out while allowing fresh air in.
- Use a programmable thermostat to adjust temperatures for comfort and energy savings.
- Replace air filters regularly to maintain indoor air quality and keep your cooling system efficient. It's recommended to replace air filters every 3 months.
- Add insulation to your attic and walls, if needed, to keep cool air inside.
- Use curtains and blinds to control sunlight and heat entering your home.
- Place draft stoppers at the bottom of doors to keep cool air in and warm air out.
- Use rugs on bare floors to maintain comfort and add a cozy feel to your rooms.
- Use a dehumidifier to reduce humidity levels and make your home feel cooler.
- Adjust ceiling fan blades to spin counterclockwise, creating a cooling breeze.

#### **Outside**:

- Clean gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage during spring showers.
- Trim loose tree branches to prevent damage from spring storms.
- Inspect your roof for any damage or leaks that may have occurred during the winter.
- Uncover outdoor faucets and reconnect hoses for gardening and outdoor use.
- Prepare your garden and lawn for spring planting and growth.
- Apply eco-friendly fertilizers and weed control to your lawn and garden.
- Check the insulation around outdoor pipes to ensure they are protected against late-season frosts.
- Inspect your chimney and clean it if necessary to ensure it's ready for next winter.
- Install motion-sensor outdoor lighting to enhance security and convenience.
- Recaulk around windows and doors if needed to seal any gaps and improve energy efficiency.