



The Citadel Citizen *Winter 2023 Edition*



Happy New Year!

February is a perfect time for self-reflection and self-love! It comes right off the heels of celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., watching black excellence in television and cinema, rooting for the Kansas City Chiefs and Beyoncé announcing that she is coming to Kansas City.

If you are looking for things to do with your family and friends and/or some date night ideas, here are some suggestions:

If it's good food you are looking for, KPRS officially kicked off their soul food tour at Nieces. Listen to their station or go to their website for more information. If you're looking for new places to dine, check out Yelp for their Top 10 Best Restaurants in Kansas City.

Looking for a little entertainment...The Coterie Theater is showing *Only One Day A Year*, about Fairyland Amusement Park and Hulu is featuring the 1619 Project.

If it's a fabulous winter happy hour you are looking for, check out Nine Zero One where they feature their rooftop Igloos through mid-March.



All About The Citadel Board

Meet Our Newest Member



Our newest board member is Rachel Addington. Rachel, Nate, and their son, Athen Addington, moved into the Citadel Neighborhood in March of 2022. She and her family are Ohio natives and moved to Kansas City for her husband's job in May 2020. Though far from family, they have loved their time in KC.

Rachel is the owner of RNA Consulting, LLC, a marketing and communications business. She works to elevate brands and craft stories for a variety of businesses and nonprofits across the country.

Importance

Thanks to our newest board member, we now have a full and functioning board. Serving on the board can be a rewarding experience and a wonderful opportunity to have your voice heard. The board talks finances, events for Citadel residents, ways to keep our neighborhood both safe and beautiful. We need a board to vote on important items and make sure that Citadel continues to thrive.

Duties

The duties vary a bit based on whether you are an officer or not. However, your basic duties entail attending monthly board meetings, quarterly Citadel meetings and special meetings, as needed. You are expected to vote on items from monthly minutes to how grant money will be spent. There is an expectation to be neighborly and to uphold our bylaws.

Positions

There are six key positions: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Treasurer, (4) Recording Secretary, (5) Corresponding Secretary and (6) Member. Each position follows the duties previously mentioned. Officers have specific duties that are detailed in the bylaws.

Length of Terms

Each full term lasts for three years. There are exceptions when a new member takes over a position that was vacated early.

Board Members

Ayanna Bridges and Eboni Shelby, Co-Presidents
Marvin Rodgers, Jr., Vice President
Evelyn Harden, Treasurer
Kimberly Paige, Recording Secretary (non-voting)
Rachel Addington, Corresponding Secretary
Esther Gillmore, Member
Rochelle Slaughter, Member
Sidney Smith, Member
Lynn Watson, 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.
Helen Hurst, Garfield Ave. & 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.

How to Get in Touch...

Please feel free to call the Citadel Homeowner's Association Office at 816-822-7778, visit our website at www.citadelcenterhoa.org or send a board member or block captain an email at: citadelcenterhoa@gmail.com



Committees

Architectural

Charles Harris

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.

Block Captains

Marvin Rodgers

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

Bylaws

Lynn Watson

A revised version of the bylaws are in the works. They will be first viewed by the board, then for a legal review. There should be a final draft to residents by the April Quarterly meeting.

Cultural

Esther Gillmore

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

Finance

Evelyn Harden

Assessments were mailed out. Everyone has until March 31, 2023. If you are behind and need assistance with making payment arrangements, please call or email at: 816-822-7778 or citadelcenterhoa@gmail.com.

Landscape

Evelyn Harden/Esther Gillmore

Most of the landscaping services in 2022 were done by the Committee and residents from the Association. The Committee is currently soliciting for landscaping vendors.

Task Force

Rob Lowe/Kevin Wells

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.

Snow Removal

Esther Gillmore/Evelyn Harden

The Winter 2022/2023 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 is expected.

Citadel Tips

Energy Tips

While most people are looking forward to spring already, here are some helpful energy tips: (1) Change to LED lighting, (2) Consider turning your temperature down while away from your home during the winter, (3) Utilize shades, (4) Shut the door and (5) Power down the house at the end of the day.

Upcoming Events

- Swope Health Speaker Series for the month of February. The speakers include Alvin Brooks, Gwen Grant and Eric Wesson. Please check Swope Health for information.
- Setting the Stage with Alvin Ailey February 22
- First Fridays in the Crossroads Arts District
- First Weekends in the West Bottoms
- Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship March 8-11
- Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship March 9-12
- St. Patrick's Parade March 17th

Be mindful of days when trash and recycling shifts due to holidays. Watch your bins on windy days. Also, watch out for porch pirates.

Daily Cleaning Schedule

Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean microwave • Clean stovetop • Straighten up living spaces • Clean mirrors • Sweep • Laundry 	Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean stovetop • Straighten up living spaces • Sweep • Clean toilet • Clean shower • Clean bathroom surfaces 	Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean stovetop • Straighten living spaces • Sweep • Laundry • Clean baseboards • Dust • Straighten bedroom
Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean stovetop • Straighten up living spaces • Sweep • Clean washer/dryer • Laundry 	Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean stovetop • Straighten up living spaces • Sweep • Laundry 	Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean stovetop • Straighten up living spaces • Sweep • Laundry
Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wipe down kitchen counters • Dishes • Clean stovetop • Straighten up living spaces • Sweep • Mop • Clean out fridge 		



SPOTLIGHT

The ABCs of Assessments

Yearly, Citadel residents are asked to pay homeowner assessment dues as part of their commitment to living in this division. These fees are required and addressed in the bylaws. The fees pay for summer nightly security, landscaping, cultural events, office rental fees, etc.... All residents are expected to pay their assessments by March 31st of each year or risk having a lien put on their property. Please reach out to Evelyn Harden if you still need to pay your annual assessment.