

Manheim News

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Upcoming Events:

- **August 8th is next Neighborhood Meeting**
- **MP Perimeter Cleanup:** 1st Saturday of each month:
Aug. 1st at 10 AM
- **Saturday Aug. 1st Neighborhood Visits**
by Rodney Knott/
President & Robin
Morgan/Block Captain
Coordinator
We will be going door
to door to visit with
residents
When: Sat. Aug. 1st
Time: 4:00pm
- **August 22nd – Nature & Agriculture Field Day**
Place: Manheim
Community Garden
Time: 9:30am to
2:00pm Contact: Tina
Wurth (816) 923-0042
or by email
wurtht@lincolnu.edu
- MP Clean up—Oct.
17/24

2009 Meetings:

**Every 2nd Saturday of
every month except in
December at the:**

*Immanuel Lutheran Church
4205 Tracy, Kansas City,
MO 64110.*

NEXT Meetings

August 8th at 10 AM

September 12

October 10

November 14

Historic Manheim Park Association

HMPA—P.O. Box 32591—Kansas City, MO 64171
Voice Mail (816) 303-7472—manheimpark@yahoo.com

President's Monthly Letter for August 2009

Dear Neighbors,

I would just like to say how proud I am of all the neighbors who have made the decision to work for this neighborhood. Every month our numbers are getting larger and larger as participation grows. In life there are always excuses why we can't do one thing or another, but we must never tire of doing the right thing. Looking out for one another and joining together to make Manheim Park a better neighborhood is the right thing. We are at a crossroads, we can continue to allow the problems of the past to keep us disjoined and isolated or we can grab the opportunity that is front of us make a change from the past. I read a quote the other day from Thomas Edison and it

said, "That most people miss an opportunity because it shows up dressed in overalls and looks like work". I will not lie to you there is work ahead of us, but no one person has to do it all by themselves. If each of us is willing to do a little we can make Manheim Park a safer, healthier, and stronger neighborhood.

We have people who are willing to help us from all across this city. We have resources that we have never had before to make changes and to make a difference. The folks from Rockhill homes have agreed to begin to partner with Manheim Park starting in September by joining us for our 1st Saturday neighborhood clean-up. We will be meeting

at the Manheim Green Park on 40th & Virginia at 10:00AM where we will be having a cook-out while we walk the perimeter of our neighborhood gathering up trash and debris. This is the type of community and neighborly involvement that can change the old divisions of this city. We can no longer allow a street, or race, or ignorance, or economics to keep us separated from each other. Because underneath all of the labels we pick up as we go through our lives we are all just humans. And as humans we owe each other certain things, not white things or black things, not rich things or poor things, but human things.

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2009 Committees:

- Membership
- Crime Patrol
- Beautification/Clean up
- Community Building
- Housing
- Voter Registration
- Block Captains Coordinator

Please contact one of the officer to join a committee

Please Volunteer!

“Criminals are only able to operate in neighborhoods that allow them to operate. We must begin the process of reclaiming our neighborhoods.”

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I pray that if you have not joined us yet, that you will allow yourself to dream to believe that together we can make a difference. Manheim Park needs you, this city needs you, and of course I need you. If you would be willing to join with me a few hours a month I guarantee that there will be no obstacle we cannot overcome.

There will be no barrier that we cannot break down. We have completed the Urban Renewal Area

Plan and have submitted it to the city. Now comes the work to take it from paper to reality. I have put together a “Green Team” to put together a 5 year plan to make Historic Manheim Park the greenest neighborhood in the world, but we will need your help to do it. Going green will mean jobs, a healthier and safer neighborhood and a healthier planet.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 1st Saturday clean-up on August 1st at the Manheim Green Park on 40th & Virginia at

10:00am and then at the upcoming meeting on August 15th at the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 4205 Tracy at 10:00am.

Rodney Knott
President
Historic Manheim Park Association
Neighbors Working Together To Revitalize and Preserve Our Historic and Diverse Neighborhood and To Improve Our Quality Of Life

Emergency Home Repair Program accepting applications

Eligible Kansas City, Mo., homeowners who are in urgent need of roofing, plumbing, electrical and mechanical work can apply for the City of Kansas City, Mo., Emergency Home Repair Program. Applications for the Emergency Home Repair Program are available at the new Housing and Community Development Department's Property Preservation Division office on the 11th floor of City Hall, 414 E. 12th St., and online at <http://www.kcmo.org/neigh>.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Kansas City, Inc. Minor Home Repair Grants Available

- Neighborhood Housing Services of Kansas City, in cooperation with the City of Kansas City, Missouri Housing Department will begin accepting applications for assistance from homeowners in need of minor home repair services. NHS will be accepting applications for households located in: Beacon Hills (19th to 31st, Troost to Paseo); Center City (Linwood to Armour, Troost to Paseo); Squier Park (35th to 39th, Troost to Paseo); Manheim Park (39th to 47th, Troost to Paseo); 49/63 (49th to 63rd, Oak to Paseo); South Hyde Park (39th to 47th, Gillham to Troost); North Hyde Park (31st to Armour, Gillham to Troost); Longfellow (25th to 31st, Gillham to Troost); and both sides of the Paseo from Linwood to 63rd. To help ensure lead-safe housing, priority will be given to households where children under the age of 6 spend at least 10 hours per week in the home.
- Call 816-822-7703 Ext 219 for an application as soon as possible. Neighborhood Housing Services is a not for profit Community Development organization dedicated to improving the quality and sustainability of Kansas City neighborhoods. For more information, please call 816-822-7703 or visit our website at www.nhsofkc.org.



Neighborhood Housing Services—5835 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64110

CONGRESSMAN CLEAVER GOES GREEN ALONG BRUSH CREEK

Green Impact Zone Promotes Training, Jobs, Weatherization For 2,500 Corridor Homes

Plans to "green up" some of Kansas City's poorest neighborhoods are being designed to provide job training, employment and housing weatherization opportunities in the Brush Creek Corridor.

U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II of Kansas City has proposed targeting up to \$200 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (federal stimulus) funds to create green - or environmentally leading -edge - jobs, encourage environmental innovations and enhance five Corridor neighborhoods that have significant environmental, housing and infrastructure needs.

All of the Historic Manheim Park Association and portions of Ivanhoe, Troostwood of the 49/63 Neighborhood, Blue Hills, and Town Fork Creek are in the 150 square blocks designated as the Green Impact Zone.



The Green Impact Zone involves five neighborhoods and three City Council districts.

Since March, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) has been coordinating with several groups to develop a unified strategy to meet Green Impact Zone goals. This includes working with neighborhoods in the zone, the community development corporations that serve them and Brush Creek Community Partners to develop an aggressive plan to inform every one of the 2,500 homes in the zone about the opportunities available to them. In addition to weatherization, other training and housing improvement services will also be promoted.

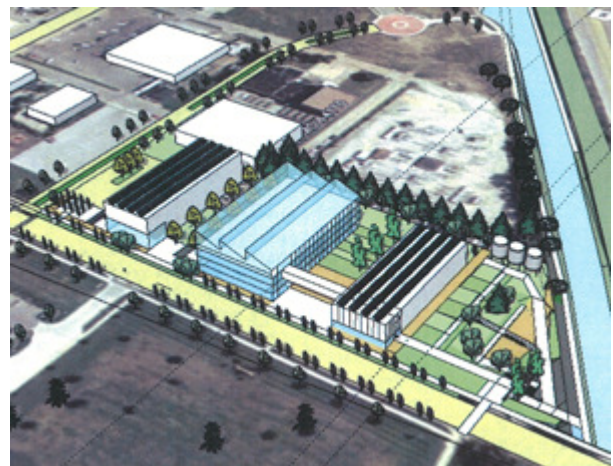
Kansas City Power & Light has committed to deploying a "smart" electricity grid in the zone. The zone's infrastructure needs are also being evaluated while planning is underway to improve energy efficiency and promote the use of renewable energy for commercial and industrial properties. The University of Missouri-Kansas City's Center for Economic Information will serve as a data source for the strategic planning, leading to the development of a data base to track zone activities and their outcomes.

Article Source: The Brush Creek Bulletin

Sustainability Center Proposed for Troost Overlooking Brush Creek

In observing Earth Day this spring, U.S. Representative Emanuel Cleaver, II announced the resources have been secured to plan a \$50 to \$70 million Climate Sustainability Center in the heart of the Brush Creek Corridor.

The Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a \$350,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to study and plan for the center's development. It is to be located on the east side of Troost Avenue, north of Volker Boulevard overlooking Brush Creek. It signals a significant federal investment in an anchor project for what is now known as the Green Impact Zone.



The proposed Climate Sustainability Center would be located on the east side of Troost overlooking Brush Creek.

Planning resources include a local match and the proposed center is part of the ongoing revitalization of the Brush Creek Corridor and a continuation of the "Cleaver Plan." The EDA award puts the project in line for a potential construction grant from that agency.

The Kansas City Congressman says the center's mission will be to develop a sustainable workforce for green jobs, environmentally friendly applications and products, and research for the 21st Century. It would include a green small business incubator and a botanic garden. He envisions significant partnership between the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the area's corporate, institutional and labor communities, and the City of Kansas City.

The building itself will be planned to go beyond LEED platinum and be a "Living Campus," generating its own electricity, and performing on-site storm water collection for reuse or treatment through green practices.

"I cannot think of a more exciting place to be than right here, right now," said Cleaver. "There is nothing like this project anywhere in the country and I am proud it could be sited east of Troost. We have an opportunity to both change the way the world thinks about green and change the way we have historically seen the east side."

Helpful Numbers Kansas City

The 3-1-1 Action Center is your central point of contact for City services. If you need to request a City service or report a problem with City services, contact the Action Center by dialing 311.



Master Patrol Officer James Schriever
CIO-Central Patrol Division:
816-759-6313, Cell 816-719-8350

Community Police Cell 719-8004
 Central Patrol 234-5510

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

In Manheim Park the **Weekly trash collection is on Tuesdays - 816-513-1313**

Please have your 2 free trash bags out no sooner than the night before. For more than 2 trash bags please attach the required \$1-tags.

RecycleFIRST - 816-513-1313

Recyclables are placed in RecycleFIRST bins at the curb EVERY WEEK on the same day as the regular trash. Please have the blue bins out no sooner than the night before.

City of KC - **free leaf & brush** drop off center is located at Chouteau Trfwy - north of Front Street -NO bag restrictions

Waste Tire drop off - 1st Saturday of each month- must have a letter from your neighborhood association or you will be charged\$\$ per tire.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Neighborhood dues - Please send a check, or money order to
 HMPA—P.O. Box 32591—Kansas City, MO 64171

Small Business membership	\$25
Corporate Business	\$50
Individual membership	\$12
Student membership	\$6
Retired/Senior Citizen membership	\$6

to be a voting member, dues must be paid

Thank you !

Manheim Park thanks all the supporters and friends of our neighborhood:

- Mr. Don Kraft at the Immanuel Lutheran Church,
- Augusta Wilbon at NHS
- Community Police Officers
- all the faithful neighbors, members, volunteers, residents and their families. Thank you.

2009 Officers

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