

ARMOUR FIELDS & WARD PARKWAY

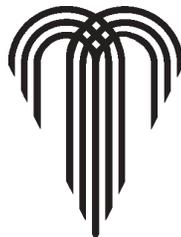
Neighborhood Assessment Report

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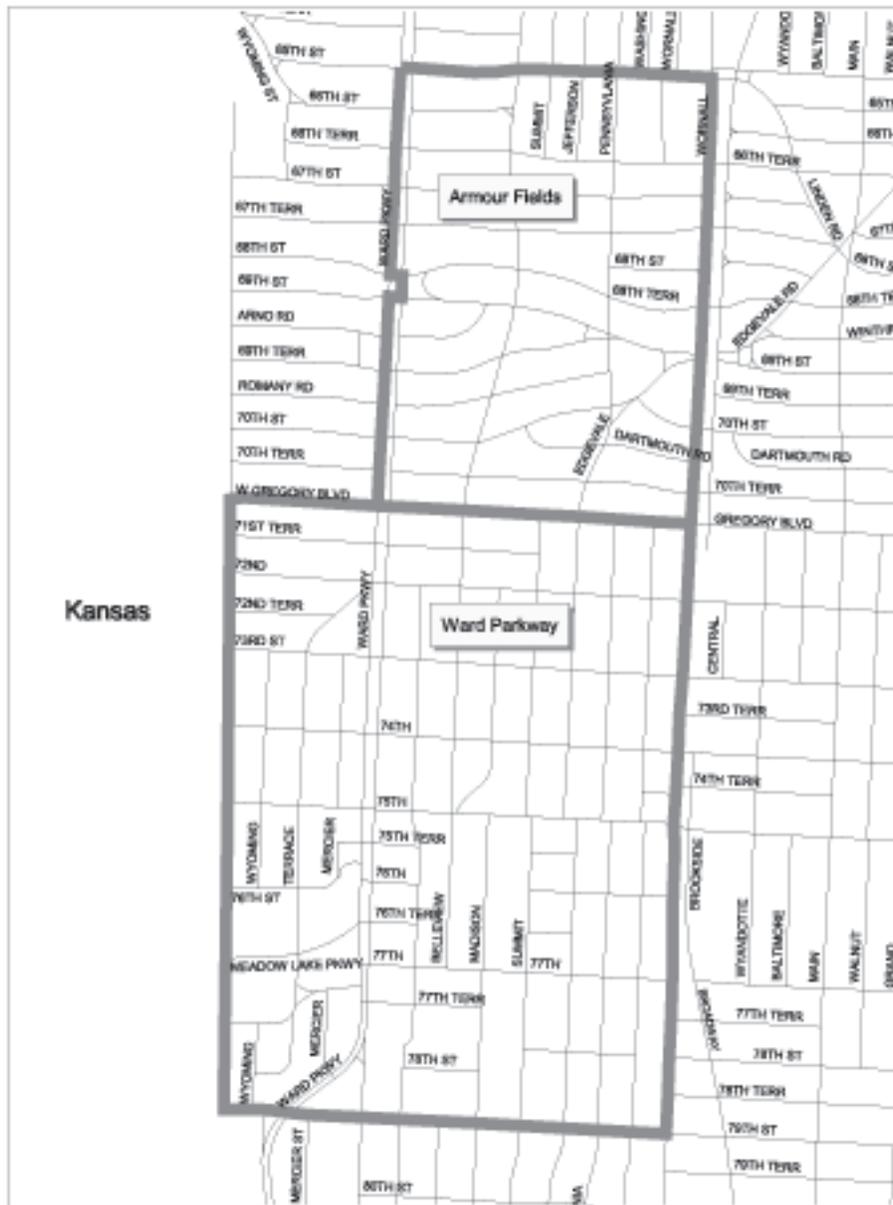
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Kansas City, Missouri Neighborhoods

The Armour Fields and Ward Parkway Neighborhoods



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FOCUS KANSAS CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSESSMENTS



FOCUS Kansas City, Kansas City's strategic and comprehensive plan, recognizes that neighborhoods understand best how to direct their own futures. The first initiative in the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* is a strategic assessment / evaluation that enables a neighborhood to evaluate its strengths and needs. Through the assessment process, a neighborhood can direct its assets towards its most critical needs. The *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan* identifies the assessment format.

There were two objectives for these neighborhoods during the self-evaluation:

1. To self-identify its **neighborhood type** from the *FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan*.
2. To develop **improvement strategies** that will direct neighborhood improvement, a "To Do" list/Action Steps incorporating participation by the neighborhood, community partners, and the City.

The Armour Fields and Ward Parkway neighborhoods conducted the Neighborhood Assessment Workshop with assistance from City staff. Residents, business people and people who work in local institutions provided input. These community members mapped their community, and identified assets and priority issues in their neighborhood.



Julie Xiong, FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment Team member, puts a name tag on a young participant.



NEIGHBORHOOD TYPE

The FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan recognizes that not all neighborhoods in Kansas City are the same. The character and condition of where we live varies according to age, history, type of housing and other factors. Each community has different strengths and opportunities. Each has different assets and priorities that drive unique strategies for improvement. FOCUS developed four unique Neighborhood Types that generally describe Kansas City neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Type suggests what actions are required for an area to become or stay healthy. These four Types (assigned the colors Blue, Orange, Purple and Green in the Neighborhood Assessment workshop) are:

Developing Conservation Stabilization Redeveloping

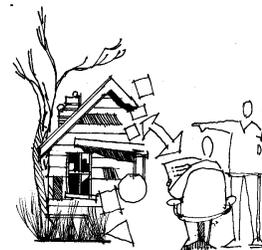
The Assessment is a beginning point from which the community can move forward and achieve quality living environments through a commitment to continuous improvement. The descriptions for these four Neighborhood Types are contained in the FOCUS Neighborhood Prototypes Plan, Appendix A, "General Neighborhood Description / Types."

In the workshop, participants defined the tools, actions and strategies for improving their community. They will use this information to strategically apply public and private resources in a way that is based on existing conditions, trends, opportunities, strengths and needs. Once other neighborhoods identify their Type, then similarly "typed" Kansas City communities can connect and partner around common issues and projects while assisting each other in developing their organizations.



A participant places a heart sticker to indicate her home on the "heart map" before the Neighborhood Assessment.

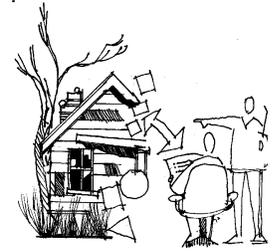
ARMOUR FIELDS & WARD PARKWAY PERSPECTIVE



On Saturday, April 27, 2002, residents living in the Armour Fields and Ward Parkway neighborhoods gathered at the Broadway United Methodist Church to participate in a FOCUS Neighborhood Assessment Workshop. The self-evaluation workshop was an opportunity for residents to look at the connections between where they live, work, and socialize. The participants engaged in a neighborhood mapping exercise, celebrated accomplishments, and discussed challenges and barriers facing their neighborhoods. They also identified the assets in their community and voted on their Neighborhood Type. Finally, they voted on improvement priorities they have for their area.

The Armour Fields neighborhood is bounded by: 65th Street to the north, Gregory Boulevard to the south, Ward Parkway Boulevard to the west, and Wornall Road to the east. This neighborhood has a rich and intriguing history. The Armour Fields area was pastureland for cattle before the 1800's. In 1922 J.C. Nichols Investment Company bought the land between 65th & 67th and from Wornall Road to Valley Street that abutted a golf course. In 1923, the company acquired the land from 67th to 71st for \$622,000 and noted that it was the "last large tract of land for development"!

In 1925, Southwest High School opened. The building was completed in 1935 and today is home to the Southwest Charter School. One of the requirements made by the J.C. Nichols company was for all areas they developed to form homes associations. The Armour Fields Homes Association held its first meeting in 1926, with 30 members present. The J.C. Nichols Company also wanted the area to have unique structures that would enrich the area. One of many such structures is the Romanelli Fountain from Italy, and the iron gates at 69th Street and Wornall Road, also from Italy (specifically, from Venice). Throughout the years, neighbors held activities that united the community such as "Neighborhood Field Days" as well as The Annual Flower Show and Best Lawn Contest. The Armour Fields Homes Association believes its spirit of community is alive, as one of their slogans suggested: Armour Fields is a "Field of Dreams."



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The Ward Parkway neighborhood is bounded by: Gregory Boulevard to the north, 79th Street to the south, State Line Road to the west, and Wornall Road to the east. This area also has a rich and intriguing history.

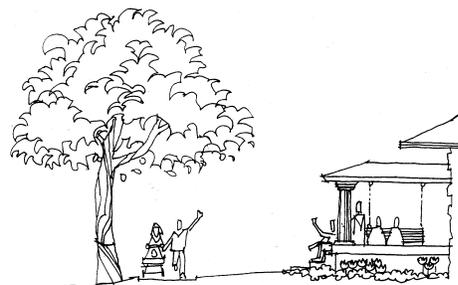
The Ward Parkway Homes Association (W.P.H.A.) represents a diverse residential area that traces its "organized" roots back nearly 100 years. Phil Starcke, Vice President of the Ward Parkway Homes Association and historian, gave this account of how the neighborhood developed:

All of the subdivisions of this area were once part of a land grant from the U.S. Government in 1844 to David Waldo. Much of the present-day Waldo area (from Gregory Boulevard to 85th Street and from State Line Road to Troost Avenue) was a part of that land grant. In the subsequent decades, the land was bought and sold in pieces to various owners.

During the War Between the States, all of Jackson County was a hotbed of war and trouble. Repeated border raids, the infamous Order No. 11, and finally the Battle of Westport in October of 1864, shattered the peace and quiet of these farmlands.

The land had one thing in common: it was good farmland in "rural" Jackson County. The boundaries of Kansas City, Missouri, at the turn of the century, extended only as far south as Brush Creek. It was not until 1909 that the city limits were extended south to 77th Street. Ward Parkway did not exist, and the east lane of Ward Parkway was platted as Holly Street.

By the first decade of the 20th century, this portion of Waldo had again been quiet and peaceful farmland for 40 years. This first decade was also seeing a substantial increase in real estate development. J.C. Nichols, who developed the Plaza and the Country Club district to the north of the Homes Association, had begun his career during this time as a small Kansas builder. J.C. Nichols was responsible for only one small subdivision in the Ward Parkway Homes Association — Armour Lawn, established in 1923 in the northeast corner of the W.P.H.A.





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The man responsible for the largest portion of development in the Ward Parkway Homes Association (more than 40 % of the area) was another unknown — David Proctor. His goal was to create an attractive high-quality, residential neighborhood of single-family dwellings (no apartments or duplexes). The W.P.H.A. today is a reflection of his careful planning and hard work, more than any other developer. His beautiful 2-1/2 story home, built in 1911, still stands on the 7400 block of Mercier.

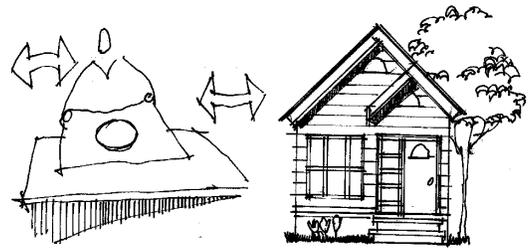
The W.P.H.A. encompasses 13 "subdivisions," the legal term for specific platted areas in Jackson County. Those 13 subdivisions, in order of creation, are: Norwaldo, Waldo Heights, Waldo Ridge, Westmoreland, Westmoreland Place, Westmoreland Extension, Westmoreland Heights, Westmoreland Terrace, Waldo Center, Stanwood Place, Armour Lawn, Warren Addition, and Ward Park. The Homes Association itself was formed 75 years ago, in 1927.

Participants who attended the Neighborhood Assessment celebrated their strong working home associations, accessibility and premier location, quality of homes, multiple amenities, and the variety of places of worship. These qualities make Armour Fields & Ward Parkway - according to the selected slogan - "The Right Side of State Line."

Armour Fields & Ward Parkway neighbors spoke of the challenge they face in regards to traffic issues, such as the multiple accidents on 75th & State Line, traffic along 75th & Ward Parkway Boulevard, and the need for a stoplight on the corner of 76th & Jefferson, etc. They also spoke of the need for other alternatives for the disposal of grass clippings, increasing the patrol of the neighborhoods by the Kansas City Police Department, and opening of neighborhood schools for community events/activities.

The purpose of this report is to help clarify goals and identify resources. The following page contains the residents' priorities and some possible improvement strategies. The report also contains the lists of assets, challenges, and ideas for improvement that area residents named during the workshop. Finally, a list of frequently used City and agency services is on the inside back cover.

COMMON PRIORITIES



Residents from both the Armour Fields and Ward Parkway neighborhoods voted for the following as their priority issues:

Install Sidewalks

Workshop participants expressed they would like sidewalks installed in areas where they don't exist or they are dilapidated. They expressed that the installation of sidewalks would make it easier for snow removal, beautify the area, and connect the community. They suggested the following:

- Conduct a survey of where sidewalks and curbs are needed in the Armour Fields & Ward Parkway neighborhoods.
- Apply for Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) funds for areas where citizens can't afford the assessment of sidewalks i.e. senior citizens, those who are disabled, etc.

Implement Traffic Calming Measures

Those who attended the workshop mentioned several key streets and intersections that need attention in order for the neighborhoods to be safer. One of their priorities is:

- Enforce the speed limit, post signage, and enforce the "no trucks" ordinance along State Line Road, Ward Parkway, and Wornall Road.

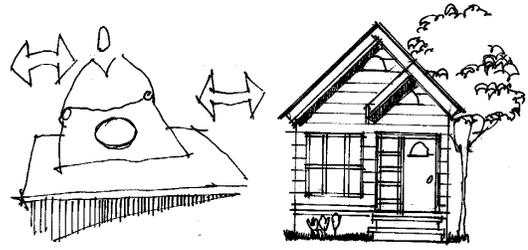
Build Partnerships

Workshop participants have a desire to work with businesses and other entities in the community. The following is one example of a partnership they would like to develop:

- Form an agreement with Southwest Charter School that will allow residents to use the planetarium, pool, and other resources within the school. This type of agreement could increase support and understanding between residents and the school.

INDIVIDUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITIES

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Residents voted the below issues as their individual neighborhood priorities:

Armour Fields

Improve Police Patrols

During the workshop residents expressed their concern about a report that cited the Armour Fields area had one of the highest ranking for crimes such as burglaries, rapes, auto theft, etc. Two of the many suggestions made during the workshop are listed below.

- Increase police patrols in Armour Fields.
- Show a strong presence in the community by walking the neighborhood and being outside.

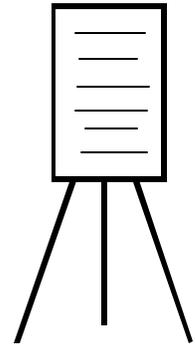
Ward Parkway

Maintain and Install Storm Sewers

Participants expressed their concerned about the maintenance of the existing drainage system. Clogged catch basins in the area create surface water and flooding problems in residents' homes and on other property. Residents want to see this problem addressed by:

- Surveying catch basins in the area and turn in a list to the Action Center (513-1313) of locations where catch basins need to be cleaned.
- Installing storm sewers along 75-76th Wyoming and between Terrace & 70th & Edgevale.

CHART NOTES



The **Armour Fields** neighborhood is bounded by: 65th Street to the north, Gregory Boulevard to the south, Ward Parkway Boulevard to the west, and Wornall Road to the east.

The **Ward Parkway** neighborhood is bounded by: Gregory Boulevard to the north, 79th Street to the south, State Line Road to the west, and Wornall Road to the east.

Neighborhood Slogans

Workshop participants thought of several unique slogans to describe their neighborhoods. The slogans helped the participants to identify how they viewed their community. The slogan they selected is:

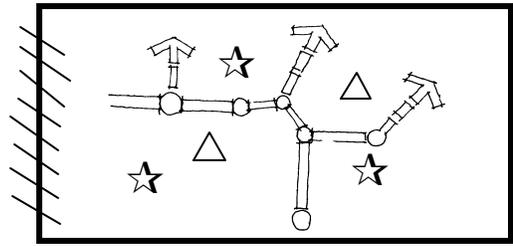
The Right Side of State Line

Other suggested slogans:

- Fields of Dreams
- A Neighborhood With Heart
- Homes For All
- We're Not Westport
- South of Country Club
- The Better Alternative to Johnson County

Workshop participants listen during the introduction of the workshop. They later brainstormed ideas and came up with the above slogans.





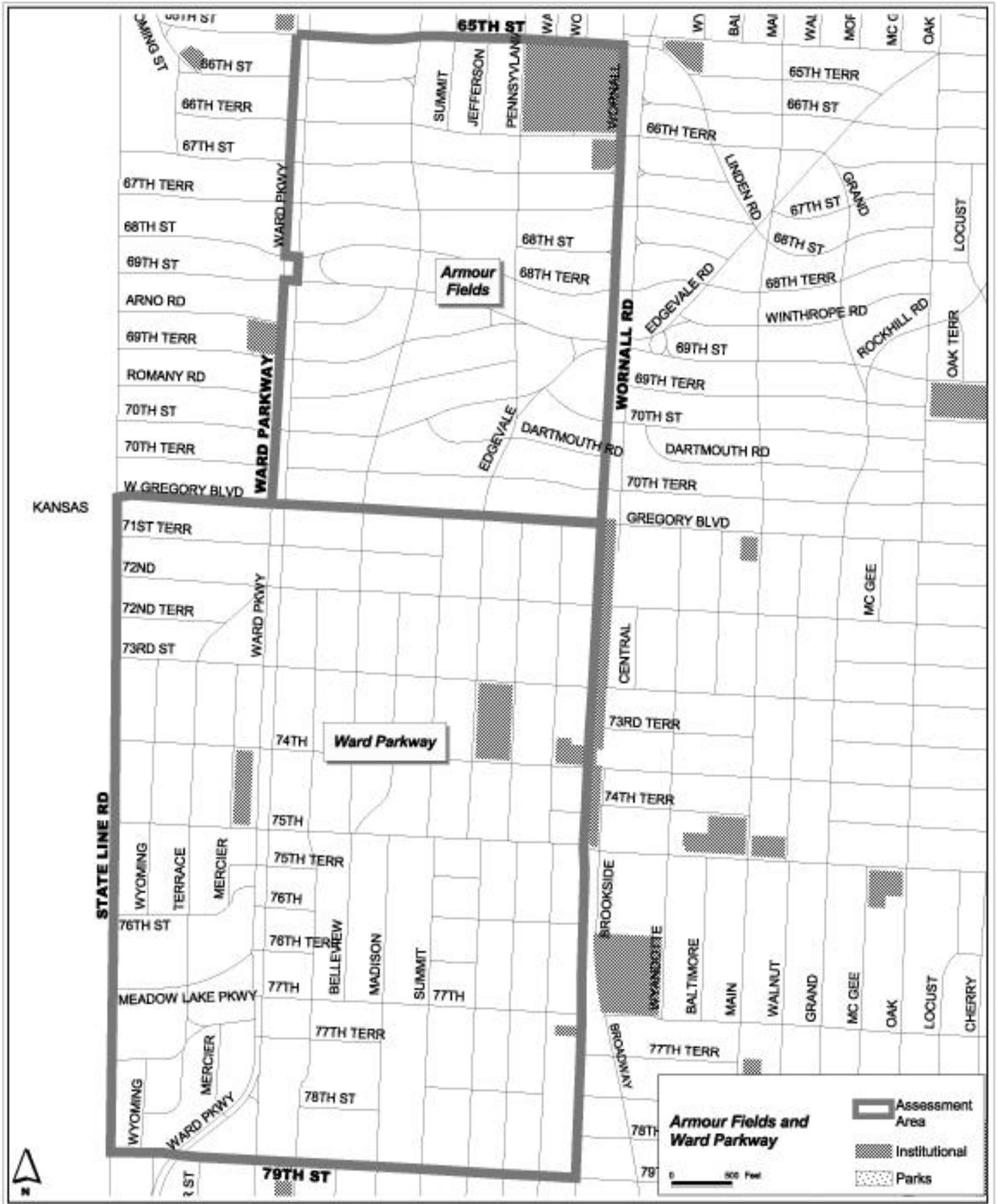
STEP 1: My Neighborhood Is

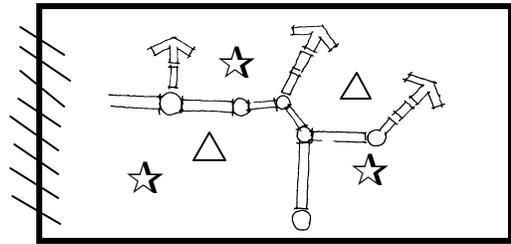
Workshop participants identified how they experience their neighborhood, and considered those things they want to protect, preserve or enhance. They thought about the landmarks, paths, activity centers, districts, edges or barriers, and features. These were noted on a wall map.

- △ **Landmarks** — significant physical objects, like buildings or signs
- ⦚ **Paths** — routes people use to get places
- **Activity Centers** — gathering places to do some activity
- **Districts** — areas of recognizable character
- ▨ **Edges or Barriers** — a limit or boundary that prevents people from enjoying the neighborhood or something in it
- ☆ **Features** — things people like and would like to preserve or enhance



Broadway United Methodist Church is actively involved in its community. It was identified by workshop participants as a Landmark, and an Activity Center.





Landmarks

- 75th & Wornall Rd.
- Broadway United Methodist Church
- Ward Parkway Boulevard
- Southwest Charter School
- Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church
- St. John's United Methodist Church
- Dottie Mae's Clothing & Mannequins

Paths

- 75th & Wornall Rd.
- Gregory Boulevard
- Trolley Track Trail
- Meadow Lake Parkway
- State Line Road
- Pennsylvania between 75th and 77th is used for parking

Activity Centers

- Broadway United Methodist Church
- Sidewalks
- Waldo Community Branch Library, located at 201 E. 75th
- Waldo Pizza

Districts

- Brookside retail establishments

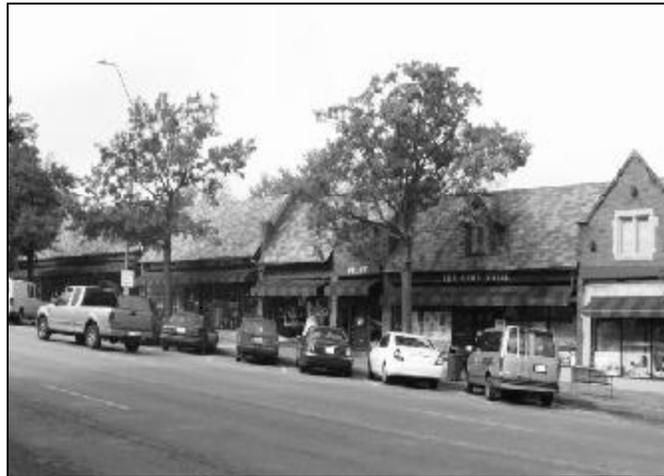
Edges/Barriers

- Ward Parkway Boulevard
- Strip mall along Wornall Road between 72nd and 73rd
- State Line Road
- QuikTrip located at 344 W 72nd Street
- 75th Terrace
- 75th & Ward Parkway Boulevard
- The storm water run-off between 75-76th & Wyoming
- Sidewalks

Features

- Meyer Circle
- Ward Parkway Boulevard
- Dottie Mae's Clothing & Mannequins

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District:

Workshop participants celebrated having the Brookside shopping district located in such close proximity to the community.



Path:

Participants mentioned the Trolley Trail as a path they value and use frequently.

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Landmark:

The Southwest Charter School was a major topic during the Neighborhood Assessment. Participants expressed their desire to form a partnership with the school.



Path:

State Line Road is the dividing line between Missouri and Kansas. Workshop participants mentioned their desire to see speeding along State Line Road (especially near 75th Street) curtailed.



STEP 2: If I Could Fix One Thing

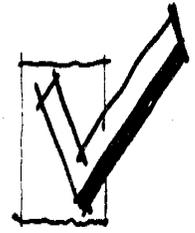
In every neighborhood there are some things that need to be changed. These issues can inhibit residents from enjoying their neighborhood and from doing the things they like to do.

Below is the list of "fixes" that workshop participants said they would like to see in the Armour Fields and Ward Parkway neighborhoods.

- Petition the City to provide other alternatives for the disposal of grass clippings
- Enforce or change the 30 mph. speed limit along State Line Road
- Increase the frequency that the grass along Ward Parkway is mowed
- Pick up the remaining yard refuse from the recent ice storm
- Investigate and implement traffic calming measures to reduce speeding along Meadow Lake Parkway, Ward Parkway Boulevard, especially at 75th & Ward Parkway, Wornall Road, and State Line Road
- Install curbs and sidewalks where they don't exist and repair those that are broken in the Armour Fields neighborhood
- Seek a remedy to halt the sewage run-off along 75th-79th Streets
- Trim tree limbs and branches and raise them by 20 feet
- Install additional stop signs at the intersection of 65th Street & Gregory Boulevard
- Seek ways to reduce the number of squirrels in the neighborhood
- Repair the fences surrounding the Southwest Charter School
- Repair the storm drains at 75th & Edgevale Road



- Post "No Trucks" signage along 75th & State Line Road, Ward Parkway Boulevard, and Wornall Road
- Replace the power lines on Terrace from 73rd Street to 74th Street; participants expressed their frustration with the frequent outages in this area
- Clean clogged catch basins located along Gregory Boulevard to 65th Street
- Reduce the blight and enormous amount of commercial signage along Wornall Road
- Repair the broken slide at Hale Cook's Elementary School
- Install streetlights on the corner of 76th Street & Jefferson
- Increase the number of times police patrol the area to eliminate crimes such as burglaries, auto thefts, etc. in surrounding neighborhoods
- Open schools that are in close proximity to Armour Fields & Ward Parkway neighborhoods for community activities



STEP 3: My Neighborhood's Assets

Workshop participants identified assets in their neighborhood. These qualities include places, groups, organizations, equipment, skills, abilities and any other feature that adds value to the neighborhood.

- Sidewalks
- Fountains
- Strong working homes associations
- Character of neighborhood
- VestPocket/Island Parks
- Architecture of homes
- Unique mixture of residential and business properties
- Mature trees
- Old and new landscaping
- Activism
- Improved Ward Parkway Center
- Hale House
- St. Elizabeth Church
- Christ the King Catholic Church
- Serenity and peaceful feeling of neighborhood
- The Dime Store in Brookside
- Accessibility and premier location
- Public transportation
- Trolley Track Trail
- Quality of care put into homes
- Pride in homes
- Good neighbors
- Leaf pickup on Ward Parkway
- Multiple churches in the area
- Broadway United Methodist Church
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church
- Wornall Road Baptist Church
- Christian Scientist
- St. Peter's Church



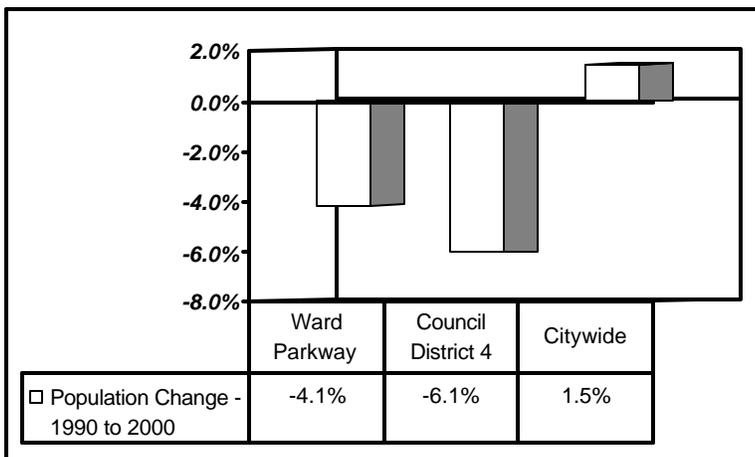
Residents expressed their enthusiasm about the improvements made to Ward Parkway Center, and were also excited about the new Target store.



STEP 4: Facts About My Neighborhood

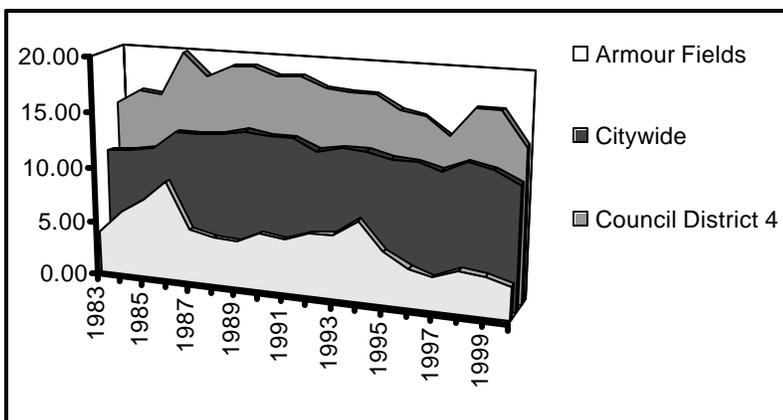
The data presented at the Armour Fields & Ward Parkway Neighborhood Assessment was from both the 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census, and from 2000 information from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Kansas City, Missouri City Planning and Development Department. Below are the facts the participants said were surprising or noteworthy. (See the neighborhood assessment workbook for more detail.)

Change in Population 1990-2000



Residents in the Ward Parkway neighborhood perceived that the aging population and fewer people per household have attributed to the decline in population.

Non-Violent Crime (Armour Fields)



Armour Fields participants believed the non-violent crime rate dropped due to the Quik Trip moving to another location.



STEP 5: Describing My Neighborhood

Those who attended the workshop were asked to vote on the Neighborhood Type that best described the area. The majority for both Armour Fields & Ward Parkway chose Conservation.

Conservation

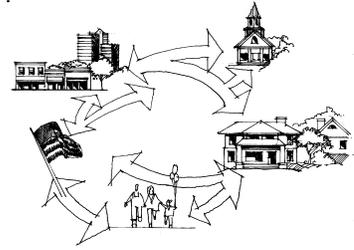
My neighborhood has been developed for some time. Established businesses and institutions are located in the neighborhood. Places of worship, schools, recreational and entertainment facilities, and businesses provide many opportunities near my home.

Tree-lined streets, historic structures or qualities, public art and/or other amenities characterize the neighborhood and give it a sense of place. Most of the houses are occupied. Little demolition has occurred here and vacant land is scarce.

It appears that both public and private areas are well-maintained, although a house or business periodically falls into disrepair from a lack of routine maintenance (painting, yard upkeep, awning repair, etc.). Some infrastructure repairs may be needed to keep the neighborhood attractive. Generally the problems that do come up can be addressed by our neighborhood association, by a call to the City, or through neighbors getting together to help one another.



A participant votes on her choice for Neighborhood Type during the break.



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STEP 6: Making My Neighborhood Better

In this section of the Neighborhood Assessment workshop, participants brainstormed actions that can be performed by themselves, a partner, and by the City to improve their neighborhood.

On this page and page 20 are the lists of specific actions that members of both the **Armour Fields** and **Ward Parkway** neighborhoods voted on as their joint priorities. On pages 21 and 22 are the lists of actions that each individual neighborhood developed during this exercise to address their specific neighborhood issues and challenges.

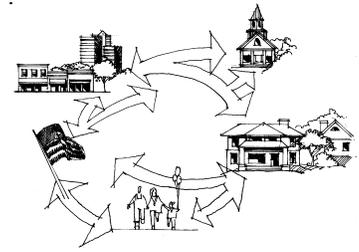
Armour Fields & Ward Parkway Joint Priorities:

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Work with the Southwest Charter School
- Join our homes association
- Advocate for issues in large numbers, because there is "strength in numbers"
- Assist neighbors who are in violation of City codes through individual effort or through the local homes association

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Strengthen partnerships between neighborhood groups and business associations
- Partner with Southwest Charter School to increase the enrollment of neighborhood children
- Partner with the Southwest Charter School to encourage the Kansas City, Missouri School District to deed the building formerly known as Southwest High school to the Southwest Charter School for one dollar
- Form an agreement with Southwest Charter school that will allow residents to use the planetarium, pool and other resources within the school; this type of agreement could increase support and understanding between residents and the school
- Partner with the City, residents and businesses to make the intersection of 75th & Wornall Road safer for pedestrians



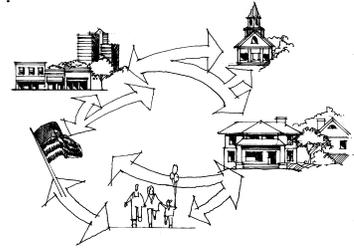
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Things the **City** should do:

- Enforce the speed limit, post "No Trucks" signage along 75th, State Line Road, Ward Parkway, and Wornall Road
- Increase the number of days that yard refuse is collected
- Replace the water main along Wornall Road to Gregory Boulevard on the south and I-435 instead of doing patchwork; participants expressed that due to the frequency of water main breaks the street is constantly in disrepair
- Conduct a planning meeting regarding 75th & Wornall Road
- Synchronize stoplights along Ward Parkway, Gregory Boulevard, and 85th Street
- Clean storm sewers between 75th and 76th Streets on Wyoming, and between 70th Terrace and 75th Street on Edgevale
- Clean catch basins from Gregory Boulevard to 65th Street



Workshop participants expressed their desire to have the City Planning & Development Department convene a meeting to discuss issues surrounding the 75th & Wornall Road area.



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Armour Fields' Main Concerns:

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Divert criminals and reduce crime statistics by showing a strong presence in the community by walking the neighborhood and being outside
- Volunteer to be the treasurer or secretary in the Armour Fields Homes Association

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Work with the appropriate authorities to encourage the development of neighborhood friendly daytime businesses on Wornall Road

Things the **City** should do:

- Increase police patrols in Armour Fields neighborhood to eliminate burglaries, auto thefts, sexual assaults, etc.
- Install and replace curbs and sidewalks in the Armour Fields neighborhood

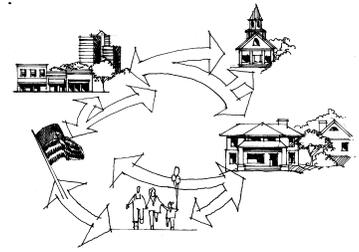


The Armour Fields Homes Association marker.



The Armour Fields Homes Association hosted their annual meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2002. Doug Jackson, Homes Association President (above) addresses the group of neighbors who attended the meeting (left).





Ward Parkways' Main Concerns:

Things we can do **Ourselves**:

- Vote on special taxing district (Community Improvement District)
- Participate in events and activities

Things we can do with a **Partner**:

- Partner with appropriate entities to reduce the number of billboards that clutter Wornall Road by at least fifty percent
- Encourage businesses owners along Wornall Rd. to enhance the appearance of their commercial signage

Things the **City** should do:

- Refrain from issuing additional liquor licenses along Wornall Road
- Eliminate adult businesses, in particular Priscilla's
- Allow trash collectors to collect trash placed on curbs in barrels versus the current trash bag only collection policy



The Ward Parkway neighborhood marker.



Participants voting at the conclusion of the Neighborhood Assessment.

Twelve Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood Right Now!

The KC Safe City Initiative encourages neighborhoods to adopt the following ideas for increased safety and involvement, which are based upon the KC Safe City Initiative Principles.

- 1. Report crime promptly.** Neighbors sometimes don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police; they assume police are too short-staffed to respond, or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a given problem anyway. Whether the issue is graffiti, petty vandalism, or something much more serious, police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from citizens.
- 2. Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems promptly.**
- 3. Take away the opportunity for crime.** Lock your car and never leave valuables, even for a few minutes, in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes or trees on your property that offer too-convenient hiding places. Make your front porch visible and make sure your home looks like someone lives there.
- 4. Meet the youth who live on your block and greet them by name.** This ensures that each adult is better able to help in an emergency and is better prepared to discuss problems immediately as they arise.
- 5. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of every neighbor on your block.** Unless you know neighbors' names and numbers, you can't call them about a concern or let them know about a neighborhood problem.
- 6. Make a list of landlords in your area.** As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and most are rightly concerned about the health of the community in which their properties stand.
- 7. Turn your porch light on.** Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Turning on porch lights is a simple way to start this process.
- 8. Walk around the block.** It sounds simple enough, but neighbors benefit over time when more responsible citizens walk about more (particularly those who are comfortable doing it) at night, every night, around their block.
- 9. Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.** You can take the lead in slowing down traffic in your neighborhood and those around you.
- 10. Pick up the litter near your home, even if you didn't put it there.** You can help stop the growth of trash in your neighborhood by taking away the existing litter that attracts it.
- 11. Stay where you are.** Stable neighborhoods are built on the commitment of long term residents who would rather live in a healthy community than move to a bigger house.
- 12. Help your neighborhood association or similar groups.** If leadership isn't your desire, at least make sure someone in your household attends local neighborhood association meetings. You'll be kept better informed of the issues facing the neighborhood and how you can help and, perhaps more importantly, you'll have the chance to shape, guide, and participate in the future of your neighborhood.

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Getting Involved

The following homes associations serve your neighborhoods: Armour Fields Homes Association, Doug Jackson, President: (816) 916-6385; Ward Parkway Homes Association, Phil Starcke, Vice President: (816) 913-458-9372.

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Abandoned Cars on Private Property	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Abandoned Cars on Public Property	Kansas City, MO Police Department	234-5000
Abandoned Homes	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Air Quality	Health Department	513-6314
Animal Control	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9800
Building Permits	Codes Administration	513-1500
Bulky Item Pick Up	Environmental Management	513-3490
Curb Reconstruction	Public Works	513-2590
Dangerous Buildings/ Demolition	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Housing Code Violations	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-9000
Illegal Dumping Hotline	Environmental Management	513-3485
Neighborhood Assistance/ Services	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-3265
Paint Program	Neighborhood and Community Services	513-3266
PIAC (Public Improvements Advisory Committee)	Public Works Department	513-2617
Parks and Community Centers	Board of Parks and Recreation	513-7500
Potholes	Public Works - Street and Traffic	513-2777
Senior Citizens Transportation	Share-a-Fare/ATA	842-9070
Sewers - Problems	Water Department After Hours	513-2180 513-2109
Sidewalks - Repair	Public Works	513-2602
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Street Light Repairs	Kansas City Power and Light	654-1400
Weatherization Program	Housing and Community Development	513-3015

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We, as Kansas Citians, are full of hope. We demonstrate this hope through our investment in our families, our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, our businesses and our city.



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