



SQUIER PARK CHATTERBOX

August 2018

squierparkkc.org

CALENDAR

8/13/18 | 7-8:30 pm ••••• Board Meeting - Faxon Senior Apartments

8/18/18 | 1:30-3:30 pm ••• Neighborhood Cleanup - Meet at 36th & Forest

8/21/18 | 7-8:30 pm ••••• Neighborhood Meeting & Ice Cream Social - Faxon Senior Apartments

FINUCANE SERVICE DAY

On Saturday, August 18, Rockhurst College students will descend on Squier Park to put their many hands and youthful energy to **help clean up our neighborhood!**

Their first task will be clearing out the tree line in Commons I, in preparation for natural play space to follow. This is the third year that Squier Park has been the beneficiary of this wonderful program.

If you're able, join us at 36th and Forest from 1:30-3:30 pm and bring work gloves and wear long sleeves.

And if you happen to have a chainsaw or other useful tools, please bring them along!

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Our next **Squier Park Neighborhood meeting** is on Tuesday, August 21, from 7-8:30 pm at the Faxon Senior Apartments.

Our Community Interaction Officer for the KCPD will be there to answer any questions you may have. Plus, ice cream!

The entrance is on Virginia Avenue. We'll be hanging out on the fifth floor.

CRIME AWARENESS

With warm weather comes more crime, unfortunately. **Keep an eye out** in both your yard and your neighbor's yard!

We've had many lawnmowers, porch chairs, and other things get stolen over the summer, so lock up what you can.

And please remember to report thefts, vandalism, or any other crime you see. This helps the KCPD allocate resources to help Squier Park and the rest of Midtown!

DID YOU KNOW?

Squier Park is named after James J. Squier, a cattlemen's banker. He founded Citizen's National Bank and Interstate National Bank in Kansas City in the late 1800s before buying the property that would later become our neighborhood.

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WELLS FARGO DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wells Fargo is launching a down payment assistance program called **LIFT** (Let's Invest For Tomorrow). The program will provide \$15,000 for down payment assistance to those making \$64,000 or less (the assistance is \$18,000 for teachers, first responders or military personnel making up to \$80,000). There will be a Launch Event at the Downtown Convention Center July 27 and 28. Go to westsidehousing.org for more information or to reserve your spot.

DUMPSTER DAY

The next neighborhood **dumpster day** is Saturday, September 22, so mark your calendar and start collecting your trash! Remember, no tires, paint, batteries, or any other hazardous waste are allowed. Full guidelines and location will be in next month's Chatterbox.

THELMA'S KITCHEN OPENING

On August 16, Reconciliation Services at 31st & Troost is opening Kansas City's first donate-what-you-can Community Cafe, **Thelma's Kitchen**. Join Midtown for lunch between 11 am-2 pm then stay for the celebration beginning at 2 pm. From their website: *"Thelma's Kitchen is a healthy communities initiative of Reconciliation Services, which strives to cultivate a community seeking reconciliation, to transform Troost from a dividing line into a gathering place, revealing the strength of all."*

CHATTERBOX'S NEW EDITOR

Hi, my name's Caleb Sommerville and I'm the **new Chatterbox editor!** I've lived in Squier Park since 2013 with my wife Amanda. I wanted to introduce myself and let you all know that if you have questions, comments, or tips regarding the newsletter, please email me at ctsommerville@gmail.com. You can also email the SPNA President at president@squierparkkc.org.



Every home in Squier Park has the same best feature—the neighbors.
-Rand Souden