



Fall 2017

### President's letter

**“Dream no small dreams. They have no power to stir men's souls.”** Victor Hugo.

The weather is changing. Even though it's still mid-September, we're seeing signs of autumn. Some trees have already shed most of their leaves. Football games are under way. The Plaza Art Fair is just around the corner. Where did the summer go?

As we say good-bye to summer, we reflect on people to whom we've said good-bye during the summer. Neighbors Ralph Payne and David Elrod passed away. So have close family members of several neighbors. Some neighbors have found smaller homes outside of Rockhill, so we say “until we meet again” to Brenda Newton, Lona and Neal Harris, and, soon, Jim Heryer. Their departures serve as yet another reminder that our days with all our wonderful, brilliant neighbors are finite. Let that spur us to find ways to interact with the people around you. Build on existing friendships and relationships. Explore how to get acquainted with more of the people in Rockhill. The dividends are well worth the time and energy invested.

Just as one season gives way to the next, we welcome the new “Rockhillians”. Jeff

Albright, Jake Fenske and Fiona Fei, and Erin Grundber. What an encouragement that all of these new neighbors joined us for the Rockhill picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of which, what a picnic it was. Jenni and Eric Mann not only assumed the role of picnic coordinators, they brought their own equipment, bought the food, and cooked the entrees for us. “Thank you” doesn't seem like enough, but sincere thanks it is. Jenni deflects all the praise by saying the job was easy because Joy Payne provided such a detailed set of instructions about how to do everything. Perfect. Joy handles the job for decades and then passes the baton and the Manns don't miss a step. Thank you to all the neighbors who participated, brought delicious side dishes and desserts, and helped set up and clean up.

Finally, new seasons often inspire new thoughts, open our eyes to new opportunities, and inspire us to address new challenges. As adults, we become good at ignoring such things because there is so much else to do. When we were kids, we would look around and almost literally dream while we were awake. Anyone ever accused of “day dreaming”? We spent a lot of time thinking about what might be, not just what is. What we should do, not just what we think we have to do. T.E.

Lawrence (“Lawrence of Arabia”) said this about dreamers:

“All men dream, but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity. But the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act on their dreams with open eyes to make them possible.”

I know everyone is busy, some busier than others, but all of us busy. Even so, can you carve out ten or fifteen minutes sometime in the next couple of weeks to simply reflect on this wonderful neighborhood known as Rockhill? Focus on whatever you wish. Ask questions like, “what’s good about this?”, “what’s okay but could be better?”, “what really needs attention in a hurry?”, and, “is there something that someone – maybe even I – can do to improve things?”. It won’t take long. Look out the window and dream. Become a dangerous man (or woman) who dreams with open eyes and thinks about how to make their dreams possible.

To make it even simpler, you don’t have to do anything other than share your thoughts with someone. My email address is [mussmang@gmail.com](mailto:mussmang@gmail.com). Send me whatever you come up with. Let’s get busy dreaming.

Thanks.

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## Meet the Neighbors



Much appreciation goes to Jenni and Eric Mann for coordinating this year’s annual Rockhill Homes Association picnic. The Manns moved into 700 Brush Creek Boulevard July 2015 with their four cats Rueben, Marvin, Moo, Lionel and dog Maisey.

Besides their barbequing and entertaining skills, they also enjoy traveling, skiing and reading. One of their special interest is volunteering for disaster relief work. They have participated in over 20 trips including Haiti and Joplin. Eric works for Red Development and Jenni is the Director of Residential Marketing for Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc.

## Streetcar Vote

The residents of Rockhill are part of the new "TDD", a taxing development district for the streetcar extension. Formally known as the Kansas City Main Streetcar Line. The new TDD was added to the existing streetcar TDD and goes from River Market to 52nd Street.

There was a 'special' mail in vote this summer. And there remain a number of issues to sort out legally, but there is now a new "regular" vote to choose who should sit on the board for the TDD. The special election is going to be held on **SATURDAY, October 7th**. The TDD board membership is the only issue on the ballot so you will not see much about it.

There are seven director positions; all open. There are 19 names on the ballot and each voter gets to choose 7 names.

Our neighbor Linda Hart Tabory is on the ballot.

Also, our polling location has changed for this election. It will be 3710 Main Street (The Whole Person), not St. Paul's as usual. Absentee ballots are now available at the KC Board of Elections. You can print out an absentee ballot request at [kceb.org](http://kceb.org).

Linda Hart Tabory is now a practicing probate attorney but she moved to Kansas City with her family 26 years ago as Regional Counsel for the Federal Transit Administration, to build light rail. She wants to serve on the TDD Board so that we have some local/neighborhood input into this important project. She says she wants to see the streetcar to succeed. She would like to see it done fairly with transparency and local input. Linda can be reached at [816-716-2019](tel:816-716-2019) or [linda@taborylaw.com](mailto:linda@taborylaw.com).

## Chair from Rockhill Tennis Club for sale...

I wanted to see if anyone was interested in purchasing the desk chair from the Rockhill Tennis Club that was in the foyer. I like the idea of the chair staying in Rockhill and am offering it for \$75, the amount that I paid. Let me know if you are interested. Jim @ 582-8292.



## Following are some pictures from the Annual Rockhill picnic

