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Friends and Neighbors
February Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 21 - 6:30 p.m.
Tomahawk Elementary School Library
6301 W 78th Street

Friends and Neighbors Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 21, 2012 at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker:

Mary English, LEED AP, Homes – Kansas City area native

Small Step Energy Solutions, LLC



Background in marketing, sales and business management (degree: BA in Economics from University of Arizona).

“Started over” in mid-2007 after extended research into the field of residential building science with a desire to make an impact on our built environment in the Kansas City area. First accreditation was Home Energy Rater in 2007. Received subsequent accreditation in the residential building science field through multiple programs, including USGBC LEED for HOMES, NAHB Green Homes Program, and Building Performance Institute. Owns Small Step Energy Solutions, LLC a business that specializes in residential energy efficiency and green building science both in existing homes and new construction. Web address is www.smallstepenergy.com.

Any Future Meeting Ideas?

Have any great ideas on meetings you would like to see us have? We are willing to get speakers if we just know what you want to hear about. Let your neighborhood leader know so we can plan our meetings. Share with your neighbors and bring them with you to get more attendance at our meetings. Make your voice heard.

Note: The goal for our meetings is to provide information that addresses the issues in our neighborhoods, build a friendship with our neighbors and to come together as one.

Any questions about the meeting, please contact Palita Robinson 913-642-1242



Picking up trash, toys, and debris

We are encouraging each resident to clean up around the outside of their home each day. Keeping the outside of your home clean sends a message of neighborhood pride.

Reducing Speed

We are asking that all residents, and guests, reduce your speed as you drive through the neighborhood. Obeying the speed limit will help ensure the safety of children playing outside.

Reminder of City Code Violations

Trash Containers

Solid waste containers left outside, empty or full, must be stored behind the existing building line and be screened from view from the street or any neighboring property. This maintains the appearance and value of our homes.



Trash Dumping

Dumping of trash, junk, limbs, grass or other yard waste on private property or in a storm drain is prohibited. This may cause water to back up and eventually cause flooding.

Trash Pick-up

Containers may be placed in front of your residence or next to the street no more than 24 hours before your scheduled trash pick-up. This improves the appearance of the neighborhood, prevents trash from blowing, and keeps animals from getting into it.

Note: We would like to emphasize that safety is a priority in this neighborhood, particularly for children. Residents are asked to drive and park safely.

Reminder: Friends and Neighbors Meeting Dates Have Moved...

Our neighborhood meetings have moved to every quarter and the third Tuesday of the month.



Mark Your Calendars! Bring A Neighbor! We Can't Wait To See You!

SPECIAL TRASH SERVICE PRICING

Trash prices are increasing this year. The Friends and Neighbors neighborhood organization has arranged for a special group rate from a major disposal service. For details, attend the neighborhood meeting at Tomahawk School on Feb. 21. If you cannot attend the meeting, contact:

Palita Robinson 913-642-1242 or e-mail her at palita@sbcglobal.net.

Helpful Hints

For information on how to be safe at home or on the road this winter, go to the city's website at www.opkansas.org/resident-resources/winter-weather-tipsprecautions. Also on this site you can read about snow removal and view updates.



**Valentine's Day
is around the corner;
don't forget a loved one or special friend.**



FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS SURVEY

This survey is designed to record neighborhood observations, measure neighborhood satisfaction, and detect areas of need. Please complete the survey, forward by email to palita@sbcglobal.net or fold and put in my mailbox: 6907 W.77th St.

The survey can be found on the Friends and Neighbors web site:
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/Friends And Neighbors - Overland Park/home](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Friends_And_Neighbors_-_Overland_Park/home)

1. How many years has your family lived in the neighborhood? _____

2. Please give your street address _____

3. My overall impression of the neighborhood is:

Please rate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your neighborhood.

A = excellent B = good C = average D = below average F = fails

	A	B	C	D	F
A. Appearance	—	—	—	—	—
B. Safety in terms of crime	—	—	—	—	—
C. Safety in terms of traffic	—	—	—	—	—
D. Safety for walking alone	—	—	—	—	—
E. Walkability: sidewalks and paths	—	—	—	—	—
F. Convenience of location	—	—	—	—	—
G. Friendliness	—	—	—	—	—
H. Friends and Neighbors communications	—	—	—	—	—

4. If you could improve one thing in the neighborhood, it would be
