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Dear Kathy,

As I look at what comprises this edition of the *Brush Creek Corridor Chronicle*, I discern the common theme is things that are happening that are making or will make our community better.

Whether it's supporting or installing new technologies, the construction of a bridge or trail, or the success of a community garden, these very dissimilar activities find commonality in their long-term contributions to a better Brush Creek Corridor.

And while we don't normally cover sporting news, we have to recognize the achievement of a Rockhurst University coach who has racked up 600 wins in his 41-year career, earning him a place in a very elite group. Congratulations, Coach Tony Tocco!

All the best to you and yours as we edge toward the conclusion of another productive year.

Carol A. Grimaldi
Executive Director

MRIGLOBAL HOSTS SIGNING OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION ACT

MRIGlobal was the setting for a ceremonial signing of the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) by Governor Jay Nixon in November. Flanked by area members of the Missouri Legislature (right), Nixon touted the legislation's promise to jump-start more entrepreneurial initiatives in the state. MOSIRA applies a portion of growth in state revenue from science and innovation companies to fund up-and-coming businesses in those fields. In introducing the Governor, MRIGlobal President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Helmstetter, said "MOSIRA completes a missing link in the state's economic development arsenal. It is a critical step forward for the state and for organizations like ours, who exist to advance scientific knowledge and use technology innovation to improve life."



SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED AT PASEO ACADEMY



KCP&L kicked off its SmartGrid solar project by installing 322 solar panels on the roof of the Paseo Academy of Fine and Performing Arts in late October. This installation will produce renewable energy that over 25 years is projected to offset 2,500 tons of carbon emissions, or the equivalent of planting 43 acres of trees. The solar energy generated from this and other installations in the SmartGrid demonstration area in the urban core will be connected directly to the electric grid. This allows

KCP&L to study the dynamics and availability of renewable energy. For more information about SmartGrid visit www.kcplsmartgrid.com.

PHASE 1 OF CLEAVER II TRAIL NEARS COMPLETION

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If you have driven down Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard in the past couple of months, you may have noticed a terrific new amenity. Construction is nearing completion on Phase 1 of the Cleaver II Trail Project. The Cleaver II Trail is 1.8 miles in length and runs along the west side of Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard from Chelsea to Elmwood Drive where it connects with the Brush Creek Trail.

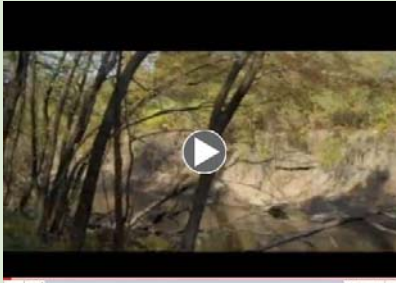
The project includes construction of a ten foot wide reinforced concrete trail, accessible street crossings, site grading, restoration seeding, and associated site work.

The multi-use trail will serve a diverse population of Kansas City and provide a continuous trail system from the Country Club Plaza all the way to the VA Medical Center. Work is expected to be completed by January 2012 on this new connection to jobs, neighborhoods, schools, and recreation areas.



The Cleaver II Trail is just one of several new Trails Projects to have recent extensions. Others include Line Creek, Indian Creek and Blue River.

Take a walk along the Blue River and Indian Creek Trails in this video from the City's Weekly Report.



KC Parks: Blue River and Indian Creek Trails

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN TROOST @ BRUSH CREEK PROJECT



A pedestrian bridge at Troost Avenue and Volker Boulevard (see circled area on image) will be discussed at an open house on the project on Tuesday, December 6, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road. The

city is seeking community input on this aspect of the Troost @ Brush Creek project, so city staff and designers will be on hand to answer questions and collect feedback. This bridge will provide additional access and enhance safety for those traveling through the area.

ROCKHURST COACH IN SMALL, STELLAR GROUP

With a win in the second round of the NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Tournament in November, the sixth-ranked Rockhurst University Hawks sent Coach Tony Tocco into the record books. Coach Tocco became only the third men's college coach to have achieved 600 victories.

Coach Tocco joined Rockhurst in 1970. He is also a full-time Professor and head of the Accounting Department in the business school. He is pictured here with the 2011 team, three of its members having received All-American honors.



MANHEIM PARK GARDEN RECOGNIZED



The Missouri Department of Agriculture has honored the Historic Manheim Park Community Garden as the 9,000th Missouri Community Garden to accept its 10,000 Garden Challenge. The program encourages communities across Missouri to organize and start gardening. Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) has provided the land at 4233 Forest-which was a vacant lot-for over 15 years and works closely with neighborhood residents to support their gardening efforts. Here Manheim Park resident

Ingrid Pelger and NHS Community Relations Specialist Augusta Wilbon consider the productivity of last summer's garden.

COMING UP IN THE CORRIDOR

Coleman Open House at the Toy & Miniature Museum

When: Saturday, December 3

Where: Toy & Miniature Museum,
5235 Oak Street

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost: Free with admission to museum
(adults - \$7, seniors/students - \$6, children
5-12 - \$5)

The Coleman house is the largest dollhouse in the museum, measuring nine feet tall, seven feet wide, and four feet deep. It originally had gas jets for lighting and pipes for running water. Museum Educator Laura Taylor will give talks about the house at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm.



2nd Annual Lessons and Carols with Octarium

When: Sunday, December 11

Where: St. Mark Hope and Peace
Lutheran Church, 3800 Troost
Ave.

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Cost: Free

The 2nd Annual Lessons and Carols with Octarium benefits the Friends of St. Mark, encouraging transformation along Troost Avenue. Octarium and nine community leaders are donating their time and talents



to this contemplative service which includes short readings by Walter Burghardt,

Madeleine L'Engle, Dom Helder Camara, Peter Chrysologus and Julia Esquivel. Also included in the program are two anonymous works: a poem from Argentina, *Che Jesus*, and the *Aztec Story of the Nativity*.

Winter Break Camp at Brush Creek Community Center

When: Tuesday, December 27 through Friday, December 30

Where: Brush Creek Community Center,
3801 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Time: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Cost: \$36 per child (ages 7-13), registration required



Looking for something for your youth to do over the Christmas Break? Look no further, because the Brush Creek Community Center has a Winter Break Camp full of fun things to do to finish off the year.

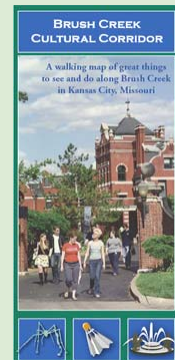
To register for the camp, contact Brush Creek Community Center at 816-513-0730.

For a complete listing of events and activities in the Corridor, visit

www.kcartswalk.com

BRUSH CREEK CULTURAL CORRIDOR WALKING MAPS AVAILABLE

Brush Creek Cultural Corridor maps identify and connect our community's cultural assets along Kansas City's Brush Creek Corridor. Copies of this map are available by contacting Brush Creek Community Partners at 816-523-2991 or email kathy@bccp.org.



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