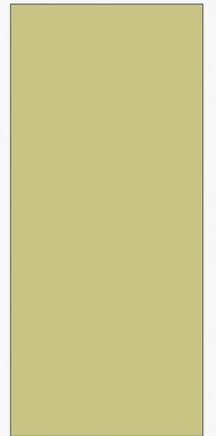


INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMARY

OAK MEYER GARDENS



THE PROJECT

Oak Meyer Gardens

- The purpose of the project undertaken by the Oak Meyer Gardens' (OMG) ad hoc Infrastructure Committee was to inventory and document by note and by photograph all major deficiencies in the infrastructure throughout the neighborhood.
- OMG's boundaries are from Oak to Holmes, and 63rd Street to 69th Street.
- Armed with this information, the Committee entered the most severe of the problems on the KCMO 311 service website.
- The goal for this project is to draw awareness of City government to the infrastructure problems in the neighborhood and hopefully, to receive a positive response.
- The photos included in this summary are typical of many more deficiencies in the Oak Meyer Gardens infrastructure.

Street Surfaces

- The street surfaces are generally in fair to poor condition. Most are patched due to the federally mandated project to separate the sewage and storm drainage systems. Though some of the disconnected sewer lines in the middle of the streets were fixed with that project, many have since failed and sink holes are forming on several blocks.
- Longtime neighbors cannot remember the last time the streets were milled and resurfaced. The asphalt edge of many of the streets are spalled and crumbling, cracks are forming that are wide enough to encourage weed growth and further deterioration.
- The streets in most need of repair are Locust, 63rd Terrace, and all of the streets that run north and south between Rockhill Road and 69th Street.
- We are pleased that the City's response to potholes has been a priority. However, patches are patches and they only add to the already degraded or poor condition of the roads.

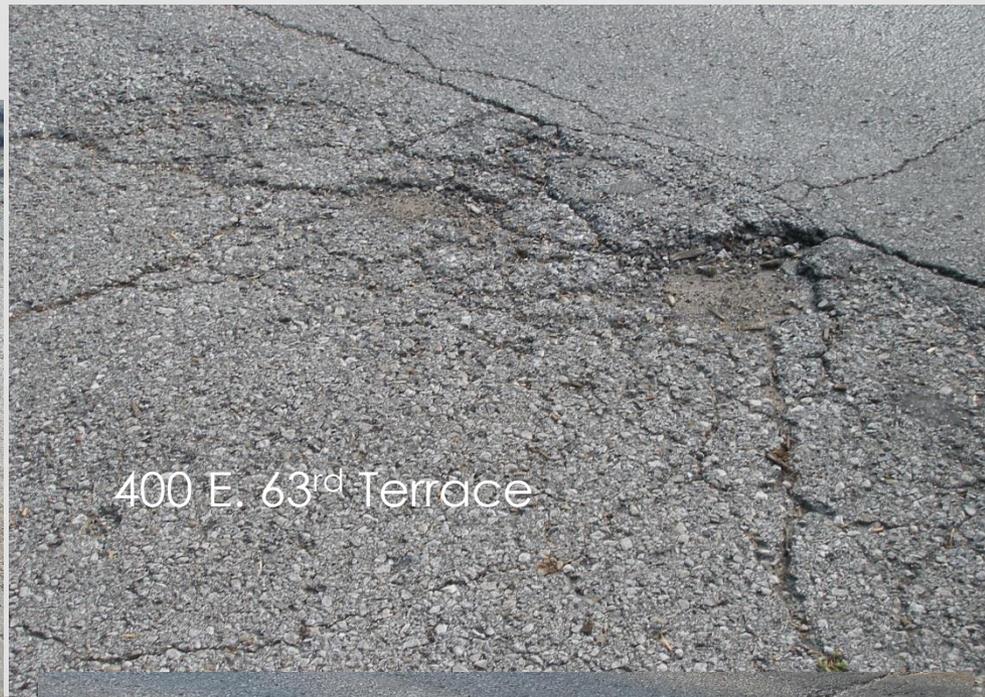
Streets

Holmes at 63rd Street at ADA curb



63rd Terrace at Holmes

400 E. 63rd Terrace



401 East 63rd Terrace, between the large gateway markers



Streets



431 E 63rd Terrace



408 E. 63rd Terrace



603 E. 63rd Terrace

Streets



630 East 63rd Terrace



600 East 66th Street



Locust at Rockhill

Streets

6827 Locust



6833 Locust



Spalling on Locust



Streets

69th Street
West of Oak
Terrace



Sinking patch at
6845 Oak Terrace



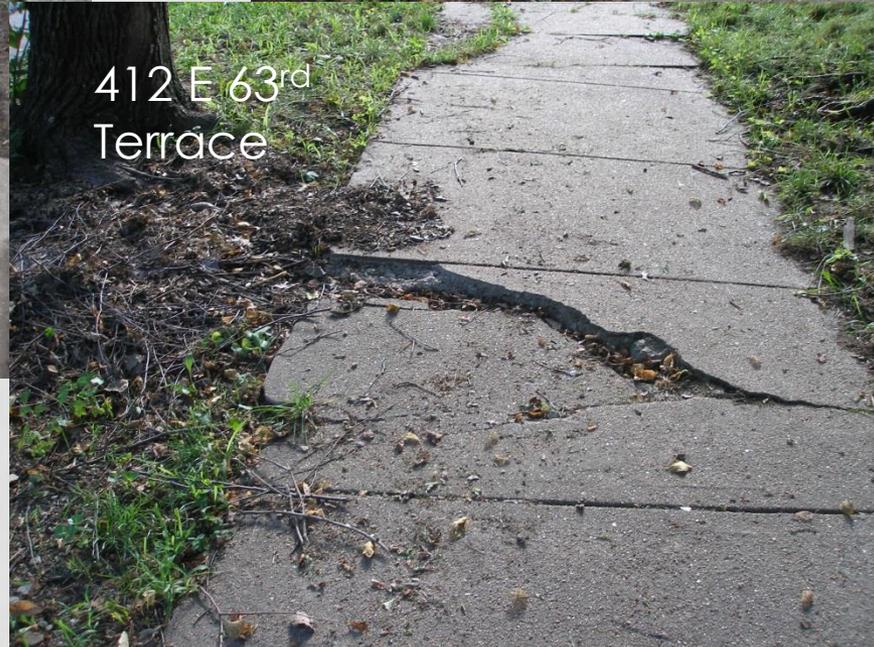
ADA curb at Cherry
and Meyer



Sidewalks and Curbs

- Part of the charm of Oak Meyer Gardens is that it feels like the east boundary of a Brookside village. In the past, it has been a very walkable community. Unfortunately, the current condition of the sidewalks makes it walkable only with great care.
- One of our greatest assets, the trees and their mature foliage, has also become one of our greatest problems due to the type of trees planted in the tree lawns. The spreading root systems have caused extensive damage to the sidewalks on many streets. Tripping on gum tree seed balls has sent residents to the hospital with broken bones. The heaved and broken sidewalks cause hazards as well. It appears as if the City has dispensed with street sweeping.
- The curbs have also been greatly damaged by these trees. They continue to break down, collect mud and weeds, and inhibit street drainage. City officials have indicated that replacing the curbs are the owners' responsibilities, but this seems illogical since the City-owned trees caused the problem in the first place, the same as most of the sidewalk damage.

Sidewalks Damaged by Trees



Sidewalks Damaged by Trees

405 E. 63rd Terrace



605 E. 64th
Terrace



600 E. 64th Terrace



Sidewalks Damaged by Trees



Sidewalks Damaged by Trees



Sidewalks Cont.

Sidewalk dead ends on
Kenwood



6737 Kenwood



6801 Locust



6729
Kenwood



Curbs and Street Gutters



419 E. 63rd Terrace



609 E. 63rd Terrace



Cherry at
63rd Street

Curbs & Street Gutters



434 E. 63rd Terrace



431 E. 63rd Terrace

Curbs and Street Gutters



617 E. 63rd Terrace



Rockhill & Oak Terrace

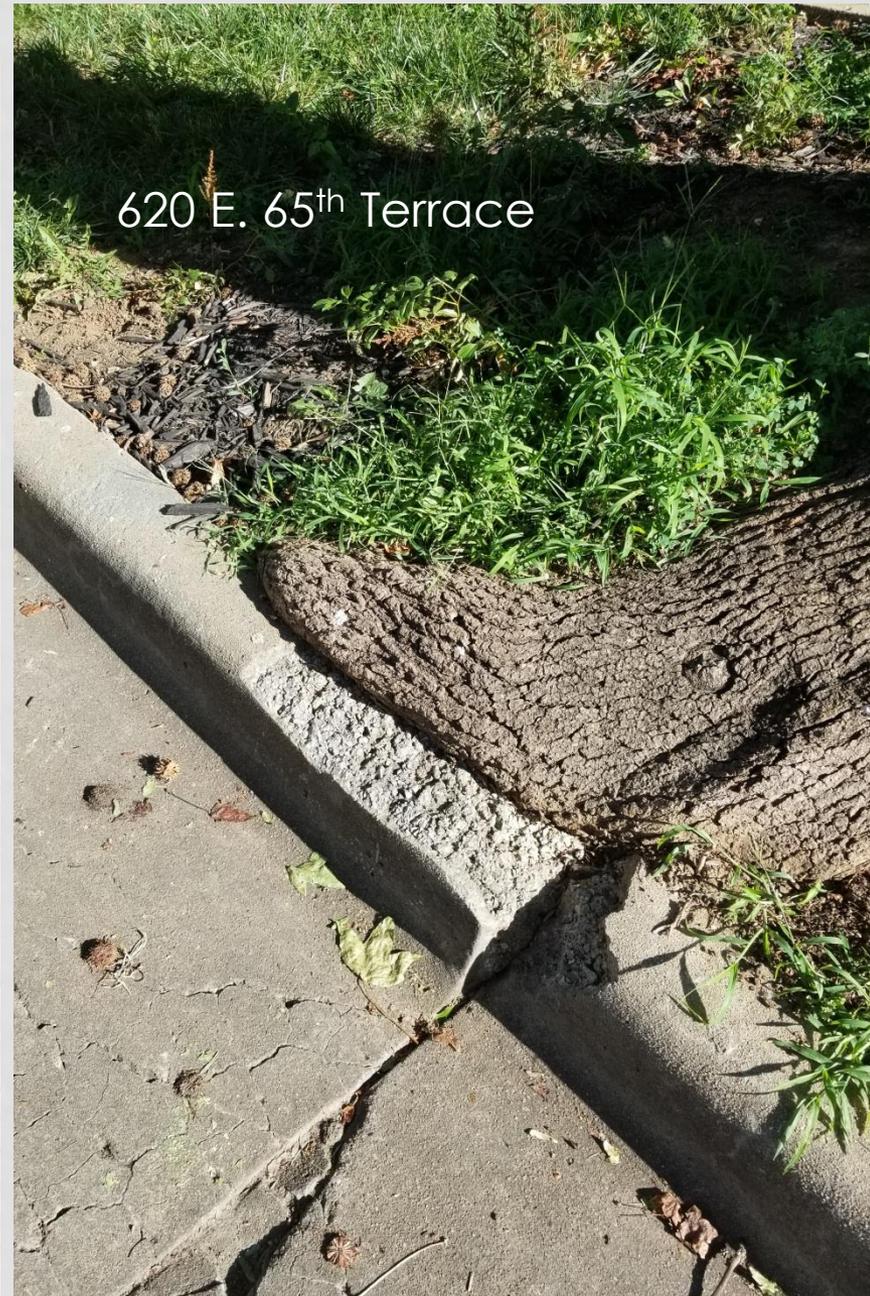


620 E. 65th Street

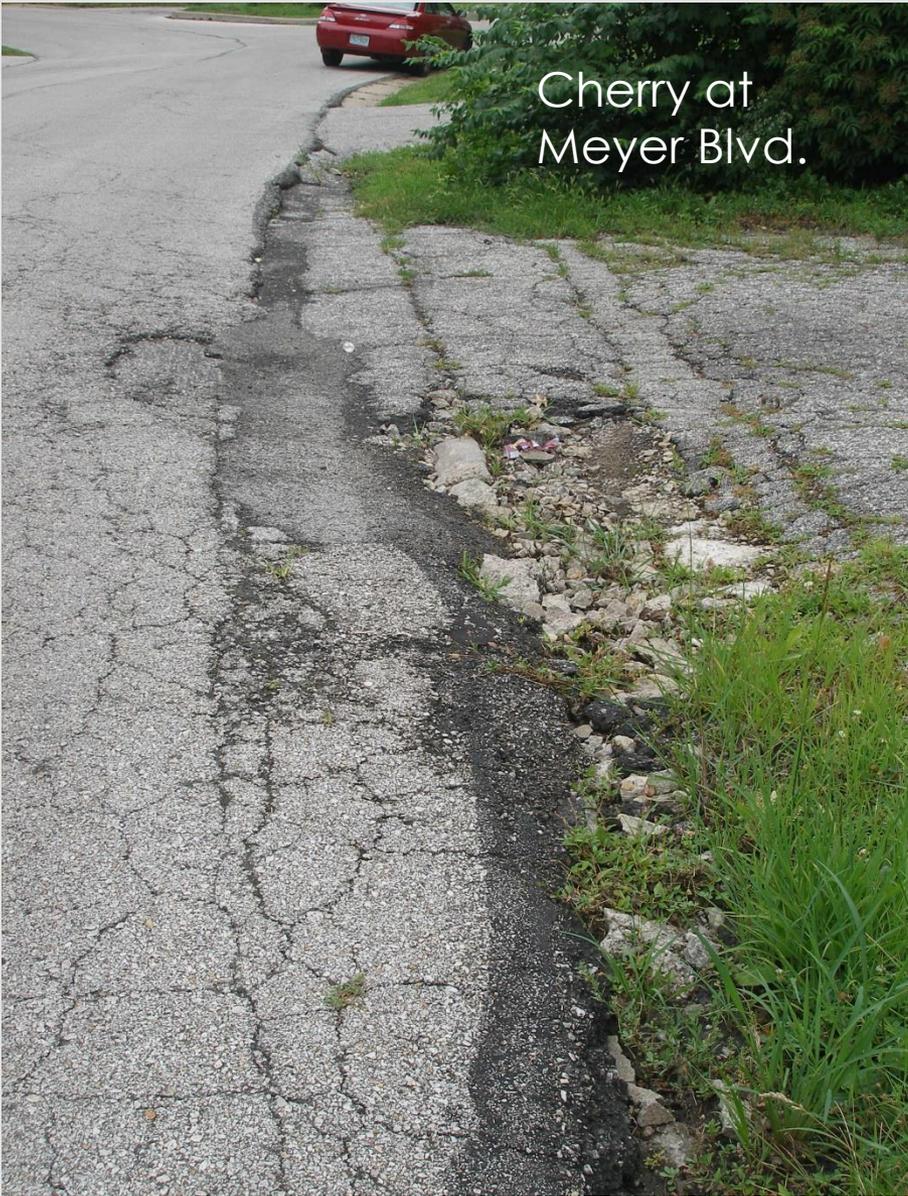


600 E. 65th Street

Curbs and Street Gutters



Curbs and Street Gutters



Storm Drains

- Not all storm drains are in poor condition. A few have been replaced but, in general, most of the drains are very old and in questionable condition.
- Unfortunately, some of the owners do not keep their curbs and drains free of debris and leaves. This is especially true for the streets with a high percentage of rental properties. Allowing leaves and brush to collect there blocks and clogs the storm drains and prevented a good inspection of their condition.
- OMG will make a greater effort to remind residents to keep these areas clean. We will also request that the appropriate KCMO department clean out the storm drains and inspect them for age and acceptable working function.

Storm Drains



Storm Drains



603 E. 63rd Terrace



448 E. 66th Street

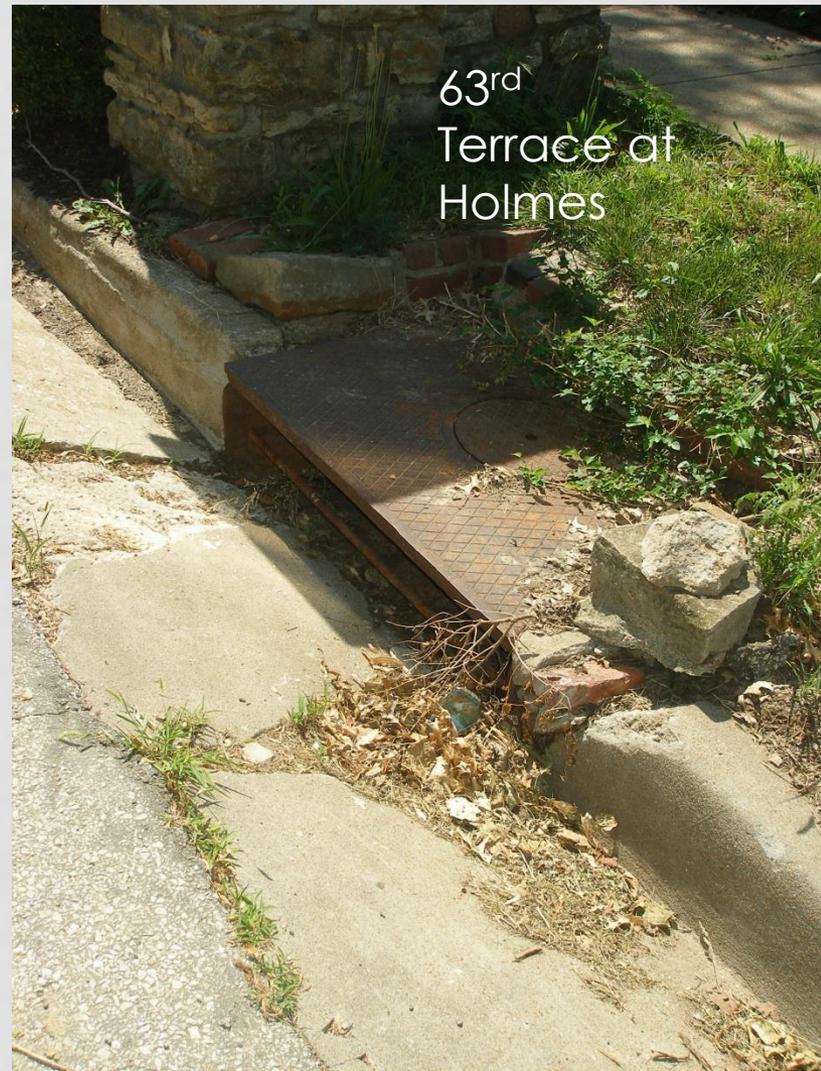


6311 Cherry

Storm Drains



63rd Terrace at
Cherry Street



63rd
Terrace at
Holmes

It is our hope that our Kansas City leaders will prioritize the infrastructure needs of our City and our neighborhoods over the next few years. The streets and sidewalks have been ignored for far too long while our leaders concentrate on the big ticket projects that draw a lot of attention. Though the City is benefitting from these large projects as well, it is past time to prioritize the basic City needs that affect our lives on a daily basis.

Please allot neighborhood infrastructure a larger chunk of the future City budget. Help us rebuild our neighborhoods!