

Fall 2005

# THE BRIDGE

## IT'S ANNUAL MEETING TIME!

Thur. Oct 27th—7:00 p.m.

Please join us at the annual meeting (and cookies and cider!) at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at Red Bridge Elementary School, 108<sup>th</sup> and Oak. Refreshments generously donated by Lipari's

### Board of Directors

#### NEW THIS FALL Red Bridge E-Alerts!

Not spam, just timely information in your inbox! Keep up to date on area and neighborhood happenings...whether fun events or a "heads up" on unusual activities.



While not everyone has email accessibility, we hope that those of you who do will talk with your neighbors.

E-Alerts will occur only as needed, and won't contain ads or forwarded jokes. Want to join? Email [redbridgehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:redbridgehomes@yahoo.com) with "Join" in the subject line. Have something you'd like to see posted? It's as easy as emailing the administrator at [redbridgehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:redbridgehomes@yahoo.com).

Mike Bremson President	941-8489 11-2005
Rob Nelson Secretary	268-8895 11-2006
Sally Ryan Treasurer	942-0037 11-2007
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Sharron Hill Community Rep	942-1557 11-2007
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## From the president's corner....Mike Bremson

Please keep your houses looking good year around. This will ensure that all buyers and sellers in the Red Bridge area are given good opportunity, as well as ensuring the longevity of our neighborhood. This includes but is not limited to mowing, keeping your flowers looking nice, and avoiding clutter around your house. This will also make for better relationships among your neighbors.



I have contacted officer Jason White to come to the homes association meeting to give crime statistics for our area. I think this will be informative for all involved.

I am also in the process of trying to contact the owners of the Red Bridge shopping center to answer questions regarding the vacant retail at the shopping center. Nothing is set in stone as I haven't been in contact with this person to this point.

Please come to the Annual meeting. There will a lot of useful information at this meeting. The board members would also like to hear suggestions about what Red Bridge homeowners would like to see in the following year.



## Come on aboard!



Do you know that being a part of the board is the most effective way to be involved in your neighborhood? The board has plenty of room for committed, energetic and passionate people. Whether you are a "big picture" person, or would like to concentrate

on a single project, your input is welcomed and needed. Please contact Mike Bremson, 941-8489, before October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## ~~~~~STAY SAFE~~~STAY SMART~~~~~

Red Bridge is lucky in that we have a very low crime rate, especially given the size of our association. If you read the crime stats in the KC Star, you will notice that most of the crime in the area is business-related. However, a few reminders for us all:

**Clean up:** If you can't park your car in the garage because of "stuff", it's time to get rid of the "stuff" and park your valuable asset where it (and the gas that is in it) is safer.

**Tote and Lock:** If you can't use your garage, make sure you take your valuables, gifts, purses and keys inside, and lock your car. Ask yourself: "If my car was stolen out of the driveway tonight, is there anything in this car that would cause me even more stress if it were stolen?" If the answer is yes, you know what to do.



**Lighten up:** Make sure that all your outdoor lights are working. If you can't see around the corners, bushes, etc. of your house when you come home at night, you may need more lighting. Consider "dusk to dawn" timers or lights with motion detectors. Coordinate your lighting efforts with your next-door neighbors.

**Don't advertise:** Many homes in this area have kitchens or living rooms on the front. The counter, table or sofa may be a handy place to throw your purse or gift purchases, but it's also an easy grab for a thief.

**Lock those doors:** Even when you are home, make sure you are locked in. This means back doors, garage doors, and front doors. A sturdy, locked glass storm door is not only an energy saving investment, it is also a security investment. It gives you another layer of protection when you open your front door, allowing you to talk to strangers through the locked glass door.

**Be like 007:** Vary your route home, but most important, be aware of traffic around you (a good idea anytime, but especially as you're headed home). If you think someone might be following you, turn a street or two early...if you're still suspicious, head for the nearest police station. If you drive an especially desirable car, you may be more of a target.

**Trust your gut:** We have neighborhood watch signs posted at entrances to Red Bridge. Don't hesitate to take action - call the police to report suspicious activity. Try to provide a license number and description of suspicious vehicles or persons. Criminals count on apathy...if the "street talk" is that Red Bridge is active and aware, criminals will go where the pickings are easier.

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## Community Connections

Sharron Hill, Community Representative, has attended numerous meetings regarding the widening of Red Bridge Road. She says that many residents oppose this project and feel that the city should wait until the Triangle is complete and do another traffic study. A major concern is the semi truck traffic and noise this will bring to our neighborhood. The first phase of the widening will be Holmes to Blue River. If you would like more information please call Sharron at 942-1557 or Teresa Edens at 765-2167. If you would like to keep up with zoning issues and other community events, Center Planning meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Summit View Church of Nazarene, 801 West 97<sup>th</sup> Street.



## Helpful Phone Numbers

HACCD	523-2440
Action Center	513-1313
Councilman Chuck Eddy	513-1615
Councilman Alvin Brooks	513-1602
Police Station (Southtown)	234-5550