

# THE BRIDGE

Newsletter of the Red Bridge Homes Association

Fall/Winter 2008

## Highlights from the Annual Meeting:

Roughly 50 people attended the 2008 RBHA annual meeting on October 23, 2008 at the Red Bridge Theatres. George Gilchrist, owner of the shopping center, donated the meeting space; Lipari's SunFresh donated cider and cookies and Dunn's donated coffee. Thank you to all our donors!

Barbara Robertson, president/treasurer, reviewed the accomplishments and budget of the 2007/08 year. Accomplishments included increased communication via e-alerts and newsletters, more transparency and volunteer opportunities, our first holiday lighting contest, a new directory, new neighborhood stickers, a movie night and the first ever resident survey to assist successive boards in long-range planning. Snow removal and street treatment was a major expenditure in the past fiscal year; the pattern of dry winters may have finished it's cycle, necessitating more expenditure from the association, especially due to the city budget crisis. The final payment on refurbishing the entrance markers was also paid.

George Gilchrist, owner of the Red Bridge Shopping Center, took questions and comments from the audience about possible future tenants of the shopping center and how to increase traffic is this vital part of our neighborhood. Mr. Gilchrist is also seeking a Community Improvement District (CID) designation for the shopping center and environs. (CID passed the City Council on 11/7/08; for more information, go to [www.kcmo.org](http://www.kcmo.org), enter **CID Red Bridge** in the search box, and click on ordinance #080979).

Julie Gabrielle related her experience with a home burglary and how it spurred her to connect with her neighbors and get involved in the neighborhood.

Barbara presented the proposed budget for the 2008/09 fiscal year as approved by the board. Highlights include increased funding for snow removal and capital improvements funding for refurbishment and maintenance of our 18 islands and plantings and maintenance of the 35 entrance markers. After discussion, those in attendance voted to increase the annual dues to \$50 per year by a vote of 28-16, and the budget (attached) was approved.

Current board members Barbara Robertson, Katherine Coates, Heather O'Malley, Julie Gabrielle and Sharron Hill were re-elected to the board. New volunteers Joe Gawron, Jim Wright, Jim Clossick and Ryan Allenbrand were elected to the board.

## Meet your new board!

The new RBHA board met on November 18th, and chose officers and drew for terms. Starting in January, board meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, 6-8 P.M., at Dunn's Coffee Shop. All residents are invited to join us and "listen in".

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## Directory Update:

No matter how hard we tried or how many times we proofread, we STILL have problems with the directory. In the second half of the book, where residents are broken down by street, phone numbers are off by one person from 1019 E. 109<sup>th</sup> Terrace through 601 E. 117<sup>th</sup> Terrace. If you are looking for a phone number in that section, please go up (or north) one person to get the correct phone number...or cross-reference in the alphabetical section. We apologize for the inconvenience and the confusion, but this particular directory has caused more problems than the stock market.

## Survey Update:

Thank you to everyone who returned a survey! Your board will be reviewing the suggestions and ratings, and we will publish the results in the next newsletter. If you have not yet returned your survey, please do so ASAP---even if it doesn't make it in time for the "official" tally, we are still interested in your ideas! Please mail it to Barbara Robertson, 103 E. 113<sup>th</sup> St., KCMO, 64114.

## Dues Delinquencies:

We've made great strides in reducing the number of delinquent dues this year. Please pay your annual homeowners dues before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Delinquent homeowners risk having a lien placed on their property. These Red Bridge addresses currently have liens on them for **unpaid annual dues**:

410 East 109<sup>th</sup> Street  
623 East 109<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
3 East 110<sup>th</sup> Street  
607 East 110<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
209 East 113<sup>th</sup> Street

15 East 113<sup>th</sup> Terrace  
309 East 117<sup>th</sup> Street  
11229 Walnut Street  
11501 Wornall Road  
11505 Wornall Road

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Lighting Contest!

We had such fun with this last year, we decided to do it again! If you know of a great neighborhood light display, please nominate your neighbor (or yourself!) by sending an email (preferred) to [redbridgehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:redbridgehomes@yahoo.com) with "Holiday Lights" in the subject line or calling Alice Wright at 943-0456. Please list the exact house and street address on your nomination...otherwise, it will be invalid. All nominations must be received by December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 P.M. Judging will take place the following weekend. CASH prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded, and winners announced in the next newsletter.

## Calling all Annie Leibovitz wannabe's!

If you are a budding photographer, here's your opportunity to have your work published! We would like to feature sights and activities going on around the neighborhood to share in the newsletter and on E-Alerts, maybe the website. If you're out taking pictures of neighborhood lights, or attending block parties, book clubs, drumming circles or other neighborhood activities, please send them in .jpg format to [redbridgehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:redbridgehomes@yahoo.com) along with your contact information. We can't promise to publish everything, but would love to have a better representation of our neighborhood!

**Red Bridge Homes Association 2008-09 Budget**  
Approved at RBHA Annual Meeting October 23, 2008

**Revenue:**

Base Assessment	\$ 40,900.00
Interest on Investments	1,500.00
Interest on Assessments	600.00
Directory Ad Income	0.00
Other Income	0.00
Dues Non-Payment	(1,500.00)
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 41,500.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Administration	7,181.00
Annual Meeting	100.00
Computer Fee/Other Services	500.00
Insurance	745.00
Island Maintenance	8,000.00
Capital Improvements	21,500.00
Tree Maintenance	1,500.00
Postage	1,000.00
Newsletter	1,000.00
Meetings	300.00
Snow Plowing	18,000.00
Social Activities	1,000.00
Directories	0.00
Garage Sale	150.00
Stationary & Supplies	200.00
A/R Written Off	100.00
Other	1,000.00
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 64,326.00</b>

**Net Income/(Loss)**      **\$ (22,826.00)**