



# THE BRIDGE

Fall 2010 Newsletter

From the Red Bridge Homes Association

## RED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 9, 2010

10AM - 4PM Red Bridge Shopping Center parking lot

Ever wonder what some of the businesses in the Red Bridge shopping center are? Well, here's your chance to find out! The entire community is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities. There will be booths from local businesses and organizations, a dog show, entertainment, health screenings, food, etc. This event is being sponsored by the Red Bridge Community Improvement District to showcase all of the new businesses in our area, as well as those that have been with us over the years. It's also a great time to get out and explore our thriving, ever-changing surroundings. There will be fun & games to be had by all!

They look forward to making this an annual event, so don't miss the opportunity to be able to say "I remember waaay back when they had the first festival!"

Please welcome our newest residents to the neighborhood!



Patricia Wohlner & Teresa Moore	
Dennis & Michelle Bacon	Larry Thomas
John & Amie Keiser	Brad Lucht
Cody Smith	Jennifer Finks
Chad & Kimberly Wilson	Chelsea Catlin
E. J. Morris	Joe Williams
Cynthia Fintek	DeBlase Family
Mark & Janice Preston	Matthew & Emmanuelle Skaggs

It's always exciting to see new faces, and the best way to keep our neighborhoods safe is to know who your neighbors are. So remember....you don't have to be "best friends" to be friendly. Just say hello! These new residents are just since January 2010, so welcome also to all that came before them!

Get connected.....E-Link is how to stay up to date on what's happening in our neighborhood. Just send an email to [redbridgehomes@yahoo.com](mailto:redbridgehomes@yahoo.com) asking to be added and you're done. Also, monthly board meetings are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6pm. Feel free to contact us for location info-we would love to have you. If you have an item you would like to present to the board, please notify Joe Gawron in advance, so room can be made on the agenda. If there's info or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Shanna Smith. For snow removal issues, contact Julie Gabriele. If streets are being missed, we don't know if you don't tell us!

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Ever wonder who waters the flowers and pulls the weeds on the islands and markers? YOU DO!! While Jim Wright works hard at making sure they are a positive reflection on our neighborhood, that's a lot of ground to cover (pun intended). So as your doing yardwork to keep your property looking spiffy, take a glance at the markers and see if they could use a little attention. Thank you to those that have been taking care of an island or marker in the past.

### LOOK WHO WANTS TO HELP

Looking for some extra hands around to help walk the dog, mow/water the lawn, fall planting, leaf pick up or shovel snow? Why not give some of the kids in our neighborhood a chance to make some extra cash! We hope to add more names to the list in the future, but for now, Look who wants to help: John & Danny Cuddy are 2 teenage brothers who are willing to help with mowing and other yard work, watering plants/yards, collecting mail/newspapers if out of town shoveling snow & you just need and extra hand work. They can be reached at 816-941-3227.

Ray & Dan Wynn are looking for mowing/snow shoveling jobs. Ray can be reached at 816-564-1661 and Dan at 816-506-8639.

Brandon Smith is a teenager looking for Yard, snow shoveling or you just need an extra hand work. He's also really good with kids, and enjoys babysitting. His mom Shanna can be reached at 816-942-4649.

## Delinquent Dues and Liens



Red Bridge Homes Association dues are among the lowest in the metro area. Dues help pay for snow removal, tree trimming, island maintenance, new markers, newsletters, welcome packets for new neighbors and dozens of administrative duties taken on by the Homes Association of the Country Club District (HACCD) for the over 870 homeowners in Red Bridge. Payment of dues is mandatory as stated in your property deed. Regardless of who lives in the house, the owner is responsible for the annual dues payment. Dues are no different than real estate taxes, utilities or mortgage payments. Failure to pay annual dues in a timely fashion may result in a lien being placed on your property. A lien can adversely affect your credit rating and title search, hampering any refinancing or sale of your home. Once a lien is placed on a property, additional fees must also be collected to cover filing costs, and the lien cannot be released until full payment is made.

10 homeowners are in serious arrears on their dues, ranging from \$363 to \$1,413. Property liens have been filed on the following addresses:

607 E 110 <sup>th</sup> Terr	3 E 110 <sup>th</sup> St
15 E 113 <sup>th</sup> Terr	11229 Walnut St
10 E 109 <sup>th</sup> Terr	309 E 117 <sup>th</sup> St
410 E 109 <sup>th</sup> St	209 E 113 <sup>th</sup> St
11501 Wornall Rd	11505 Wornall Rd

Unfortunately, a small number of households do not pay their dues. You know who you are by the "past due" mailings you regularly receive. Current year dues were due by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009. Any homeowner with delinquent dues risks having a lien placed on their property, and their address published in the subsequent newsletters.

Homeowners who don't pay their dues are not being fair to the the property owners who pay their dues in a timely fashion. Currently there are 45 Homeowners in arrears totaling approximately \$10,268. That's a lot of snow removal - which we all enjoy as we are trying to turn onto busy main roads from our side streets, and island/marker maintenance- which we all want to look nice. If you are delinquent, please pay the bill now, rather than a much larger one later.

## ANNUAL MEETING

October 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 9am - 12 noon

St Thomas Moore

WHO WANTS PANCAKES? Join us at the annual meeting to go over the budget and address different issues in our neighborhood. The meeting will be from 9-10:30 am, and Chris Cakes will be serving from 10:30-12. Breakfast is free for residents that attend the meeting. Everyone else is welcome to join us at 10:30 at a cost of \$7/person. But why pay when you can eat for free? We will also be voting on updating our bylaws for our association. To view the current and updated version please visit <http://www.ha-ke.org>. If you don't have internet access, contact Joe Gawron at 816-942-3058 for a hard copy. Hope to see you there!

# ONE MANS TRASH IS ANOTHERS MANS TREASURE!!

The spring garage sale went so well, we decided to do it again in the fall. The dates will be Friday and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Remember with college students starting this fall, its a great time to let go of furniture and household items. There should be tons of traffic as this is the same weekend as our neighbors in Verona Hills are having their sale, resulting in lots of advertising for us all.

Signs will again be placed on the main roads, but we still strongly suggest you place small signs leading to your house. If you have specific items you would like listed in the advertising, please contact Joe Gawron at [highvoltagecrow@yahoo.com](mailto:highvoltagecrow@yahoo.com) with info. For items that don't sell, but are in good condition, try calling one of the many local charities that will come pick them up. No delivery required!

For those items that can go straight to the curb, remember to schedule a bulky pickup appointment by calling 816-513-1313 or going to <http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/PublicWorks/BulkyItemcollectionprogram/index.htm>. Yes, its ridiculously long, but it will take you directly where you need to go! We all know its hard once you're motivated to clear out stuff, to keep it out of sight until bulky pickup. However, using the curb as a long-term extension of the trashcan makes our neighborhood look, well...trashy. Please try not to put bulky items out more than a day in advance of the scheduled pickup.

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