

RED BRIDGE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – SPRING - 2013



Following the Annual October HomeOwners Meeting, election of officers was held with the following Board of Directors working to address your needs, improve our community, and maintain the quality of our neighborhood:

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HOLMES ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS HERE...



Kansas City has informed us that important infrastructure work will be performed in our neighborhood on HOLMES ROAD between 105th Street and RED BRIDGE ROAD. The water main will be replaced throughout the project area. The Improvements will include:

- Fewer anticipated water main breaks
- Increased reliability
- Minimized service disruptions
- Enhanced neighborhood fire protection

WHO is performing this work? Kansas City Water Services Department has contracted with Pyramid Excavation and Construction Company.

AND you might ask why this work is being done? The water mains along Holmes Road were installed in 1958 and have experienced numerous breaks through the years ---summer, winter, spring or fall!! This has resulted in service interruptions and related construction and traffic inconveniences for residents and customers, in general. Weather permitting the construction will begin in April 2013 with the anticipated conclusion to be six months later.

The chief engineer has informed us that construction will be in three segments---Yesterday they notified me of a change in their original plans. Now they are starting at the corner of Red Bridge and Holmes Road and are heading North working first on the water mains on the East side of Holmes. Later they will cross over at about 109th and work on the West side of Holmes, finalizing the last section of the work by crossing back to the East side of the street and ending around 105th Street. At all times there will be at least one lane heading South and one lane heading North open for through traffic.

The Head Project Lead from the Water Services Department lives here in our own community and says he drives up and down Holmes every day and, thus, will have first-hand visuals of the progress daily. Specific questions about this project can be directed to Reza Zonnooz, Kansas City Water Services at 816-513-0309 or at reza.zonnooz@kcmo.org.

SIDEWALKS...

There are several hundred raised, cracked sidewalks in our HOA neighborhood due to tree root damage. The Board's concerns are 1) neighborhood safety, 2) general appearance, and 3) overall neighborhood property values. The City of KC considers any sidewalk having a crack 3/4" wide to be "out of repair" and in need of replacement. The individual homeowner is legally obligated to repair sidewalks in front of their residence, at their own expense. To aid, several sidewalk contractors have been contacted and some will give a volume discount with one contractor even offering a 50% discount if five sidewalks are booked at the same time. This could be five different residents getting together to request the work to be done. It is each Homeowners responsibility to repair their faulty sidewalk. The HOA cannot recommend any 'particular' contractor but also recognizes the homeowner's need for a starting point & wishes to aid with contacts-Call JOHN KEISER 816-214-5463

MAYBE YOU HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED A POSTCARD INVITING YOU TO JOIN OUR RED BRIDGE ELECTRONIC NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY

WWW.NEXTDOOR.COM...



NEXTDOOR RED BRIDGE

New Neighbor-to-Neighbor Online Private Network

IT'S SAFE & SECURE, AS WELL AS FREE AND PRIVATE & YOU LEARN THE MOST RECENT DAY TO DAY HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY...

There are many homeowners who miss the e-alerts we used to have in the past. The system used by the Board of Directors to reach out to all 800+ homeowners became far too burdensome to continue in its antiquated form. But it appears we have found something even better! Read on and then log on!

We now have a new online private network called Nextdoor Red Bridge. It is only for residents of single family and duplex homes in Red Bridge. Through Nextdoor Red Bridge you are provided with up-to-date information on everything from trash pickup delays and road maintenance projects in Red Bridge to timely police reports from South Patrol on car and home break-ins. Community events are also posted ranging from Easter egg hunts to opportunities to join a pancake breakfast, a luncheon event or dinner fish fry. You can create or join a group such as Dog Owners, Gardeners, Fitness, etc. You can post your own event such as a garage sale, or ask for home repair and maintenance recommendations (e.g. plumber, electrician, roofer, yard maintenance, etc.). You can also give away items or offer them for sale on the website newsfeed.

The "LEADS" on this project are our HOA board PRESIDENT, HEATHER O'MALLEY, our HOA board VICE-PRESIDENT, BARBARA CREWS, and technical assistant, LARRY MARSH. The Leads provide advice and work to keep the network running smoothly. We are grateful for their efforts to keep us up-to-date in Red Bridge

You can suppress email messages and only see posts by logging in to the website, or you can select one or more categories for email notification (e.g. crime) and leave the rest for the website newsfeed. In any case, your email address is hidden so no one can see your email address. The address of each home in Red Bridge is already allocated in Nextdoor and listed on the neighborhood map. Your name will be matched with your address in the verification process to make sure you are a legitimate Red Bridge resident. Residents should claim their home by going to: "www.nextdoor.com" and logging in.

You don't have to wait for a postcard invitation, you are welcome and able to just go to www.nextdoor.com and enter your email address and your home address; then click "get started—it's free". There is also a button to click on to 'Learn More' and one to 'Play a Video' to understand more about this FREE PRIVATE COMMUNICATION NETWORK. You will create your own password (keep a copy of it for future use) and enter the website. You can peruse the topic area and post an item if you wish.

TWITTER FOR THE CITY...

KCMO 311 CALL CENTER has launched a Twitter account so residents may tweet service requests such as pothole or street sign repair reports. The Twitter account, @KCMO311, may be accessed at www.twitter.com/kcmo311. Call Center representatives will respond with a unique case number--- Residents can track the status online. Residents are encouraged to attach photos to their service request tweets

[NIXLE...A KC CITY PROGRAM TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & INFORM...](#)

The Kansas city Water Department has a program to improve communication with people who live, work and visit the area---Nixle, which provides an efficient and secure way to send neighborhood-level information to residents who subscribe to the system. Through www.nixle.com, the City will send text message and email notifications to subscribers in a specific area, down to the 1/4 mile.

You can sign up for Nixle by texting your zip code to "888777", or by visiting www.nixle.com and providing your address or nearby intersection, a cell phone number and an email address by which to receive notifications. Subscribers may then choose which information you wish to receive: alerts, advisories and/or community messages (neighborhood news).

The Kansas City, Mo., Police Department has been using this technology since April 2012. They send out notifications regarding missing persons, homicides, bomb threats and other public safety alerts.

The City of Kansas City, Mo., plans to send out information in the following instances:

- Alerts will be available for urgent matters that could adversely affect life and property, such as boil orders and health pandemics. Please note, they will not be issuing alerts regarding severe weather (i.e. tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail, etc.).
- Advisories will be sent to residents in a specific geographic area regarding: water main breaks, wastewater overflows, major road closures, snow ordinances, food establishment closures, substantial food/drug recall, and unscheduled City office closures.
- Community messages are neighborhood notifications sent via email. Examples include: scheduled trash delays, City-sponsored events, back-to-school vaccination clinics, food handler class announcements, etc.

Nixle is available at no cost to residents or to the City of Kansas City, Mo. Standard text message rates apply for subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers.

Residents may receive technical and non-technical assistance directly from Nixle by sending an email to support@nixle.com.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

■ **GARAGE SALE.....**The Board has set aside Friday/Saturday, June 7 and 8 for this Spring's Red Bridge Neighborhood Garage Sale. Signs will again be placed on the main roads, but we strongly suggest you place small signs leading to your house. Keep in mind, if any items don't sell, but are in good condition, try calling one of the many local charities that will come to pick them up. For those items that need to be picked up by the city's Bulky Pick-up program, please call them at 311 as their schedules may have changed.

■ **SHOW-ME GREEN SALES TAX HOLIDAY.....**This holiday takes place April 19-25 in the City of Kansas City, MO and encourages residents to save money, conserve energy, and stimulate the economy by participating. The tax holiday applies to ENERGY STAR qualified appliances valued at \$1500 or LESS and will be exempt from the applicable sales tax. Qualified appliances include clothes washers, water heaters, dishwashers, furnaces, air-conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, & heat pumps.

■ **RAISE THE WOOF.....**Place a dog tag on your dog's collar when it is outside your residence. This will make it easier to contact you in the case your dog runs loose and is impounded. Actually when dogs are outdoors they must be effectively restrained at all times with a fence or leash.

■ **As GOOGLE FIBER begins installations of its superfast 1GB network in Kansas City, MO, Connecting for Good has launched an initiative with the Kansas City Public Library system. Digital life skills classes will be offered at various times at various branches. For those in lower income brackets, they are promoting Google Fiber's \$300/7 years of 5 Mb Internet connectivity plan...whereas, participants can make 12 monthly payments of \$25 in the first year and receive the next six years free of charge. Dates will be scheduled at branches as the fiber installation schedule is released. They are soliciting volunteers to help in the sessions, donation of used computers and financial support. If you would like to be involved in these efforts, call 913-730-0677 or Mike Liimatta, President---Connectng for Good, KCMO at 816-217-9637 - or @connectingkc <http://connectingforgood.org>. We will keep you advised as the opportunity approaches for our area to sign up for Google Fiber Service.**