

# RED BRIDGE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – WINTER - 2014



*Following the Annual Meeting of the Red Bridge Homes Owners Association, these officers were elected from among the Board Members:*

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For administrative questions, please contact the Homes Association of Kansas City, HA-KC (913-385-2440).

**\*\*\*\*\*OUR UTMOST GRATITUDE AND THANKS to HEATHER O'MALLEY, LOUISE CLOSSICK & JIM WRIGHT, who have completed their terms on the Red Bridge BOARD OF DIRECTORS and are taking some well-deserved time off from serving the community.**

THIS NEWSLETTER IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE RED BRIDGE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

*Thank You*

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR...**

Many people begin the New Year with the traditional black eyed peas. Did you ever wonder where the tradition came from? Some say that they look like small coins and therefore eating them will bring prosperity. However, many people trace the tradition of eating black-eyed peas back to the Civil War. In 1864, General William T. Sherman was leading his troops in what was known as Sherman's March to the Sea. In this march, he ordered his troops to destroy the land, livestock and anything that they could not carry with them. The surviving Southerners were left with nothing but black-eyed peas. The troops had not realized that people could eat black-eyed peas, so they hadn't been destroyed. After the Civil War, black-eyed peas were one of the few sources of food available in the South and the peas saved many people after the war was over. After that New Year's Day, the tradition began of eating black eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck and prosperity. May you have a prosperous, lucky, and Happy New Year---with or without black-eyed peas!!

Thanks to the CARES Magazine (non-profit community resource)...

## **COMING TO A HOME NEAR YOU.....GOOGLE FIBER**

IN MARCH 2014, South Kansas City residents will be offered Google Fiber which has been stating they are bringing higher internet speeds to our neighborhood. Several of our neighbors have talked with both the sub-contractors who are laying the fiber cable as well as the Google Fiber company about issues arising.

Thomas Alber and Carol Winterowd, who represent our area of the city at The Kansas City Neighborhood Advisory Council & the South Kansas City Alliance, have advised on NextDoor that the combined organizations are holding an informational meeting for everyone interested in getting the details about Google Fiber. They stated the meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2014 6:00-7:00pm @ The Kansas City Missouri Police South Patrol Division, 9701 Marion Park Drive Kansas City, Missouri (Behind Home Depot on Bannister Rd.). Since this is last minute notice for our Newsletter, they will be posting on NextDoor information that comes forth from that meeting for all of us to read and review. You can read their comments on [www.NextDoor.com](http://www.NextDoor.com) after the meeting.

You can also sign up to get updates specific to your Fiberhood at [google.com/fiber/kcexpansion](http://google.com/fiber/kcexpansion) and you can reach the Kansas City Google Field Team at 913-213-3754. Also should you have any issues with the digging in your yard (hitting water main, etc.), Google has a 24/7 staffed support office which can be reached at 866-777-7550 or by email [fiber-support@google.com](mailto:fiber-support@google.com).

**FACTS OF INTEREST**...KANSAS CITY operates and maintains almost 2,800 miles of water mains in the city. The department serves more than 460,000 KC residents and in 2012 treated an average of 112 million gallons of drinking water PER DAY! That's enough water to fill approximately 175 Olympic-sized swimming pools each day. It tests our drinking water for over 280 contaminants which is more than 3 times the number required by the U.S. EPA.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

■ **GARAGE SALE...SET YOUR CALENDARS...**We have set the dates for the 2014 RED BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE for JUNE 7 and 8 (Friday and Saturday). .

■ **IF YOU LOSE POWER**---Report it at [kcpl.com/reportoutage.html](http://kcpl.com/reportoutage.html) or call 1-888-LIGHTKC (1-888-544-4852). This automated line gets your information to the KCPL crews the FASTEST.

■ **NEXTDOOR.COM** CURRENTLY, we have on this electronic communication service, 230 Red Bridge Neighbors---when we first reported on NextDoor, we had 42 residents on line. In addition we now have connection with 9 nearby neighborhoods with a total of 430 individual signups. Again, it is easy and it's free.

■ **DUAL SMOKE/FIRE ALARM**---Look for a dual detector when you replace your old one. The photoelectric mechanism alerts you to smoldering fires more quickly

■ **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR**---If you don't have one, place a carbon monoxide detector near your hot water heater and furnace, the two most common sources of carbon monoxide in the home.

## OUR THANKS – TO OUR NEIGHBOR, AVILA UNIVERSITY...



**AVILA UNIVERSITY** has been most gracious as a neighbor to the Red Bridge Homes Association offering meeting rooms as well as the large Conference Center in Whitfield Center for our Annual Meeting at no cost to us. It also provided the podium, microphone system and large projection screen as well as providing and setting up all the tables and chairs to our specifications as a courtesy. We, indeed, want to thank Avila for its continued generosity.

We are also pleased to be associated with Avila University on the continuing **Wornall Road 3-Trails Corridor** improvements. Through the National Park Service, the Oregon California Trail Association, the Santa Fe Trail Association and the local chapters, there are plans to place official signage along all of the historic 3-Trails Corridor to New Santa Fe at State Line Road. The new trail signage has already been approved to mark these routes. Avila was among the first to include the 3-Trails Corridor with the first phase of a four-phase addition from Holmes Road to State Line Road. Red Bridge has been very pleased with the outcome to date. We applaud Avila for taking a lead role in continuing this rich Historic Trail Heritage and support it in its ongoing efforts.

Avila University has gotten approval for 202 parking spaces to be built right next to Mabee Fieldhouse and the Pavillion Building just on the east side of Wornall Road right across the street from the W. 119th Street cul-de-sac. Avila's parking proposal was approved by the City Plan Commission on December 17 and by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on January 14. Avila also has a proposal to be considered by the Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) to add a walking trail on Avila's property along the east side of Wornall between 118th Street and Santa Fe to be paid for out of the Capital Expenditure Fund (your sales tax money at work). The proposed walking trail would be added as an extension to the existing trail system. This new trail proposal has not yet received final approval."

To understand the history of Avila University, you must travel down a path that originated in 17th Century France. Under the patronage of Saint Joseph, six women from LePuy dedicated themselves to the "... practice of all the spiritual and corporal works of mercy of which woman is capable and **which will most benefit the ... dear neighbor.**" In 1887, the first Sisters of Saint Joseph arrived in St. Louis from Lyons to open a school for the deaf. It opened and still survives today as the internationally recognized Saint Joseph's Institute for the Deaf.

Father Bernard Donnelly, pastor of a small Catholic community in Kansas City built a church and school on ten acres of land that he owned. Six ladies were sent to staff this school which was known as Saint Joseph's Academy until the following year when it became Saint Teresa's Academy. Because of redistricting, it was moved to its location on Main Street. Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, dean of Saint Teresa's, realized they needed more room to grow. Construction began on the new campus at 119th Street and Wornall Road with a portion of the historic Santa Fe Trail providing its southern border - creating a true intersection of pioneers. With a new location, came a new name, Avila College. Classes began in O'Rielly Hall in September 1963 even though the building was only 70% complete. In 1969 Avila became fully co-educational and in 2001 it became AVILA UNIVERSITY.

**DID YOU KNOW???** Leonardo Da Vinci invented



the scissors...



311 is your central point of contact for city services. Whether you need information, to request a city service or to report a problem with city services, contact 311.

### Other contact methods for 311:

- **Email:** [3-1-1.Call.Center@kcmo.org](mailto:3-1-1.Call.Center@kcmo.org)
- **Walk in:** Visit the office on the first floor of City Hall, 414 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Fax:** 816-513-1303
- **Mail:** Action Center, City Hall, first floor, 414 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64106
- **Twitter:** Follow [@KCMO311](https://twitter.com/KCMO311)

### Information that helps 311 address your issue:

- **Location:** Where is the problem or request located? (address, intersection, in front of X business, north/south side of street, NE/SE corner, etc.)
- **Description:** What exactly is the issue or condition? (as much detail as you can provide)
- **Timeframe:** How long has this issue/condition existed or when did you first notice it?
- **Contact information:** What is your name and email address (or mailing address)? (if you would like to receive information about the resolution to your issue)

### Process your 311 service request will follow:

1. Requests made via a phone call or at the walk-in counter are routed immediately to the relevant department work group. Online cases will be routed by a 311 staff member during business hours, generally within a few hours. Requests via all other contact methods will be entered and routed within 2 business days.
2. Once your service request is entered by staff or submitted online, a **unique case number is assigned** that can be used to **track the status of your case**.
3. If you submitted a property or nuisance code enforcement issue (i.e. high weeds), you can **look up additional detail** about the inspection process.
4. The department work group will investigate your issue and take necessary steps to address it.
5. If you would like to provide an update or request information on the status of your issue, you can contact the Action Center and we will route your information to the department handling your issue.
6. **If you provided an email or mailing address**, you will be notified when the service request has been completed.
7. Once your service request is completed, we appreciate your **feedback** on the process, including 311's customer service and the quality and timeliness of resolution to your issue. We use this data to monitor the quality of service citywide - you can see our results [here](#).

### What's 211 for?

If you or someone you know needs help to handle the extreme COLD, call United Way at 2-1-1.

**“Be SAFE---ESPECIALLY WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES”**

### News/Online Services

#### News/Updates

- **Check case status**
- **Interact with 311 using Twitter**
- **Satisfaction survey**
- **Performance measures**
- **City Manager's Office**
- **Status of Property/Nuisance Violation**
- **File a complaint** with the Municipal Officials and Officers Ethics Commission

#### Most requested

- **Search Tow Lot Vehicles**
- **Municipal Court**
  - **Pay a ticket**
  - **Change court date**
  - **Find court date** (Ticket No. required)
- **Access Water Customer Service**
  - **Pay water bill online**
  - Request new water service
- **Find Trash Day**
- **Make a Bulky Item Pick-up Appointment**

#### News/Updates

- **The Weekly Report**
- **News releases**
- **Subscribe to e-newsletters and news releases**

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