

# RED BRIDGE HOMES ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN - 2015



\*\*\*'SAVE THE DATE' – NOVEMBER 14, 2015\*\*\*

NOTICE: ANNUAL RED BRIDGE HOMES ASSOCIATION MEETING

At AVILA UNIVERSITY

AT 9:00AM – WHITFIELD CENTER

Whitfield is on South Side of Campus—

Lunch TICKETS will be provided for Subway

To each attendee

The Board is looking into the possibility of following the lead of other Kansas City neighborhoods and Avila University by placing “Red Bridge” banners on selected light poles along one or more of the major thoroughfares surrounding Red Bridge. As a starter, we might hang them at the intersection of Red Bridge and Wornall, as well as Red Bridge and Holmes. We would like to hear your opinion on whether this is a worthwhile project that should be pursued. A vote is planned for our annual homeowners meeting at Avila to determine if homeowners favor the “Red Bridge” banners and, if so, exactly which one of several proposed designs they want. Additionally, nominations will be made from the floor for open board positions. Also, we will have a report from the Restrictions Committee as an update.

Just as a reminder to our residents, each of us will see our annual dues go up to \$65 (due in December). This is another incremental step that was voted in a few years ago by the residents at the Annual Meeting. We are working for dues to reach \$75, at an increment of \$5 more each year as authorized by vote of the homeowners several years ago. Here's the dues schedule:

December 2015 => \$65

December 2016 => \$70

December 2017 => \$75

Then dues will remain at \$75 per year until it would be up for a future vote submitted at an annual meeting and approved by the homeowners at such meeting.

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### UPDATE---RED BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTER REDEVELOPMENT... from

Brandon Buckley, Vice President - Lane 4 Properties

Lane 4 is planning on closing on the property as soon as this week, but it could be delayed a few days as they work out any open-ended final details. Construction on the exterior will likely start in March due to the time it will take to get permits, and to wait out the worst part of the winter. In the meantime they will be doing construction on the interior of some of the key spaces to get them ready to lease to new tenants. All in all, everything is moving in the right direction. They are very excited to see the renovation plans come to fruition.

## UPDATE on NEW NEIGHBORS INITIATIVE...

The new neighbors program is off to a great start! Each week, the Homes Association of Kansas City sends Jordan Wagge the names of new people who have moved into Red Bridge. Our old process was to mail those people a packet of materials related to the neighborhood (directory, newsletter, bumper stickers, etc.). Now, we hand-deliver those in a gift bag with some goodies – a handwritten card from the chairperson, Jordan, 2 trash tags for extra bags of trash, and odds and ends from businesses in the neighborhood and small goodies to help them enjoy their new homes. Some volunteers around the neighborhood take bags to people who have moved in nearby; we feel it is a good idea for nearby neighbors to make contact when possible. If you're interested in joining this welcome crew, please send an e-mail to [jordan.wagge@avila.edu](mailto:jordan.wagge@avila.edu) to let her know! Even if you don't volunteer, the Committee encourages you to introduce yourself to your new neighbors and welcome them to the neighborhood. New Neighbors in Red Bridge since July are as follows: Please give them a good Welcome to the community.

1	Kerri Summers		11515 Wornall Road
2	Vinson Liffick		9 West 109th Street
3	Robert & Teresa Romero		1337 East 109th Terrace
4	Annette Hughes		11835 Oak
5	Kristen Walker-Smith		10920 Oak
6	Michelle Meyer		11210 Grand Avenue
7	Judith Lawson		11169 Wornall Road
8	Robert Working & Sarah Hayes		2 East 110th Street
9	Brad Brown		10917 Virginia
10	Germaine Fleming		11622 Kenwood
11	Jordan Bond & Jeramy McGlade		621 East 109th Street
12	Jon H. Merriman		10935 Lydia Avenue
13	Jincheng Zhao & Peizheng He		10900 Virginia
14	Stephen McKinstry & Kaley Miller		213 East 110th Street
15	Daniel Kahrein		103 East 113th Street
16	Jeffrey Wilmes		11628 Kenwood
17	Lawrence Franklin		615 East 109th Terrace
18	David & Catherine Simonds		11601 Wornall Road
19	Michaela Jacobson		411 East 108th Terrace
20	Jessica Wright		3 East 109th Street
21	Ronald Davis, Jr.		618 East 110th Terrace

## KC Rakes...

Do you know an older homeowner, a friend or neighbor living in south Kansas City MO who won't be physically able to rake leaves this fall? For help, tell them to contact Shepherd's Center Central at 816-444-1121, ext. 105, or email a request to [kcrakes@sccentral.org](mailto:kcrakes@sccentral.org). Homeowners must be 65 years old and meet certain income criteria.

## SIDEWALKS...

We have gotten some help with sidewalk repair as a result of efforts by our Director for Sidewalks, Sharron Hill, who obtained PIAC funding for the repair or replacement of sidewalks along Holmes between 109<sup>th</sup> Street and 109<sup>th</sup> Terrace. We have also benefited by sidewalk replacement by the Water Department along Wornall in conjunction with water line replacement and sidewalk replacement in a section of 117<sup>th</sup> Terrace paid for by Missouri Gas. A PIAC request by Avila University for a new sidewalk along Wornall between 118<sup>th</sup> Street and New Santa Fe has been approved and the cement has been poured for a wide sidewalk as an extension of the Historic Trails System. Additional Historic Trails funding might be available for widening existing sidewalks, extending old sidewalks or creating new sidewalks. We have also been allocated funding from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for the repair of the sidewalk at the corner of McGee Street and East Red Bridge Road.

## KCPD-SOUTH PATROL DIVISION---OUR COMMUNITY CONTACT...

As a Reminder, our community interaction officer is MIKE HAMMER out of the KC South Patrol Division with the KCPD. The police department teamed up with our online website, "NEXT DOOR," as another way to share information. However, be aware that the police department is unable to read anything you post in this site UNLESS it is a reply to a post it made, or in a private message. So if you make a general post with a question directed to Officer Hammer or any other officer, they will not be able to see it. But feel free to send him a private message or send an email to [Michael.hammer@kcpd.org](mailto:Michael.hammer@kcpd.org) or give him a call at 816-672-2828, if he can be of any assistance. Keep in mind that Nextdoor is not intended to be used for emergency situations, to file a police report, or to report suspicious activity to the police. If you have an emergency situation requiring officers to respond, call 9-1-1. For those non-emergency situations, you can call the police at 816-234-5111.

## Community Garden ...

For those of you who subscribe to Nextdoor Red Bridge, you know that the Red Bridge Homes Association and Avila University are partnering to build a community garden. It will be located on the south side of Avila's new student dormitory, which is located at a diagonal to the intersection of Oak and 117<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Because of the heavy clay soil in this area, we will be building raised beds, filled with improved topsoil (amended with compost). Each bed will be 4 feet wide by 12 feet long and approximately a foot tall. Twelve families have signed up for raised beds so far. We will build as many raised beds as needed for those who commit to using them. The initial batch of raised beds will be built in mid-November. If you would like to participate (or have any questions) please contact me now so that a space can be reserved for you. [816.941.2445](tel:816.941.2445) or [blucht@gmail.com](mailto:blucht@gmail.com)

## RED BRIDGE MARKERS & ISLANDS...*update*

The shade demonstration island at 115<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Locust has really turned out nice. This summer's timely rains did a great job of getting the plants established. The Sky Blue Aster has bloomed this fall, as has the Showy Goldenrod. The sun island has some open spots, which will be filled in by the time you read this. The Slender Mountain Mint has thrived in this island and has bloomed this fall, attracting and supporting many bees. The growing season for the markers is over. While they turned out better than last year, there is still room for improvement, especially on weed suppression. The Melampodium and Angelonia proved the most vigorous growers. More information will be provided at the annual homeowners' meeting November 14.

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## *Neighbor-to-Neighbor Online Private Network*

### Guidelines for joining and posting to Nextdoor Red Bridge network:

(1) Neighbors are people. Only people (not organizations) who own or rent houses including duplexes in the Red Bridge Homes Association area may join the Red Bridge Nextdoor network. If you want "website only," you can suppress Nextdoor emails by clicking on "Email settings" on the upper right-hand side of the newsfeed page

(2) In accordance with Nextdoor's terms and conditions, do not promote your regular business or any business that involves a relative or close friend, or a business in which you have a financial interest (except in the "Local Services" group where you can post an advertisement offering your services or products to your neighbors). In particular, don't purchase items with the purpose of reselling them over Nextdoor (except in "Local Services"). Otherwise, we are eager to see your posts in the "Recommendations" section.

(3) A nonprofit community organization within Red Bridge or nearby areas may be represented indirectly through an individual, but not directly as an organization. Individual neighbors may post announcements for such organizations to the general newsfeed for events open to all interested Red Bridge residents. For example, a church may post activities that are open to all, regardless of their religion, but not activities that imply a commitment to that particular religion. Announcements about bake sales, fish fry's, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and festivals are appropriate to post to Nextdoor, but not prayer sessions or religious retreats. (Churches, synagogues and mosques already have their own websites and email lists for that purpose.)

(4) Use common sense. At the end of the day, no set of guidelines works for all possible situations. Ask yourself, "Would most neighbors agree that your post is appropriate for a neighborhood network?" If you want to discuss politics, sports or religion, click on "Browse # groups" and then "ADD NEW GROUP" to create your group. Only those who join your group will see the items posted to that group in their newsfeed.

(5) Feel free to create a group such as dog owners, bridge club, quilting or any group that you think might be of interest to any subset of neighbors. Only group members receive emails and newsfeeds from that particular group, but anyone can click on "Browse all # groups" at the bottom left side of the newsfeed page to read messages that have been posted to a public group. For easy one-click access, groups you join will be listed under "YOUR GROUPS" on the newsfeed page. Current groups cover such topics as gardening, book clubs, cultural events, healthy living, home repair and maintenance, and tips on saving money locally as well as the "Local Services" group. Click on "Browse all # groups" to see them all. To leave a group, click on it and then on "ACTIONS" and choose "Leave group" so you will no longer receive messages from that group.

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