



Red Bridge Homes Association May 2019

Garage Sale

The Red Bridge Homes Association will promote a neighborhood area garage sale the second weekend of June, June 7th & 8th, 8am – 5pm.

Have you seen the popular TV show, *Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*? Her basic premise is, if you hold something in your hands and it no longer “sparks joy” for you, it is time to let it go. This show is credited with record-breaking volumes of donated items to thrift stores throughout the nation. If you are unfamiliar with the show, this YouTube clip will give you the gist of her idea: [youtube.com/watch?v=9AvWs2X-bEA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AvWs2X-bEA)

But, before donating your unwanted stuff, why not try to sell it during the Red Bridge Homes Association garage sale? The sale will be promoted on Craigslist, in the Martin City Telegraph, on NextDoor.com, and through other channels. There is no specific location in the Red Bridge area for the sale. The idea is that if you have multiple garage sales on one weekend, the increased neighborhood traffic will benefit all those who are participating. So, lighten your load and free up some cash!

Dial 311

We all want our neighborhood to be better. When you notice a problem that needs to be addressed, it can sometimes be difficult to know who to call. Oftentimes the best route to get action directed toward your concerns is to call 311, Kansas City’s easy-to-remember number that can be very helpful for certain things. The response you get might surprise you, pleasantly.

Call 311 for: Potholes, Code Violations, Bulky Trash Pickup, Recycling, Abandoned Cars, Barking Dogs, etc. – They may end up referring you to another number, but they also log all calls and will typically give you a case number so that you can call back and track progress toward addressing the concern. You can also remain anonymous if you prefer.

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Keep it Clear! Sidewalks and Gutters

As homeowners, we have a responsibility to keep sidewalks clean. Also, to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act, we also have an obligation to keep the street's gutters clear of debris that could be washed into the stormwater drains. If twigs, leaves and other matter is left to wash into the drains, they'll eventually clog and could cause flooding of streets and property. So, please do your part to keep the gutters clear. It'll look nicer, too!



What a Difference!

Isn't it exciting to see the Red Bridge Shopping Center jam-packed with cars and bustling with commerce?

Please support the merchants there!
Support the old and the new!

Lipari's Sun Fresh (big renovations happening soon)
Euston's Hardware (opened 2017)
Mid-Continent Public Library (moving into the building just left of Euston's)
Blue Moose Bar & Grill
Brookside Barrio

Quality Nails
Blue Bicycle Health & Fitness
Caleb's Breakfast and Lunch
Crow's Coffee
John Goodwin Shelter Insurance
Christian Science Reading Room
Curves
La Petite Academy (closed, pending demolition to make way for Wonderscope Children's Museum)
Boba Tea KC
Venue 508
American Rare Coin & Jewelry
China Dragon
Edward Jones Investments
Integrity Martial Arts Academy
SERC Physical Therapy
The Daily Limit Café & Pub



Consider Joining Red Bridge Nextdoor

Nextdoor is an online resource for active neighborhoods. It's great for finding referrals for local contractors. There's also a free classifieds section.

<https://redbridgekc.nextdoor.com/>

The board can do better

Red Bridge Homes Association President Ray Bucklew will be the first to agree with you that our homes association can and should do so much better. Changes in leadership are afoot and some new faces are coming onto the board. That said, we do have several accomplishments worth noting. We all know this last winter was pretty brutal. The homes association spent about \$22,000 on snow plowing and ice melt services. Also, several of the neighborhood markers have been tuckpointed and beams were replaced. One marker at 113th and Wornall was severely damaged by a car that skidded on an icy street and had to be rebuilt. We continued to have bad luck with landscapers planting and maintaining the There are 35 neighborhood markers and 17 islands that help define the Red Bridge neighborhood. What are "markers" and "islands?" you might ask. Markers are the stone foundations with red-painted wood that is engraved with the words "Red Bridge." Islands are small parcels of land usually bound on all sides by roadway. Islands often have grass and trees that need regular maintenance.

We have a bad run of luck with maintenance of these islands and markers over the last few years.

A big THANK YOU! to property owners who help beautify and maintain these markers!

Be Heard

Our elected representatives will advocate for the interests of those they represent. But they aren't mind-readers. Visit them, write them, call them and email them about your ideas, concerns, and complaints.

foliage at the markers, but, fingers crossed, we think we have finally found one that will work out.

FREE Bulky Item Pick Up

The City's no-charge, appointment-based Bulky Item Collection Program is for disposal of large household items that cannot be handled in the regular weekly trash collection.


- Make an appointment online using the [Online Bulky Scheduler](#).
- By phone: Call 311 or 816-513-1313 to schedule an appointment.
- Appointments must be made up to 48 hours prior to the service date.
- Collections will not be made without an appointment.
- Items must meet guidelines for large item collection

Islands and Markers

Our District Councilman is Kevin McManus. He keeps his focus on the needs of his district. Our At Large Councilman is Scott Taylor. Scott also represents our district but within the broader context of the entire city.

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Meeting Notice
Southern Communities Coalition
Mayoral Forum
Thursday, May 30th, 2019 6:30pm
Ruskin High School, 3000 E. 111th Street
Questions? Call Carol McClure 816-966-0855

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