



THE BRIDGE

Fall 2011 Newsletter

From the Red Bridge Homes Association

2nd Annual RED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 1, 2011

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, entertainment, 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. Also, who can't use a free day of family fun, right?!

Please welcome our newest residents to the neighborhood!



Sara Coleman on Oak

Bryce Scovill on 109th Terr

Patrick Murphy on Locust

De Van Bui on Forest Ave

Gholam Reza & Christine Derakshanian on 113th St

Ronald & Christie Fritz on 109th Terr

Kathryn Creamer on Harrison

Teja Singh & Kaur Harjinder on 109th Terr

Gary Lee Johnson on Lydia Ave

Indus Griggs on 110th Terr

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!

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 asking to be added and you're done. Also, monthly board meetings are held every 4th 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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If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact Katherine Coates. The door is always open to residents who want to be active in the community. Also, it takes resident participation to keep our neighborhood safe, clean and in demand. We can't really complain about our environment if we don't all do our part to maintain it.

If you missed any newsletters, need info from past issues or would like to see the minutes from board meetings, they are available online at <http://www.ha-kc.org>.

ANNUAL MEETING

October 15th 2011 9am - 12 noon
Avila College-Whitfield Center

Subway anyone? Join us at the annual meeting to go over the budget and address different issues in our neighborhood. With everyone's busy schedules it's not always possible to attend monthly board meetings, but this is a great way to get up to speed with what's going on, and have your board there to address any questions or concerns you may have. Also, after the meeting a free lunch coupon for the subway on campus will be provided for each adult in attendance.

Neighborhood Kid's Looking for Jobs?

If you are a kid in our area looking for odd jobs to make extra money, we'd love to hear from you! The goal is to connect kid's looking for work with the residents who need help with small jobs. So if you're a pet wrangler, baby whisperer, master snow shoveler or a whiz with a lawn mower or rake, have a parent contact Shanna Smith at shannalsmith1970@yahoo.com 816-942-46949 to have your info and skills listed in future newsletters. I will need to speak with a parent before you can be included, as safety is always a priority!

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.

7 homeowners are in serious arrears on their dues, ranging from \$486 to \$1622. Property liens have been filed on the following addresses:

3 E 110 th St	
15 E 113 th Terr	11229 Walnut St
10 E 109 th Terr	309 E 117 th St
410 E 109 th St	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 to be paid by December 31st 2011. Any homeowner with delinquent dues risks having a lien placed on their property, and their address published in the subsequent newsletters. Steps are currently in motion to place liens on any property that is 2 or more year's delinquent (\$100). Please use this last opportunity to clear up balances and avoid additional fees.

Homeowners who don't pay their dues are not being fair to the property owners who pay in a timely fashion. Currently there are 45 Homeowners in arrears totaling approximately \$8624.43. If you are delinquent, please pay the bill now, rather than a much larger one later.

False alarm fees increase effective May 1, 2011

The Kansas City Missouri Police Department increased annual renewal fees from \$40 to \$49 per year, depending on the number of false security system alarms beginning May 1, 2011. The increase will apply to both residential and business alarm users. Residential users are allowed two free false alarms and will now be charged \$49 for each subsequent false alarm up to \$147. Businesses pay \$49 for each false alarm. Residents and businesses are not required to pay the annual renewal fee if they have had no false alarms. New permit fees have not changed. Police will not respond to alarms not registered with KCPD.

The purpose of the city's false alarm ordinance is to minimize the number of false alarm dispatches, thereby keeping more officers available for emergency calls. About 97 percent of Kansas City's security alarms are false alarms. The ordinance defines a false alarm as "an alarm signal eliciting a police response when a situation requiring immediate response does not in fact exist."

The Board of Police Commissioners revised the alarm renewal fee based on how many false alarms police respond to and the manpower and other costs involved with doing so.

To minimize the number of false alarm dispatches, KCPD's Private Alarm Section urges all alarm users to ensure the reliability of their system by properly training everyone who uses it and scheduling routine maintenance. Below is the new fee schedule set by the Board of Police Commissioners:

New residential alarm permit	\$45
New business alarm permit	\$45
New master permit (apartments)	\$45
Annual renewal fee - residential	\$0 (two or fewer false alarms)
Annual renewal fee - residential	\$49 per false alarm exceeding two (\$147 max)
Annual renewal fee - business	\$0 (no false alarms)
Annual renewal fee - business	\$49 per false alarm (no maximum)