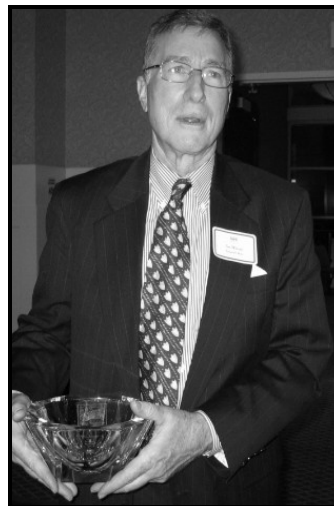
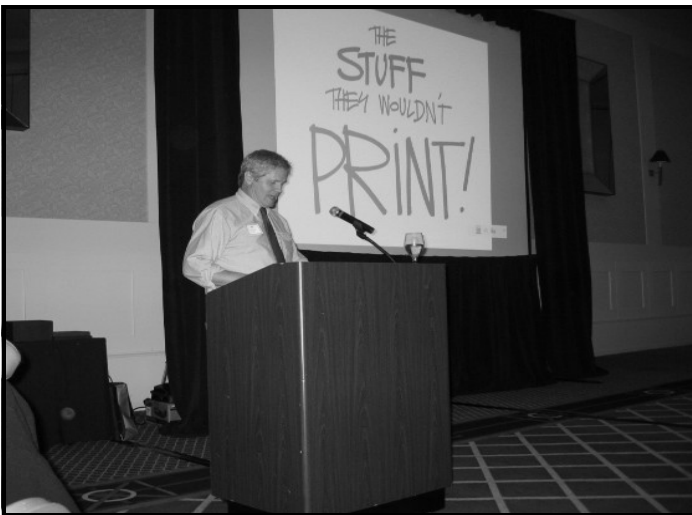


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This year's All Boards Dinner was held at the Overland Park Convention Center. Board members from each of the 49 member homes associations are invited to share ideas, accept awards (some rather dubious) and hear the

guest speaker. This year the honor went to KC Star's cartoon writer Lee Judge. Lee's presentation was a very amusing slide show of, "The Stuff They Wouldn't Print." Forewarned there would be some "raw" cartoons, we were not

disappointed!

This year's Jim Gary Neighborhood Spirit Award was presented to Romanelli Garden's Jim Weitzel, for his continued hard work as president of his homes association.



Dr. Covington Speaks

The Community Creating Opportunities meeting was held Wednesday, October 23, at Visitation Church. New Kansas City, Missouri, School Superintendent, Dr. Covington, was the guest speaker. Dr. Covington pledged to the nearly 350 interested citizens there that he and his staff will strive to achieve the five goals presented to him by the CCO.

1. No school board micromanagement of the Superintendent's office.
2. Good communication: by December 1st, all inquiries to his office will be responded to by one working day.
3. A physical safety plan for schools, involving parents, will be initiated. Dr. Covington seeks a cadre of 500 citizens for this project.
4. Development of a financial transparency plan. Dr. Covington has already ended the use of School District charge cards. Last year more than \$12,000,000 was spent via these cards.
5. Within thirty days from October 23rd, Dr. Covington Will have a list of personnel paired with their re-



Several **CCDHA** members attended Dr. Covington's address at Visitation Church.

sponsibilities so patrons calling the District office can reach the right person immediately.

Some of the reasons cited for the KCMO School District problems were, 22 Superintendents in the past 30 years, decline in attendance from 75,000 to 16,000, poor communication with the central office, lack of organizational and financial transparency, limited parental engagement, an attitude of disrespect by the students.

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Thank you Bertie Daw for this report and Liz Roth for the photograph.

Welcome Two New Homes Associations

The HAKC has welcomed two new homes associations to its organization. **Oak Tree Point** is an association of 44 homes in Overland Park. The neighborhood lies south of 127th Street and just east of Antioch. **Timber Hills Estates** is also a small association with 40 homes located south of 125th Street and east of Wornall.

These two new associations bring to 49 the total number of associations in the HAKC. We are very fortunate to have an established tradition of homes associations overseen by HAKC. To manage its responsibilities, the HAKC maintains a well-equipped and professionally staffed office managed by executive director

Clarence Foxworthy. A ten-person Board of Directors, elected from and by representatives of the 49 member associations, govern the HAKC.

Halloween on Rooster Island



For the past ten years, those families living close to “Rooster Island” (Bellevue between Huntington and 61 St.) have celebrated a pot luck Halloween. Adults sit around a bonfire and partake of BBQ and side dishes while the kids choose from a smorgasbord of sweet offerings. In addition to enjoying the multitude of costumed children traipsing through Hampstead Gardens, the grown-ups have time to get to know their neighbors.

Children's Holiday Calendar

Take a look at these fantastic holiday performances you might share with your kids this **DECEMBER**

1-27th A Christmas Story, Kansas City Repertory Theatre.

1-26th Madeline's Christmas, Theatre for Young America City Stage at Union Station.

11-12 The Nutcracker, Liberty Performing Arts Theatre

12-13 How the Symphony Saved Christmas, Kansas City Symphony – Lyric Theatre.

18-20 The Nativity, Paul Mesner Puppets, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

16-27 The Nutcracker, Kansas City Ballet.

1-31 Christmas in the Park at Longview Lake Campground featuring over 3000,000 lights. Open 5:30-10:00 PM.

1-31 Northern Lights at Zona Rosa (I29 & Barry Road) featuring lighted crowns, the Fairy Princess and the Ice Igloo.

1-31 The Legends at Village West (I70 & I435– KS side) features a light show, synchronized to concert quality holiday music.

Ripple Glass

Recycling glass has become easier in Kansas City thanks to the metropolitan recycling system being launched by Ripple Glass.

Residents can drop off their jars and bottles at 60 locations through-out the community. The closest one to the Brookside area is located in the parking lot at Boarder Star Montessori School.

Brown, green and clear glass can be mixed together in the bins. Once full, the participating property owners contact Ripple Glass.

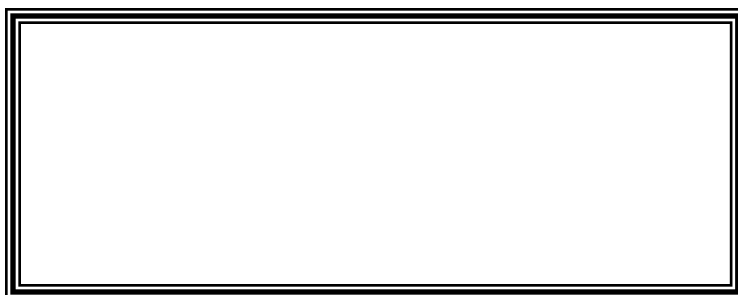
Ripple then contacts Deffenbaugh which will transport full bins to a processing facility. There, the glass will be processed and crushed into cullet, which is used to make insulation.

Unlike paper, glass containers can be recycled endlessly. Additionally, glass containers are 100 percent recyclable, and recovered glass is used as the major ingredient in new glass containers. An estimated 80 percent of recovered glass containers are made into glass bottles. For more information, visit www.rippleglasskc.com.



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