

## CLAYBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS July 2004

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEWS**

We are happy to welcome Mark Rafler back to the Claybrook Homes Association Board of Directors team. Mark will be filling the position vacated by Dugan VanHoozer. Dugan recently resigned due to time commitment restraints but we are very appreciative of the contribution he made to the Board – thanks Dugan!

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: MONDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> @6:30pm at 7816 N. Norton Ct.**  
All homeowners are welcome to attend!

### **THANK YOU “RECYCLERS”!**

Thank you to all of you who have been recycling. We had exactly 70% participation on the day our bins were counted. Here are the results (numbers reflect the # who participated out of the # of homes on that street):

N. Mersington: 19 / 25	NE 79 <sup>th</sup> St.: 15 / 19
N. Myrtle: 6 / 11	NE 77 <sup>th</sup> St.: 2 / 4
N. Norton: 7 / 10	N. Norton Ct.: 6 / 9
NE 78 <sup>th</sup> Terr.: 5 / 7	

We are able to get a ½ day use of two dumpsters @ \$50 each. This is a significant savings. Last year we spent nearly \$300 per dumpster!

Keep recycling! It's good for the environment and good for the neighborhood. And, if you haven't started recycling, it's not too late to start. If you don't have a blue bin, you can pick one up at Westlake Hardware on N. Antioch for \$8.00.

### **“DUMPSTER DAY” – SATURDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> 8:00am – 12:00pm**

One dumpster will be located in the driveway of Mark & Kelly Rafler @ 7727 N. Mersington. Thank you to the Rafler's for volunteering use of their driveway. The other will be located at the east end of N.E. 79<sup>th</sup> Street. It's a great time to clean out those attics, garages, basements, and closets!

### **PET PROTOCOL**

We all love our precious pets. They are members of our family after all. Here are just a few friendly reminders to pet owners that will help keep our neighborhood “pet-friendly”:

- ALWAYS clean up after your pet. Your neighbor does not want this left behind and it is against the law.
- Do not leave your dog outside barking. Late in the evening or early morning this can be particularly disturbing to your neighbors. Please be courteous.
- Use a leash. When walking your dog, it must be kept leashed.
- If you see a stranger walking their pet in our neighborhood and not following these basic rules, insist that they do.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY**

October 3rd is the tentative date for the Claybrook Fall Block Party. We thought it might be nice to have it at Happy Rock Park this year. Our Treasurer Tom Heleniak has submitted the form to reserve the sheltered area next to the playground for our event. We should have a firm date by of the next Newsletter. More details later.

## **TREE CARE**

The boulevard trees are in need of some attention. Some have been lost due to neglect or as a result of storm/wind damage. It is very important to care for your tree early on so as to grow a healthy, beautiful tree. According to leading horticulturists here are some important care tips for caring for the maples that line our streets:

1. **Pruning** – promotes tree health. As young trees grow, remove lower branches gradually to raise the crown and allow more clearance on sidewalks and streets as well as encouraging a nice “canopy”. Do not remove more than 20% of the foliage.
2. **Mulching** – keeps moisture in the ground to help newly planted trees become established and prevents grass and weed growth around the base of the tree.
3. **Watering** – simple, yet very important to ensure that the roots will be able to provide sufficient moisture for the tree to grow. Newly planted trees require about 10 gallons of water a week.
4. **Fertilizing** – do not fertilize a newly planted tree the first year. After that fertilization is important. Visit the local nursery for the best type. Fall or winter is the best time to apply fertilizer.
5. **Weed Whacking** – do NOT whack your tree with the weed-whacker, this is sure to damage it at best, or worse, kill it!

Visit these web-sites for more info and tips on caring for your trees:

<http://www.treehelp.com/howto/howto-prune-a-tree.asp>

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG0628.html>

<http://www.baltocfb.sailorsite.net/TreeCare/Tree%20Care.html>

## **BULKY TRASH PICK-UP**

Next Date: August 8<sup>th</sup>

You may put large items by the curb. The city has 3 days to pick them up.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

July 7<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register for the August primary.

October 6 is the last day to register for the Election.

Call Chuck Weber @ 468-9389 if you would like to pick up a form.

## **WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD! ☺**

Welcome to our newest neighbors:

**Jamie Loch** @ 4001 NE 79<sup>th</sup> Street

**Kim Nguyen** @ 7800 N. Mersington

## **NEW LITTLE ONES!**

Congratulations & Welcome to:

**Ariel Chen** born June 7. Her parents are Phillip Chen & Ruby Yang.

**Aaron Bradley Lewis** born May 14. His parents are Brad & Julie Lewis.