



Claybrook Neighborhood News

October 2006

Fall is an ideal time to clean up, clear out, and prepare for the coming winter. Several events are listed here that may help facilitate that process.

Claybrook Fall Garage Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday **October 13 and 14**. Signs will be placed at the entrances.

A.B.O.P.T. (Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil, Paint, and Tires) - Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. is sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection site from 8:00 a.m. to noon on **Saturday October 14, 2006** in the east parking lot (Chouteau Trafficway side) of Antioch Shopping Center . ABOPT is a first come-first served opportunity to dispose of environmentally sensitive materials in a safe, responsible way. The service is free to residents from Kansas City , MO North Kansas City , Gladstone , Excelsior Springs, Kearney , Liberty , Unincorporated Clay County , Orrick, Parkville, Platte City , Pleasant Valley , Riverside , Smithville and Weatherby Lake . Residents from outside these municipalities must pay a disposal fee of \$75. Among the eligible products are antifreeze, batteries, motor oil, paint, garden chemicals, cleaners and other household chemicals not acceptable for regular disposal. There is a 300-car limit, so arrive early! For more information, contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000.

There will also be a **tire disposal unit** and a **leaf and brush** dumpster available for Kansas City, MO residents only. Tires will be accepted with or without rims. You must provide a current ID showing you are a Kansas City, MO resident. **If you miss this opportunity or live in Gladstone**, tires may be disposed of on the first Saturday of the month, March through November, at the KC Drop Off located at Deramus and Chouteau just south of the Missouri River bridge. To drop off tires, you must present a letter on Claybrook Home Association letterhead, available from any board member (see contact info at end of newsletter). **Gladstone residents may drop off brush and yard waste November 3, 4, & 5** at the Gladstone public works facility on 76th Street. For details please see the Gladstone website www.gladstone.mo.us/news.asp?thenewsid=83.

The Claybrook Fall Dumpster Day is scheduled for **Saturday October 21, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon**. You'll find the dumpsters at the east end of 79th & at 78th & N. Myrtle. Please no tires, brush, or hazardous materials (isn't it great we have another outlets as noted to dispose of those items). Thanks in advance for not overfilling the dumpsters.

Ready to put away the mower and forget about lawn care for a few months? Not quite yet. According to the experts, fall is the best time to fertilize, aerate, overseed and landscape. I'm not one of those experts (just see my yard), but if you go to Google.com and enter "fall lawn care" dozens of great websites offer advice and instruction. Here are just a few tips gleaned from the internet:

- **Fertilize** – fall application is the most important because it builds root strength for the next year
- **Leaves** – remove or mulch before they form a thick layer that smothers the grass
- **Aeration** – loosens the soil to allow roots to grow and nutrients and water to flow freely
- **Seed** – after aeration, overseed thin spots or the whole lawn
- **Mow** – after the grass goes dormant, lower the height to about two inches for the final cutting of the season (then drain any remaining fuel from the mower)
- **Mulch** – after the first frost perennial plants, especially roses, should be mulched
- **Water** – during a dry winter the lawn should be watered every two or three weeks if the ground is not frozen

If nothing else, plant a few bulbs for a delightful surprise in spring.

Calendar of Events



Liberty Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch: 1,000-foot by 1,000-foot corn maze salutes the Kansas City Royals, closes Oct. 29. 50-acre U-pick pumpkin patch, closes Oct. 31. There's even a soybean maze for the little ones. Carolyn's Country Cousins, 17607 N.E. 52nd, Liberty. Open in all weather, except lightning. See www.libertycornmaze.com, www.carolynscountrycousins.com or call (816-781-9196) for cost and hours.

October 13 and 14 - Claybrook Garage Sale

October 14 - Hazardous Material Drop-off east of Antioch Mall

October 21 – Claybrook Fall Dumpster Day 8-12:00 noon, east 79th Street



October 27 – Friday Fright Night Halloween storytelling program at the Gladstone Amphitheatre in Oak Grove Park, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. "non scary, scary stories" for 3 to 8 year olds and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. "really scary stories" for older kids to adults. Free.



October 31 – Halloween (see www.sosnet.com/Safety/halloween.tip.html for safety tips for kids, parents and homeowners)

November 4 – Tire drop-off at Deramus and Chouteau

November 3 – 5 Gladstone Fall Brush Drop off 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 4000 NE 76th Street

November 7 – Election Day