



Claybrook Neighborhood News

Summer 2009

**Spring and the rains it brought are over!
Summer and hot, humid weather are here!**

Looking for an up to date weather report, check K.R. & Debbie Dunwoody's chalk board on their back deck @ 79th & Mersington. The board gives you the latest rainfall, high temperatures and occasionally, family birthdays.

Tree Maintenance: A volunteer started cutting the lower branches on our Pine trees, a procedure recommended by the KC Parks people to help promote healthier growth and fight off the diseases plaguing our area trees. This volunteer, an amateur at tree trimming, then wised up and called on the city to see if they could be of assistance. Knowing who to call does help! The city hired Asplund Tree Service, who finished the job. The trees along Antioch Rd. look GREAT! Any realtor will tell you "CURB APPEAL" sells homes. The trees along Antioch Rd. certainly add to Claybrooks CURB APPEAL. While on the tree subject, Please water those on your property.

Roofs and Hail Damage... A number of homeowners are having roofs replaced due to HAIL Damage. Someone from your HOA will be contacting you regarding this subject. They will have highlighted maps showing replacements, adjuster's comments and the insurance companies involved. If you do not hear from a board member and have questions, please call one of us. Our numbers are listed at the bottom of this letter.

Presidential Park: The development to our North is in foreclosure. The Lee's Summit bank that owns it would like to talk to you if you have some \$\$'s to invest. **Buyer beware!** Your HOA and City officials met several weeks ago to look over the water retention ponds and their construction. Can you believe someone screwed up when the ponds were installed. The outlet to our Creek was at the same height as the tubes from the ponds. This equals -0- water retention. This all came to light when several neighbors bordering "THE CREEK" attended a Board meeting to discuss the erosion of their property after heavy rainfalls. Your HOA is working with the City!

Raccoons: They love Bird, Cat and Dog food. If you are leaving animal food on or around your decks, expect these visitors. They also have a tendency to leave PRESENTS.

4th of July: We all love to celebrate, but let's keep our neighbors in mind when doing so! Both Gladstone and KC are stepping up their enforcement of **NO FIREWORKS** in the city limits law!!

Parking of vehicles on the street: It's tough to get down some streets due to the amount of vehicles parked on both sides of them. **DO NOT** block mail boxes as the carriers have the right to bypass them. **Watch for children darting out from behind parked cars. DO NOT** block driveways with your vehicles! Please use common sense and be a good neighbor.

Our NO SOLICITING signs are slowing down the door to door people. We have small signs to put up around your front door. Call if you need one.

Dog Walkers If you're exercising your dog and yourself, please pick up PRESENTS. If you do not, someone will be sure to see you and perhaps send a double reward to your yard.

Tribune Newspaper We have (2) new carrier kids. They are industrious and well mannered. Please treat them in a kind manner. If you do not want to continue receiving the paper, let them know when they come by to collect.

YOUR IDEAS..Don't know your thoughts regarding your community, unless we HEAR FROM YOU!! Give us a call.

Claybrook Board Members for 2009-2010

Chuck Weber	President	468-9389
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Cathy Cox	Recording Secretary	436-4096
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Neighborhood Website	http://www.claybrookkcmo.com/index.html	

Please feel free to provide information for the newsletter. Births, new neighbors, community events are all of interest. If you have items for the newsletter please contact Nita Harmes at 468-6203 or nharmesway@yahoo.com.

Helpful Phone Numbers

KCMO – Action Center	513-1313	Clay Co. Election BD	415-8683
Neighborhood Preservation	513-3200	Clay Co. Courthouse	792-7733
Northland Neighborhoods	454-2000	Clay Co. Family Servs.	781-8900
NKC School District	413-5000	KC Power & Light	471-5275
Trash Pick Up	513-3490	MO Gas Energy	756-5252
Bulky Item Pick Up	513-3490	KC Water Dept	513-1400
License Bureau	436-6555	MO Dig Right	1-800 344-7483