

Neighborhood News

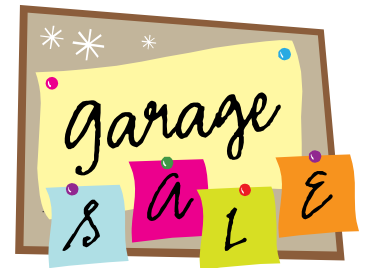
Spring 2011

Claybrook's Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election

is scheduled for Tuesday April 12th at the Northland Neighborhoods Inc. offices located at the corner of Choteau and Vivion Roads, next door to Tires Plus. We will be voting on two positions on the board. If you are interested in a board position or volunteering, please contact Doug Reinsch at 436-1215. Besides the elections, it will be an open meeting to discuss present, future and ongoing issues pertinent to our neighborhood. We will be looking for feedback from "You" our neighbors to assist the board in determining future goals/events for our neighborhood, i.e. Block Party, deer, restrictions. Attendees will have an opportunity to win any one of 13 home improvement gift cards, valued between \$100.00 and \$10.00. Please mark your calendars for this important 7:00 pm meeting. Everyone should plan to attend. We look forward to seeing each of you there.



Garage Sale dates have been schedule for 2011. Mark your calendars for the spring sales dates of Friday and Saturday, **June 3rd and 4th**. The Fall Garage Sale dates are Friday and Saturday, **October 7th and 8th**.



Dumpsters are scheduled for June 11th and October 15th. These are typically placed on Mersington and N. Myrtle and quickly fill up.

Trees along Antioch Road – Several mass emails were sent out and several meetings were held this past year to discuss the Pine Wilt Nematode issue that has drastically affected the Austrian Pines that line our neighborhood. The board along with input from a number of our neighbors has made the decision to replace all of the trees at once, rather than waiting and replacing one at a time. Claybrook was awarded a \$15,000 PIAC grant thru the city for the removal and replacement of the trees, but the monies could only be used for this purpose and needed to be completed in 2011. With the assistance from the city as well as the grant monies, the cost to Claybrook will be less than \$7,000. The board has taken measures over the past year to make the funds available from our treasury, with no additional monies being required from homeowners.





Barking Dogs – Spring weather means open windows, playing children, and walkers. We have an ongoing problem with barking dogs that has risen to the level that forces us to take unnecessary action against the pet owners.

The following actions should be taken by you the homeowner:

- 1) Talk directly to your neighbor about the problem.
- 2) Contact a board member. Verbal and written warnings will be given to the pet owner making them aware of the problem and what they can expect when the City Codes officer shows up at their door.
- 3) Dog owner can contact HOA board member and inquire about Bark Collars we will make available to alleviate the problem and train the pet.
- 4) Neighbor can contact City Action Center at 513-1313, provide the address of the barking dog and the pet owner will receive a personal call or visit from the city codes officer.
- 5) City Citation and possible removal of the dog.

Parking of Cars on Streets – Keep in mind you are doing so at your own risk.

Claybrook is a single family residence and each home has a driveway capable of holding four (4) medium sized cars, use it accordingly. The city still has jurisdiction in our neighborhood and as we found out, if snow plows cannot get by or the vehicles impede access to mailboxes by the postal service, the city will have the vehicles towed. If you have an issue with your neighbor and cars parked in your way or hampering road access, we recommend that you contact the City Action Center at 513-1313 and report the problem.



We are fortunate to have a beautiful neighborhood with well kept homes. Most neighbors take great pride in their largest financial investment. Thanks to those who put in that extra effort! Too often we overlook the well maintained home/lawn and look to a problem. If you are in need of assistance in maintaining your yard or home, please contact a board member, as we can help or know someone who can.

Get to know your neighbors – We all likely know the neighbors to the sides of us but do you know who the police officer is in the neighborhood? Do you know the Graphic Artist that provides your comic strips? Do you know we have several legal assistants living here? We also have Realtors, Teachers, Engineers, Veterans and many others. Interest has been expressed by some of our newest residents as well as some established residents, to have a Neighborhood Block Party. What a great way to meet neighbors in a social yet relaxed atmosphere. The board is open to suggestions and volunteers. More on this at the Annual Meeting.



If you have any questions, concerns or needs that need to be brought to the boards attention, please make contact with any board member or Doug Reinsch, HOA President @ 436-1215.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. This is our neighborhood, and I am only one of many. Help us to help you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Annual Meeting - Tuesday,
April 12th, 7pm

