



GREENHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

The Best Neighborhood in the Northland



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Upcoming Events

June 14– Flag Day Flags
June 17–Board Meeting
7 PM @ NNI Offices
June 21–Clean-Sweep
July 4–Independence
Day Flags
July 5–Bulk Item Pick-Up
July 12–Adopt-A-Highway
July 15–Board Meeting
7 PM @ NNI Offices

At the annual meeting we had a great showing of Greenhaven neighbors. Thank you to Enoila, Ryan, and Keely for their efforts planning and hosting the meeting. Thank you to all of the residents who came and those who support the efforts of the Neighborhood Association. Additionally, thank you to all of the board and committee members for their volunteer service over the last year.

The state of the Greenhaven Neighborhood Association is good. Some of the past years

successes include:

- Receiving PIAC funding to be applied towards improvements to N. Indiana.
- Keeping the neighborhood clean, safe, and up to code with programs like clean-sweep, Adopt-A-Highway, Neighborhood Clean-up, and working with codes officers to keep on top of our neighborhood.
- Improving the quality of life with social programs that provide residents the opportunity

to develop and grow their relationships with neighbors.

- Negotiating with Antioch Center's leadership to ensure that the land east of Chouteau is kept a "green space".
- Working with Antioch Center's Leadership to assist with the forward movement of the mall's redevelopment.
- Honoring our country and our service man with the flag program.

What a great year!

Election of Officers

We are pleased to announce the 2008-2009 Greenhaven Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Area Reps:

President:

Jim Clayton

Vice President:

Paul Matsuoka

Treasurer:

Ginny Chrostowski

Secretary:

Pam Payne

Flag Program:

Dwight Sampson

Hospitality:

Norma Hale

Landscape Maintenance:

Alan Hill

Membership:

Gene Hankins

Neighborhood Preservation:

Richard Sayles

Neighborhood Services:

Margaret Minor

Programs/Activities:

Keely Norris

Publicity:

ElizaBeth Clayton

Safety/Block Watch:

Paul Matsuoka

Streets & Traffic:

Open

Area Representatives:

#1–Open

#2– Harry Conwell

#3–Jim & E.B. Clayton

#4–Ryan & Eniola Nilson

#5–Dwight Sampson

#6–Open

A special thank you goes to Lee Derus for his service as the Streets Chairman over the years. He has done an outstanding job in this position, and our neighborhood is better from his volunteer service

As can be seen, there are a few neighborhood leadership positions available. We need residents to volunteer for these positions that assist with the forward movement of our neighborhood. If you are interested in learning more about these positions or if you are interested in fulfilling a vacancy, please contact Jim Clayton at 454-3833.

Neighborhood Survey

Recently you should have received a neighborhood survey. This survey was developed to give all Greenhaven households the opportunity to voice their comments about how the neighborhood association is addressing their needs and desires.

With the information that is gathered from the surveys, the leadership within the neighborhood association will be able to strategically plan out short and long term goals

for the neighborhood.

With this, it is critical that all households within the Greenhaven neighborhood participate with this survey. Your input is appreciated and will directly effect this process.

If you need a survey, or should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gene Hankins at 452-1738

Volunteering in Greenhaven

The success of the Greenhaven Neighborhood Association is due to dedicated volunteers. It is because of these volunteers that we have a healthy, safe, and beautiful community to live in. It is also because of these things that the property values in Greenhaven continue to grow. Resident's who are interested in keeping these benefits of living in Greenhaven should consider volunteering if they are not already doing so.

Volunteering is easy, flexible, and fun. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities that would require as little as 20 minutes. There are opportunities for all ages and abilities. Here are just a few examples: raising and lowering flags, Adopt-A-Highway, neighborhood clean-up, planter box maintenance, block parties and holiday party, clean-sweep, and leadership positions. To learn more about these opportunities contact Gene Hankins at 452-1738

Updates on Antioch and Indiana P.I.A.C.



*Antioch Center
Redevelopment is
moving forward.*

*N. Indiana PIAC
Project Funded.*

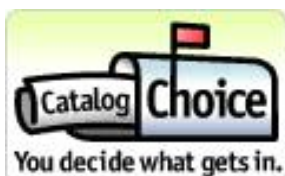
Earlier this month, Antioch Center's leadership presented their new plan to the City of Kansas City Planning Committee. Their presentation was accepted by the committee and was supported by the Greenhaven Neighborhood Association. Present at this meeting were 5 Greenhaven residents whose attendance was relevant to the city's Plan-

ning Committees approval. Currently, Antioch Center's leadership is actively trying to get the new plan on the docket to be presented to the City of Kansas City Planning and Zoning Committee in June. Should the plan pass this step, construction should start. Antioch Center Leadership said once the plan is approved the project should be

completed in 18-24 months.

The Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) has approved a project recommended by Greenhaven's Jim Clayton for improvements to N. Indiana Ave from Vivion Road to 56th Street. This project was funded with \$200,000, which includes design, right-of-way and construction costs.

How do you eliminate receiving unwanted catalogs?



www.catalogchoice.org

Catalog Choice is a free service that allows you to decide what gets in your mailbox. Use it to reduce your mailbox clutter, while helping save natural resources.

Catalog Choice is a sponsored project of the Ecology Center. It is endorsed by the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, and funded by the

Overbrook Foundation, the Merck Family Fund, and the Kendeda Fund.

The mission of Catalog Choice is to reduce the number of repeat and unsolicited catalog mailings, and to promote the adoption of sustainable industry best practices. They aim to accomplish this by freely providing the Catalog Choice services to both

consumers and businesses. Consumers can indicate which catalogs they no longer wish to receive, and businesses can receive a list of consumers no longer wanting to receive their catalogs.

This service is free for users. To learn more visit their website at www.catalogchoice.org.

Keeping up with Codes

Greenhaven is working to maintain a reasonable quality of life for their residents. This includes making neighbors aware of city codes.

Greenhaven leadership is aware that there is a direct correlation with code violations that are allowed to go unchecked and crime. Uncorrected code violations reduces your property value and that of others and contributes to the appearance of blight and neglect.

Here are a codes to keep in mind.

Barking Dogs—Barking dogs can result in neighborhood disputes and violations of animal control ordinances including fines up to \$500. It's perfectly normal and reasonable for dogs to bark from time to time however, continual barking for long periods of time is a diminishing your neighbors quality of life.

Outdoor Storage—Any portion of residential premises main-

tained in an unclean manner or used for the open storage of items or materials other than yard furniture, neatly stacked firewood, garden or yard tools, toys, usable building materials is declared to constitute a nuisance code violation

The City of Kansas City, Mo., is very serious about code enforcement. Please do your part by abating all code violations present on your property. It is not just the right thing to do, it's the law.



Gardening Tips

Planting summer bulbs

Speaking of bulbs, it's almost time to get planting summer-blooming bulbs. Actually, they're tubers, corms, and rhizomes- but you know what I mean. Whether begonias, dahlias, gladioli, cannas or callas; keep these tips in mind:



- Plant after danger of spring frost--the first full weekend in May is a safe bet.
- Plant two and one-half times deeper than the bulb diameters
- Plant a soil pH between 5.5 and 7.0. Phosphorus is important for proper root and flower development so add it to the soil before planting. Apply 5-10-10 at 2 pounds per 100 square feet three times during the growing season at 6-week intervals.
- Plant groups of 12 or more of the same variety. Massed flowers look more natural not to mention it avoids a "polka dot" effect.



Gardening Rule:

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

From the Kitchen

These tips will ensure your grilled meal is safe to eat.

- Trim visible fat from meats to avoid flare-ups.
- Always marinate foods in the refrigerator, not on the counter.
- Always serve grilled meat on a clean plate. Never serve cooked meat from the same unwashed plate you used to carry raw meat to the grill.
- If you want to reuse a marinade (that has had raw meat in it) as a sauce, heat the marinade to boiling, then boil 1 minute before serving.
- Perishable food should be eaten within 2 hours; 1 hour if the temperature is 90°F or above.

How to Boost Flavor:

Basting the meat with sauces will boost their flavor. Oil, vinegar and citrus-based sauces can be brushed on throughout the grilling time. When you're using sugar-based sauces, such as barbecue sauce or honey, brush the sauce on during only the last 15 to 20 minutes.





A.B.O.P.T. (antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint & tires)

Saturday, June 7—8a.m. - Noon

*The drop-off site will be on Antioch Center's East parking lot off Chouteau Trafficway
Identification with proof of residency is required*

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., the City of Kansas City and Antioch Center will provide residents an opportunity to safely dispose of household waste. ABOPT is a first come-first served opportunity to dispose of environmentally sensitive materials in a safe, responsible way.

Residents of all participating communities may safely dispose of: antifreeze, car and household batteries, oil (automotive oil, cooking, heating, etc.), paints and paint related chemicals such as strippers, thinners and varnishes, spray paints and tires.

Metal Disposal: Galamba Metals Group, LLC will provide a metal recycling bin. Proceeds will be donated to NNI.

Steel & Iron Items: Steel & iron items, appliances(big & small - please drain fluids), cast iron bath tubs & sinks, ironing boards, steel racks, metal furniture, bed frames, lawn furniture, railings, lawn mowers, yard tools, fences, pots & pans, motor blocks, transmissions, car parts and swing sets.

Aluminum Items: Cans, siding, guttering, foil, wheel rims, window frames, sliding door frames and front door frames.

Other Items: Old metal bikes & toys, structural beams, tanks larger than 100 gal. must have 3 ft. hole, electric motors, ceiling fans, garage door openers, radiators, stainless steel and rebar.

Items that will NOT be accepted!!! TV's, microwave ovens, computer monitors, paint cans, tin cans, closed containers of any kind, propane, oxygen or acetylene tanks or cylinders, material containing PCB's, refrigerants or mercury, thermostats, sealed refrigerator units, brass ammunition or spent rounds, radioactive material, containers with free-flowing liquids inside or outside (tar, oil, gasoline, etc.), capacitors, gas tanks without a visible 8" x 8" hole cut in the bottom of tank, explosive materials, barrels, drums, pails & buckets unless triple rinsed, dried and lid removed, light fixtures with ballast and neon signs.

PROSHRED Mobil Shredding Truck: will be onsite to securely shred your confidential documents. You will be able to witness your materials being destroyed.

Kansas City Residents ONLY! A leaf and brush dumpster will be available for Kansas City Residents only. Leaves must be in paper bags and not in plastic!

For more information about A.B.O.P.T. please contact Janet Shaffer at 816-454-3833

Leaf and Brush Drop-Off Site

KCMO's leaf and brush drop-off site is now open. It is located at 1815 N. Chouteau Trafficway—just south of the Missouri River.

OPEN SATURDAYS

8 a.m to 6 p.m.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Sites are attended and are free for residents of City of Kansas City, Mo. Proof of residency such as a driver's license or water bill is required.
- Only leaves, yard waste and brush (including tree trimmings) are accepted
- Grass clippings are NOT accepted
- You may bring leaves in paper yard waste bags. If you seal your bags, use masking tape only. DO NOT USE DUCT TAPE or other plastic tape
- You may be asked to empty bags to show that there is no trash
- If you bring leaves in plastic bags, you must empty the bags yourself and take the empty bags

with you
DIRECTIONS:

- Take Chouteau Trafficway south past HWY 210, and over the river.
- Turn east on Stillwell Avenue (first eastern exit after the river)
- Turn north on the outer road, which is identified as Chouteau.
- The drop-off center is on the east side of the street.

For additional information, please contact the KCMO Action Center by dialing 311 on your phone.



Chouteau Leaf and Brush-Drop Off Location