

Around the Block

The new look of the Shoal Brook News!

Shoal Brook II Neighborhood Association

Building Pride in Our Neighborhood

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The Holiday House

As we turn into our neighborhood, excited little voices from the back seat pipe up, "Mommy can we go the long way to our house so we can see the house that's REALLY ready for Halloween?" (or Christmas or Valentines). Most, if not all Shoal Brook Residents are familiar with the brightly lit house on 77th ter that many happily refer to as "the holiday house"

Who in this neighborhood hasn't seen and enjoyed the brilliant lights and bright colorful decorations of Kem and Jane Bryant's festive home, without being able to ask themselves, "Where do they store it all?"

The Bryant's have been Shoal Brook II residents since 1987 and have always dressed their house for the season. "Although it seems to get bigger every year," laughed Jane. "In the beginning, we did it for our kids, then we did it for our grandkids. Now I guess we do it for the neighborhood kids," Jane told me during our interview.

"I just like to decorate," admitted Jane, I just think it is a fun thing to do." The Bryants have interior and exterior décor for seven different holidays. At Christmas in addition to their exterior decorations they adorn the inside with 5 christmas trees full of ornaments. As for where they store it all, Jane says they

have some in the garage and the rest is in a two story storage shed in the backyard. It's all packed pretty tight she admitted. But the Bryant's know that their hard work is greatly appreciated by many people in the neighborhood.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, trick or treaters will be running from door-to-door looking for goodies. If you do not wish to hand out candy, please leave your porch light off. Parents, please tell your

little, witches, ghosts and goblins to respect property and don't trample landscaping as they haunt this Halloween.

Coming to your neighborhood this December. . . the second annual Holiday lights contest!! All homes in the neighborhood

are eligible to participate. This year's prizes and judging date are not yet determined. Please watch for informational flyer in December. If you are interested in being a judge or donating a prize, call MJ Loar at 816-589-1589.

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Save our Trees Please!



It was obvious something was wrong with the twenty-five year old pin oak trees lining the quiet streets of the neighborhood. Some of the trees had lost nearly half of their leaves; other's leaves were turning a sickly yellow.

After a call to and a visit from the City Forester's department a diagnosis was made – iron chlorosis.

The Board of the Shoal Brook II neighborhood association decided they wanted to work with the City to help save the

trees. A plan of treatment was explained and soon a new partnership was formed.

"On behalf of KCMO Parks & Recreation, we are appreciative to have partnered with Shoal Brook II, on a Plant Health Care Project minimizing chlorosis among mature Pin Oak trees. This is a spring board for more neighborhood partnerships across Kansas City.", stated Mr. Bryon Sosnowski.

The partnership calls for the City to provide the labor while the neighborhood association will provide the cost of the necessary treatments.

While there are several methods of treatments, including injections of iron directly into the tree trunk, Shoal Brook II decided to try a granular application of iron first. Six of the trees were treated in August with provisions for another treatment in the spring.

The neighbors are hoping that, with the City's help and some good fortune, the trees that add so much to the character of the neighborhood will be saved and restored to their previous glory.

Other neighborhood associations interested in forming the same type of partnership with the City should contact Mr. Bryon Sosnowski

via email at Bryon_Sosnowski@kcmo.org or by phone at 816-513-9552 or 816-513-9553.

This article was reprinted from the most recent issue of the NNI newsletter.

The Shoal Brook II board would like to publicly thank, our President, Trish Martin for her proactive role in saving the neighborhood oak trees.

Without her help, many mature trees in our neighborhood would have been lost. Her actions not only helped keep our neighborhood beautiful but prevented the need for spending thousands of dollars in dead tree removal.

Thanks Trish!

FYI

Smiles Change Lives (SCL) is hosting its 3rd Annual **Candy Exchange** on Sunday, Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Downtown City Market at 5th & Walnut. This event is free and open to the public with lots of fun activities for the kids.

BOLO'S indoor dog park at 64th and N Prospect opened for business a few months ago. Those with four legged, furry children suffering from cabin fever this winter may want to check it out. A one day pass costs \$6 and allows your dog access to almost 12,000 sq ft. to run and play.

Announcements

The Shoal Brook II Neighborhood Association would like to welcome new neighbors Jason Meyer, Kevin, Angela and Aaliyah Cahill.

If you eat Pizza Hut pizza, the Shoal Brook II Neighborhood Association has coupon cards available for \$10.00. The coupon allows you to get one free medium pizza with the purchase of a large pizza and can be used multiple times. Please contact a board member if you wish to purchase one

The Shoal Brook II Neighborhood Association is NOT sponsoring or affiliated with the company that recently delivered flyers advertising **house numbers painted on your curb**. While it greatly helps emergency personal find your home more quickly when the house number is easily viewed from the street, we are not promoting or discouraging this particular business. Those of you who are concerned about the business practices of any vendor, such as this one are encouraged to do some research and ask for references.

If you haven't renewed your neighborhood association membership but would like to do so, please contact a board member. Joining the neighborhood association or renewing your membership costs just \$10 and helps fund the activities and services that we hope makes our neighborhood a better place to live.

In the past year our dues and donations and volunteered time, have managed to provide you with two dumpster days, a quarterly newsletter, holiday lights contest, organized

Bring your unwanted medications to be disposed of properly and safely.

Saturday, November 7th
10am-6pm

NE 82nd Terrace and N. Ditzler
(across from the JC Penny's outside of Liberty) **OR**
Saturday, November 21st
10am-6pm
at the Zona Rosa Community Area (below Marshalls)

Participating in this program will keep your medication from getting into the wrong hands or polluting our water systems due to improper disposal. For more information, please contact the Northland Coalition at 816-877-0498

garage sale, a partnership with the city to save our mature oak trees, a back to school BBQ and kids parade and we are still working on a neighborhood entrance sign. Keep up the good work everyone!



Recipe of the Quarter - Kim's Salad

Submitted by Jane Bryant

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For the Salad:

1 bag romaine lettuce

½ C bacon bits

1 stalk celery chopped (opt.)

2 or more green onions chopped

1 C sliced almonds

1 C dried cranberries

Mix 2 Tbsp sugar with the almonds. Put them in the skillet and melt until the almonds are coated. Add to the salad

For the Dressing:

¼ C canola or olive oil

2 Tbsp of sugar

2 Tbsp cider vinegar

1 Tbsp parsley fresh or dried flakes

½ Tbsp of salt

Mix dressing and pour over salad just prior to serving.



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