

AROUND THE BLOCK

Shoal Brook II Neighborhood Association

Building Pride in Our Neighborhood

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IN THE BEGINNING—PART DEUX

Shoal Brook II, Shoal Brook, and Claybrook subdivisions were built on land that was part of pioneer Daniel Hughes homestead. The Hughes home, built in 1826, was one of Clay County's earliest homes. Neighbors, mostly Kentuckians, rode miles on horseback and in wagons to help Mr. Hughes cut walnut trees and hew logs for his new house, with very few nails being used to build the house. The rafters and the joists were held together by walnut pegs. The rafters are marked with Roman numerals, cut with an axe to indicate the order in which they were to be placed after being pegged together on the ground.

(Clay County Archives, newspaper article, June 1933)
The house was remodeled twice, once before the Civil War in 1860 and again just before World War II in 1941. When our neighbor, Ray Barber, was a kid, his school bus stopped at what would become our Shoal Brook II neighborhood to pick up a boy who lived in the Hughes home, that home being located approximately on the property that is now 3604 NE 77th Terrace.

During the Civil War, when Clay County sided mainly with the South but lived under the rule of the Union, Sarah Lockery Long, a great, great, great granddaughter of Daniel and Re-

becca Hughes says, "I remember my grandmother saying the children used to hide in the chimney when the Yankees came around."
Marguerite E. Hughes, the last Hughes family member to have owned the cabin, reported, "According to family lore, two Indian men once entered the cabin, cooked potatoes taken from a basket in the coals, waited for them to cook while sitting on the floor and, after eating them, left without saying a word."

In 1973 Marguerite Hughes sold the old family residence to Byers Construction. The Clay County Historical Society designated the cabin a historical site and relocated the structure to Hodge Park.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Our annual picnic will be held Sept. 26th.*
- *We are looking for a new newsletter editor. Please contact Trish Martin at 468-7993.*

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for October, 2010.

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

In an age of cheap travel, long distance and the Internet, when community can be created anywhere, why is it that we often don't know the people in our own neighborhoods? What is the best way to greet new neighbors and why should we?

By not knowing our neighbors, we lose a crucial safety net. We lose social and economic

benefits: the ability, in a pinch, to borrow a cup of sugar and the simple pleasure of daily, unplanned contact with people with whom we have become friends.

We can start new traditions like weekly porch parties, potluck dinners, back-to-school picnics, welcome baskets for new neighbors, and neighborhood maps.

Some of these things our neighborhood is already doing and the minimal, voluntary membership dues go a long way to help pay for these and other activities.

Our dues are renewed every August and, to date, we have had 14 neighbors submit their donation and we thank them for their continued support. Please consider adding your support to the neighborhood

association's efforts by paying your dues, attending a meeting or volunteering for an event.

We exist so as to be a benefit to the vibrancy of our neighborhood but we need your help and your feedback. Please feel free to contact any board member at any time with any comments or concerns and, thanks, neighbor!

NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

NNI is looking for 10 good men and women to participate in the EXCEL Neighborhood Leadership Program. The highly successful EXCEL neighborhood leadership program will launch its fourth class in January 2011. Cost to participants for the entire program (includes training, materials, and meals) is \$100. Scholarships are available.

The 6-month training program includes sessions on:

- Discovering the Leader within You
- Demographics and Community Analysis
- State Government
- Local Government
- Community Infrastructure
- Community Information Management

- Public Education
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- A City Hall Project

Participants will gain knowledge, experience, power, confidence and networking skills from EXCEL. Graduates will be equipped to help their neighborhoods and communities become sustainable success stories. Persons interested in enrolling should contact Jim Rice at 816-454-2000 or jim_rice@nni.org.

Below is a list of services available at Northland Neighborhoods, Inc., a very valuable Northland asset:

- Neighborhood organization, by-law and board development, neighborhood clean-ups, including a tool library
- EXCEL neighborhood leadership program

- Space for neighborhood meetings
- Monthly senior citizen health, education and recreation workshops

- Crime prevention training programs and Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off

- Comprehensive code enforcement (4 KCMO code officers are based at NNI)

- Neighborhood Computer Center

- Comprehensive home repair programs

- FOCUS Center: voter registration, pet licensing, code enforcement, animal control satellite, notary public, KCPD Office of Community Complaints, police-community interaction

- Monthly "Meet Your Councilperson" meetings

- Monthly "Roundtable" and communications work-

shops

- Clearing house on economic development projects that impact neighborhoods
- Neighborhood newsletter printing

Please remember to vote.

Important elections will occur in November 2010, followed by the Kansas City Mayor and Council elections in February and March 2011. Northland voters need to be heard. You can register to vote at NNI. It's quick and easy, so do it today and add to the Northland voice.



LET SLEEPING BUNNIES LIE

This was told as a true story:

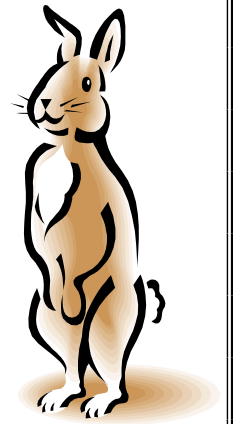
We had just moved into our house when I looked into the backyard and saw our dog shaking something in his mouth. When I went out to investigate, it turned out to be our neighbors' pet rabbit.

Not wanting to get off on the wrong foot with the neighbors, I cleaned up the rabbit and leaned it against

the inside of his cage. A few hours later, I heard a scream that could wake the dead coming from the neighbors' backyard; the mother had just discovered the rabbit. They had buried it a week earlier after it had died peacefully in its cage.

-A surprise ending to a story that could actually have happened. We can imagine our-

selves in such an uncomfortable situation. It's not always easy to be up front about unusual occurrences, another way of saying that it's not always easy to be the perfect neighbor. Being a good neighbor involves a certain amount of good luck, and the ability to give people the benefit of the doubt. Fortunately, our neighborhood has lots of good neighbors.



THINK ABOUT IT

- Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. - Mark Twain

- Seek first to understand, then to be understood. -Stephen Covey

- Value yourself. Value others as much as yourself. -Leviticus 19:34

- A stitch in time saves nine, but if it ain't broke

don't fix it.

- Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. -Mark Twain

- The most important trip you may take in life is meeting people half way. - Henry Boyle

- If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then give up, don't be foolish about it. -W.C.

Fields

- It is not good to punish an innocent man, or to flog officials for their integrity. -The Book of Proverbs, 17:26.

- Is it better to fight evil or to be known for doing good?

- If we all treated everybody like they already agreed with us, the world would be well on its way to

becoming what we've always wanted it to be.

- My ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower, they met it. -Will Rogers

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. -Plato



DID YOU KNOW.....

Now that our neighbor and KCPD police officer Mike Satter has been assigned to the Shoal Creek Patrol, our neighborhood has one more reason to feel safe. Mike says he will patrol the neighborhood once or twice while on duty.

Three of our families have moved from the neighbor-

hood. They are the Fords, the Vosikas and the Estradas. We wish them the best in their new surroundings.

So far this year there have been 110 stolen vehicles in the Shoal Creek patrol area; 46 of them because of unlocked doors and 19 because of broken windows. Please remember to lock your

car doors and remove any of your valuables. No area is immune to crime and we need to remain alert.

If you have any traffic or parking complaints, call one of the four Shoal Creek traffic patrol officers at 482-8180 and one of them will be happy to address your concerns.

BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

2 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 to 2 pounds of fresh broccoli and cauliflower pieces (frozen is okay)
1 1/2 cup milk
4 to 5 tablespoons butter
4 tablespoons flour
1 cup vegetable stock
salt and pepper to taste
dash nutmeg
2 tablespoons fine dry bread crumbs
1 to 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1/8 teaspoon paprika

Directions:

In a large saucepan, bring

water and salt to a boil. Add broccoli and cauliflower; cook just until crisp-tender. Add milk to the vegetable stock.

Turn vegetables into a shallow 2-quart baking dish. Melt 3 tablespoons of butter in the saucepan over medium heat.

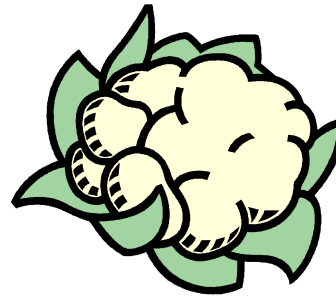
Blend in the flour, stirring until smooth and bubbly. Gradually stir in milk mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth.

Season with the salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Pour sauce over broccoli and cauliflower. Dot with remaining

1 to 2 tablespoons of butter.

Combine bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, and paprika; sprinkle over vegetables.

Bake at 450 degrees for about 20 minutes, until casserole is bubbly.



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