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THE STORY OF THANKSGIVING

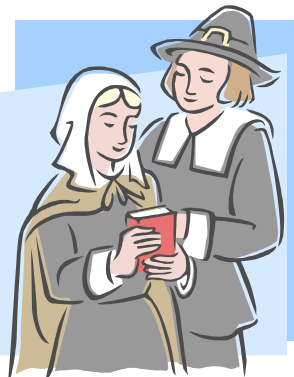
On August 1, 1620, the Mayflower set sail. It carried a total of 102 passengers, including forty Pilgrims led by William Bradford. On the journey, Bradford set up an agreement, a contract that established just and equal laws for all members of the new community, irrespective of their religious beliefs. The journey to the New World was a long and arduous one. And when the Pilgrims landed in New England in November, they found, according to Bradford's detailed journal, a cold, barren, desolate wilderness. There were no friends to greet them, he wrote. There were no houses to shelter them. There were no inns where they could refresh themselves. And the sacrifice they had made for freedom was just beginning. During the first winter, half the Pilgrims -- including Bradford's own wife -- died of starvation, sickness, or exposure.

When spring finally came, Indians taught the settlers how to plant corn, fish for

cod and skin beavers for coats. Life improved for the Pilgrims, but they did not yet prosper! The original contract the Pilgrims had entered into with their merchant-sponsors in London called for everything they produced to go into a common store, and each member of the community was entitled to one common share. All of the land they cleared and the houses they built belong to the community as well. Bradford, who had become the new governor of the colony, recognized that this form of collectivism was as costly and destructive to the Pilgrims as that first harsh winter, which had taken so many lives. He decided to take bold action and assigned a plot of land to each family to work and manage.

"For this community [so far as it was] was found to breed much confusion and discontent, and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort. For young men that were most able and fit for labor and service

did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense...that was thought injustice. "This had very good success," wrote Bradford, "for it made all hands industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been." In no time, the Pilgrims found they had more food than they could eat themselves. ... So they set up trading posts and exchanged goods with the Indians. The profits allowed them to pay off their debts to the merchants in London. And the success and prosperity of the Plymouth settlement attracted more Europeans and began what came to be known as the 'Great Puritan Migration.'



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Turn your clocks back one hour on Nov. 6, 2010.*
- *We are looking for a new newsletter editor. Please contact Trish Martin at 468-7993.*

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for January, 2011.

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TRADING POST

We are introducing this new feature this month for our newsletter. This free "Trading Post" is available to all residents of Shoal Brook II to list personal items to sell, buy, trade or for free.

Please, no business solicitations. Email your Trading Post items to: pmatin2164@msn.com or mail/drop them at 3400 NE 78th St.

FREE TO GOOD HOME—15 cinder blocks in good condition. Call Trish at 468-7993.



A GUIDE FOR "GOING GREEN"

Most U.S. consumers say they want environmentally responsible products but as more and more green products appear on store shelves choosing a truly "green" product has become a challenge.

Newsweek Magazine recently reported on a Web-based system called Good Guide that rates consumer products — personal care, food, household cleaners and toys — on their health, environmental, and social

impacts. The article "True Green" appears in the Oct. 25th, 2010 edition of Newsweek. The idea was to use credible science to develop a useful ratings system. Newsweek states that the com-

pany's product information and the software it built to process it "is highly respected by industry experts". The service at www.GoodGuide.com is free.

ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL

Now that the national electoral "silly season" is over, it's time to start giving some attention to the local political scene.

This year there are several council seats and the mayoral seat that are having campaigns.

For those of you who may want to run for an in-district council seat, you must submit a nominating petition signed by 300 persons and for an at-large council seat you must submit a nominating petition signed by 500 persons to the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on

January 25th, 2011.

The primary election to select those placed on the ballot will occur on February 22, 2011. The general election to select the new council and mayor will occur on March 22, 2011.

There is an organization in the Northland whose objective is to promote Northland views and interests. They will be facilitating an open to the public candidate forum. Here is the Mayoral schedule:

Monday, Nov. 15th, 6 p.m.—Northland Cathedral

Candidates Mike Burke, Mark Funkhouser, Deb Hermann, Sly James, Henry Klein, Charles Wheeler.

Wed., Nov. 17th, 7 p.m.—North Cross United Methodist Church

Candidate Jim Rowland.

The council interviews will be held Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.—Northland Cathedral

Candidates for council are:

1st District—Dick Davis and Scott Wagner

2nd District—John Dillingham

4th District—John Crawford, Jim Glover, Anne McGregor and Joe Servis.

5th District—Cindy Circo

6th District—Michael Brown, Chuck Eddy, Jason Holsman, Tracy Ward.

All citizens elect at-large council members as well as the Mayor. If you have any interest in how our city will be run, please plan to attend these informative forums.

BULKY ITEM OPTIONS

In Kansas City, residents have many options when disposing unwanted furniture and appliances in additions to the City's curbside collections. Some options are even environmentally friendly.

If an item is in reasonable shape, many thrift shops and charitable organizations would welcome a donation. In addition to helping a good cause, depending on your tax situation, you might be able to use the items value as a tax donation. For residents purchasing new items such as a refrigerator, washer or a

stove, many retail outlets will at little or no charge properly dispose of the old item being replaced.

When environmentally-friendly options are not available, the City provides free bulky item collection services. A pick-up appointment can be scheduled by accessing www.kcmo.org/bulky or by calling the City's 3-1-1—Action Center.

For more immediate collection of bulky items or if a Dumpster-like container is required for small home improvement projects, the City

has negotiated preferred rates with Town & Country Disposal that expand options for residents. To learn more about using Town & Country for such services, dial 816-380-5595 or visit the city's website at www.kcmo.org/bulky.

Residents discarding items at the curb should respect their neighbors and not place items curbside earlier than 3 p.m. the day before collection. Failure to do so is a violation of the city Code of Ordinances and may result in a \$62 fine.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

Every time it rains, thousands of pounds of pet waste wash down storm drains and into streams, rivers, and lakes. If not disposed of properly, pet waste flows directly into nearby streams and creeks without being treated at wastewater treatment facilities. Bacteria associated with

pet waste is the source of 25% of the bacteria in samples collected from local waterways, thereby putting our health at risk.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Pick up pet waste from your yard. Bury it at least 12 inches deep and in several different

locations, keeping it away from vegetable gardens. It is not a fertilizer.

Carry a bag with you when walking your to pick up and dispose of pet waste in the trash. Please be respectful of your neighbors' property and collect any pet waste .

DID YOU KNOW.....

We have new neighbors.

Trevor and Jenny Dancer have moved into the house located at 3402 NE 78th St. Trevor is the new pastor at Meadowbrook United Methodist Church. The family dog, Abner is a friendly basset hound.

Robin and Jamie have moved into the house located at 3416

NE 77th Terrace.

We also have new neighbors, Dan and Erin Booth who have moved into the house located at 3408 NE 77th Terrace.

We welcome all our new neighbors and hope they come to love our neighborhood as much as the rest of us. We urge them contact any board member (listed on the

back page) at any time with any questions or concerns.

We will again be having our Holiday Lights contest this year. It's so hard to believe another year has passed. Let's hope the City's snow removal effort will be adequate this year!

PUMPKIN-PECAN BUTTER

Makes about 4 1/2 cups

INGREDIENTS

2 (15 oz) cans pumpkin
2 cups sugar
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
2 teas. ground cinnamon
3/4 teas. ground ginger
1/2 teas. ground cloves
1/2 teas. ground allspice
1/4 cup ground pecans

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large heavy saucepan, combine pumpkin, sugar, lemon juice, cinnamon, gin-

ger, cloves, and allspice. Heat and stir over medium high heat until pockets of steam begin to escape from the thick mixture. If mixture becomes too thick, add up to 1/4 cup water.

Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring frequently for 20 minutes. Stir in pecans; cook and stir for another 5 to 10 minutes or until mixture is thick and mounds onto a spoon. Remove from heat. Cool about 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. Or transfer to jars or freezer containers, leaving 1/2 inch

headspace between top of pumpkin butter and jar rim for expansion. Freeze for up to 3 months.

Nutritional Facts:

0.5 g fat, 0 g sat. fat, 0 g trans fat

0 mg cholesterol, 0 mg sodium

13 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber,



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If you provide a service, live in the neighborhood and would like to have your information published in the newsletter at no charge, please contact Trish Martin at 468-7993.

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