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Red Bridge Community Connections

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Bridge Homeowners Association

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As we make progress on our HOA website, we hope to transition to more paperless communications. We are currently reviewing and updating our bylaws, which will include required & preferred communication methods. If you are interested in serving on the Bylaws Committee, please contact our Vice President, Carol Calabrese. You can reach her at our HOA Board e-mail address.



Your New Board!

You may have noticed some changes lately, and there will be more to come. As residents and members of the HOA, we all recognize that the Board can and should do better. While the care of markers and islands have always been and always will be a top priority, we want to also focus on making Red Bridge a welcoming community where people want to live. With 874 properties within our HOA boundaries, we have a lot of opportunity!

To that end, we have made some immediate changes such as creating the Facebook group and creating a central e-mail address to contact the Board; we have made a commitment to respond to e-mails within 48 hours; and we have established various committees to focus on specific areas to include landscaping. ***We know the status of our islands and markers have been a pain point, and our maintenance & landscaping team have been working diligently and have made it their #1 priority to secure a contract with a reliable vendor.*** Moving forward, we are working on setting up our own dedicated website, completing much needed repairs on our iconic statue, and exploring ways to improve community engagement and outreach.

We are 100% volunteers and your neighbors, and we all believe strongly in the potential for Red Bridge to be a highly desirable neighborhood. As we mature as a Board, be on the lookout for more exciting news and events with lots of opportunities for our community to come together.

- President: Rebecca Walsh
- Vice President: Carol Calabrese
- Treasurer: Lynn Youngberg
- Secretary/Communications: Dawn Rice
- Community Engagement Officer: Michelle Wisdom
- Maintenance and Landscaping Officer(s): Greg Abernathy and Vince Liffick
- Website Development: Grant Shelnutt
- Red Bridge Historian: Eric Strautman

If you have ideas for community engagement or would like to volunteer in any way, please send us an e-mail with your suggestions!

Email an HOA board member for a response within 48 hours! redbridgehoaboard@gmail.com

Join us on the RB HOA Official Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/redbridgekchoa>
(NOTE: This group is restricted to residents within the boundaries of the Red Bridge HOA)

Find newsletters, meeting minutes, financial statements, bylaws, and more at the Homes Association of Kansas City: <https://www.ha-kc.org/index.php/red-bridge-home>



You may have heard some talk about the new trash carts that are coming. A few things to know:

- You cannot opt out of receiving a cart, they will be required for city trash pickup
- All trash will be required to be in plastic bags
- The lid must fully close
- The cart cannot exceed 250 lbs
- Up to 2 excess TAGGED bags can be placed next to the cart on the curb
- Trash and recycling carts must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- The city is only holding one amnesty day in 2024, for July 4 holiday. Moving forward, they will not hold trash amnesty events due to the increased capacity of the carts.

We all want our neighborhood to be better. When you notice a problem that needs to be addressed, it can sometimes be difficult to know who to call. Oftentimes the best route to get action directed toward your concerns is to call 311, Kansas City’s easy-to-remember number that can be very helpful for certain things. You can also visit <https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/311> or download the myKCMO app in your app store for your phone or tablet.

TRASH CART DELIVERY SCHEDULE

DELIVERY PHASE	TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY
PHASE 1 STARTS MAY 1 st	CENTRAL: WEDNESDAY COLLECTION NORTH & SOUTH: FRIDAY COLLECTION
PHASE 2	ALL REGIONS: THURSDAY COLLECTION
PHASE 3	CENTRAL: FRIDAY COLLECTION NORTH & SOUTH: WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
PHASE 4	ALL REGIONS: TUESDAY COLLECTION
PHASE 5	ALL REGIONS: MONDAY COLLECTION

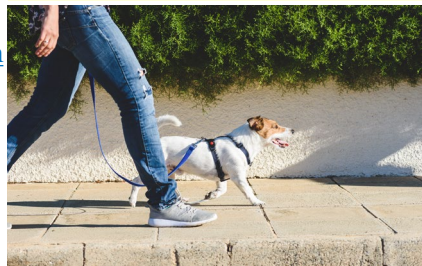
Tips for Good Neighbor Pet-iquette

Did you know that studies have shown that pet owners report stronger neighborhood social connections, with pets helping promote things like friendliness, helpfulness, and trust between neighbors. But before you can enjoy the social bonds that pets create, it helps to make sure you and your pet are being good neighbors.

1. **Clean up after your pets.** This includes in your yard, your neighbor’s yard, or in public spaces.
2. **Love the leash.** The leash helps protect your pet as well as those you may meet along the way.
3. **Know your dog.** Read your pet’s body language and respect how they’re feeling when encountering other people.
4. **Curb the barking.** All dogs bark, it’s part of being a dog. But excessive barking is a nuisance, especially early in the morning or late at night. Be mindful and if necessary, consider investing in training.
5. **Train, train, train.** Training helps both you and your dog to be confident when interacting with new people and other pets.

For more information:

<https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/trash/weekly-trash-collection>





Did you know the library offers a lot of FREE programs for all ages. You can find fun activities and events from arts & crafts, to sensory sensitive story times, to adult game nights and more! You can use the link below to check out events at all their branches, or filter to see only those here in Red Bridge.

<https://www.mymcpl.org/events/>

Local Business Highlight

Have you checked out The Limit Pub & Grub yet? Owner Darrell Kidd met with some of our Board members to talk about some exciting plans he has, including a bike night, live music, and starting June 8 he'll be offering weekend brunch.



With a complete interior remodel and the new retractable "garage door" style windows, The Limit offers a unique open-air bar & patio experience. Darrell points out that many of the businesses on his side of the shopping center close early, leaving plenty of parking for easy access. The Limit is located at 523 Red Bridge Rd.



117th Street Farmers' Market

Have you checked out the Farmers' Market that's right in our back yard? For 15 years, the 117th Street Farmers' Market has provided clean natural foods and lifestyle products right here in our neighborhood. You'll find artisan cheeses, ice cream, butter, eggs, goat and cow milk, meat, and fresh produce along with vegan offerings and fresh breads. With various pop-ups from local providers, you never know what you may find! They're open every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until noon with a special winter market November through March. You'll find them under the rooftop in the back of the United Methodist Church and 117th & Holmes.

Grocery Store Update

Have you checked out the new construction going on at the site of the new grocery store, "Red Bridge Farm Fresh Market", at the Red Bridge Shopping Center? We know everyone is eager for them to open, and at the November HOA meeting we were given a projected date of late April/May. Obviously, that target was missed but we've been told by Lane 4 that the store is undergoing "massive improvements" that are taking longer than expected, but they promise will be worth the wait. Farm Fresh Market posted recently on Facebook that they anticipate opening in early September. You can sign up for e-mail updates from them at www.kcfarmfresh.com.



Local Happenings (Note: some may require registration or tickets)

- Saturday June 8:** Summer Kickoff Market, Red Bridge Shopping Center
- Saturday & Sunday June 8-9:** Red Bridge Community Garage Sale
- June 1 – August 24:** Summer reading program at Mid-Continent Public Library
- June 21:** Wonderscope adults only "Night at the Museum"
- Saturdays in June at 1:30:** Free golf workshops at Minor Park Golf Course
- Ongoing:** Pickleball lessons and court times at Blue Bicycle

Local Specials:

- Sweet Granada:** Chocolate dipped strawberries late June thru July; Father's Day gift packages
- Minor Park Golf Course:** All summer, Power Lunch, \$18 large bucket of golf balls; Happy Hour 3-7pm, \$18 large bucket of golf balls PLUS 2 drink tickets
- Barrio:** Daily food specials, early happy hour on Fridays (1:30pm), bottomless mimosas Saturday & Sunday 2:30-5pm
- Blue Bicycle:** One week free trial membership.

KC 4TH OF JULY

CELEBRATIONS

While we don't have our own fireworks display here in Red Bridge, there are plenty of choices for enjoying the festivities.

Around the KC Metro, you'll find options to suit whatever type of celebration you're looking for. Whether you want an all-day festival, a day at the beach, or even a historic farmstead celebration, you can find it all. Get full details at this link:

<https://kansascitymomcollective.com/fourth-of-july-kansas-city/>

Pets and Fireworks

Fireworks are the most common trigger for fearful behavior in dogs and some cats. To help keep your fur babies safe and happy, consider some of the following tips:

- Keep pets indoors while fireworks are going off and close the curtains or blinds.
- Make sure your pet has identification. Even indoor pets can panic and try to escape when frightened
- Try to find a quiet room where your pet can feel safe and in control.
- Walk your dog during daylight hours before the fireworks start.
- Turn on the TV or radio as a distraction,
- Give them toys and treats filled with their favorite food.



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

With Independence Day right around the corner, a lot of people will be flocking to the many fireworks stores to stock up on some big bangs. However, please be aware that Kansas City Ordinance No. 150169 prohibits the use of fireworks by the general population. The purpose of this rule is to safeguard people and premises from the hazards of fires and explosions.

Thousands of people nationwide are injured or killed due to fireworks related injuries, with millions of dollars in property damage.

If you must set off fireworks in a location where fireworks are legal, the National Safety Council recommends:

- Do not use illegal fireworks
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Children should use them only under close adult supervision
- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- Never light them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses, vehicles, and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Instead of sparklers, consider using safer alternatives, such as glow sticks, confetti poppers or colored streamers
- Be a good neighbor and clean up any debris leftover in streets, driveways and yards
- Be respectful of quiet hours at the end of the festivities