



Dormant season is time to prune street-side trees

By Teresa Lash

The dormant season, late fall or winter, is the best time to prune street trees, although dead branches can and should be removed at any time.

Pruning during the dormant period minimizes sap loss and subsequent stress to the tree. It also minimizes the risk of fungus infection or insect infestation, as both fungi and insects are likely to be in dormancy at the same time as the tree.

In the case of deciduous trees, pruning when the leaves are off will give you a better idea of how your pruning will affect the shape of the tree. However it should be noted for trees and shrubs that flower in early spring (Redbud, Dogwood, Bradford Pear, etc.), they should be pruned immediately after flowering and not before, as you will remove all the spring blooms. The flower buds arise the year before they flush and form on the new growth.

When left unpruned, the low branches of street trees can scratch or rub the paint off of cars, snap off and fall on vehicles, cause injuries to pedestrians, decrease night-time security, or cause motorists to not have a clear view of the intersections and traffic signs.

Safety is a major concern for us. If people and trees are going to coexist in our environment, then we need to modify these street trees.

Pruning your curbside street tree is not complicated. Dig out your pruning shears or pruning saw (or borrow one from your neighbor) and approach the tree. Stand next to the tree: Which branches force you to duck or swerve as you walk around the base of the tree?

View the inside of the tree and see what you can eliminate from the middle section. You may see a lot of small branches that have been starved for sunlight or are growing toward the center of the tree. They should be removed from the tree.

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Claymont North 2005 Calendar of Events

JUNE

June 4 • Annual Garage Sale

June 11 • Summer Dumpster
(Non-brush items)

JULY

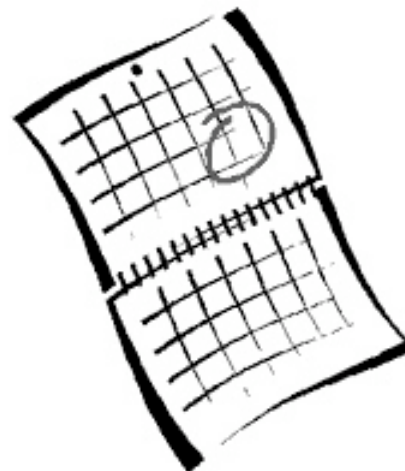
July 4 • Fourth of July Parade

SEPTEMBER

September 24 • Annual Meeting

OCTOBER

October 15 and 22
Fall Dumpster (Brush Items Only)



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Kansas City Works i-Info Program serves as your public project info resource

Kansas City has now made available the ability to track the progress of significant capital projects on line, including major street repairs and upgrades, such as the planned widening of Main Street between Briarcliff Road south to Evansdale Road, just a few blocks to the south of our neighborhood.

What does i-INFO mean to me?

The public access component of i-INFO is part of an ongoing effort to keep the public informed of the City's infrastructure projects throughout Kansas City. This web-based component is designed to make it possible for citizens to access information about capital improvements in an easy, intuitive way, which makes it possible to search for information on projects under design or in construction.

How do I access the Website?

To access the web site go to www.kcmo.org. Once you are in to the main site, scroll down the listing on the right side of the main page to the listing titled "**Capital Improvements**". This will take you to a page that is headed "Kansas City Works". Then click on "**Construction Project Information**," which will give you the i-Info page.

If you don't mind typing in the complete URL, you may also go directly to www.kcmo.org/cimo.nsf/web/iINFO.

How do I use i-INFO?

The map and search tool make it possible to learn about all types of projects, everything from sidewalk improvements to sewer replacements, based on several criteria including location, Council District, neighborhood, project number, and Public Improvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) number.

To use this map search feature, simply search by your desired criteria and click on the blue flag indicated within the map. Once a blue flag is selected, various information pops up about the project, including what the scope of the project is, why the project is being completed by the city and what stage of development it is in.

Claymont North Homes Association 2005 Budget v. Historical Actuals

	2001	2002	2003	2004	Budget 2005
Revenue					
Dues	\$9,100.00	\$9,450.00	\$10,790.00	\$12,548.07	\$16,065.00
Interest	\$180.64	\$55.26	\$68.21	\$27.84	\$25.00
Other Income					\$0.00
Expenses					
Annual Meeting	\$899.93	\$1,272.37	\$1,165.10	\$272.55	\$1,200.00
Bank Charges	\$40.00	\$55.20	\$80.00	\$14.20	\$25.00
Christmas Dec Contest		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,687.60	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Garage Sale	\$42.77	\$43.91	\$35.10	\$53.80	\$55.00
Insurance	\$1,010.00	\$1,093.00	\$1,202.00	\$1,262.00	\$1,300.00
Legal & Prof Fees	\$128.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$23.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$613.48	\$205.93	\$300.00	\$165.00	\$500.00
Mosquito Control	\$2,815.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,955.00	\$2,955.00	\$3,600.00
Neighborhood Cleanup					\$200.00
Office Supplies	\$54.66	\$0.00	\$82.97	\$44.77	\$50.00
Postage	\$467.69	\$442.40	\$536.00	\$333.00	\$500.00
Printing	\$494.25	\$230.43	\$409.06	\$380.18	\$500.00
Sec. Services	\$1,890.00	\$795.00	\$775.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
Snow Removal	\$1,625.00	\$1,975.00	\$3,963.97	\$7,855.47	\$6,500.00
Picnic	\$520.60				
Easter Egg Hunt		\$68.90	\$0.00		
July 4th Parade		\$127.31	\$52.06	\$0.00	\$125.00
Welcome Baskets	\$64.05	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Total Expenses	\$10,665.43	\$9,354.45	\$13,493.86	\$13,428.97	\$15,805.00
Net Cash Flow	(\$1,384.79)	\$150.81	(\$2,635.65)	(\$843.06)	\$285.00
Year End Balance	\$9,979.37	\$10,129.88	\$8,867.49	\$8,024.43	\$8,309.43

Teen Summer Work Interests

Teens, are you interested in letting the neighborhood know about types of work you would be willing to do this summer? If, so please send the following information to Mr. Lash at dlash@travelteam-kc.com:

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Address
- ✓ Phone Number
- ✓ E-mail (if available)
- ✓ Types of work you would do:
 - Yard work
 - Window cleaning
 - Babysitting
 - Pet care
 - Etc.

- ✓ Best times to be reached

Information should be sent in no later than April 1, so that it can be included in the next newsletter.

Items submitted will also be posted on the neighborhood website at www.claymontnorth.org.

Architectural Control Reminder

The Board would like to remind you of the following section of our **Declaration of Restrictions for Claymont North**. This section provides that ***all*** changes made to the exterior of your house or lot must be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval. This procedure is to safeguard the interests of each homeowner, and to maintain the integrity and property values of our neighborhood.

SECTION VII. RIGHT TO APPROVE PLANS

“No building shall be erected, placed or altered on any building plot in this subdivision until the building plans, specifications and plot plan showing the location of such building have been approved in writing as to conformity and harmony of external design with existing structures in the subdivision, and as to location of the building with respect to topography and finished ground elevation by the Developer or it’s successor. The rights to approve plans as aforesaid shall be vested in an “Architectural Control Committee”.

The documentation listed is intended only as a minimum requirement and the Architectural Control Committee shall be free to request any and all other documentation that said Committee in its sole discretion deems necessary. All such documentation shall be submitted in duplicate and shall be signed by the party requesting its approval...”

To simplify this procedure, an Architectural Control Form has been created to streamline the process. Please visit www.claymontnorth.org for the most recent form.

Typical Items that Require a Form:

- ✓ Exterior Painting
- ✓ Roof Replacements (Color, Material and Style)
- ✓ Deck Replacement/Upgrade
- ✓ Siding Changes
- ✓ TV Dish or Satellite Dish
- ✓ Fencing
- ✓ Significant Landscaping
- ✓ Sheds or Outbuildings



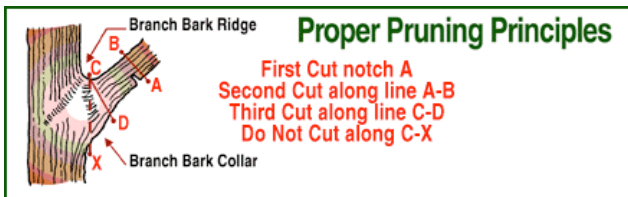
Claymont North Wine Tasting Event At *Wines by Jennifer*

Wines by Jennifer in Parkville offers a fun, entertaining, and educational wine-tasting experience. Please RSVP to Teresa at 455-1183 or email: tlash@travelteam-kc.com to express your interest in attending such an event. Price: \$15-20 per person, with date and time to be determined by all participants.

Tree pruning (continued from page 1)

When two branches cross one another, you should eliminate one of them. Tree thinning opens the foliage of a tree, reduces weight on heavy limbs, and helps retain the tree's natural shape.

Shaping the outside is actually quite easy. Just picture how you want the tree to look, and picture imaginary lines of the finished outline of the tree. Cut off anything that is outside of these imaginary lines. It is also important to cut the tips of branches that have not yet reached these imaginary lines in order to force the plant to fill out. You also need to remove the lower branches from a tree in order to provide clearance for vehicles, and pedestrians.



In order to make a proper pruning cut, you, you must first locate the branch collar. The branch collar is an extension of the main stem of the tree where the branch joins the main trunk. Cutting into the branch collar allows decay to expand into the main trunk of the tree. Don't bother with pruning paints or any of that chemical company fakery. The wound will "heal" and cover itself with callous like bark this time of year just as quickly if the wood is left bare. The cut should be clean and smooth, not ragged or torn. You should make 45-degree cuts when removing limbs that grow upward. This will prevent water from collecting in the cut and expedites healing.

Ideally, young street trees should be pruned yearly, and side branches removed a few at a time over a period of years, to avoid shocking the tree. Use common sense; don't cut off all the side branches of a sapling at once so that all that's left is a vertical stick! In an older tree, the goal is to have 10-12 feet of clearance above the pavement, even higher to allow for the UPS delivery trucks, school buses, and garbage trucks.

There! That wasn't so bad. Your reward is a healthier tree, and the view of the beautiful architecture of your house from the street. Bundle the limbs into four-foot maximum lengths for the city's yard waste pickup this spring. Please do your party to help beautify and make safe the Claymont North neighborhood.

REMINDER: BOATS, TRAILERS, ETC.

Even though it is now winter, spring will be here quickly. The Board wants to remind you that long-term parking of boats, trailers, RVs and other non-automobile vehicles violates the by-laws. We realize that there will be times that these items need to be at home for cleaning and loading, but they should not be permanently kept there. Please refer to the by-law section below for more information:

SECTION XVIII. AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING AND STORAGE OF AUTOMOBILES, BOATS, TRAILERS, ETC.

No automotive repair or rebuilding or any other form of automotive manufacture, whether for hire or otherwise, shall occur on any of the lots hereby restricted except that automotive repairs on a non-commercial basis and not for hire may be conducted in any enclosed garage built on the said premises and permitted under other provisions of these restrictions.

No automobile, truck, motorcycle, motorbike, motor scooter, boat, airplane, house trailer, boat trailer, camping trailer, motor home, or vehicle of any other type or description may be stored upon any of the lots or streets hereby restricted, except that such storage (except storage for hire) shall be permitted within the confines of any building built on any of the lots hereby restricted and permitted under other provisions of these restrictions. Nothing in this section, however, shall be so construed as to prohibit the regular parking of not more than two (2) automobiles but not including a pick-up truck with camper, in running condition and in a reasonable state of repair and preservation on any driveway permitted to be maintained on any of the lots hereby restricted.

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