

Spring 2009

# Northern Lights

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## 2009 Calendar of Events

**KCMO Leaves & Brush PU** Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
(limited to 20 paper bags, no tape, 4' x 2' bundles with twine)

**Garage Sale** Saturday, May 30, 2009  
(8:30 to 4:00)

**Spring Dumpster** Saturday, June 6, 2009  
(609 NW 44<sup>th</sup> Street -- trash/bulky items only)

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** Saturday, July 4, 2009

**Annual Meeting** Sunday, September 27, 2009

**Fall Dumpster** Saturday, October 24, 2009  
(609 NW 44<sup>th</sup> Street -- leaves and brush only)

## Neighborhood Safety

For those of you not on the Claymont North email list, there has been some suspicious activity on Normandy Lane in the past couple weeks. A white woman 20-30s with straight black hair was found by a homeowner looking in the front door sidelights. She got into a dark green colored van driven by a Hispanic-looking man. A couple days later, another homeowner found a Hispanic man in his garage. The man apparently stole the homeowner's garage door opener out of his car. On March 30 there was a burglary in the 4200 block of N. Mulberry in Briarcliff West. Suspects and vehicle have similar descriptions to those seen on Normandy. Also, on Thursday, April 9, another homeowner spotted an older dark green van with a temporary tag occupied by two Hispanic men cruising Claymont North and Claymont. One of the men knocked on a door on 43<sup>rd</sup> street. The homeowner reported them to the police. Please make sure to keep your houses locked and garage doors down.

If you see anything suspicious, report it to the police as well as let a Claymont board member know. If you want to be on the Claymont North email list send an email to Stacy at [luv2dive@kc.rr.com](mailto:luv2dive@kc.rr.com).



## Budget/Snow Removal

At the last Annual Meeting in September, homeowners passed an increase in our dues to \$110 per year. This increase is necessary to maintain the snow removal service to which we have all become accustomed.

In February the Board of Directors met with representatives from Miller’s who provide the snow removal services for Claymont North. Snow removal has been the largest line item in our budget since 2007. The purpose of the meeting was for Board members to understand the procedures for removal of snow from streets in Claymont North and to determine how we could reduce the costs of the service in the future. In 2008 this service cost \$20,068.28.

We agreed that Miller’s will make only two passes on most streets for snow removal, instead of curb line to curb line; and focus attention to the steep cul-de-sacs. Salt and sand are the most expensive items.

- \***Administration** – Officers & Directors liability insurance, office supplies, bank charges
- \***Neighborhood Cleanup** – Dumpsters
- \***Activities & Social** -- Garage Sale Ads, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- \***Contingency** – maintenance of properties not maintained by homeowners (liens are placed on properties for reimbursement),misc.

<b>2008 Budget – Actual</b>		<b>2009 Budget – Projected</b>	
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,339.64	Annual Meeting	\$ 1,500
Administration*	1,387.00	Administration*	1,375
Newsletters	504.97	Newsletters	1,000
Mosquito Control	3,148.00	Mosquito Control	3,000
Neigh. Cleanup*	150.00	Neigh. Cleanup*	200
Snow Removal	20,068.28	Snow Removal	12,000
Activities & Social*	121.28	Activities & Social*	180
Contingency*	<u>464.50</u>	Contingency*	<u>1275</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,183.67</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,530</b>

## Mosquito Control

The Board met with Larry Patterson of Hasty Mosquito Control at its February meeting. Claymont North currently has a contract with Hasty for mosquito control applications which will begin around May 22<sup>nd</sup> and end around October 2, 2009.



Mr. Patterson recommends that bird bath water be changed weekly and any stagnant water be removed from properties. He noted that one pop can will hatch around 1,000 mosquitoes and they will come back week after week to lay eggs in the same place. In addition homeowners can drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outside, frequently clean drain bottoms of exterior flower pots, turn over plastic wading pools when not in use, keep roof gutters clean and make sure they drain properly, aerate ornamental pools and water gardens or stock them with fish.

Homeowners interested in individual applications to their property, can contact Larry at [larry@hastymosquitocontrol.com](mailto:larry@hastymosquitocontrol.com) for a quote.

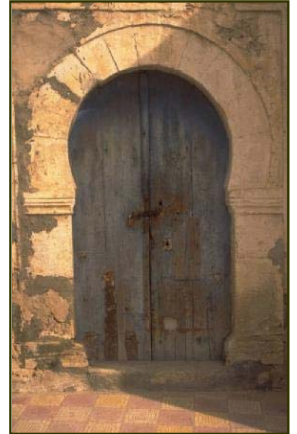
## A warm welcome to homeowners and families new to our neighborhood

We hope you are enjoying your new home. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of our Board members listed on page 1.

## Architectural Control

According to the CNHA By-Laws, any exterior changes to your home (roofing, siding, fencing, landscaping, painting, additions, etc.) require prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee. This process helps to maintain the quality of our homes and neighborhood.

If you are planning any exterior changes to your home, please visit our website [www.claymontnorth.org](http://www.claymontnorth.org) for a copy of the submission form or contact Board members Gordon or Peggy Hayes or George Schluter. For more information on Architectural Control, see **Section VII. Right to Approve Plans** in the Declaration of Restrictions which can be viewed on the Claymont North Homes Association website.



## Claymont North Garage Sale Guidelines

Claymont North By-Laws restrict garage sales to no more than one garage sale per year in addition to the neighborhood sponsored sale. If you have the need for an additional sale due to moving in or out of the neighborhood, please contact the Board for permission. Information on garage sales can be found in **Section XXII. Miscellaneous Provisions** in the Claymont North Declaration of Restrictions.

This year's garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 30th.



## Reminders...

**Motorized vehicles** (licensed or unlicensed) such as 4-wheelers, go-carts, golf carts or motorized scooters are not permitted on the streets or sidewalks of Gladstone or Kansas City. Please call your appropriate police department if you see anyone riding these vehicles in the neighborhood.

If you are a **dog** owner, please remember to be responsible for picking up after your dog when you walk, as well as in your own yard. With warmer months ahead this becomes more of an odor and insect problem. Please help keep Claymont North beautiful!

**Outbuildings** are prohibited by **Section XI. Outbuildings Prohibited** in the Declaration of Restrictions.

**Email list:** In addition to a couple of newsletters per year, we send out reminders or pertinent information via email. This is not "junk mail," but reminders of garage sales, dumpsters, annual meetings, etc. If you would like to be included or if your email information has changed and you would like to continue receiving them, please email Stacy at [luv2dive@kc.rr.com](mailto:luv2dive@kc.rr.com).

## Briarcliff Road Update

As you know, improvements to the section of Briarcliff Road between Briarcliff Lane and North Oak Trafficway are under way. The project is expected to be completed August 15, 2009 and will include two lanes of traffic, a sidewalk on the north side and a left-hand turn lane at Main Street. Phase 2 will go east across North Oak Trafficway to Troost. The timeframe is unknown due to funding.

## Kansas City Bulky Item Pickup

Last fall Kansas City, Missouri changed their bulky item trash pickup policy. If you have items for pickup call the Kansas City Action Center at 311 to schedule an appointment. Claymont North is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> trash day of every month, but you must have an appointment to have your items picked up. You can find more information at <http://www.kcmo.org/pubworks.nsf/web/bulkyitem2004> or by calling 3-1-1.

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A copy of the **Claymont North Declaration and By-Laws** can be found on our website by clicking on the "official documents" button.



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