



Northern Lights

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Annual Picnic & Tailgate Party Sept. 24th!

Join your Claymont North neighbors for Saturday afternoon fun, food and festivities

Your Claymont North Homes Association invites you and your family to join us for our Tailgate Party and Annual Meeting at 4:00 on Saturday, October 2nd, in the Mulberry Street cul de sac.

We'll gather in the big party tent to enjoy fun, food and fellowship. Meat, paper plates, utensils, napkins, water and soft drinks will be provided. If you want something else to drink, it's BYOB. **Please bring a dish to share: we suggest that even house numbers bring salads or sides, odd house numbers bring desserts.**

After the meal, we will conduct a brief business meeting to vote on 2012 Board members, and discuss any other pertinent issues.

During the meeting we will vote on the 2012 CNHA Officers. **If you will not be able to attend the event, please fill out the proxy insert found in this newsletter, and return it to the Association by Sept 22.**

Please RSVP by returning the enclosed form, or by emailing president@claymontnorth.org.

Coming Events

Event	Details
Annual Meeting & Tailgate Party	Saturday, September 24 4:00 PM
Fall Cleanup Dumpsters	8AM – NOON Saturday, October 22 Saturday, October 29

Be Good Neighbors:

- Keep the sidewalk and street free of trash and debris
- Trim street trees so walkers and trucks can pass easily
- Avoid parking in the street
- Limit party size and sound appropriately
- Keep dogs leashed and pick up their waste
- Park vehicles entirely in the driveway without blocking the sidewalk
- Know your neighbors!

Get A Free Recycling Bin!

Call Sadie at 816-561-1061, ext. 126 to have one delivered to your door. (While supplies last.)

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Your Home Association Board

If you are concerned about the quality of your neighborhood, consider volunteering to serve. You may meet some new folks and have a chance to influence what happens as well. The only prerequisite is a desire to maintain the livability of the neighborhood. Many of our volunteer board members have served multiple terms, and would love to see some new folks step in.

The proposed slate of board officers and members for 2012 follows:

President	Richard Reed
Vice President	George Schluter
Treasurer	David Lash
Secretary	John Benson
Board Members:	Gordon Hayes (Architectural Control)
	Stacy Miller (email Notifications)
	Mattie Moran
	Brenda Coppa
	Nick Lammers
	Mike Heller

We hope you will join us to help make Claymont North continue to be the wonderful neighborhood in which we all enjoy living. To volunteer, please contact any Board member, or use the sign-up sheet at the Annual Meeting.

Fall Gardening Ideas

LAWN RENOVATION - After a soggy summer ending with blistering heat, lawns have suffered badly from fungus and other damage. Now's the time to scratch up damaged areas and reseed. Over-seeding now will give you a great start on a beautiful lawn next season. After seeding, dress the lawn with peat moss and water frequently until seed germinates.

PRUNING – After the recent wind storms, we're all thinking about pruning and now is the perfect time to prune your trees and non-flowering shrubs. Cut back limbs that overhang your house, shade areas where you want sun or crowd adjacent trees or buildings. Remove dead or weak branches and those that grow in awkward directions. Prune street trees up to keep the sidewalk and street clear for auto and foot traffic. Don't prune azaleas or other flowering shrubs now or you'll cut off next year's flower buds.

WINTERIZATION – As soon as nights get chilly, mulch tender shrubs and perennials such as roses with bark or leaves. Be sure to cover the roots and trunk base with at least 3" of mulch. For shrubs like azaleas or rhododendrons with winter sun exposure, spray with Wilt-Pruf to protect from winter dehydration. Spray evergreens with Volck Oil Spray or other good dormant spray. Spread granular insecticide around the perimeter of your home to keep critters out.

Planning Fall Projects?

Don't forget that any exterior changes to your home (roofing, siding, fencing, landscaping, painting, additions, etc.) require prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee.

(Section VII. Right to Approve Plans - Declaration of Restrictions) This process helps to maintain the quality of our homes and neighborhood. Obtain Architectural Control forms from www.claymontnorth.org or by contacting Board members Gordon Hayes or George Schluter.

Solicitors Bothering You?

Recently, there have been lots of door-to-door solicitors in the neighborhood. While many sales people are honest and legitimate, you can't be too careful. Some are simply "casing" the area, looking for "soft targets". One neighbor called the police when a solicitor refused to leave when asked, and put his foot inside the storm door. When he still refused to leave, the resident forcibly ejected him into the street, pursuing him until police arrived.

The city does NOT license solicitors, and solicitors must honor posted "No Soliciting" signs. According to the KC North Patrol, Claymont North is a "no soliciting" neighborhood, and they will respond quickly to your complaint calls.

Winter's Coming...

The Board is again making plans for snow removal and street treatment for the coming winter 2011-2012. You can be helpful in this process by removing any vehicles from the street before a snow or winter storm event. This will help the crews clear the streets more quickly and make them safer for everyone. Remember, you will still need to clear the area around your mail box and the entry to the street from your driveway.

Don't forget to winterize your sprinkler systems, shut off outdoor water, drain and cover bird baths and protect tender plants.

KCMO Recycling Tips

Kansas City accepts the following items which can now be placed in your recycling bins for curbside pickup on Tuesdays:

- Place metal cans, plastic bottles and containers, cardboard, office paper and books in the blue curbside tubs.
- No glass, plastic bags, styrofoam, motor oil bottles and other automotive product or household hazardous material bottles, paper towels, tissues or napkins, plates or cups, aseptic and waxed containers, like milk cartons or juice boxes, gift wrap, photographs, blueprints, hanging file folders or bags that contained pet food, fertilizer, charcoal or kitty litter
- Obtain additional or replacement bins at Price Chopper or Westlake's Ace Hardware
- Deposit glass for recycling in the convenient purple bin in the front of the Price Chopper parking lot on Vivion Road.

Mending Fences

Homeowners are reminded that Claymont North By-Laws specify the allowable fencing types and placement, but do not require fencing. If you have a fence that is falling down, or no longer needed, you may remove it rather than incur the expense of repair or replacement.

Please do your part to keep the neighborhood looking its best by maintaining your fences, decks and home exterior. This will help keep our neighborhood a great place to live, and maintain our property values in a difficult housing market.

Have a question about what's required? Contact George Schluter or Gordon Hayes for a quick review of your plans!

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Homes Association online at
www.claymontnorth.org



**Claymont North
Homes Association**



FALL BRUSH DUMPSTERS

10/22 and 10/29
8AM – Noon
44th Terrace off Belleview



Teresa and David Lash

Your neighborhood travel consultants

For cruises, tours, vacation packages or business
trips, call us at (816) 559-7759.

E-mail: tlash@travelteam-kc.com

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Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 24th

4:00 PM to ???

Bring the entire family for the brief
annual meeting, plus great food and neighborly
fun! Don't forget to RSVP, and bring your
favorite potluck dish!

HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN!

Once again, CNHA will provide an off-duty police
officer to patrol our neighborhood from 6 to 11 pm
on Halloween night.

