

THE BRIDLESPUR NEWS

... the who, what, when, where, why & how of your neighborhood

January 2023, Issue #1

Happy New Year!! Here's hoping that your 2023 is off to a good start and wishing health & happiness to you and yours.

So, you might be saying to yourself, "*Self, what is this new sort of newsletter that I received today from my HOA?*" Well, it's a new year & your HOA Board members are embracing change in various ways. Much like a newspaper, we will try to connect Bridlespur homeowners to each other, to the South KC area & to the greater KC area with topics that we hope are interesting and informative. Bridlespur doesn't exist in a vacuum. So, I guess you can say that the Bridlespur HOA Board has a New Years' resolution to move the neighborhood into a more inclusive more active, more vibrant, fun & higher energy community.

You will see some sections on recurring topics each month that we hope will engage you in one way or another, at least from time to time. If you have suggestions on what **YOU** would like to see in The Bridlespur News, please feel free to reach out to us at bridlespurhomes@gmail.com. The HOA Board looks forward to seeing you at events ... yes, events ... such as parades, food trucks, etc., so watch for dates & details in *The Bridlespur News* and on our Facebook page. And, yes, we have a Facebook page, too! See the info box below about how to join Bridlespur on Facebook. And, please, send us your event ideas, too and think about how you might like to volunteer for our events once we have them scheduled.

Here's to seeing you around the neighborhood!!



The Bridlespur HOA Board of Directors asks you to join us in wishing our long-time HOA Administrative Aid, Wanda Shipman, a very happy retirement. After more years than any of us can remember, Wanda is taking off her many hats as a helper to the HOA Board members, in service to the neighborhood. Thank you, Wanda, and we wish you and Turner some great adventures in your retirement!



Are you the one we're looking for?!?!?



The HOA Board has one Board of Director position open for a Lead Director of Neighborhood Upkeep. This Lead Director will be working with two other Directors to maintain the outdoor quality of our community. There is a job description so if you are interested, please email us at Bridlespurhomes@gmail.com and we will get that information out to you. It's not all grunt work, for sure, and you get to work with two other great neighbors, so what's to lose, right? And we will be recruiting volunteers to work with different events, including Neighborhood Upkeep. The board meets every month on the 3rd Tuesday. Bring your energy, your ideas and work with a great HOA board!

Welcome to our new neighbor, Jenna Haith, at 52 East 107 Street. We look forward to meeting you, Jenna!

You probably noticed on your HOA annual dues statement that the dues remain at \$75!!

Payments can be mailed to our new address:

Bridlespur Homes Association
P.O Box 482024
Kansas City, Mo 64148

OR

If you'd rather deliver to an actual 'address', you can mail it to:

Martin City Post Office:
10 E. 135th, Box #482024
Kansas City, Mo 64145

PayPal payments can be sent to bridlespurhomes@gmail.com (\$78 includes PayPal service fee).

**PLEASE NOTE the new HOA
phone number: 816-533-6258**

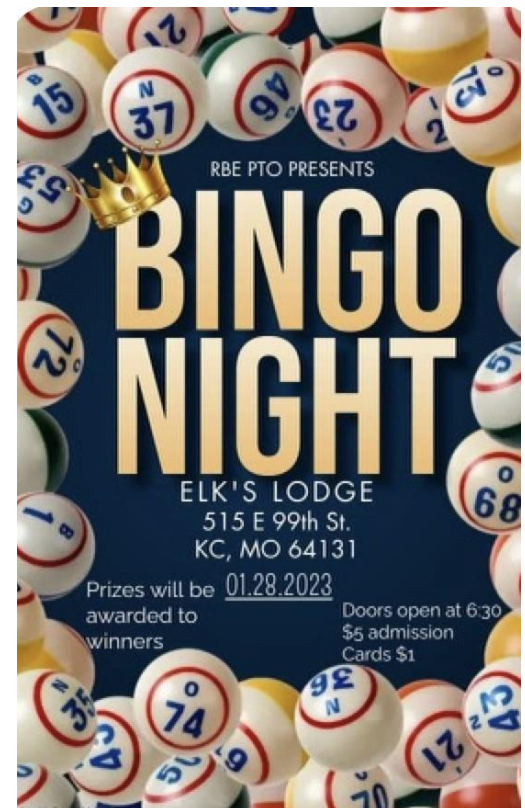
Join the Bingo fun on Saturday, January 28 at 6:30pm at the Elk's Lodge, 515 E. 99 Street & and support our neighborhood school, Red Bridge Elementary!! If questions, please email redbridgepto@gmail.com

Look for the helpers:

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping" (Fred Rogers)

This is the first of hopefully many, many articles where we will highlight 'helpers'. The goal is to find bright spots, happy events and the best of our community, where someone in Bridlespur is the 'helper' or has been on the receiving end of a 'helper'. I hope that most, if not all, of my 'helper' articles come from our neighborhood. However, I will go outside our community if needed to highlight helpers. We all need & deserve the bright spots! And with permission from the 'helper', the article will also run on Nextdoor, per requests from Nextdoor neighbors. So, who is a 'helper' that you want highlighted? Please email your 'helper' stories to us at bridlespurhomes@gmail.com

This month's helper is Katie Mahoney, a Bridlespur resident who graduated from Notre Dame de Sion, moved away for a few years & moved back to KC in 2020. Many of you may already know of Katie and her "passion to maintain her stomping grounds". Katie formed a group, *KC Metro Cleaning Crew*. The group was very enthusiastic at first, and, sadly, interest has dwindled. Katie often works alone, cleaning up trash along Wornall, the interstate and areas as far away as Independence, MO. While this is not a glamorous role by any means, Katie takes it to heart as one of her life missions and is very happy when people, driving by, honk to thank her for her efforts. Katie's on-going mission is to "make our local neighborhood & community look nice". If you are interested in volunteering with Katie, you can search for her group, *KC Metro Cleaning Crew* on Nextdoor. Katie wants to lead by example & is happy to have others join in her mission. **THANK YOU SO MUCH, KATIE MAHONEY, FOR BEING A HELPER! We see you!**



Just around the corner ... those snow days! We have our snow removal contract in place and when we have more than 2-inches of snow, our neighborhood will be plowed. Please be kind to yourself & protect your vehicles by not parking on the street, if possible, especially near the corners, to avoid getting plowed in. If your garage & driveway are full, perhaps you have a kind neighbor who would allow you to park in their driveway. Be prepared & be safe when the snow comes.

Calendar of Events:

HOA Board Meeting	February 21
HOA Board Meeting	March 21
Yard Waste Dumpster	Spring, date TBD
HOA Board Meeting	April 18
HOA Board Meeting	May 16
Garage Sales	June 8, 9 & 10
HOA Board meetings	July thru December TBD
Yard Waste Dumpster	Fall, date TBD
Annual HOA meeting w/members	November, date TBD

Just a few phone numbers to keep on the fridge. (or in your cell phone)

Bulky Item Pickup: <http://city.kcmo.org/kc/Bulky/>

Call 311 for most concerns. If you are calling from a phone *without* an 816-area code, you will need to call 816-513-3600 which gets you to 311, and they answer 7am to 7pm, Monday through Friday.

You can also go to website: www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/311.

Evergy (power company): **1-888-471-5275**

Police, South Patrol Non-Emergency #: **816-234-5111**

Traffic Complaints: <https://www.kcpd.org/crime/prevention-and-safety-tips/traffic-complaints/>

2023 Delayed Trash & Recycling schedule:

Presidents Day:	Monday, Feb 20:
Memorial Day:	Monday, May 29
Juneteenth:	Monday, June 19
Independence Day:	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day:	Monday, Sept. 4
Thanksgiving Day:	NO trash or recycling pick so <i>Thursday trash collection on Friday, Nov. 24</i> <i>Friday's trash collection Saturday, Nov. 25</i>
Christmas:	Monday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day:	Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

Red Bridge Elementary School Calendar

January

28 Bingo @ Elk's Lodge

February

6	PTO Read-a-thon
7	PTO Meeting
7	Math/Reading Night 5:30p
14	Valentine Parties
15	Sonic Night, 4-8pm
17	No School
20	No School – Presidents' Day
23	4/5 Music Program @ 6:30pm
25	Pancake Breakfast, Elks Lodge @ 8am

Please support the school's monthly Sonic Night & have an easy dinner at the same time. The school appreciates the neighborhood support.



BRIDLESPUR HOA OBJECTIVES

(per our community directory):

- **Maintain high standards & appearance as a residential community.**
- **Create a friendly atmosphere for our families and children.**
- **Enhance property values of our homes.**
- **Provide a secure neighborhood for our members.**
- **Make the area a desirable residential community.**



Sadly, the Red Bridge Sun Fresh is closing on or about January 28. We are all hoping a new grocery store goes in & will share information in future newsletters.

THE BRIDLESPUR NEWS will be published on the 4th of each month starting February 2023.

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