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Oh, Christmas Tree, Oh, Christmas Tree

Tall tree, short tree, long needles, short, stubby needles, a green tree or another green tree! Picking out a tree at the local grocery store was OK — as we really didn't have many choices in the 1940s — but dragging it home to decorate made the day! Of course we lost many branches along the way, but who was counting? The tree was always placed in the "front room" so neighbors passing by could admire it. Aunt Marty was our family's guru of tree decorating. You wouldn't believe how many times she turned the tree around to find just the right spot or how many times we had to switch light bulbs to make sure we didn't have two reds together! But the best thing we learned from Aunt Marty was to take the silver tinsel and hang one strip at a time — heaven forbid we hung two together or that we just happened to throw a piece of tinsel on the tree hoping no one would see! It took us more time to decorate this tree, but in the end we all agreed it was the most beautiful tree we had ever had!

Fast forward 30 years and as a married mother of two small young men, we bought our trees at a Christmas tree farm. Both boys loved football and who would have thought they would enjoy throwing a football around at the Christmas tree farm? I don't know which came first: the pretense of picking out a Christmas tree while having a fun day throwing a football among the many trees or just carrying the football around

hoping someone would suggest playing while pacifying me and picking out the most beautiful tree. Either way, the boys and their dad enjoyed the day — a day with football, finding a beautiful tree for our home and ending the day sharing a taco dinner with friends. My sons loved this tradition so much they are now taking their sons to Christmas tree farms to select their own beautiful trees — and of course throw the football around. What fantastic memories we all have!

Skip forward once again to today and I do something I thought I would never do — buy an artificial Christmas tree! Seventy-plus years have elapsed since I trimmed my first Christmas tree and I can honestly say, buying an artificial tree was one of the hardest choices I have had to make! No more Christmas scent; no more hunting down just the perfectly shaped tree; no more stringing lights and re-stringing lights until the family agreed the tree looked beautiful. The only upside is I am sure the trash men loved not having to cart away another dead tree!

Today, we carefully un-wrap the tree (with lights intact) and gingerly unwrap all my collection of ornaments. Lo and behold we have a beautiful tree and all are happy! Even though the holiday season can be stressful at times, when you add Christmas music, a cup of eggnog and brightly wrapped packages — my Christmas is complete.

As you read the editorial board's memories in this issue, I hope you will remember all of the memories you have from this beautiful holiday. It is never too late to make memories! Merry Christmas to all!

Suzie Gibbs

ON THE COVER:

Damian Troxler, 1-year-old, Kaitlyn Lockard, 7-years old and Brynnleigh Lamm, 6-years-old, play around in their holiday clothes in front of a lavishly decorated Christmas tree at Sweet Annie Home Décor.



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Anne Wille opened Sweet Annie Home Décor store about seven months ago.

Stringing lights, picking out a poinsettia, finding the perfect place for that crafty Elf on a Shelf—holiday decorating grows bigger and brighter every year. There are many ways to express the holiday mood, and a new store in Mission is packed full of decorations, one-of-a-kind items, antiques, ornaments and ideas on how to make a home into a winter wonderland.

Sweet Annie, at 5622 Johnson Drive, is a vintage décor store with items hand-picked by owner Anne Wille. She travels to flea markets, estate sales and trade shows with the mission of gathering an array of décor that can liven up any home. Getting the right pieces can take some ingenuity and a fine eye.

“The object has to speak to me before I will get it,” Wille said. “It has to have a story to tell. What I get might not be what someone else would buy, but when I see something that has that right character, I know it is right for the shop.”

Is there an empty space on the wall or a corner of your home that needs to be filled with something, but you are just not sure what? Wille can help with that, as she says she enjoys talking with her customers and finding the exact right fit for them. She gives her own spin to signs, mirrors and other items in the store by adding some rustic touches to them, or making them, as she describes, “shabby chic.”

“I like taking something new and combing it with something old,” Wille explained. “It reflects my taste and it means we have some really original items here.”

Another sign on the wall reads, “Today is a good day for a good day.” Wille says this sums up the way she looks at life, and the reason she opened Sweet Annie in the first place. She was cutting flowers in the flower shop where she worked when she decided she wanted her own store where she could express herself and her

vision of home décor. When the location on Johnson Drive became available seven months ago, she knew she had to take it.

“I am doing something I love,” Wille confessed. “It’s a dream come true.”

DECORATING TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

“Christmas is my favorite time of the year,” Wille related. “While traveling around collecting items for the Sweet Annie, I learned a lot.”

Wille likes to share some of the holiday decorating tips she has learned over the years. She has ways to spruce up your spruce trees, get a handle on your fireplace mantel, unsheath a decorated wreath and wrap gifts with such flair that loved ones will want to open them with the greatest of care. Below are some of her more popular decorating ideas.

DECORATING TREES:

- For added interest in your Christmas tree, put it in a container like an old metal bin, wooden crate, wooden basket or old crock.
- A must at Sweet Annie's: two or three strings of twinkle lights that have been tucked evenly throughout the tree and kept centered. (Tip: Plug them in as you place them to see where they twinkle on the tree, and keep it subtle so it doesn't take much!)
- Ribbon: burlap, Christmas plaid, silver or gold—the wider the better, so it is seen. “I tuck my ribbon deep into the tree,” Wille explains. “I find open areas to pull the ribbon forward as trimmings are added to the tree.”

FIND HOLIDAY DÉCOR & MORE AT SWEET ANNIE

BY KRIS BAKER • PHOTOS BY SCOTT FISHMAN

- Don't forget the base of the tree needs to be just as pretty. You can use a traditional tree skirt, or maybe you have a beautiful quilt, a few yards of your favorite fabric or burlap. This will give a base for wrapped gifts!
- At the top of the tree place a "Merry Christmas" sign, an angel, a beautiful large ornament, a felt hat, birds or ribbon. It will be a focal point of your tree, so find something that pulls your whole tree together.

WREATH IDEAS

- A classic Christmas greenery wreath with a paper mache Santa head and some red velvet ribbon. Add some droopy greens or branches subtly to give depth to the wreath.
- A boxwood wreath with a 2-inch red velvet ribbon (no bow) and a rustic metal initial for your front door.
- A woodland wreath with classic pine sprays, droopy greens, some brown sparkly leaves, magnolia leaves and a brown reindeer. You could put some feathers subtly in the mix.
- A wintry wreath with a snowman ornament with wintry branches and red berries very subtly added.

DECORATING FIREPLACE MANTELS

- Start with a basic Christmas garland, then begin to add sprays and ornaments that you can zip-tie or wire onto the base garland. "I sometimes use fresh garland, but be VERY aware that it will dry out and be very flammable if near candles or something that could set fire," Wille warns.
- If you choose to add candlesticks, candles or any other décor, make sure you get everything in place before you add your garland and its décor.

WRAPPING GIFTS

- "Each year, I usually have a theme for my wrapping paper," Wille said. "First, I like to make sure it matches my home



Sweet Annie has antiques from many different styles including this table from the 1800s.

and tree décor and will be an added décor to the bottom of my tree."

- Coordinate the wrapping papers for the girls, the boys and then the adults, or do the same paper but with different ribbons.
- Get creative with your tags; handmade is always the best. Use mason jars to wrap gifts, or find old crates or burlap bags. Even brown paper with old-fashion twine and a handmade tag with a sprig of pine or holly can make a beautiful wrapping for a gift.

Sweet Annie can also restore furniture; give them a call at 913-515-4941. Sweet Annie is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; she is expecting to be open extra hours for the holidays. On Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, the store will host a holiday open house.



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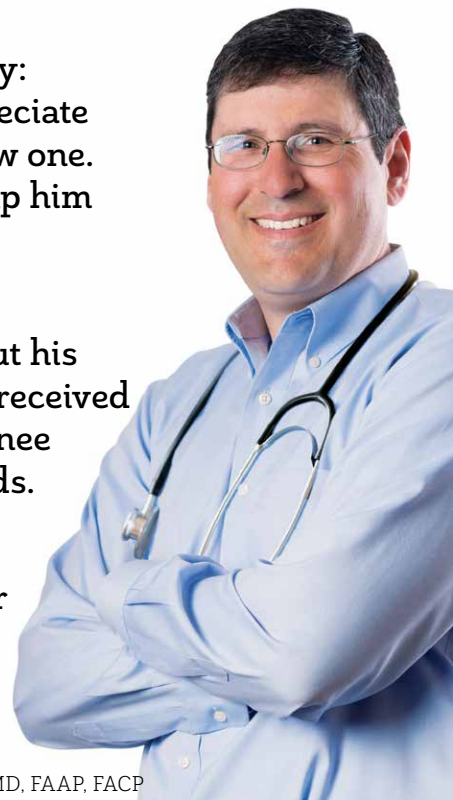
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3 It turns out that Dr. Greenfield is the doctor who Chris feels best about. (And they love to talk about Jayhawk basketball!)



Michael Greenfield, MD, FAAP, FACP





The holiday season means a variety of things to different people. The editorial board of The Mission Magazine would like to share some of their favorite holiday traditions, foods and memories. We hope this holiday season finds you and your family making new and lasting holiday moments.

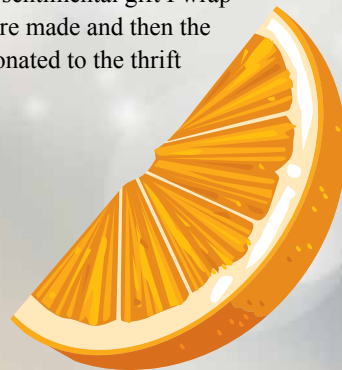
it away. Included were any and all holiday decorations. Now we have wide open spaces in our home and love it.

Our new holiday tradition, which we have been doing for a few years now, is at Christmas we buy a \$10 pre-lit, 3-foot Christmas tree and put it on the table in the front room by the window. Then we go to the local dollar store and buy \$30 in decorations for the tree and our home. (Trust me that's plenty enough for us now). Then the kids usually want gift cards and that's what they get, plus one nice small sentimental gift I wrap for them. Pictures are taken, memories are made and then the tree and decorations are boxed up and donated to the thrift store. We do the same for every holiday.



Orange Delight

By Bill McCrea



One of my favorite salad recipes is one of my late wife Gail's as well. Longtime Mission resident Jack Fries's wife, Carolyn, shared the recipe with Gail almost 50 years ago. The tradition continues as my youngest daughter makes this dish for our family gatherings. I now enjoy this dish more as a dessert than a salad.



Our Traditional Minimalist Holidays

By Stoney Bogan

Our family loved to collect things and being a single father of two teenagers our home was getting a bit cluttered. The collections included holiday decorations, games, shoes, dolls, tools, furniture, cooking utensils and much more including cars. One day we gathered up 90 percent of our "stuff" and sold it, donated it or gave



Being Together

By Kathy Lockard

We put our tree in the front room of our house in front of the big picture window where it can be seen when it is lit up from outside as well as inside. I have three wonderful helping, smiling faces to help me put on all the decorations, each finding their favorite and asking, "Grandma where did this one come from?" The decorations are all from the past, ones that were collected or made by their dad, uncle,



Holiday

mother or grandparents.

We have a beautiful Nativity set that belonged to my mother-in-law that we put out each year, with a smaller Nativity set for the children.

We don't prepare any special recipes or foods, we discuss what sounds good and go with that. It's just about being together and that is what is special.

❄️ Sports Ornaments

By Cathy Casey

Every year for Christmas I have a Hallmark sports-related ornament for my two sons. Even though they are grown, this is a tradition I continue. I would also let them open a gift on Christmas Eve. The rule was if they ever tell me there is no Santa, then that is the day I would tell Santa to stop bringing gifts to them and they would only get our gifts. That also still holds to this day. In addition, I love doing for others throughout the year and at the holidays I purchase things for the cats and dogs at shelters.



❄️ Keeping the Santa Magic Going

By David Small

One of our favorite holiday traditions is keeping Santa Claus alive and well in the minds of our 7-year-old twins. While it is easy for the internet and my kids' playmates to try and dispel the magic of Santa, we do everything we can to keep the tradition alive in our home. We do the usual — leave a half-empty glass of milk and cookie crumbs. This is evidence for our twins that the jolly guy in the red suit did indeed squeeze down our chimney with presents. The extra holiday traditional touch we “orchestrate” is leaving golden “magic dust” footprints on our floors, representing Santa's literal trek through



our living room. There is an entrance and exit path from the chimney highlighted in gold. It's worth every minute that our children still believe.

❄️ Christmas Eve on the Plaza

By Kris Baker

Since I can remember, my family and I have spent every Christmas Eve surrounded by the lights of the Country Club Plaza. The reds and greens and blues that shine down from the roof tops of Plaza businesses have always represented the holidays to me. The family loads up and braves the cold winter night; sometimes we walk along the shining streets or if too cold we drive down them. We have also taken one of the iconic horse-drawn carriage rides.

The night is capped off by dinner at one of the restaurants there, where we have enjoyed some of the best meals I have ever had. One year we were at a table sitting right next to George Brett, who was directing bottles of his wine around the room.

Before going to the Plaza, we always stop and visit with my childhood neighbors. Gifts are exchanged and as the song says, tales are told “of the glories of Christmases long, long ago,” along with well-remembered stories of growing up on Larsen Drive, my old street. More than any gifts or fancy foods, sharing time with familiar friends is the real highlight of the day.



❄️ Christmas City

By Laura Smith

The first Christmas after I graduated from college, my mother gave me a lighted house that was part of the Department 56 Dickens Village collection. She wanted to start a holiday collection for me as I ventured out on my own, one that could be added to over the years. Ever since that first Christmas, I have added more buildings and accessories to my collection and now have a “mini city” that is



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displayed each year. After my mother passed away, my husband and children continued the tradition and take great care in picking out something new for my birthday in November. Each piece carries wonderful memories, and even now that they are grown, the kids still like to tell stories about their favorite pieces. It takes several hours each year to unpack and arrange the village, but once up, it signals the official arrival of the holidays at our house. My collection is something I look forward to passing down to the kids someday. It makes me smile to think that there might be future generations who take delight in the tradition of the holiday village in years to come.

❄️ Christmas Family Tour

By Mary Horvatin

My favorite Christmas traditions live in my memories. When my mom was still alive, Christmas was a very big deal that drew me and my four siblings and their families together to celebrate. We all gathered on Christmas Eve, starting at the home of one of my siblings and throughout the night we would eat cookies and treats, opening presents as we went to each of my grown siblings' homes so that everyone could see and enjoy the holiday decorations that adorn each house. We always saved Mom and Dad's house for the last house where we would fill the living room with the remains of Christmas wrapping paper.

My parents are gone now and we have laid aside most all of these traditions. But when I put my tree up in my house now, hanging ornaments — some of which I've had since I was a kid — I look into the lights of the tree and I remember all the people still here and those who have gone and I find comfort and joy in those Christmases we shared.



about 25 to 30 latkes, and it probably takes an hour or so to make a batch and serve them hot. But when my children were young, we were often invited to large parties where I've been asked to make the latkes and it was an all-day process. Boy did my back hurt when I was done!

❄️ Christmas with Dad

By Angie Riffel

Every Christmas my dad came to town and stayed on the Plaza and my sister and brother and I stayed with him in the hotel. We went shopping and ate at the many Plaza restaurants ... but the most fun of all were the Plaza Lights! It just made Christmas special! Best memories ever!

❄️ Hanukkah Traditions

By Mark Raduziner

I grew up celebrating Hanukkah, a holiday associated with Christmas but not at all related. And it doesn't always occur in December. One tradition I still hold closely is the nightly lighting of the menorah, which holds nine candles, one for each night of the holiday (eight) and the "lead" candle, the "shamas," which is lit first every night and lights the remaining candles. A prayer sung in Hebrew each night during the lighting of the menorah sets the tone of the evening as we celebrate our freedoms and exchange modest gifts with family and cook delicacies ranging from homemade cheese blitzes to potato "latkes" (pancakes) to both sweet and savory noodle kugel (noodle casserole).



❄️ Potato Latkes

By Barbara Bayer



My family celebrates Hanukkah and one of the traditional foods we eat is potato latkes, also known as fried potato pancakes. There are many variations to the recipe, but ours is made with grated white potatoes, onions, eggs, flour, salt and pepper. They are fried in very hot oil, which can be a very labor-intensive process. A normal batch makes

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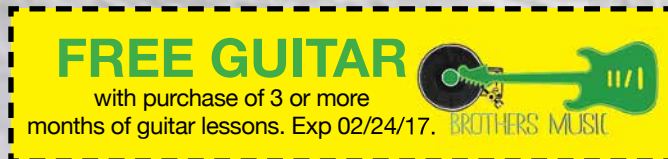
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Dr. Brill says his "goal is to help members expand their business horizons and grow their businesses ethically and efficiently by networking with colleagues in non-competitive businesses."



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Letters to Santa

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Mission Bulletin Board

Feeling the Uplift

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Can do for the holidays

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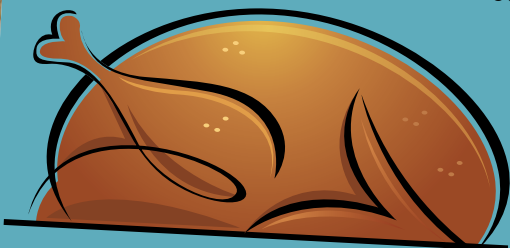


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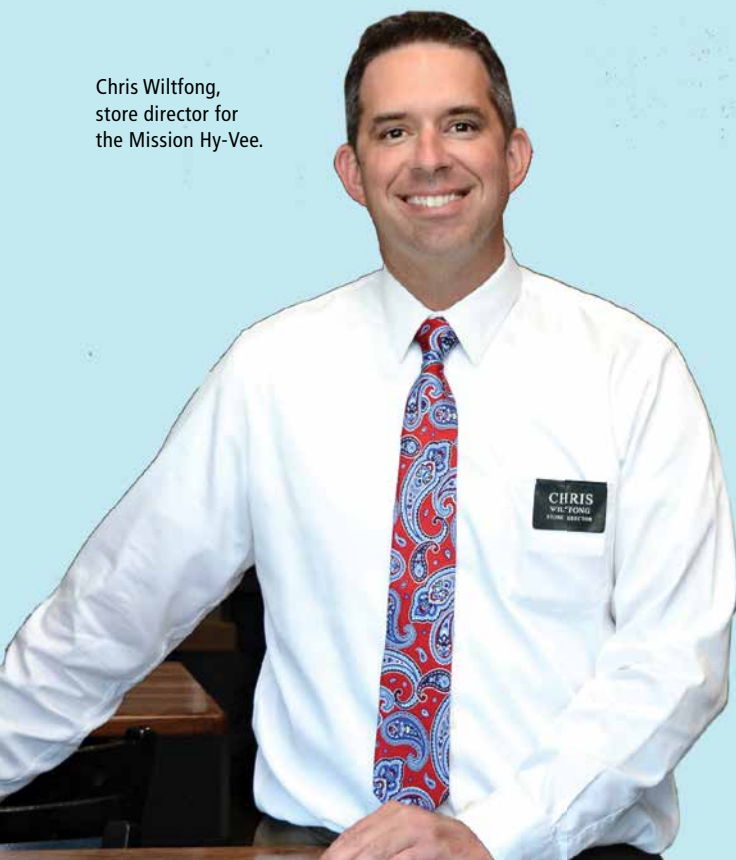
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Chris Wiltfong,
store director for
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NEW DINING EXPERIENCE COMES TO MISSION HY-VEE

BY KRIS BAKER PHOTOS BY CATHY DONOVAN

Chris Wiltfong watches as three enticing-looking appetizers are brought out piping hot from the kitchen of the Hy-Vee Market Grille.

“On this table are three of our most popular menu items,” Wiltfong explains. “These are very popular during our daily happy hours, as well as during watch parties for Chiefs’ games.”

Happy hours and football watching, this sounds like what’s on the menu at many restaurants and sports bars around town. However, this is the only one where you can grab a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs after your meal.

The Mission Hy-Vee opened its Market Grille on May 17 and Wiltfong was brought in as the new store director with the goal of getting the grille started on the right foot. The Market Grille is a full-service restaurant with an experienced chef on duty, local beers on tap and 11 televisions on the walls.

“We know people care about good food and good experiences and the Grille is all about that,” Wiltfong shared. “Before, you could go to the deli counter and get chicken tenders and mashed potatoes. Now you can come here and get tuna tacos with mango salsa. It is a totally different experience.”

Wiltfong grew up in Kansas City and when the opportunity to come back and work at this Hy-Vee presented itself, he knew he had to take it. He is currently still looking for a permanent residence in the area for he, his wife and their four daughters.

“This is a great place to be and Hy-Vee is always looking to give back to the community,” Wiltfong said. “The store carries local produce and we want people to be able to eat healthier and happier.”

Upcoming community events at Hy-Vee include free meals for Veterans on Veterans Day, which has been very popular for the store in the past; special deals on Thanksgiving dinners and Breakfast with Santa event on Dec. 12, where children can have breakfast with Santa and have their picture taken while mom can get some shopping done. Every Sunday is the “Grande Brunch Buffet,” with seasonal fruits, fresh pastries and a carving station.

The man behind the food is lead chef Brent Frisbe, who went to culinary school in Las Vegas and had an internship at Wolfgang Puck’s restaurant. He has also worked as a chef for the Chiefs and Royals. He discovered the benefits of running a restaurant in a grocery store right away. He says that if they run out of something, like tomatoes, they can just run out to the aisles to get it.

“We have the freshest ingredients,” Frisbe relayed. “We want people to know this is good food at a good price.”

The Mission branch is the fourth Hy-Vee in the area to get a Market Grille. Out of the 20 Hy-Vee stores in the Greater Kansas City area, 14 are scheduled to open a Market Grille in the future.

Christal Franklin, general manager of the Mission Hy-Vee, also moved to this store when the Grille was being built.

“It gives you another option, come in and dine with friends,” Franklin remarked. “It’s a whole new concept for customers to dine in a grocery store. We have lots of regulars that have been giving us great responses.”

Dining on this day is Jennifer Pantoja, director of sales at the Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton in Merriam. She brings clients to eat at the market, saying her favorite is the shrimp tacos.

“It’s very good and I come as often as I can,” Pantoja said. “I like to bring clients here because it is so convenient.”

With people on the go more and more, a convenient destination to shop and dine is even more appealing. For even quicker service, curbside pickup is also available by placing an order at hyveemarketgrille.com.

“It’s a relaxed atmosphere where we host lady’s nights along with families shopping,” Wiltfong relayed. “Hy-Vee is an important part of the community and we want to make sure everyone in the community has an incredible experience.”

Below: Spinach artichoke dip is one of popular dishes at the Hy-Vee Market Grille.

Hy-Vee will be having a full Thanksgiving meal buffet in the Market Grille on Thanksgiving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The price point on this buffet is \$19.99 for adults, \$6 for kids 6-12 and 5 and under are free. Reservations are available for this buffet, as well as walk in space. The buffet will consist of traditional Thanksgiving items such as turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, bread, appetizers and a full array of desserts.

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Mission's Leaf Busters and Snow Angels help our residents who are unable to rake their own leaves or shovel snow from their driveways and walks. Our volunteers – neighbors, residents, city staff and more – make these programs a success! Just as the falling leaves and snow don't stop each year, neither does our need for volunteers. By assisting others in our community, you can make a real difference in someone's life. As a volunteer, we'll work to pair you with a resident in your neighborhood. Not only will you be helping someone in need, your efforts will help to keep your neighborhood looking great in the fall and safer in the winter. An added benefit is meeting new friends! To volunteer, please contact Neighborhood Services at 913-676-8360.

Leaf Busters: This year, we'll be scheduling two different days in November (specific dates to be determined) to have volunteers help with raking. If you need help raking your leaves, please call Neighborhood Services to be added to our list.

Snow Angels: Depending on weather conditions and volunteers available, there may be instances when we can't accommodate your request immediately. We appreciate your patience as we work to get a volunteer in touch with you as soon as possible.

To sign up for the Leaf Busters or Snow Angels programs, either as a volunteer or participant, please contact Neighborhood Services at 913-676-8360 / nfanska@missionks.org



DO I NEED A HOME OCCUPATION LICENSE?



If you work from home, you may need a Home Occupation License. Mission requires residents who own a business that is based in their home to obtain an annual license. If you work for a company that is located outside of Mission, and you are simply "working from home," then you would not be required to get a license.

For those residents who do own a business that is located at their home, there are a number of criteria that must be met. Most

commonly, residents ask about where their business can be located in their home, can they have employees and how many, are signs permitted, parking and traffic issues, what hours can the business operate, and what is the fee for a license.

- The business must be conducted entirely within the main dwelling - not in an accessory building, garage or structure, whether attached or detached.
- The home occupation may have no more than two employees who do not reside at the residence.
- Homes must retain their residential character and no signs are permitted.
- The business may not generate, result in or contribute to traffic (vehicular or pedestrian), parking, sewage or water use in excess of what is usual and normal in a residential neighborhood.
- Home occupations may only attract business-related vehicular and pedestrian visits between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Licenses run from July 1 to June 30 of each year and are \$35.

Applications, including a full listing of the criteria that must be met, can be found on Mission's website or contact the City Clerk at 913-676-8355 / msumrall@missionks.org if you have questions.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On October 27th, we cut the ribbon on Mission's newest park – Legacy Park and Gibbs Plaza. The park is located at the corner of Martway and Broadmoor, and includes a gathering area that has been named to honor Councilmember Suzie Gibbs. Suzie has served Mission for many years, representing the residents of Ward 4, promoting Mission's business community, and working tirelessly throughout the year to help those less fortunate in our area. We thank Councilmember Gibbs for all she has done over the years and continues to do. I'd like to ask for your help as Mission continues our efforts to assist our Mission families during the holidays. We are all busy at this time of year, but it just takes a few minutes to stop by the Community Center to drop off food for the Thanksgiving Baskets or to pick-up a tag from the Christmas Tree to buy that special Christmas present for a family participating in our Holiday Adoption Program. We'd also love to have you join us as we put together the Thanksgiving Baskets on November 21st and wrap gifts on December 20th. All the details on these program are included in this issue of the Mission Magazine!

Our annual Holiday Lights and Festive Sights event is scheduled for Friday evening, December 2nd. Again this year, we'll be at the Community Center with Santa, s'mores, and all types of Christmas music. We are so proud to have again this year two of our citizens from the Mission Project to help



light the Mayor's Christmas Tree. And, it's a Free Family Fun night with open swim, a movie, and arts & crafts for everyone! The event is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. so plan to come by as we kick-off the Christmas season in Mission! As always, I want to encourage everyone to "shop local." We have such a great variety of businesses in Mission, I make shopping local a priority throughout the year, and I hope you will too, especially during the holidays. Take time to walk down Johnson Drive and see what each business has to offer – I'm sure you'll find just what you are looking for.

Finally, in this special time of year, as we celebrate our Savior's birth, keep in mind the needs of your neighbors. You might consider helping someone out with a project around the house, an invitation to dinner, or a simple friendly greeting.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and God bless you and your family during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

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The City of Mission wants your bikes! Here are two chances to donate your used and unwanted bikes for a good cause.

Handlebar Happy Hour & Bike Drive
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The City of Mission and BikeWalkKC will co-host a happy hour at The Bar, 6101 Johnson Drive. Experienced cyclists, people curious about bike riding in the city, Mission residents and those from around the region are all welcome. We'll talk cycling, circulate a sign-up sheet to connect with other area cyclists, and just have a good time. Bike donations will be accepted, so bring your used or unwanted adult bicycles. Donated bikes will be cleaned and repaired, and either given to the City's adopted families at the holidays, or used through BikeWalkKC's Earn-A-Bike program. Donations are tax-deductible.

If you miss this event or are unable to attend, you may also drop off your donated bike at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center (north parking lot) on Thursday morning, November 17th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00.

For more information, contact Emily Randel
erandel@missionks.org or 913-676-8368.



September 21, 2016 was proclaimed "Lee Jones Day" in the City of Mission! Lee has been a member of our Parks & Recreation Staff since 2005, and recently left to continue his career at Children's Mercy Hospital. Mayor Schowengerdt and Christy Humerickhouse, Parks & Recreation Director, presented Lee with the proclamation honoring his service to Mission at the September City Council Meeting.



Saturday, September 26 was the last day for this year's Mission Farm & Flower Market. The season ended with a short celebration to mark the addition of a new park bench and picnic table to the site. These amenities were sponsored by the families of The Mission Project and Mission Project 2, and Consolidated Communications. The concrete pad was sponsored by the Mission Sustainability Commission and the Mission Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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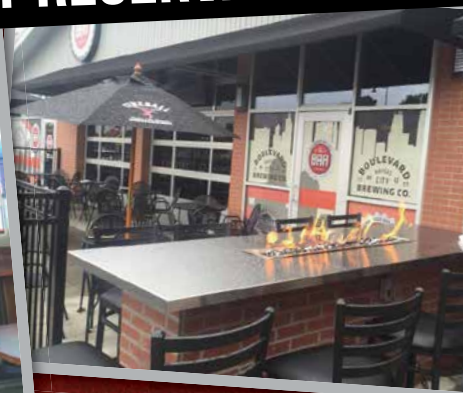
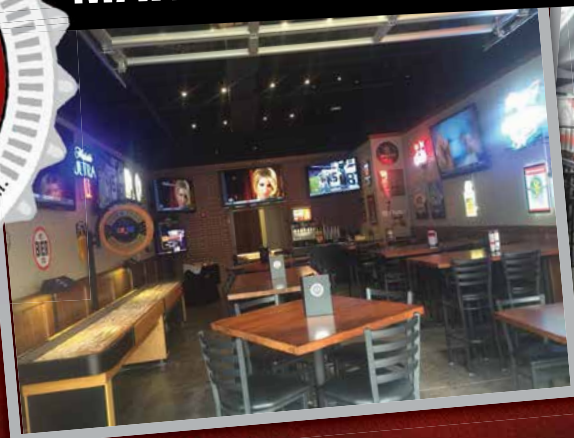


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Mission's Family Holiday Adoption program brings community together

Did you know that on the night of Jan. 26, 2016, 153 persons in 70 households were identified as homeless in Johnson County, Kansas, through the annual point-in-time count of homelessness? Here are some statics that will awaken your awareness of our own Johnson County!

The median age of those who were homeless in Johnson County was 19 years; 74 were under the age of 18.

10 of the 153 homeless were unsheltered – living in their cars, abandoned buildings, and in tents in public spaces. Seven of the 10 were youth between the ages of 17-19 years.

60 percent of homeless households were employed, with 3 of 5 employed households working 40 or more hours a week.

How can you help? Fueled by the generosity of the community and the gratefulness of the people who receive the food and gifts, the City of Mission is once again working to make the holidays bright for Northeast Johnson County residents.



THANKSGIVING GIVING

Volunteers will assemble and deliver food baskets on **Monday, Nov. 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Sylvester Powell, Jr., Community Center. You may donate your time, money or canned goods.

UPLIFT TRUCK

On **Thursday, Nov. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon**, an Uplift truck will be paked in the north parking lot of the Community Center. They are asking for gently used, clean clothing for adults, blankets, candles, matches, books, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and shoes.

WHITE SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Each year the City of Mission partners with St. Michael's Men in Ministry to supply white socks to the homeless. The Community Center will have a Christmas tree at the north end where you may drop off your socks. **Deadline is Nov. 21.**

CHRISTMAS

Each adopted family is asked to supply their wish list for Christmas gifts. Wrapping gifts, assembling baskets and delivering items will be from 8 a.m. to finish on **Tuesday, Dec. 20.**

After Dec 1, tags will adorn two Christmas trees at the Community Center. You may go to the center and pick out as many tags as you like, or you may contact Kathy Lockard (913-722-8206) and adopt a whole family. Canned goods and monetary donations will also be accepted.

For additional questions contact Suzie Gibbs at 913-671-8564.





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Several years ago, the City of Mission “adopted” eight families for Christmas and gave them gifts on their “wish lists.” Fast-forward to today and Mission’s Family Holiday Adoption program is in full swing — and still growing. The needs have increased but so, too, have the number of volunteers and people who want to help.

In 2015, we delivered Thanksgiving baskets (turkeys/hams with all the fixings) to 55 families; delivered a complete Christmas dinner plus extras to 55 northeast Johnson County families; gave Christmas gifts to 31 families from their wish lists and collected over 3,000 pairs of socks (in partnership with St. Michael’s Men in Ministry) for Uplift Organization Inc. The numbers have increased this year, so we are looking to you to help us fill the gap.

The success of this program relies on the entire community. For example:

- Bickford Assisted Living donates turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving
- Casey Auto Repair donated dog treats and cans of popcorn to families
- Bearde Salon donated a car load of hair supplies for all the women on the list
- a Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center employee knits

(thanks to all of the yarn that has been donated) over 100 scarves to be distributed among the families.

This year Notes to Self — a sock company located in Mission — has donated socks for families and BikeWalk KC has donated 12 bicycles to distribute. Along with the bikes, we have a most energetic person who has volunteered to go over each one, and refurbish it so it looks new.

“I don’t know of another City in the Northeast Johnson County area that has this program,” remarked Kathy Lockard, administrative supervisor for City of Mission Parks and Recreation. “Putting together the tags for the trees and gathering all the gifts for the families is the most incredible, heartwarming gift I receive each year. The generosity of the patrons is astounding.”

This year, the City has partnered with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to allow donations for the holiday adoptions to be tax deductible through a 501(c)3 arrangement. Corporate matching funds may also be accepted. For more information, contact Laura Smith atlsmith@missionks.org. Checks should be made out to The City of Mission Charitable Fund.

Holiday Lights & Festive Sights

Join us for the annual Holiday Lights and Festive Sights, from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center. There will be lots of fun for the whole family including the Mayor’s tree lighting, a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus, music and lots more.



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Shawnee Mission North to open state-of-the-art learning commons

BY KRIS BAKER PHOTOS BY SCOTT FISHMAN

Sitting in the principal's office, the mind can't help but wander. On a shelf sits a framed quote that reads "Discipline is not a dirty word," attributed to former NBA coach Pat Riley, while North memorabilia decorates the walls of the office of new Shawnee Mission North principal David Tappan. In his first year at North Tappan is celebrating the past while also embracing a theme of the new — new principal, some new teaching methods and a brand new learning commons in the library.

"I am happy to be a part of the tradition here of high standards," Tappan explained. "The learning commons is a wonderful new environment to give our students all the tools available for them to succeed."

The learning commons is a media center and gathering area with a brand new look and is the first of its kind in the Shawnee Mission School District. The space is designed for more flexible uses including collaborative work and study areas as well as easier access to on-line resources and wireless connectivity. This is part of a movement to model study environments after ones found in higher education and business settings. A microwave and coffee station are also included.

"It's so much more than a library," Tappan pointed out. "We understand that our students sometimes understand more about technology than we do. With access to their own Mac Books and the addition of seven Apple televisions in the learning commons our students can easily collaborate with one another."

Senior Tyler Preston works in the library giving tech support and working with younger students.

"I think it will help in a lot of ways," Preston said in reference to the learning commons. "It's very contemporary and modern."

A Shawnee Mission North mug, club photos, sports parapher-

nal and more items of North line the new shelves in the commons telling the story of North and its students. Tappan said he is proud to be in charge, but also humble as he believes he has a great team around him to rely on.

"The staff has set a level of student expectations that is very high," Tappan said. "My goal is to cater that and focus on creating an environment that uses all the resources and information possible to help students succeed."

In addition to new technology some new teaching practices are in effect including the school's 10 and 10 plan, in which the first 10 minutes and the last 10 minutes of every class is stressed as the most important and distractions are kept to a minimum. Classrooms are often not set up in stringent rows either, as desks can be arranged to allow students to more fully engage with each other. Students are not expected to sit through an entire class, because moving around can actually help them focus.

"The more students are participating and active, the more learning takes place," Tappan remarked.

The learning commons is one more area to help students stay active, as well as be prepared for new and different environments.

"North prepares young people for the real world," Tappan stressed. "When our students walk across the stage at graduation and we hand them their diploma, I am confident that they are prepared for the real world and have the tools to achieve their goals."



Above Right: First year Shawnee Mission North principal David Tappan.
Top: Senior Tyler Preston, sophomore Kaveh Reasco and sophomore Ryan Heddings in the new learning commons at Shawnee Mission North.



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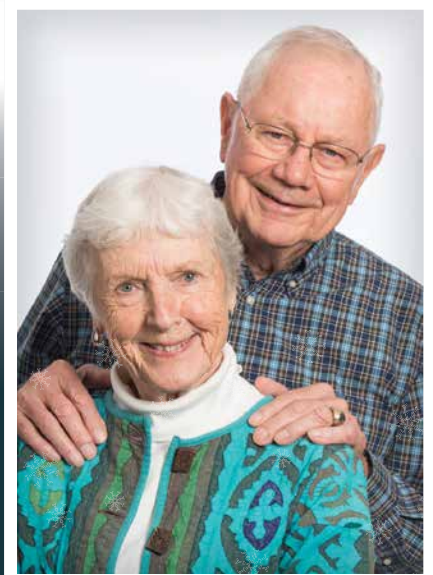


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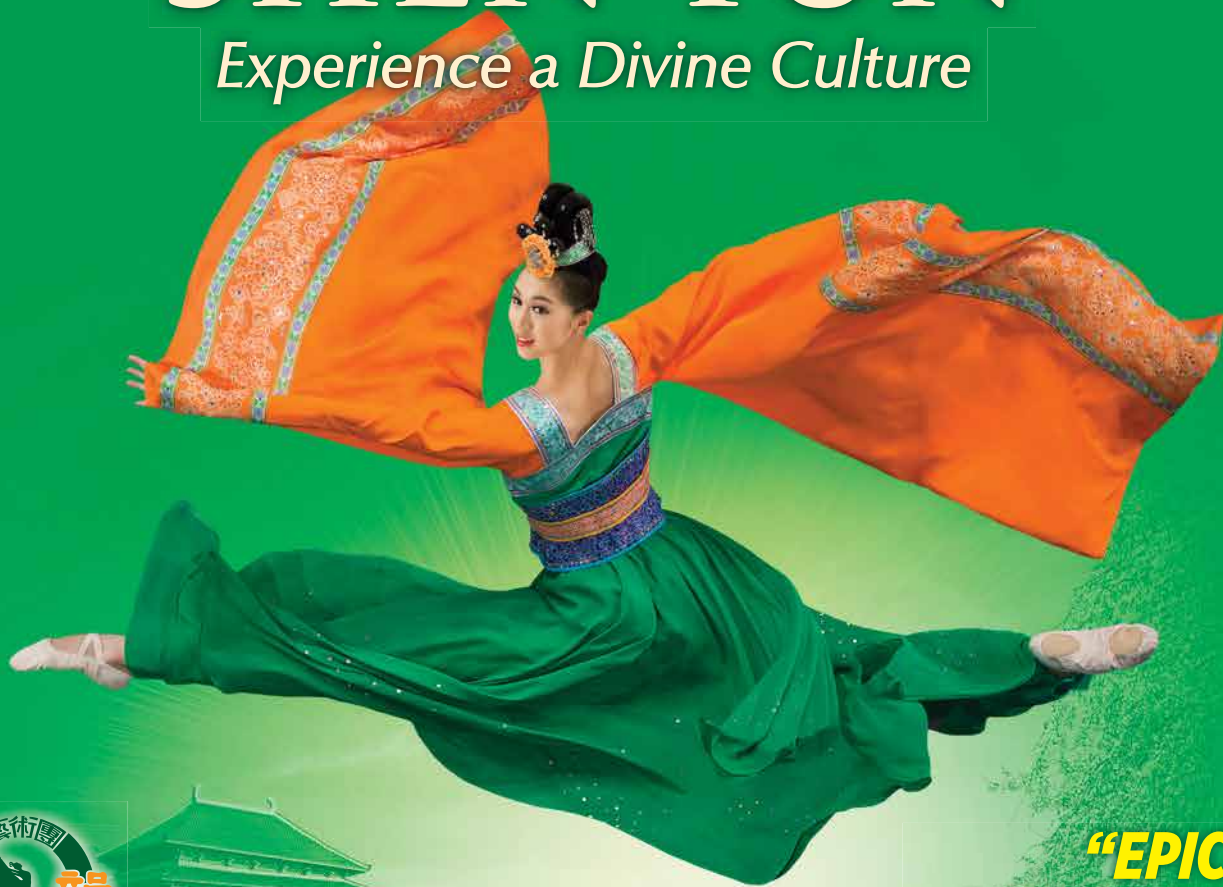
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Go Pet Go general manager Megan Horne with a friendly companion who came in for grooming. To make a grooming appointment at Go Pet Go call 913-283-8363.

Mission's pet residents sniff out quality food and care at Go Pet Go

BY KRIS BAKER PHOTO BY SCOTT FISHMAN

Take your dog for a walk down Johnson Drive and a new store is sure to catch your attention, as well as your furry companion's. Mission is the location of the newest Go Pet Go, a grocery and groomery for dogs and cats with a focus on natural, healthy products.

A couple of barks come from the front of the store as Indy, the store mascot welcomes store visitors. Tim Peterson, owner of Go Pet Go, rescued Indy when he was just a puppy 10 years ago.

"He is as old as my first store," Peterson said as he rubbed behind Indy's ears. "He is the reason I do this, to give him and all the pets that come through our doors the best lives possible."

Peterson said he opened the Mission store because this looked like a great neighborhood.

"I like the family-feel that is here," Peterson explained. "Our pets are such an important part of our families. They really add so much, and we want to provide the best care we can for them."

Part of that care is the wide selection of healthy pet foods Go Pet Go offers. Not content with the kibble of big companies, Peterson says they only carry pet food from smaller, specialty companies that meet their criteria. All of the food is from companies that have never had a recall on products, which can be a big problem in the world of cat and dog food. Fido will not turn his nose up at dinner from Go Pet go because the ingredients in their food are all natural and made with real meat.

"We are a natural, health food pet store," Peterson said. "As a pet grocery our goal is to only carry the best food, food that will result in longer and healthier lives for the pets."

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There is a lot more at Go Pet Go that a dog can sink his teeth into. Chicken feet, duck feet, lamb esophagus and assorted tracheas and gullets and more unusual items fill boxes on the shelves. All of these items provide natural joint support for the animals.

Megan Horne, general manager of Go Pet Go, has been with the company since 2013. She also works at the other three locations Go Pet Go has around the area and is excited about this Mission location.

"The neighborhood has been very welcoming, and we have great customers," Horne said. "Pet parents like to ask questions and see what we are all about."

Horne has always been a lover of animals, receiving her bachelor's degree in animal sciences. When she learned what Go Pet Go was all about, she signed on immediately.

"I am proud to be part of something where the safety and happiness of your pet is not only focused on but it is assured," Horne articulated. "It is complete care."

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For the holidays.

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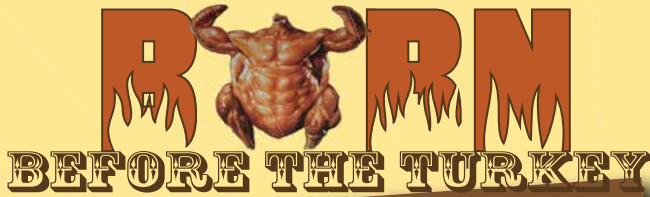
Go Pet Go is at 6200 Johnson Drive, for more information or to make a grooming appointment call 913-283-8363.

Below Left: Tim Peterson, owner of Go Pet Go, with his rescue dog Indy. Indy has been the store mascot since Go Pet Go began.

Below Right: Products at Go Pet Go include chicken feet, lamb esophagus and more.



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Oct. 31: November Fitness Classes Start!

Nov. 1: Senior Potluck! Happy Halloween! 12:00-2:00pm

Nov. 8: 50+ Matinee: A Walk in the Woods (R), \$2-\$1MDR

Nov. 18: BINGO! Micky Mouse theme! 1:30-3:00pm, \$4-\$2MDR

Nov. 22: 50+ Matinee: The Lady in the Van(PG-13), \$2-\$1MDR

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day, SPJCC is closed

Nov. 28: December Fitness Classes Start!

Dec. 2: Free Family Fun Night & Holiday Lights & Festive Sights!

Dec. 6: Senior Potluck! Holiday Cheer! 12:00-2:00pm

Dec. 13: 50+ Matinee: Race (PG-13), \$2-\$1MDR

Dec. 14: 50+ Trip: A Christmas Carol, \$89/person

Dec. 18: BINGO! Holiday Cheer theme! 1:30-3:00pm, \$4-\$2MDR

Dec. 22: 50+ Trip: The Nutcracker & dinner, \$119/person

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve, SPJCC closes at 5:00pm

Dec. 25: Christmas Day, SPJCC is closed

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