

# Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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Isn't it amazing how quickly we are running thru 2016? High School football and girls' softball & volleyball seasons have ended, practices for basketball and wrestling have begun with games just around the corner, and we are headed toward Thanksgiving at a furious pace. I had a call from the Knights of Columbus three weeks ago wanting to know if we wanted to buy fresh roping for our Christmas decorations again this year. Walmart has all of their Christmas decorations and trees up. At this point our family isn't ready for Thanksgiving, let alone Christmas! Yikes!

It seems like we have been so busy this fall with grandchildren activities and lots of things going on in our lives. Settling down to get **Hellooooo Brookfield** written has been a struggle. Sorry about that – there is plenty to tell you about and I will do my best to get everyone caught up the next two months on what is going on in Brookfield. This column is short on stories but I wanted to get the Chamber calendar out for those who will be in town the next several weeks.

***Another Big Announcement*** – Brookfield has just received word that we are the recipient of a \$150,000 matching grant to help finish the West Twin Park project. As you may remember the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership Twin Parks Committee has been raising money for the Twin Parks projects thru private donations, the Walk of Heros project and annual fundraising Picadilly events for the past four years. There is still a significant amount of fundraising to do to match the grant and we are hopeful many individuals and organizations will help out. To find out how you can help thru donations or the purchase of lights, benches, etc. please contact the BAGP office and talk with Marcia or Becky (660-258-7278).

In addition, the East Twin Park reached its goal for completion when the Walsworth Family made a \$300,000 commitment. The group will still need to finish raising the balance of the funds needed to match the new grant in order to finish the West Twin Park. Once completely the Twin Parks will have all new curbing surrounding the Parks, lighting throughout the Parks, new benches, new sidewalks, new children's playground area & equipment and a new performance pavilion. A completed project our Community will be very proud of!

***Stanbury Uniforms*** – This terrific and unique Brookfield industry will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming year. CFO Jim Elliott told Rotary Club members recently that they are making plans to celebrate this achievement in a variety of ways next year. The Community will of course assist in every way possible. Jim went on to say that 2016 is a record breaking year for them, eclipsing a 2015 record setting year. They will create from scratch and deliver over 40,000 band uniforms this year and expect to do as well or better next year based on early sales volume. The growth in this company has caused the recent construction of additional new office space at the Brookfield plant and an addition to their satellite plant in Milan, Mo. is underway as well. Both facilities have or will be increasing their employment. That is indeed Good News!

***Cousins!*** Note from John and Chris Wine (My Dad's Mom Ella was a Wine) - Enjoy reading your newsletter Hellooooo Brookfield. I am now 95 and Chris my wife is 93. We just celebrated our 70th anniversary. It is surprising how many names I recognize but I have to guess who the people are. I guess you must be Lanes' son?

***1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church*** – Our Church celebrated its 150 anniversary celebration this past Sunday. We had a full church for worship and a wonderful carry dinner for all afterward. The service included a Bag Piper who opened and closed the service with beautiful music and then stepped outside to play for the neighborhood and our Catholic and Baptist friends. Many former members who had moved away came back to help us celebrate, including folks from North Carolina, Texas, Florida, Illinois and communities from all over Missouri. What a great day for the Church and the Community. In the past year Brookfield has seen three of its major churches celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversaries (First Presbyterian, Park Baptist and the Catholic Church. What a wonderful small town heritage we all share!

**Turn the Lights On!** – The community will actually turn the downtown Christmas lights on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, two days before Thanksgiving this year. The downtown committee has purchased additional light pole stars as a result of new donations with hopes of having them on every pole up and down Main Street in the near future. Make plans to join the community on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> to turn the lights on, help sing Christmas carols and take a sleigh ride with Santa!

# 2016 HOLIDAY EVENTS

*"A Storybook Christmas"*



## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY MART

**Saturday – November 19 – 9:00-2:00**

**Brookfield High School Gym and Cafeteria**

**124 Pershing Road, Brookfield, MO**

**Purchase gifts from a variety of merchants and vendors. Food court concessions**

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CELEBRATION

## ARRIVAL OF SANTA CLAUS

**Tuesday - November 22 – North Main and West Twin Park**

**5:30 Santa's Arrival and Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Choirs - Carolers - Christmas tunes**

**6:00-8:00 Christmas Celebration – West Twin Park**

**Santa visits - Hot dogs/chips - Hot chocolate - Hot apple  
cider Christmas cookies - Face painting - Polar Express  
rides - Sleigh rides - Donations for toys - Live Nativity -  
Christmas goodies**

**(All Free to the Public)**

## **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

**Saturday – December 3 – 10:00-2:00**

**105 S. Main Street – Free Event**

**Visits with Santa and his Elves**

**Sponsored by Lions Club, Leo Club, and Quinn Lumber**

## **60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday – December 4 – 2:00 p.m.**

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 313 Livingston –  
Free Event**

## **SANTA HOUSE AND CANDYLAND**

**Saturday - December 10 – 9:00 – 11:00 – Free Event**

**Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall – 224 S. Main**

**\*\*Bring a canned good or toy for those less fortunate\*\***

**Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi and Parks & Rec**

## REEL TIME CINEMA CHRISTMAS MOVIE

**Saturday – December 10 – 11:30 a.m. - Free Event**

**\*\*Bring a canned good or toy for those less fortunate\*\***

## CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATIONS CONTEST

**Judging on December 13 – City limits of Brookfield**

**Sponsored by Parks & Rec – Call 660.258.5644 to register**

## MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES WITH MRS. CLAUS

**Saturday – December 17 – 9:00-11:00**

**Burriss Center – 116 W. Brooks – Free Event**

**Sponsored by Parks & Rec**

Birthdays – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, James Myers, Madilyn Lumsden, Connie Quigley, Tyler McPherson, Lindsey Hudson, Maddie Lumsden, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Jeremiah Bush, Roy Hunt, Jennifer Waugh, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, Hermenta Pendleton, Mary Mace, Lincoln Cantrall, Megan McCormick, Marilyn Stone, Rachel Skinner, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Rita Moore, Connie Evans, Shane Evans, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Tyler Lane, Kenneth Almond, Sharron Huffmon, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, Melon Selmon, Porter Robinson, Brian Sportsman, Brian Dyer, Christina Fristoe, Mandy Morton, Xander Waugh, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Amanda Bush, Kammy Dixon, Susan McBroom, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cecilia Spath, Hannah Matheney, Ethan Malloy, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, Laura Craig, Charlie Brockman, Janet Brockman, Ina Finney, Jeff Harper, Jason Sherwood, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, **Piper Jean Thudium (our granddaughter)**, Brooke Holland, Duane Thompson, Morgan Speichinger, Melvin Roberts, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, Amanda Gibson, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Kayla Davis, Libby Smith, Lynda Sprague, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Wessing, Roxie Parker, Rachel Sackrey, Beverly Lewis, David Hayes, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Rhodes, Ryan Williams, Cassi Conard, Wesley Enyeart, Hannah Singleton, Joann St Clair, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Kolbie Gall, Jerry Richardson, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Justin Wynn, Amy Gentry Hoehne, Bill Erich, Ann Smith, Taylor Clark, Kenny Bailey, Abbi Greenway, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Drew DeVoy, Paul Rogers, Sean O'Toole, Mindy Britton, Arthur Hook,

George Kimbrough, Kenny McKenzie, Bob Sanders, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Amy Hughes, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, Madison McCormick, Judy Stark, Nora Wombwell, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Bobbie Hughes, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Hank Walsh, Randy Head, Steve Heaton, Landon Hook, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Lauren DeMarco, Danielle Fuhrhop, Rochelle Hook, James Zumbrunnen, Heath Harms, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Eric Jessen, Tom Smith, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Joel Magnuson, Gabe Henry, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Magnuson, Connie Clawson, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Ashton Brockman, Reanna Reid, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, Mabel Corbin, Dorothy Greene, Jerry Dale, Tom Parks, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oliva Vickery, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Paige McCollum, Brittany Fischer, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Herb Sensenich, Brent Skinner, Roalea Stauffer, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Hagan, Billie Harrington, Emma Sheerman, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Amber Banks, Lisa Heckman, Richard Brosemer, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Krystie Lane, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Maxine Ball, Jacob Beeler, Savannah Phillips, Sue Quinn, Deacon Brown, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, **Noel Staddie (our daughter)**, Jason Staddie, Jennifer Allen, Noah Reid, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Linda Neeley, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cord Allen, Chip Kaye, Dana Lane, Doris Magnuson, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Todd Matheny, Neil Stark, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Walsh, Cheyenne Graff, Mallory Williams, Dec. 26, **Justin Remol (our nephew)**, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Caleb McCracken, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, Betty Moore, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, Beth Campbell Hovee, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, Joann King, Gene Finch, Brock Allen, Ernie Libby, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, Jennifer Elliott, Jacob Buckallew, Trudy Smith.

Anniversaries – Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Paul & Donna Barger, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Dale & Barbara Beach, Joe & Marlene Watkins, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Jerry '81 & Darlene '81 (Linn R-1), Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, Jason & Christy Sherwood, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Jerod & Chrietien Gillman, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scott & Jennifer Allen, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Charles & Christina Fristoe, David & Donna Keller, Ron & Tricia Snyder, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Kenny & Renee McKenzie, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Jerry & Christine O'Dell, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Greg & Tracey Crafton, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Kirk & Susan Jessen, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Chris & Jacquelyn Beach, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, Jeff & Pam Harper, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Bill & Shane Thudium (its us!), John and Carolyn Remol (my brother and sister in law)**, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Terry & Joyce Cashatt, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, Bruce & Teresa Williams, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Ray & Jackie Stufflebean, Ray & Paula Hamilton, John & Rhonda McKenzie, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, Sean & Julie Hedrick, Jon & LoVonne Mendenhall, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dennis & Sherri Elliott, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, Josh & Erin Hannick.

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