



Updater

Spring/Summer 2009

Letter from our Past President

Pinehurst Estates Neighbors:

The current Board offered an opportunity for me to share my thoughts having completed a second three year term as President of our homes association at the last annual meeting and I have accepted. In putting my thoughts in order, they quickly fell into three main categories: the people I served with on the Board, what we accomplished and the future.

It has been a privilege to serve as President during the past six years. I very much appreciate the trust of our community and the privilege to serve with the outstanding members of Board who stepped forward to serve also. The success of our Homes Association has rested squarely on the shoulders of those who have filled the roles of VP of Restrictions, Treasurer, Grounds, Secretary and Hospitality.

The past six years provided a steady stream of challenges and opportunities and in total, the Board delivered well on behalf of our Homes Association. These successes were achieved due to the commitment of our neighbors who stepped up, volunteered and delivered on behalf of PEHA. While I could provide a full catalog and description, the headlines are:

- Bulk Purchase of Trash Services
- Lake Dredging & Repairs
- Tree Program
- Legal Fund
- Popsicle Parade
- Condominium Development @ Brookridge Golf & Country Club

At the Annual Meeting in February, a number of critical issues were discussed and elections held to fill the vacancies on the Board. The post of President was open and no one stepped up at the meeting. Bob Anderson (VP of Restrictions) is doing an excellent job of stepping up to the challenge until the post is filled. The Board needs all positions fully staffed to address the challenges that our Homes Association faces. I have seen what an inspired team can do. Please take this opportunity to contact Bob, Jeff, Mark, Mark or Dolores and make a difference. We are all counting on you!

Thanks, Kevin Ingley

Treasurer's Report

For those of you who attended our annual meeting a few months ago, there seemed to be a small discrepancy in the figures on the financial statement that indicated that the Home's Association should have had a large surplus balance at the end of 2008. After reviewing all the transactions of 2008, I would like to fill you in on what I found.

First, since our books are kept on a cash basis, the 2008 dues that were deposited in December 2007 were included in the opening balance for 2008. They should have been subtracted from the opening balance, because these dues were also included in the total dues collected for 2008. By not subtracting it from the

opening balance, the 2008 dues collected in 2007 were being added twice to the opening balance.

Second, the money set aside from dues for the legal fund should have also been subtracted from the total dues collected in 2008, because that amount was already listed on a separate line. These two factors were the cause of the discrepancy in the numbers, and the adjustment have been made. I thank you for your patience.

I hope my explanation is clear and understandable. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Jeffrey Shron

Neighborhood Directories

In April the 2009 directories were mailed to residents. If you did not receive yours or need to make a change please contact Stacey Gariety, 341-8409.

Annual Garage Sale

This years sale was held May 27-30. Overall, the weather cooperated for the 13+ participants.

2009 Pinehurst Estates Board

President: Vacant

VP/Restrictions: Bob Anderson, 888-8989

Treasurer: Jeffrey Shron, 649-6296

Secretary: Dolores Furtado, 341-3072

Grounds:

Mark Hunter, Chairman, 381-6692

Mark Shoemaker, Co-Chair, 649-4734

Steve Brentano, Lake Area

Vacant, Perimeter

Hospitality: Vacant

Newsletter: Vacant

Board Membership and Other Volunteer Opportunities

The Board is looking for additional volunteers to serve the Association. Currently, the unfilled Board vacancies include President, Hospitality, Grounds and Newsletter. In addition, there are other worthwhile opportunities to get involved on projects that will make your neighborhood a better place to live. Please contact any Board member to express interest.



Streamway Cleanup

On Saturday April 4th three families from Pinehurst Estates participated in the city's annual Clean Stream Day. Several bags of trash were removed from the tributary running through Pinehurst Estates Park at the North end of our neighborhood. Many thanks to the families who participated.

Grounds Update.

Several inquiries have been received from residents about whether the Association will be sponsoring any programs to trim-up street trees on individual members' properties. The Association's Board has decided not to sponsor any such programs for the foreseeable future. The Board believes that the Association's already strained tree budget should not be used to trim private trees. If you are interested in a tree trimming program, we are looking for volunteers to coordinate a member paid tree trimming program similar to the one conducted in early 2007. The Board can provide names and contacts of tree trimming companies we have worked with in the past. Members are reminded that Overland Park city code requires that street trees not to hinder or obstruct public sidewalks and streets. Street trees must clear sidewalks by at least 8 feet and streets by at least 12.5 feet.

During March, the Association's Board approved contracts with Beautiful Outdoors and Rosehill Gardens for this year's regular lawn maintenance. Beautiful Outdoors' contract is for 24 lawn mowings, fertilizer and weed treatments, a Spring clean-up and two Fall clean-ups, mulching and two bush trimmings. The contract price is \$39,150. Rosehill will open and close the association's irrigation system and provide seven monthly check-ups during the year. The contract price is \$3,810. If extra lawn mowings are not required, then the budget should allow for Fall grass reseeding.

The wet, heavy snow that fell in early April caused widespread damage to the Association's trees, mainly in the form of broken branches. Previously unobserved tree damage is still being found. Hilton Lawn & Landscape removed the downed limbs at a cost of \$475.00.

A project to trim-up low limbs on the Association's perimeter trees along 101st Street (beginning at Hardy Street and extending to Lowell Avenue) and along Lowell Avenue (from 101st Street to 103rd Street) was completed in late April. Beautiful Outdoors was the low bidder and was paid \$1,298 for the work. Several additional tree trimming and removal projects are being planned. The Association's tree trimming priorities going-forward include: (i) removing a handful of dead trees on the Association's common grounds, (ii) trimming Association trees out of public sidewalks and streets, and (iii) removal of overgrowth and unwanted volunteer trees on the common grounds. Combined with the numerous sick pines and low hanging pin oaks on the Association's common grounds, this year's general maintenance and tree budgets (\$9,295 combined for 2009) are likely to be topics for discussion at the next annual membership meeting.

Last year the membership voted a permanent increase in the Association's annual dues so as to dedicate \$6,000 a year towards upgrading the landscaping on neighborhood islands. The Board has decided to focus its attention this year on two cul-de-sac islands -- the first at 102nd Terr (off of Hardy) and the second on 99th Street. Upgrades for those islands are currently being planned and work is likely to begin this Fall. Chuck Kuluva has volunteered to assist with the island upgrade projects. Priorities for next year's island upgrades are also being assessed.

Additional grounds projects currently being planned include repair and maintenance of the wrought iron fence surrounding the lake, masonry repair on Association monuments, and the special project concerning erosion of the berm along Antioch near 103rd Street.

Mark Hunter

OPCares Website

The City of Overland has a website that allows residents to easily register requests for city services. Members are encouraged to use the website to register concerns about inoperable street lamps, clogged storm drains, uneven sidewalks and other issues affecting the neighborhood. The website address is http://www.opkansas.org/_Res/OPCares/

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Were on the web!

www.pinehurstestates.org

July 4th Children's Popsicle Parade

Please join your neighbors for the 4th Annual Pinehurst Estates Popsicle Parade! It will be held on Saturday, July 4th at 10 a.m. The parade route begins and ends at 101st and Hemlock.

Gather your red, white and blue and have fun decorating your bikes, wagons, strollers and scooters! There will be popsicles for all after the parade! Questions? Call Elise Antista at 825-0981



Recycling

Association member's weekly trash pick-up is included in the association's annual dues. Last year the



m e m b e r s h i p approved including curbside recycling in its trash service with Deffenbaugh. Curbside recycling is now available to all members! All members should have received their green recycling tubs at the end of March. Trash service, including curbside recycling, currently constitutes \$167.76 (\$13.98 a month) of members' regular \$460.00 annual dues.

A list of Deffenbaugh's curbside recyclables is located at:

www.deffenbaughindustries.com/residential