Iron Horse Estates Newsletter Spring 2008 Edition

Iron Horse Estates Homes Assoc, Inc - April 2008

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Contact any of the above Board members if you have questions, need information, or if you wish to attend a Board meeting.

Homes Association Support/Contact

The Homes Association of the Country Club District (HACCD) conducts much of the day-to-day business of our neighborhood. Joining forces with the HACCD has helped us reduce the cost of our insurance coverage and trash collection because of the large number of homes and neighborhoods they represent.

Homeowners may access their web site: www.haccd.org for Board member information or to review our Bylaws, Covenants and Restrictions, or other information. The HACCD can also be reached as follows:

Phone: (816) 523-2440 Fax: (816) 523-2441

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Revised Bylaws and Covenants & Restrictions

Proposed changes to our Homes Association Bylaws and Covenants & Restrictions were approved by Iron Horse Estates homeowners at a Special Meeting held on November 11, 2007. The revised Covenants and Restrictions are now on file at the Johnson County courthouse and a copy is included in this mailing for your use. Both revised documents can also be viewed on the HACCD web site at www.haccd.org.

New Directory "Residents" Pages

New "Residents" pages for your neighborhood directory along with a "Restrictions: Quick Reference Guide" page are included in this mailing.

If there are any needed additions or corrections, please contact Larry Hodel, Secretary, at 814-8128.

Easter Egg Hunt

We regret we were not able to find a suitable time to conduct an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the neighborhood this spring. We are hopeful we will again be able to hold this event next spring!

Neighborhood Garage Sale

We plan to have a neighborhood garage sale again this spring, the same weekend as the Hills of Iron Horse and Blackthorn subdivisions just across Mission Road.

They are holding their event on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 24, 25, and 26. Gina Purnell is coordinating the event for our neighborhood and will place an ad in the Kansas City Star. Our signs will state the dates listed above from 8:00AM until 2:00PM. We have purchased additional signs to promote the event this year. All you have to do is participate is to get those garage sale items out and on display on the dates and times listed!

Pool Opening and Update

The Iron Horse Estates pool will open for the summer on Saturday, May 24 at 10:00AM. It will be open daily from 10:00AM to 10:00PM through Labor Day Monday, September 1. The pool is intended to be used by Iron Horse Estates residents and their personal guests, as long as they are accompanied by the homeowner's family.

Each home is entitled to have one pool key for that family's use. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet received a pool key, please contact Dana McDole, Pool Director, at 681-5242. If a key is lost, a replacement can be purchased for \$25.00 from the Pool Director.

Since last season, we have completed fence and drain repairs and have replaced all the pool furniture. We are again employing Missouri Valley Pool Management, Inc. to perform our daily pool service and maintenance. If there are any questions or concerns about the pool or facilities, please contact Dana McDole, Pool Director, or any Board member.

We encourage everyone to review the "Pool Rules" enclosed in this mailing and also summarized behind the "Pool Rules" tab in your neighborhood directory. Please follow these rules for the SAFETY and enjoyment of all our residents!

Family Pool Party

The annual Iron Horse Estates Family Pool Party is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 8, with dinner served from 5:00 to 6:30PM. Because Backyard Burgers did a great job the last two years, we have again employed them to cater the event. They will grill all the Angus beef burgers and beef hot dogs we can eat and provide buns, chips, and condiments.

Our Homes Association will cover the cost of food, service items, and the rental of tables and chairs, as usual. The pool (and our new pool furniture) will be available for all to use and enjoy!

We suggest that all residents attending bring a dish to share as well as beverages for your family. Invitations with all the details will be sent to all homeowners in May. Please mark your calendars now; we hope to see you on Sunday afternoon, June 8th!

Swim Lessons at Iron Horse Pool

Jeff Kelly, Inc. will again offer swim lessons at our pool this summer if there is sufficient interest. Another copy of the announcement information is attached. Please call Jeff Kelly, Inc. directly with questions or to enroll.

Recycling

We encourage all homeowners to use the recycling service available through Deffenbaugh, the firm that provides our trash service. They will provide a no-cost recycling tub if you call them at (913) 631-3300.

Magazine and newspaper recycling containers are also available at many area schools and locations such as Home Depot. The containers are large green and yellow receptacles clearly labeled as to their purpose.

There is a new Overland Park Community Recycling Center located at 11921 Hardy. They accept materials not accepted above such as glass bottles and jars, scrap metal and rechargeable batteries. For details, please call them at (816) 561-1090 or visit them online at www.bridgingthegap.org.

Professional Tree & Shrub Advice

The Johnson County Extension office of the Kansas State Extension Service has a Master Gardener Hotline and website which can provide excellent recommendations for new trees or shrubs which will survive and thrive in our climate and soil conditions.

If you are looking for planting tips or need help in diagnosing a plant problem, we encourage you to give them a call at (913) 715-7050 or check their website: www.oznet.ksu.edu/johnson.