



Woodsonia Newsletter

April 2008

A Note From Our President

Greetings! I hope that all is well with the residents of Woodsonia. Now that winter has released its icy hand from the neighborhood, it's time to start thinking about summer and all of the activities that go along with it. Plans are already under way for the opening of the pool and it looks like things are on schedule. Several events happened over the winter months that deserve to be noted.

At the Woodsonia Annual Meeting, homeowners voted to increase the dues for Woodsonia residents by \$25 a year to \$250 a year. This resolution passed by a vote of 35-4 in favor of the increase.

The board was excited to go ahead and implement some projects to help beautify the neighborhood but shortly after the New Year started, we were hit with a financial bombshell. Deffenbaugh informed us that they were raising our rate from \$7.45/month per household to \$10.95 a month. Considering that trash pickup is our largest expenditure, this is going to hit us very hard.

We're looking at a 47% increase in the cost of providing trash pickup to our residents. We just raised dues an additional \$2.08 per month per household. The new trash pickup increase is \$3.50 per month per household. **This means that we will be dipping into our reserves every month to the tune of \$639 (\$7668 a year) to meet this added cost.**

As anyone with a household budget knows, dipping into reserves every month is not sustainable for the long term. I hate to say it, but we will probably be looking for another dues increase in the near future to cover this added cost. I really don't see any way around it. Other neighborhoods will be hit just as hard and will also have no other choice. We have looked at other providers, but it seems that they are all being affected and their charges have increased also.

The directory is still in the works. I personally apologize for the amount of time that this has taken. It seems it has been one delay after another, which it has. We have received contact information from about half of the residents in Woodsonia. If you need another contact information form, please contact me at blebar2495@everestkc.net or 422-9561 and I will drop one off at your house.

*** Shawnee Tidy Town Event ***

Shawnee's spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd for residents west of Pflumm Road. Tidy Town is a special curbside, large item pick-up, for those items not collected by your routine trash service. This program is for Shawnee residents only. Details regarding eligible items to be collected will be published in the local newspapers during the month of April. For more information, contact the City of Shawnee at 913-631-2500, ext. 230, or visit their website at: www.CityofShawnee.org.

*** e-Waste Recycling Event ***

The City of Shawnee and [R3 Technology](#) are teaming up to host the first annual e-waste recycling event on Saturday, **May 3, 2008**. The event will be located in the Splash Cove parking lot at the Jim Allen Aquatic Center at 57th and King. The e-waste recycling will take place from **9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** This event is open to the general public.

Electronic devices can be conveniently dropped off for recycling - *most items are free of charge*, which include: laptops, servers, VCR's, cell phones, PDA's, printers, copiers, fax machines, keyboards, routers, speakers and more. All hard-drives will be wiped clean or physically destroyed as part of the recycling process. There will be a small fee of \$7.50 for televisions and \$4.00 for computer monitors.

Swimming Pool NEWS!

The pool will open on May 25th - Memorial Day Weekend!

All cards will need to be reactivated at the pool during one of the following activation times. All pool cards will cost \$15. This includes new members and replacement cards. Following are the only times that pool cards will be activated. For all other times, an appointment must be made and the appointment will be determined by member availability, which might not be until several days after you want it. Get it done early and avoid the aggravation.

Sat. May 10th--- 9am-12 pm

Sat. May 17th--- 9am-3pm

Sat. May 24th--- 9am-3 pm

Thurs. May 15,22,29 ---7pm-9pm

Friday May 16,23---7pm-9pm

Pool Committee members are: Sheri Dyche, Gerald Ritter, Curt Heib, and Robert Davis.

The pool closes at 10 pm every night of the week this year. This is a change from previous years.

Reminder:

If your child is 14 or 15 years old, they are allowed to be at the pool without an adult. They are not allowed to bring guests with them.

If your child is 16 years old, they are allowed to bring two guests without an adult present.

We are in the process of purchasing some new deck loungers for the pool area. We are also purchasing a bulletin board for announcements that will be mounted in the pool area.

We have hired Jody again this year to maintain our pool. She did an excellent job last year and we look forward to working with her again.

Run For Mercy

The Run For Mercy has expanded their run this year to include a 10K in addition to the usual 5K. The route will go directly through Woodsonia and may affect your traffic patterns that morning. It is scheduled to be held on April 19th with the race starting at 8am at Mill Valley. The streets they will be using are Woodsonia Dr., 51st St., and 53rd St. They may also be using our park area for a water station. They should be in and out of the neighborhood within

a half-hour or so. Surely the runners would appreciate some support along the way so get those kids out of bed and have them give some high-fives!

Garage Sale

The garage sale will be held April 25th and 26th. date is moving! Grey Oaks, Hillcrest Farms, Deerfield Trace, Brittany are also having theirs that weekend.

*** This & That ***

Reminder: Post Office Boxes are not to be used to post fliers and parking is prohibited within 6 feet of all mailboxes during the day.

The City of Shawnee's website, www.CityofShawnee.org, has a Citizen Service Request form that can be filled out online to report potholes and street lights that are not functioning correctly. It is located under the tab of On-line Services on the homepage.

Response times in the past have been very fast.

A big "thank you" to the Levota's, who have volunteered to take over flag duty. This entails replacing it as needed and seeing that the old ones are retired properly. We appreciate the Levota's giving it the respect that this symbol deserves. Again, thank you.

Is your island missing a tree and you want it back? The board will happily replace island trees, but not if they will die this summer due to neglect. Are you willing to water it to help it get through the summer? A 5 gallon bucket full of water with a small hole in the bottom sitting next to the tree once a week is all it would need. Our islands are too hot and dry to expect the trees to survive without our help. If you are willing to do this, then please contact Bryan at blebar2495@everestkc.net and we will work on replacing the tree.

Woodsonia Newsletter Suggestions

Contact Cindy Johnson at:
CindyJohnson@ReeceAndNichols.com
or 913-307-4074 (Office).

**Woodsonia Home's Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2008**

The meeting was held February 17, 2008 at the home of Bryan LeBar. President Bryan LeBar called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Attending were Bryan LeBar, Bill Taylor, Angie Lovett, Richard Houston, and Tim Sprimont.

The annual contract for lawn and shrub maintenance was discussed. There were 3 bids for the service. All 3 were taken under advisement with no definitive action taken. The board has questions regarding each proposal. The companies involved will be contacted to clarify, with a vote expected at the next board meeting.

Bill Taylor has spoken to an electrician about the lighting and electrical work that would be required in the park.

A new pool contract has been approved.

One of our neighbors has volunteered to maintain the flag at the monument. The board would like to thank Joe Lavota for volunteering.

There was a discussion regarding cost changes to the trash contract. Bill Taylor was scheduled to meet with a representative of Deffenbaugh to clarify.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th, at Bill Taylor's home.

**Woodsonia Home's Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2008**

The meeting was held March 9th, 2008 at the home of Bill Taylor. President Bryan LeBar called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Attending were Bryan LeBar, Bill Taylor, Jeff Woods, Richard Houston, and Tim Sprimont.

The annual contract for lawn and shrub maintenance was awarded to Artistic Design.

As of mid-February there were 83 homes that had not fully paid the annual dues. Some homes have paid the old amount and some have yet to send in their dues to

HACCD. Bill Taylor is working with HACCD for an updated list.

Bill Taylor is renewing the city permits for the neighborhood pool.

10 lounge chairs will be replaced at the pool.

The pool contractor will begin the preparations for opening the pool approximately 1 week before the scheduled opening.

The project to add lighting and electricity to the park area and the gazebo has been agreed upon. The board will meet in April with the electrician to site the pole, and agree on the total scope of the work.

Bryan LeBar will mention in the newsletter that the pool committee is actively looking for pool volunteers.

In order to avoid placing too large a burden on any one individual, all volunteers and board members will be responsible for the nightly shutdown of the pool. Everyone will assume the duties for a week. Sheri Dyche, of the pool committee will develop a rotating schedule.

Bryan will add a note in the newsletter about watering and maintenance of the new trees once the trees have been planted. If a new tree is planted in your area, we will need those neighbors to maintain the tree until it is established.

Tim Sprimont is working on obtaining additional bids for the tree replacement project.

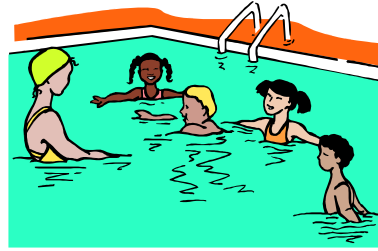
The next meeting will be held in April. The date and location have not been determined.

Special Dates 

Run For Mercy	April 19th
Garage Sale	April 25th & 26th
Shawnee Tidy Town	May 3rd
e-Waste Recycling Event	May 3rd
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Pool Opening	May 25th

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