

Woodsonia Newsletter April 2009

Greetings. It's been a while since we've put out a newsletter. Not much has happened during that time so you didn't miss much! With no real news to report, we thought that saving money was a wiser choice. This newsletter will be packed full of information without a fancy format. If anyone reading would like to take over the newsletter, I'm sure the residents would appreciate it. As you'll see, my publishing skills are rather lacking.

The biggest item of concern right now is our garbage rates. As you know, the rate increase last year easily swallowed up our small dues increase and forced us to dip in to our reserves to cover the cost. At this point, we have two choices, raise dues or decrease our garbage fees. Since we just raised dues we would rather not do that. Unbelievably, we can actually reduce our garbage fees. Getting another supplier was not cost-effective since they all dump at the same place – Deffenbaugh. Deffenbaugh does offer pre-sized cans (rolly carts, the cans with wheels!) pick-up at a considerable savings. The container system would save us over \$18,000 a year. If we go this route homeowners will have to choose between a 95 gallon can or a 65



gallon can.

Homeowners would still be able to put out up to six bags of yard waste in addition to the rolling can, although rumor has it that yard waste will not be picked up for that much longer. In order to accommodate leaves and other yard waste in the Fall, the board has discussed renting a dumpster for yard waste disposal and placing it at the pool. We will try to have both sizes of cans at the pool during pool card sign-up so that you can choose what one is best for you. You will be able to change your can size one time within the first sixty days at no charge.

****Garage Sale****

Our annual Spring Garage Sale will be held on Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th. There were several conflicts that we had to work around such as Mill Valley graduation, Old Shawnee Days and Memorial Day. Weather should be nice though at that time of year. Last year was chilly!!

****That Edison Was Such a Cool Guy****

We are happy to report that the light in the park is working as it should. There is an outlet at the shelter that can be turned on if a resident reserves the shelter for a specific event.



****Pool Information****

The pool is having some renovations done in the near future. Some items you will notice like a new roof and minor changes to the bathrooms,

but others are hidden but necessary for safety reasons. Due to the death of some children nation-wide after having been trapped to the main drains and the powerful suction that it can produce, all public pools are required to install safety measures to prevent this type of accident. This will cost the Association several thousand dollars to be in compliance with this requirement. We will be going with an electronic system that senses when the pump is working too hard (presumably when a child would get stuck to the drain) and will shut the pump off automatically. The work is scheduled for later this month.

The pool will open on May 23rd – 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.

CARD ACTIVATION DATES AND TIMES

Sat. May 9th	9am-12 pm
Tues. May 12 th	6pm-9pm
Sun. May 17	3pm-8pm
Thurs. May 21	6pm-9pm

There are fewer scheduled times for the activation of pool cards as the board has taken over this responsibility since there is no pool committee chairperson this year. If you would like to volunteer your services and help with the pool this summer, please contact a board member.

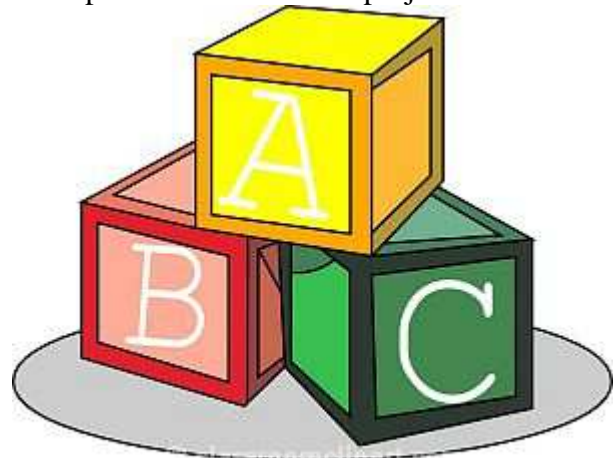
The pool closes at 10 pm every night of the week this year.

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.

THERE WILL BE NO POOL PARTY THIS YEAR unless someone volunteers to organize it. Residents are desperate for this fun activity to resume after being absent for the last couple of years. Contact Bryan LeBar at blebar2495@everestkc.net if you would like to head up this end of summer project.



****Where Did the Letters Go?*****

The letters on the sign by the pool are to be replaced soon. Vandals removed all of the letters from the sign last fall. We were able to recover all of the missing letters except for the "S." A new letter was made and all of the letters have been powder coated for durability. They will be installed soon. A big THANK YOU to David Grieve, subdivision resident and owner of DL Machine for providing this service for us.

There are a couple of issues that relate to the Deed of Restrictions that I would like to discuss as I have received several calls from residents. The parking of trailers or boats for extended periods of time is not allowed according to the Woodsonia Deed of Restrictions or by Shawnee City Code. This includes a work trailer that you take to work every day. If the trailer does not fit in your garage, it is not to be parked in your driveway. The second item is the building of

sheds, outbuildings or accessory buildings. These construction projects are not allowed in Woodsonia. The Board is currently having to spend valuable Association dollars to enforce this restriction. Currently, lawyers have been hired to enforce this restriction within our subdivision. Adding some type of storage area on to your house is allowed but the city of Shawnee considers it a room addition and does require the filing of a permit. Save yourself the headache and get it done right the first time.

***** Shawnee Tidy Town Event *****

Shawnee's spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd for residents west of Pflumm

This year, the city has partnered with The Surplus Exchange to recycle the items collected. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the parking lot of Splash Cove Aquatic Center, 57th and King in Downtown Shawnee.

Most items can be recycled for free, including computers, keyboards, mice, personal printers, cell phones, pagers, handheld gaming devices and CD players. A small fee of \$5 to \$30 will be charged of other devices, including TVs and computer monitors. In addition to the recycling event, Shred Pro will be onsite from 9 to 11 a.m. to offer community shredding.

More information and a fee schedule are available at cityofshawnee.org or by calling (913) 742-6243.



Things that people have mentioned

Although these items are not the responsibility of the Board to enforce, these are a few things that people have called me about. It's more about being a good neighbor. 1) Keep your dogs on a leash and do not let them run all over the street. 2) Don't let your dog bark in the back yard for extended periods of time. 3) Don't let your child shoot arrows all over the neighborhood. 4) If the trash is full in the park,

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 *****

For the second year, the city of Shawnee will offer an electronics recycling event in May.

take it out and tie it up. Just passing these items of concern along.

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