

Canterbury Tales



Homes Association Annual Meeting And Wine Tasting

The annual meeting of the Homes Association will be held on January 15th, 2007. The meeting will again be held at the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce in Corporate Woods. We will also be hosting our Homes Association Wine Tasting event after the Annual Meeting. The Wine Tasting is at no charge for attending home owners. Please RSVP to Erwin Stern at 451-9457.

Security Recommendations from your Board

The Board would like to remind the neighborhood to keep your garage doors closed as a security precaution as we head into the busy Christmas season. An open garage door is an unwanted invitation to theft.

The Board would also request that neighbors help light up darker areas of the subdivision by leaving on porch lights or garage and driveway lights. A well-lit neighborhood is more safe and secure for our families and homes. Nighttime lighting can also create a more attractive atmosphere for the neighborhood.

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Roofing Reminder

Please consult the Directory for Roofing Guidelines and have your plans approved by Dale Williams and his committee.

Guidelines for Curbside Placement of Trash

General Trash Guidelines: It is important for all residents to follow the City rules on putting out our trash. Your trash items may only be placed on the curbside on Sunday prior to the scheduled Monday pickup. Please do not place any items on the curb prior to Sunday. It detracts from the neighborhood and is a violation of the City trash guidelines.

Large items can be picked up any time of year by scheduling in advance with Deffenbaugh at 913-631-3300. There is a nominal service fee. Items to be included: appliances, furniture, remodeling debris and other unusual items. Free large item pick-up by the city for addresses East of Antioch will resume in April 2007. (alternates every other year east/west). For further information please visit: www.opkansas.org/_Res/City_Services/Trash_and_Recycling

Events around Kansas City during the Holidays

A Christmas Carol presented by the Kansas City Repertory Theatre
Playing now through December 24th
816.235.2700 or www.kcrep.org

Christmas in Song presented by the Quality Hill Playhouse
Playing now through December 24th
816.421.1700 or www.qualityhillplayhouse.com

The Magic of Christmas with the Kansas City Symphony
December 14th and 15th and two shows on the 16th
At the Lyric Theatre 816.471.0400 or kcsymphony.org

The Nutcracker presented by the Kansas City Ballet
Playing now through December 24th
816.931.2232 or www.kcballet.org

Kansas City Chiefs Remaining Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 12/10/2006 | Baltimore Ravens | 12:00 PM |
| 12/17/2006 | at San Diego Chargers | 3:05 PM |
| 12/23/2006 | at Oakland Raiders | 7:00 PM |
| 12/31/2006 | Jacksonville Jaguars | 12:00 PM |

Upcoming Events

Christmas: Monday December 25th

New Year's Day: Monday January 1st

Homes Association Annual Meeting

And Wine Tasting: Monday January 15th



Winter Tips for your Home

WINDOWS AND DOORS:

- Check windows and doors to prevent air from seeping into your home. Checking for air gaps is done best on a windy day because you will be able to feel where the drafts are more easily. The rubber insert on thresholds tends to get hard and brittle with age and they tend to collapse so it may be time to replace it. Most thresholds can simply be removed and a new rubber insert threaded in.
- Don't overlook your wall outlets, its amazing how much outside air comes in.
Quick Fix: Install foam precut pads in behind the plates.
- Use a good quality caulking compound and seal up any cracks between the side walls of the house and the window frames. Clean and lubricate the window frame channels, if there are any gaps you can seal with an adhesive backed weatherstrip.

EXTERIOR:

- Look for any gaps that are around your house. Insulate around water pipes and also around the water heater. Any openings found around the outside of your home should be caulked. A can of spray insulating foam is a homeowner's best friend. The foam is sprayed thru a small tube and expands once released. Walk around the exterior of your home and check around all wall penetrations, door and window openings etc. Insert the tube, give a short blast of foam remembering it will expand, how much depends on the brand you buy. After the foam sets you can shave off the excess that has oozed out with a utility knife and touch up with the appropriate paint.
- Drain outside water connections. Drain and store hoses for the winter and disconnect outside water supplies to prevent frozen pipes.
- Clean gutters & downspouts. Check the gutter supports. Snow and ice can build up quickly, especially if your gutters are clogged with debris. When thawing begins, water from melting ice has nowhere to drain and can back up under your roof and eaves, causing water damage to walls and ceilings.
- Check exterior paint for peeling, holes, cracks, soft and rotten wood.
- Check siding-hammer in nail pops, replace rusty nails with galvanized nails.
- Caulk any leaks or cracks in basement walls and seal.
- Remove dead tree branches. Ice and snow, combined with winter winds, can cause limbs to snap.

SAFETY:

- Every home should have a disaster supplies kit: a battery-operated radio, flashlight, matches, extra batteries and an extra set of house and car keys. Have an ample supply of wood for the fireplace and plenty of nonperishable foods that can be eaten without heating. Keep bottled water and juices on hand in case.
- Other items to include in the kit are prescription medicines and nonperishable infant formula, especially if there is a chance that roads will be impassable.
- Make sure auxiliary heaters and fireplaces are adequately maintained and serviced. Many fires related to auxiliary heating sources are preventable. Do not store kerosene in a non-approved container or in your home and be sure to keep alternative heat sources from flammable materials (walls, curtains, etc.).