
WEST NEWS

An Official Publication of the Shadywood West Homeowners' Association

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Welcome our new SWW neighbors

Please welcome these families who have moved into the neighborhood.

Matt and Melissa Brossard
3419 Alameda
951-496-8415
lizardking726@yahoo.com

Block Captain News

Mary Kopp has resigned as Block Captain; she and Paul have relocated to Arizona. We will miss them and appreciate the assistance they gave to the Neighborhood Association. Pam and Joe Foreman have agreed to be the new block captain for the Alameda Dr. area which is 3401-3454. Thank You Pam and Joe.

Nominating Committee

The October meeting will be here soon. Not too early to consider volunteering for a position on the Board. Following positions will need to be filled:

Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Let a current Board member know if you have interest in serving the Neighborhood in this capacity.

Annual meeting of Shadywood West Homeowners' Association

7:00 PM, Thursday, April 19th, 2012
HyVee Meeting Room
(Upstairs)

Business Meeting Agenda

Introductions
Call to Order
Establishment of a quorum (10% of members entitled to vote)
Adoption of Agenda *
Approval of previous minutes as distributed

Committee Updates:

- President's Comments
- Treasurer's report/budget
- Secretary's report
- Social Committee report
- Architecture Committee Chair report
- Grounds Committee report
- Senior Block Captain/Directory report

Old Business:

New Business:

- Nominating committee discussion
- Other business from the floor

*The president reserves the right to change the order as a courtesy in the event there are guest speakers.

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SHADYWOOD WEST HOMEOWNERS' ASSN

Officers

President: Lisa Stubbs
6026 SW 36th Street, 272-6103
Vice President: Tim Gerhardt
6040 SW 37th Street, 273-5939
Secretary: Leslie Conrow
6031 SW 36th Street, 272-1458
Treasurer: Mark Burghart
6000 SW 34th Terrace, 273-3822

Committees

Architecture: Bill Haag, Jim Schroeder, Randy Shields, Bill Klecan, Jane Fowler
Directory: Becky Stauffer
Grounds: Jane Fowler, Errol Williams, Don Catron, Dave Holthaus, Jeff Sorrenson, Joe & Pam Foremann, Susan Webber
Webmaster: Matt Harader

Block Captains

Wanamaker Road: Linda Ives
3339 SW Wanamaker Rd, 271-9246
East 34th Terrace: Rosilyn Martin
6026 SW 34th Terrace, 273-9832
Brandywine Ct: Pam Oroke
3443 Brandywine Ct, 228-1050
West 34th Terrace: Sandy Kirk
6216 SW 34th Terrace, 228-1287
North Alameda Dr.: Connie Pitman
3325 SW Alameda Dr, 273-1388
Mid Alameda Dr: Pam & Joe Foreman, 3446 Alameda, 273-6744
South Alameda Dr: Sue Meyer
3513 SW Alameda Dr, 228-2489
No. Stonybrook Dr: Lois Wages
3518 SW Stonybrook Dr, 272-8694
South Stonybrook Dr: Julie Pope
3644 SW Stonybrook Dr, 271-0711
Stonybrook Ct: Norma Schroeder
6014 SW Stonybrook Ct, 273-3985
36th Street: Lisa Stubbs
6026 SW 36th St, 272-6103
36TH Street Ct: Brenda Forster
6018 SW 36th Court, 271-9155
37th Street: Rita Webb
6024 SW 37th St., 273-0840

President's Comments

By Lisa Stubbs

Happy Spring to Everyone in SWW!

Even though we had an extremely mild winter, it is always good to see signs of spring- our neighborhood pear trees in bloom, green grass and the return of blue birds and cardinals. We are fast approaching our April semi-annual SWW Homeowners Association meeting scheduled at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19th at the Hy-Vee upstairs meeting room. This is our non-voting meet. However, many important topics will be discussed in preparation for the October annual meeting that is our voting meeting.

We will share the latest update on the Wanamaker road construction; hear from our Landscape committee on the progress of our circles and entrances; review a few possible updates to our covenant restrictions and give you dates for neighborhood meetings to gather your input; review possible updates for the SWW Homeowners Association bylaws; receive the Treasurer's report on the financial status of our Association and last but not least, find out about what is happening from our Social committee.

Since springtime is when many of us start to think about making changes to our house, fencing or yard, please make sure that you refer to our SWW covenant restrictions before you do any project that affects the outside of your home or yard. The covenant restrictions apply to all homes/lots in SWW. They are posted on our web site: www.shadywoodwest.org . You may also request another copy of them from Becky Stauffer, our Block Captain Coordinator. Our Architectural committee should be contacted to ensure that your proposed changes comply with the covenant restrictions. The committee members are listed in the front of your SWW Directory and on the web site under contacts. Please remember that the wisdom of having these restrictions from the inception of SWW was not to overly restrict what can or cannot be done on our properties, but to have reasonable restrictions that help to protect the high quality appearance of our homes over time.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting on Thursday, April 19th – 7 p.m. at the Hy-Vee upstairs meeting room.

Lisa Stubbs
SWW Homeowners Association President

October Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Stubbs at 6:00 PM in the HyVee meeting room. About 26 neighbors were present. The agenda was adopted and was approved by a voice vote. The minutes from the previous meeting were also read and approved.

President's Report: There have been a lot of home invasions in Topeka. Please keep your home well lit. Replace burnt out light bulbs. Please ask a neighbor to watch your house if you know you will be out of town. Do not open your door to people that are unfamiliar.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$33,500 in the bank. We have 90% of the neighborhood paying their dues! We were about \$4,500 under budget this year.

Social Committee Report: We had another successful ShadyLady breakfast. About 14 people went to Paisanos on the 15th. December 1, 2011 is our special night at the Top of the Tower. We will need to R.S.V.P. An invitation will be forthcoming.

Architecture Committee Report: Jane reported that there had been a lot of calls about the roofing restrictions. Those who called were directed to the written restrictions on the web site. The committee is looking for input in order to update the restrictions on siding and fencing. Please call the committee if you have information to share.

Grounds Committee: We did not water this year. Committee members did clean up, trim and weed. Mulch was not replaced. There

are a large number of people volunteering to help. The entrances and traffic circles are a primary concern. The committee has secured plans for renovating these areas from a professional horticulturalist from Skinners. The grounds committee will oversee these changes and will be available to maintain the changes. The changes will proceed in two stages. In this budget year, the 3 traffic circles will be completed. The entrances will occur in the next budget. Demolition will occur this year. The three circles and 37th street entrance will be cleared down to the bare ground. This will be hired out. The electrical system needs to be revamped in order to install new lights and lamps. This part of the plan should be completed by December 1. Planting in the circles will proceed in April. Planting on 37th will wait until construction is complete. A lot of thought, time, and hard work had been put into this plan. Please thank Jane and her committee if you see them.

Budget Adoption: The 2011-2012 budget was approved by a voice vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Please volunteer to fill board positions next year.

Other: Wanamaker Update: The work on Wanamaker will proceed in 3 phases. It will begin this November and be complete by December 2012. There will be public meetings. More information should be coming from the city. We will try to organize a meeting which will focus on just our neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Conrow
Secretary



Neighborhood Watch

We have a good set of resident email addresses and an alert board of directors, especially Becky Stauffer. That gives us the capability of electronic notifications (for crime, vandalism, break-ins, strange vehicles, lost pets, etc.). It isn't immediate like a texting service, but it is as quick as people get their emails. To get something out quickly in this manner, notify Becky and Matt by e-mail. They will forward the message to all.

Becky's e-mail is
kymoore560@aol.com

Matt's e-mail is
mattandjenn17@gmail.com



Social Committee

Our Shadywood Social Committee, comprised of Deacon and Pam Oroke, Martha Bishop and Claudia Larkin, met to plan neighborhood activities for the upcoming year.

Watch for notices with additional information on all these events in the coming weeks and months. The Shadywood Social Committee is always looking for additional members. If you'd like to help plan events for our neighborhood, please call Claudia Larkin at 785.608.6714.

Neighborhood Social Events Planned for 2012

Shady Lady Breakfast

We will continue bi-monthly this year, with the next breakfast scheduled for **Thursday, April 12 at 8:30 a.m. at Hy-Vee**. No RSVP needed—just join us!

Neighborhood Out-To-Eat Nights

- **Tuesday, May 8: Boss Hawg's**
- **Tuesday, August 7: Mr. Stirfry**
- **Thursday, October 18: Northstar Steak House**

July 4th Neighborhood Parade and Picnic

We will again host our annual Parade and Picnic festive parade around the neighborhood, popsicles for all at the parade's end, followed by a pot luck picnic and swim party at the Larkins' House, 3455 SW Brandywine Ct. Additional information will be sent to all neighbors as we get closer to the July 4th holiday.

Holiday Dinner

DATE: December 6th

PLACE: Blind Tiger



Treasurer's Report by Mark A. Burghart

The Shadywood West Homeowners' Association had a balance of \$39,074.44 in its checking and savings accounts on March 1, 2012. Since October 1, 2011, the Association has collected \$11,300 and spent \$5,406.50. As you might expect, most of the Association's expenses will be incurred during the spring and summer months. Dues are primarily used to fund the mowing of the common areas, the maintenance of the traffic circles and the payment of utilities. Total budgeted expenditures for these services this fiscal year amount to \$7,000.

Current dues and reserves also will be used this year to pay for major renovations to the traffic circles which projects are ongoing. The total budget for these projects is \$22,000.

One hundred and thirteen (113) homeowners have paid their dues for the current fiscal year which extends from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. There are 17 homeowners who have not yet paid their dues. Earlier this year, a second reminder notice was mailed to those who have not yet paid. A color-coded map on the Association's website shows current members. The map will be updated soon. The Association's By-Laws provide that current dues must be paid to be considered an Association member. Please call me if you have any questions regarding your payment status.

For those who have not already paid, a check in the amount of \$100 should be mailed or delivered to:

Shadywood West Homeowners' Association, Inc.
Mark A. Burghart, Treasurer
6000 SW 34th Terrace
Topeka, KS 66614
(785)273-3822

FYI - From the Grounds Crew

If you have trees on your boulevard that you would like removed, please contact Adam Moser, City of Topeka Forester at 368-2473. Tree removal on boulevards is free if done by the city of Topeka. This includes removal of all branches and debris and grinding of the stump. As your pear trees or other boulevard trees decline, break or begin to break-up your sidewalks, this is a great service to use.

Grounds Crew

Grounds Crew News by Jane Fowler, Chair

Greetings to each of you from the grounds crew committee volunteers, Errol Williams, Don Catron, Dave Holthaus, Jeff Sorensen, Pam and Joe Foreman, Becky Burghart and me, Jane Fowler. If you are interested in joining this group please contact any officer of the association or anyone of us on the grounds crew. You do not have to have a green thumb or garden/yard experience to participate! You are welcome.

Landscaping Update

The landscape renovation plan is on schedule! A summary of our progress is as follows:

*The traffic circles will be planted this spring. Initial demolition began last fall; the final phase of demolition and plant bed preparation is anticipated to begin any day as weather permits. Planting of shrubs, trees and perennials will follow. Installation of an updated, water-conserving irrigation system will be completed after planting is finished.

*The new electrical posts where needed, new lamp posts and heads were installed in November.

*The entrance at 37th and Stonybrook will be in progress through the fall, 2012.

*Planning on the 34th Terrace/Wanamaker entrance will begin this spring with implementation anticipated in Spring, 2013.

If you wish to review the Landscape Renovation plans that were approved last fall, please visit the SWWHOA website. Plans and narratives are all posted there.

On the Drawing Board

The Wanamaker Road improvement and subsequent construction will significantly impact the 34th Terrace entrance and will require extensive cooperative and collaborative planning with affected residents and neighbors. That process will begin this spring. Information and notifications will be communicated on the SSWHOA website, via e-mail or printed door-to-door notices.

Future Considerations

The disposition of the fence on 34th Terrace will be discussed –hopefully before a strong wind or storm forces the issue. Members of the association are respectfully requested to inform the board or the grounds crew of other matters that may need attention.

Pet Etiquette

As the traffic circles are completed and as all of the beautiful and extensively landscaped areas in neighbor's yards emerge, please kindly respect and acknowledge those efforts by **curbing your pets**. Freely allowing our (I am a dog owner, too)much loved dogs to urinate and defecate in anyone's garden/landscaped bed is offensive. Their yard is not our dogs designated dog park. Please use the lock button on the extendable leashes where necessary and don't forget to scoop. Your attention given to these matters are sincerely appreciated.

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Wanamaker Widening Project

Grounds Crew (Continued from page 6)

Dates/events

April 21-Sherwood Spring Garage Sale. Contact: Nikki at sherwoodgazette@sbcglobal.net. Registration is reasonable and publishes your sale on a flyer with all other participants.

April 28-Extreme Recycling, 2175 S. Topeka, is open daily; however, they will be open on this Saturday from 7 – 3:30 in observation of Earth Day. Recycling fees apply and are \$10 for a monitor and \$15 for a TV.

Expert Tire, 3701 S. Topeka Blvd -Free tire collection on this date and on April 29.

Rolling Meadows Landfill-7 a.m. to noon, free dumps.

Garick Yard Waste, McVicar and I-70, Free dumping of yard waste, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:45

First Saturday of every month- Household hazardous waste collection, 9 a.m. to noon, 131 NE 46th. This is a free service.

If you wish to take advantage of any of these free offers but may need some assistance, please contact Jane Fowler, 272-9220.

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