
WEST NEWS

An Official Publication of the Shadywood West Homeowners' Association

October 2013

Welcome our new SWW neighbors

Please welcome these families who have moved into the neighborhood.

Susanna and Carlos Hernandez
Children: Etienne, Daniella
6208 SW 34th Terr.
620-203-9573

Ernie and Dee Beaudet
Children: Audrey
3513 Alameda Dr
Dee 303-726-8133
Ernie 785-250-6888
Dee_beaudet@hotmail.com

Jon & Pam Fink
3434 SW Stonybrook Dr.
Jon 289-0013
Pam Fink 289-0012
Noblefink830@aol.com

Michael and Donita Miller
6033 SW 36th St.
toothmom_dm@hotmail.com

If you did not receive the most recent neighborhood email regarding dinner at Paisano's in September, please notify Becky Stauffer by email.
(kymoore560@aol.com)

Annual meeting of Shadywood West Homeowners' Association

6:00 PM, Mon, October 21, 2013
Hy-Vee – 2nd Floor Meeting Room
2951 SW Wanamaker Rd.

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
- 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: Tim Gerhardt

6040 SW 37th Street, 273-5939

Vice President: Jeff Sorensen,

6032 SW 36th St., 221-2716

Secretary: Deacon Oroke,

3443 SW Brandywine, 228-1050

Treasurer: Mark Burghart

6000 SW 34th Terrace, 273-3822

Committees

Architecture: Bill Klecan, Bill Haag,

Jim Schroeder, Jane Fowler, Randy Shields

Directory: Becky Stauffer

Grounds: Jane Fowler, Errol Williams

Don Catron, John Fowler, Jeff Sorensen,

Joe & Pam Foreman, Becky Burghart

Webmaster: Matt Harader

Block Captains

Wanamaker Road: Linda Ives

3339 SW Wanamaker Rd, 969-7063

East 34th Terrace: Rosilyn Martin

6026 SW 34th Terrace, 273-9832

Brandywine Ct: Pam Oroke

3443 Brandywine Ct, 228-1050

West 34th Terrace: Edith Bronson 6147

SW 34th Terrace, 228-9773

Alameda Dr.: Connie Pitman

3325 SW Alameda Dr, 273-1388

Mid Alameda Dr: Pam & Joe

Foreman, 3446 Alameda, 273-6744

South Alameda Dr: Laura Leinwetter,

3520 Alameda, 408-1444.

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

Website

Did you know that Shadywood West Homeowners' Association has a website? Point your browser to www.shadywoodwest.org to find all the information you might need about our neighborhood, including officer and block captain contact information, past newsletters and meeting minutes, maps, and a copy of our current restrictions and bylaws. We also have a blog at www.shadywoodwest.blogspot.com. If there is ever have a story you would like posted, please notify me at mattandjenn17@gmail.com. And if you would like to be a regular contributor to the blog, I would be happy to get you set up for that as well.

This is your website. Let me know if you have any feedback or ideas for improvement.

Respectfully,
Matt Harader

Social Committee Update

This year's Christmas/ Holiday dinner party is **Dec 3rd**, 6:30 PM, at McFarland's Restaurant in Gage Center, (Huntoon & Gage). McFarland's has been serving Topekans since 1932 offering a variety of terrific entrees, wine and spirits.

We will order and pay individually.

Please RSVP to deacon.oroce@yahoo.com by Nov 30th to insure we have seating for everyone.

Architecture Committee Update

The Architecture Committee would like to remind you to review the Association bylaws & restrictions before starting any remodeling, siding, re-roofing, or general maintenance projects. Our information is located under paragraph 7. Please review the provisions located on the Shadywood website. www.shadywoodwest.com

Please contact your Architecture Committee for approval or any questions, or if you have any suggestions.

President's Comments

By Tim Gerhardt

Dear Shadywood West Homeowners,

Greetings to everyone. The leaves will be turning colors and falling to the ground soon. We will be holding our annual October meeting on the 21st at HyVee. Please attend if you can - your participation is appreciated. Thank you to all that volunteer in so many ways to make Shadywood West the premier neighborhood in Topeka.

With the Wanamaker Road improvement complete, we all have exceptionally good access to and from our neighborhood. The Grounds crew is putting the final plan together on the 34th Terrace Entrance to complete the planned improvements there. The City is in the process of contracting to build a sidewalk along 37th Street to connect from Wanamaker to Stonybrook. We understand this will be along the north side of the roadway and generally along the very edge of the Right of Way. A nice improvement for all of the pedestrian and miscellaneous traffic that uses this are now and in the future. With this construction planned, we have postponed the Stonybrook entrance improvements.

If you are not currently involved, you are most certainly welcome to get involved. Please contact Board officers or Committee Chairs and someone will get you connected to any interests you might have. Also, please consider serving as an officer - the position of President will need to be filled in 2014.

Many of our neighbors enjoy walking along the levy and several have reported numerous Coyote sightings. See the Coyote tips and advice in this newsletter.

The Association is a volunteer organization whose Bylaws are available on the website. The Declaration of Restrictions are recorded with the Deed to each property in the neighborhood and constitute the 'rules' to which each property is obligated. These restrictions were originated to simply provide for construction and maintenance of dwellings that have similarly high standards in appearance, maintenance, etc. Please review these restrictions (an example is on the website also) before modifying the grounds or exterior (roof, fences, etc) or ask a member of the Architectural Committee.

Thanks again to all who volunteer and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Tim Gerhardt

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Shadywood West News is your newsletter, published spring and fall before meetings.

Some Tips to Minimize Contact with Coyotes

From Wikipedia:

Coyotes are often attracted to dog food and animals that are small enough to appear as prey. Items such as garbage, pet food, and sometimes feeding stations for birds and squirrels will attract coyotes into backyards.

In the absence of the harassment of coyotes practiced by rural people, urban coyotes are losing their fear of humans, which is further worsened by people intentionally or unintentionally feeding coyotes. In such situations, some coyotes have begun to act aggressively toward humans, chasing joggers and bicyclists, confronting people walking their dogs, and stalking small children.¹

In particularly bold urban packs, coyotes have also been reported to shadow human joggers or larger dogs, and even to take small dogs while the dog is still on a leash. This behavior is often reported when normal urban prey, such as brown rats, black rats and rabbits, has become scarce.

From Animal Control Website:

Eliminate Food Sources

Because coyotes will eat anything available to them, it's best to start eliminating possible food sources from around your property so that they'll look somewhere else for their 5 star meals. If you have indoor/outdoor cats and you have food bowls outside for them as well, it's best that you start bringing them in. On top of that, when it starts to get dark, bring your pets in too. Reduce the population of rodents outside your home. There are many different types of treatment that you can use on your yard to actively reduce rodents.

Secure a Place for Garbage Cans

Many residents have garbage cans outside where they take their trash for the trash truck to pick up. Instead of taking your trash out that night, consider waking up the morning the garbage truck runs to dump your trash. This way there's no food left outside to attract them. You could put your trash out earlier, but if you don't have a garbage can with a secure lid that the coyote can't get into, you might find a nice little present of mess left for you the next morning. Then you'll have to clean up that mess to keep the coyote from coming back. Once garbage cans are dumped, consider rinsing them with bleach which will kill any pleasant food smell the coyote may be attracted to.

Eliminate Possible Hiding Places around the Home

Keeping your yard maintained is also very important in keeping coyotes off your property. When the grass is cut low and your yard is landscaped nicely, the coyote has no place to hide while waiting for food to arrive. In fact, they are very wary of coming out into open areas. Eliminate woodpiles in the yard and any bushes or branches that you might have just thrown to the side. If you have a lot of trees in your yard, keep them well-maintained and trimmed. The more visible the area is to others, the more you can count on your coyote not showing its face.

Make Your Yard Noisy

Motion activated sprinklers in the yard that cut on and off every so often along with motion activated lights can certainly scare a coyote off quickly. Coyotes are extra cautious so the slightest noise or an unexpected spray of water can send them running away for cover. Coyotes are also not too fond of bright lights. If you keep the place well lit, they probably won't show up and if they do, they'll be much easier to see coming onto your property.

PROXY

There are four areas which require votes during the fall 2012 annual meeting (see below)

The three voting options are to:

- (a) attend in person and vote,
- (b) designate a proxy who can vote on your behalf (see the proxy form below), or
- (c) vote on the form below and provide it to one of the officers (see page 2 for listing) who will bring it to the meeting.

Homeowners must be current on their dues for their votes to count. There is one vote per household.

The SWWHA directors appreciate your help in voting in one of these ways, as there are requirements for a quorum.

I / WE DESIGNATE THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO CAST OUR VOTES AT THE MEETING IN OUR ABSENCE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OR:

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR VOTES IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACES BELOW.

1. BUDGET FOR OCT 2012 THRU SEP 2013:

I accept the budget as provided For _____ Against _____

2. MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 2012 SPRING MEETING:

I accept the minutes as published For _____ Against _____

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE BYLAWS (See page 6):

I accept the modifications as published For _____ Against _____

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President - Tim Gerhardt	For _____	Against _____	Write In _____
Vice President - Jeff Sorensen	For _____	Against _____	Write In _____
Treasurer - Mark Burghart	For _____	Against _____	Write In _____
Secretary - Deacon Oroke	For _____	Against _____	Write In _____

AND MUST COMPLETE BELOW FOR EITHER OF ABOVE OPTIONS:

Please sign here:

Name(s) _____

Signature(s) _____

Address _____

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

OR:

Please indicate your votes in the appropriate spaces below.

- 1. Budget for Oct 2013 – Sep 2014. I accept the budget as provided For _____ Against _____
- 2. Election of Officers: Treasurer - Write In _____

MUST COMPLETE BELOW FOR VOTING OPTION B OR C:

Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

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