

Morningview News

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2003 Morningview Calendar

November 25, 2003

7:00 pm Association Meeting
Board and Officer Elections
at VVUMC

February 1, 2003
Annual Assessment is Due



YOU are invited to the next Morningview Homes Association meeting on Tuesday, November 25th at the Valley View United Methodist Church, room 50-51 (use the SE doors "Office Entrance"). The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

There will be Child Care provided at the Church during the MHA meeting. Please RSVP to Rachel Elvin at 652-0189 by Nov. 20 with the number and ages of your children so that adequate supervision can be secured.

Record Attendance at September Meeting!!

The sheer number of people that attended the Sept. meeting to discuss and vote on the Proposed ByLaw Changes made it obvious that it was an important topic. For those of you that didn't hear, 90 homes voted against it and 9 for it. There were some great ideas shared such as forming a new committee of 12 with 6 people being for it and 6 against, to see if they could meet and find any common ground. This could put something into place that would allow MHA to get involved only in extreme situations when either the City is unable to resolve a situation or when their ordinances do not apply.

A few people stepped forward and said they would be willing to serve on this or another "Help A Neighbor" committee, but nothing can be done without many new people offering to serve. The homeowners association is responsible for maintaining the Morningview signs, administering trash service for the subdivision, publishing the quarterly newsletter, coordinating activities to facilitate meeting your neighbor, storing the block party barricades, planning and publishing the annual garage sale information, collecting the annual dues assessment and addressing any resident issues brought to their attention. Having a homeowners association allows for solidarity when issues affecting our neighborhood arise, such as the proposed closing of our neighborhood school last year.

A few reasons to hold a position in your homes association.....

1. Your dues are refunded at the end of the year if you have fulfilled the obligations of your office.
2. Holding an office on your subdivision's homeowners association looks great on a resume.
3. You'll get to know some of your neighbors—it never hurts to network. You might meet someone who will help you find your new babysitter, a new job, a great deal on a new car.... the possibilities are endless.

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Leaves, Leaves and More Leaves

It's that time of year again when leaves are falling all around us. Please remember the city ordinance that prohibits placing your bags of leaves or trash at the curb sooner than 24 hours before trash pickup. In addition, blowing or raking leaves into the gutter is prohibited as well. It clogs the water runoff system and just plain looks bad.

Also please be considerate of your neighbor when bagging your leaves. That noise from a leaf blower that isn't even noticed on Saturday afternoon may seem like a fire siren at 8:00 on a Saturday morning.

And last but not least, please don't leave your leaves to blow all over the neighborhood so that other residents end up bagging them for you. One year, the residents of the rental house next door left their leaves all year. (Those residents have long since moved on). How frustrating to pick up leaves in my yard for the seventh time when the leaves from my trees were long gone.

"Be good to your neighbors and you'll have better neighbors....."

DEJA VU - "What Happens if there's an Election and No One Runs?"

It was December 2000 when former MHA president Leesa Whitson wrote this article, and would you believe history has repeated itself? With permission, we are going to reprint part of it for your reading pleasure - since it is appropriate again this month. "As I write this, no one has stepped forward to a nomination for President. So what happens? . . . There is a very real possibility that in order to keep our homes association functioning, we (the association) would have to re-do the by-laws (a legal cost), and turn the running of Morningview over to a business who specializes in these things. . . . Most likely, costs to the homeowner will go up. . . . We all have to take responsibility for where we live. It's not just a matter of property lines, ordinances or even courtesy. No one has to serve forever. But can you serve for a year? Two years? Please consider volunteering for the homes association when you consider service to your community." If more people could help out just a little, it could greatly relieve the burdens - let's spread out the workload and it won't be too much of a hassle for anyone.

If we can't solicit enough help with the business aspects of this Association and we dissolve it entirely, it won't be long before Morningview looks, acts, smells and feels more like KCK or KCMO. Everyone can just hire their own trash service or not, pick any day of the week you want, or mooch off your neighbor, or just let the trash start piling up. And if there is ever a need for Morningview to attend and voice an opinion at Re-Zoning, School Closing, Chamber of Commerce, City Council meetings or other political issues, then there would be no easy method of information dissemination or representation of 456 homeowners."

Agenda for Nov. 25th Meeting

- Review costs for Meetings and determine location for 2004—VVUMC or Katherine Carpenter
- Decide whether to have 0, 1 or 2 meet your neighbor parties in 2004 and vote on amount to budget for these
- 2004 Calendar—select/confirm dates for meetings, parties, garage sale, etc.
- Review trash bids and vote for provider for 3 or 5 year contract
- Discuss costs associated with using an outside homes association service
- Status of resident action (lawsuit) regarding granite sign on 95th street
- Determine 2004 assessment amount due Feb 1, 2004
- Results of election of new Board Members and Officers for 2004
- Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

As of November 1, 2003, there are four delinquent homes for 2003. Of those, three owe for more than just this year. The 2004 assessment will be due in full on Feb 1, 2004 unless prior arrangements have been made with the Collections Assistant. The late fees, lien amounts, and other penalties will be voted on at the Nov 25 meeting. The current fees are a \$10 late fee and an additional \$5 each month the dues remain unpaid. The lien fee is \$35.

A Special Thanks to ...

Joe Childs for his dedication to Morningview by serving on the Board or as an Officer for over 10 years. He has always been willing to step up and take care of sign and maintenance issues and was a great resource for Morningview history and information. Enjoy your "retirement" Joe!!

2004 Board & Officers BALLOT

Please checkmark or write in your choices for each position and return the enclosed Ballot to the MHA PO Box 12112, OP 66282 by Nov. 20th, 2003 or bring it with you to the Nov. 25th meeting. One owner per household gets a vote (sorry tenants unless landlord designates you as a proxy).

2004 Officers:

Position:	Candidate:	Vote:	Write - In
President	<i>No Candidate</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Vice President	Jami Lobdell	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Treasurer	<i>No Candidate</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Collections Ass't	Brian Hogsett	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Secretary	Vicki Redler Chervitz	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Website Manager	Scott Kirmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Newletter Editor	Lori Olson	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

2004 Board of Directors : (Vote for 5)

Candidates:	Vote:	Write-In:
Josh Tuel	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Patrick Copley	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Paul DiPaola	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
John Naylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<i>No Candidate</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____