

# Morningview News

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## **2000 Morningview Calendar**

### **October 10**

7:00pm Association Meeting  
Katherine Carpenter Library

### **December 12**

7:00pm Association Meeting  
Katherine Carpenter Library  
Board and Officer Elections  
**We need your participation!**

We need to contact **Haley Epps**. Can you please call Leesa Whitson 341-2524

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The next Morningview Homes Associations meeting will be October 10th at the Katherine Carpenter Library. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm

## **Bragging Rights!**

### **The President Speaks...**

Residence does have its privileges. By virtue of living in Morningview, we have bragging rights. We have a lot to brag about. We are automatically entitled to cheer the Royals, Chiefs, Wizards and other professional sports teams because we live in the KC metro area. We can root for Shawnee Mission South, Indian Woods and Katherine Carpenter students in sport, art, music and academics.

Last spring, my sixth grader graduated from Katherine Carpenter. At the awards ceremony I was struck by how incredibly bright and competent the kids in our neighborhood are. Did you know one of our young resident's art design will become a billboard? That last year's sixth graders placed Math teams **NATIONALLY**? Did you know the fifth graders are following in their footsteps? It blows my mind to think of it. Okay, partly it overwhelms me because I can't mix letters and numbers except in license plates. But my mathematical inadequacies aside, these are accomplishments that are mind boggling! Tara Nott, an Olympic gold medal winner has ties to our community. These are people who have achieved at the highest levels of their fields.

We have some amazing people, young, old and in-between in our neighborhood. One of my neighbors donates time regularly and faithfully to Habitat for Humanity. Another volunteers at church. Many more live lives of service and commitment that I don't know about. Still others are professional musicians, teachers, restaurant managers and computer wizards. What does your neighbor do? The best way to find out is to ask. Do they volunteer? Where do they work? What are their hobbies?

Part of remaining connected as a community is learning about our neighbors. Does the kid next door like mowing lawns or is he just doing it to save for a bike? Does the fifth grader you know harbor aspirations to be President of the Student Council? What does the retired man next door think of the new trends in car design? The questions don't really matter. Asking the questions - making the connection - matters. The answers give us one more bit of insight into who our neighbors are as people. It gives us all more people to cheer for and more people to cheer for us. In work, in play and in life. One question a month. That's all we need to ask.

## **Board Elections**

The board elections will take place in December, 2000. At this time, several positions - including president - will be vacant. If you can help the homes association by serving on the board or taking

an officer's role, please contact Leesa at 341-2524. More information about each board position can be found in your by-laws or by contacting one of the board members.

## Start Saving NOW!

With the rise in gas prices, our trash prices have gone up. (Yes, this is legal and part of the contract.) This is also our year to re-negotiate the trash contract. We will solicit bids from various contractors, but odds are, prices will go up and our dues will reflect that increase. The individual fee from Waste Management is currently \$162/year. (we currently pay \$91/year). Remember: Our fiscal calendar is from February 1 - January 31. Homes Association dues are due by February 15. You will receive reminder notices.

### Did you know?

Our largest amount of trash to be hauled away in a week - 32 tons. That definitely required more than one trip!

### Did you know?

Morningview relocated it's website. The site has had 760 hits since April 4, 2000!  
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### Did you know?

Thanks to our website and our link to Overland Park's website, we have had information requests from several out-of-towners looking for a great place to relocate!

## Shawnee Mission School Closings

As you may know, the Shawnee Mission district has stated they will probably be closing three or four elementary schools. We will not know if our school, Katherine Carpenter, is on the list until it is announced at the school board meeting on Wednesday night, October 11. Check your local TV, radio, and newspapers for the decision. Because it is a district decision - not an individual school decision, the PTA is prohibited from getting involved. If we are targeted, appropriate action will be scheduled by concerned parents. We'll do our best to keep you informed.

## Olympic Gold Connection!

Morningview's streets are not paved with gold, but we have a close connection to at least one Gold Medal winner in the 2000 Olympics. Tara Nott, of Stillwell, Kansas won Olympic Gold in Women's Weightlifting, 48 kg category. Her parents and grandparents call Morningview home. Congratulations to the entire Nott family. Way to Go, Tara!!!!

Are you willing to rent garage space for car storage? Call Andy at 913-341-2524

Did you know a Creative Memories consultant lives in Morningview? If you are interested contact Tracey Sims, 9633 Hayes, 913-381-8365.

## State of the Subdivision

As you may know, this is my last term as president. My family needs me more right now than the homes association does. By my calculations there are another 600 - 700 people who could easily replace me as president. Not so with my family. (Although some days they may wish to try!)

It has been such a privilege to be a part of this Homes Association! The job is pretty easy. Our neighbors mostly get along. Most concerned calls are from people who have trash difficulties, followed by dogs barking or leaves/grass issues. Overall a very easy facilitator kind of job. In the last two years, we have replaced the crumbling entrance signs and begun landscaping around them. We have a new flag - designed by a resident - flying at our flag pole. Maintenance on the

remaining brick sign has been ongoing and kept up. We have a website. We have an email address. We moved our fiscal year back a month - it now begins in February, to ease end of the year finances and increase our dues notice efficiency. We have developed a program using Morningview youth to distribute the newsletter - keeping our dollars in our community and decreasing our expenses. We've reinstated gatherings of the homes association, allowing neighbors to meet neighbors. We have started organizing our garage sales to become more efficient and profitable. Purchased and made available low cost barricades and supplies for block parties. Not bad for four meetings a year.

What do we still need to do? Maintain and budget better for our existing programs (see above). Develop

our financial reserves to a higher level. Use different strategies to increase our interest earning power. Develop more opportunities for our residents to interact with each other - bridge clubs, single's groups, babysitting co-ops, Royals nights, youth "brigades" to help neighbors who need help with yard cleanup, scholarship programs. We have a ways to go. But we're getting there. Interested volunteers or people who have program ideas are very welcome to participate. We need you!

Our biggest difficulty: Honestly? It's lack of participation by residents. We need people to step up to the plate and be willing to take on one aspect of homes association life. It's slow to get things started, but we could be doing a lot more. We really need the talents of our neighbors to help keep the association running.