

MARCH 2007

# TOWN & COUNTRY MANOR NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

The cold weather is coming to an end for another year and everyone is ready to get out and enjoy the outdoors again. This provides a great opportunity to get out and meet all the new neighbors. More people will be out walking and kids playing. Take the time to introduce yourself and your kids. We have a great neighborhood and it gets even better when everyone is out enjoying and sharing.

However, with everyone outside, it is MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE ALL PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. We have had a number of people requesting that we

advise people to slow down, especially the teens (and their friends) in the neighborhood. If you could all remind yourselves and other drivers in your family, that would be greatly appreciated.

Also, as we indicated in the notice sent around last week, the Planning Commission is scheduled to consider re-zoning of the land just north of Town & Country for an extension of Colton Lakes that would connect Carter Street to 151st Street. Our biggest concern is the potential for people using this route to cut through and the likelihood that these "cutters" would travel at higher

speeds. We are recommending that anyone who shares these concerns to attend the Planning Commission meeting on March 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Overland Park City Hall. We have already talked to Reed Fuller, the developer of Colton Lakes and he shares our concerns and seems willing to work with us, but it would be best if we can get the Planning Commission to understand our concerns and enforce corrective action.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing everyone out and about.

## NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE, ANYONE?

It has been suggested that we hold a Town & Country Neighborhood Garage Sale. Many subdivisions have these events and they generally draw a significant crowd. That has its benefits (get rid of a lot of stuff that you just can't find a place for) and problems (traffic!).

At this point, we are

looking to you to provide feedback. Please contact Tricia Cronk and let her know if:

- You are interested in coordinating the sale
- You are interested in participating
- You have concerns about having a neighborhood sale

If there is enough interest and only minimal concern, we will try to help facilitate the event.

Tricia can be reached at 851-1686.

## Board/Committee Positions:

### BOARD MEMBERS

President: John Burton

V-P: Michael Novicoff

Secretary: Tricia Cronk

Treasurer: Ken Armstrong

### Architectural Committee:

Rich Bartlett

Rhonda Bremer

Mike Sorcher

### Landscape Committee:

Rhonda Bremer

Mary Langenberg

Julie Martin

Rhonda Peterson

### Social Committee:

Pam Burton

Julie Martin

Lisa Schroeder

## OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH RECEIVES DONATION

Back in December, you might recall a group of young girls ringing your doorbell and singing Christmas Carols. The three girls that participated were Sydney Burton, Julianna Swartz and Lauren Wambold.

Thanks to the generosity of our neighborhood, they were able to collect over \$200 in donations

for Operation Breakthrough, an inner-city day-care and family services organization.

Pictured here are Sydney and Lauren presenting the donations to Sister Berta and a group of children from the center. Operation Breakthrough wishes to extend their thanks to everyone who contributed.



## T&CM KIDS HAVE FUN BOWLING



Incredibowl was the site of a recent bowling party for our Town & Country Manor kids.

We had a large turnout with over a dozen families participating.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE PLANNING SESSION

There will be a "social committee planning session" on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Jose Peppers located at 10316 Metcalf Avenue. We would like to get together and brainstorm/plan Town and Country Manor social events for the upcoming year.

All residents are invited to attend and bring ideas for neighborhood activities.

Please RSVP to Lisa Schroeder by noon on March 26th if you plan to join us.

Lisa can be reached via email at:

[lschroeder@kc.rr.com](mailto:lschroeder@kc.rr.com)

Or by phone at:

851-5131

**GOT  
IDEAS???**

**COME  
JOIN  
Us!!!!**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a current balance of \$23,617.24 in our account.

All of the 2007 Homes Association annual dues are paid except for 1 property owner.

There are 3 property owners who have not paid the special assessment for landscaping, one of which is an empty lot and one pending.

All bills are paid in full up through 3/5/07.

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## LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Next-to-Nature, our contractor for landscape improvements, began their spring maintenance with a fertilizer treatment last week. They plan to do a second seeding of the grass areas near the end of March.

We are all looking forward to mid-April when the new plantings start to bloom and the new look of the entrance and berm areas come to fruition.

Thanks to everyone for helping make it happen.

## WE'RE ON THE WEB

We are currently in the process of establishing a neighborhood website at the following address:

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/overlndprk/towncountrymanor/>

This will be a great resource for neighborhood news as well as a source for useful information on our area.

We will be able to post newsletters and important dates on the "Community Calendar." There is also a section for a discussion forum and a "Meet Your Neighbors" site. Many answers to common questions can be found at in the FAQ's section.

Please share any feedback or thoughts on this website with Tricia Cronk. She can be reached at 851-1686.

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## SPRING AHEAD.....

On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November. The Secretary of Energy will report the impact of this change to Congress. Congress retains the right to resume the 2005 Daylight Saving Time schedule once the Department of Energy study is complete.

So, don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on March 11th at 2:00am!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!