

# Words of Windham

A Monthly Newsletter for the Windham Park Homeowners' Association

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## From the Board President, George Gilbertson

It is now April, which means that spring is here, the flowers are coming up, there may be freezes ahead, and each warm day brings thoughts of the pool.

Incase you have not noticed, there is a new shade area at the pool so you can sit out and enjoy the good weather and not become sun burned. I think that the parents will appreciate this for their young children.

There are still a couple of folks who have not paid their dues. Please send in the check.

Just a reminder, the last freeze day is in May so use caution when planting those delicate annuals. We usually put the impatiens in around the middle of April if the next week or so looks like it will be mild. We do not like to do it a second time.

We are still looking for comments regarding changes to the restrictions, covenants and bylaws. All input is welcome. Now is our chance to make any changes. If we do not change the restrictions now, we will not be able to change them again for twenty years. I do not feel like waiting.

## Spring Garage Sale May 18-19

Time to clean out the closets and dig out those boxes of "treasures" in the basement. The annual Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale is fast approaching.

The garage sale will be advertised for May 18 and 19, 8am until 2pm each day. Ads will be placed in the Sun and KC Star newspapers.



**Architectural Control Committee  
Submitted by Jim Baird**

Spring is rapidly approaching, and with it the start of home maintenance season. Before you start any major project you might want to review the Windham Park Home Owners' Association rules and regulations to avoid any unnecessary delays or problems (see inside the Windham Park directory).

Some exterior projects on your property may require approval before you start, and will require the completion of the "Architectural Control Committee Request Form." The form is available from the neighborhood web site ([www.windhampark.org](http://www.windhampark.org)) or either of the Architectural Control Committee members: Bob Zapulla or Jeff Welch. Some common projects that require the completion of the form are:

Exterior paint color change (an extensive palate of approved colors is available from the Committee - if you are repainting with the same colors then no approval is required)

Fences

Roofs (re-roofing projects are becoming frequent in the neighborhood, and it is important to note that only wood shakes or certain composite shingles are permitted)

Decks, screened-in porches or other structural additions

Swimming pools (above ground pools are not permitted)

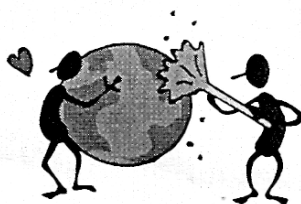
Also, you should be aware the city of Overland Park closely regulates many home improvement or maintenance projects, many of which require building permits. Some might surprise you, such as water heater replacement, addition of a power outlet, and furnace replacement. For more information you should check the city of Overland Park's web site. Building permit info can be found at:

[http://www.opkansas.org/Bus/Permits/res\\_permits.cfm](http://www.opkansas.org/Bus/Permits/res_permits.cfm)

**Spring Park and Creek Cleanup  
April 14, 9:30-11:30am**

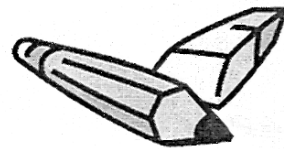
You probably have noticed how much trash and debris has accumulated along the creek and trails that wind through our neighborhood. It's time to do something about it. Overland Park is sponsoring "Clean Stream Day" on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and Windham Park will participate. On April 14th from 9:30-11:30am, Windham Park residents are asked to come to the neighborhood playground to pick up trash bags and gloves (city provided) and pitch in to clean up our parkway.

This is a great opportunity for Scouts, youth looking for community service hours, and residents that just want to keep their neighborhood looking its best. Volunteers don't have to be there the full two hours; stay as long as you are able to help out. Bottles of water and t-shirts will be provided to volunteers (while supplies last). And if you simply won't be able to participate, feel free to pick up a piece of trash and put in a trash receptacle next time you are along the trail!



**Learning the Art  
of Drawing and Observation**

Semi-private art lessons for children  
ages 9-16 this summer!



**Session 1: June 12-15**

9-10:30, 11-12:30, or 1:30-3:00

**Session 2: June 18-21**

9-10:30, 11-12:30, or 1:30-3:00

Cost is \$70 per session.

Call 913-271-7503 to enroll.

Olathe teacher, Mary Pat Kinney, has a Master's Degree and over 30 years of teaching experience. Classes are held in her Overland Park home.

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