

THE **Applecore**

The Neighborhood Newsletter for Applewood Heights

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Friendly Reminder:

Applewood Homeowners Association Dues are due by April 1 and delinquent on July 1. If you haven't yet paid your \$60, you should be receiving a second notice. Please remit payment to: P.O. Box 615, Boys Town, NE 68010

Covenant Reminder

If you're considering rebuilding your deck or adding on to your home, please contact Roger Martz at 331-9229 for architectural approval prior to beginning a project. Unattached structures are prohibited.

What's New in the Neighborhood?

Spring Clean-Up

Mark your calendars now for the annual neighborhood spring clean-up. It will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. A dumpster will be available at Disney Elementary in Brookhaven for your use. This is a great time to get rid of indoor and outdoor items you've accumulated but no longer need. If you have questions, please contact:

Evelee Heit at 597-6403

Annual Garage Sale

Now that you've gone through your unwanted household items which were too valuable to toss in the Spring Clean-up, consider having a garage sale! The Applewood Homeowners Association will be running ads in the Omaha World Herald publicizing the neighborhood garage sale which will be held June 17 through June 19. You can choose to participate in the garage sale one, two, or all three days. This neighborhood garage sale generates a substantial amount of traffic to help you sell your "treasures." Please contact Mary Gauger at 339-7079 if you have any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt

It was a great day for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Applewood Park. Approximately 60 children participated in this event. Rachel Czarnick was the winner of the drawing for the Easter Egg basket filled with goodies. A special thank you is extended to Mary Gauger for coordinating this event! Julie Pearce, Nori Larkin, and Stephanie Castrop, Lucas and Olivia Bond, Nick Houston and Matt Gauger also volunteered their time to make this event successful.

New Applewood Heights Web Site

Check out the new Applewood Heights homeowner's web site at www.applewoodhoa.com. This site has been created

as a means of communicating with members to reduce expenses associated with newsletter printing, copying, mailing and distri-

bution costs. Please read the "President's Comments" on page two for further information regarding the newsletter.

Neighborhood Parking

Just a friendly reminder—please pay attention to the "No Parking This Side This Block" signs in the neighborhood. The police are monitoring the area and you might be ticketed if parked illegally. Adhering to these rules gives emergency personnel the needed space to access your home. Thanks for your cooperation!

President's Comments

Hello fellow homeowners:

This newsletter is a change from a previous tabloid form due to the decision by Suburban Newspapers to not renew their contract with us because it was too costly for them. Your Board of Directors has worked hard to address this situation and have the following improvements and enhancements to better serve you and to also be a good steward of the dues monies entrusted to the Board.

We have contracted with Doug LaMar to develop and maintain a web site for the Applewood Heights homeowners and would like to propose this as the primary resource for others and you to communicate on information and activities of importance to you. Included on the web site will be copies of covenants, announcement of upcoming social activities, community resources, and an e-mail link to your Board of Directors. We are also proposing a "homeowners only" page that would contain our homeowner directory and reference lists such as babysitters, lawn care etc. We will continue to sell advertising and will have a link to ads, coupons, etc. accessible to our homeowners from area retailers and professionals. By reducing or eliminating the cost of the Homeowners Directory and the Newsletter (Applecore), we can save significant money each year.

The Board understands that not every one may have access to or interest in using the internet as a means of communicating with the Board. Please complete the form included on the bottom portion of this page notifying us whether you prefer to receive communication by e-mail or mail.

The Board also decided at its March 2005 meeting to pursue further action with the City of Omaha regarding the removal of fence on the northern section of the Applewood Heights Park and the pouring of new sidewalks. This was done by the Department of Public Works without consultation with anyone in Applewood Heights as a solution to creating a sidewalk along 108th Street to connect with Washington Street. This is not part of the park renovation project reported in the previous newsletter. The Board is working with the cooperation and support of Councilman Dan Welch with the Mayor's office and the Department of Public Works to address the sidewalk and open ditch issues along 108th Street. Watch the web site and future newsletters for further developments in these matters.

Special thanks to Board Member Evelee Heit for organizing the "Keep Omaha Beautiful" cleaning effort later this month. Please use this opportunity to clean out your garage and closets.

Finally, thanks to all homeowners who promptly paid their annual dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so before the delinquent date of July 1.

Thanks for your support and guidance,

Ted DeLaet, Board President

Web Site Survey – Please return by April 30, 2005

Communication Survey: Please complete and return this section by April 30, 2005

I would like to receive Applewood Heights communication via e-mail Yes or No

Name: _____ Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

OR

I would like to receive Applewood Heights communication at my home residence Yes or No

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Address _____

Please note: Your e-mail address will only be available to the Applewood Board Members

